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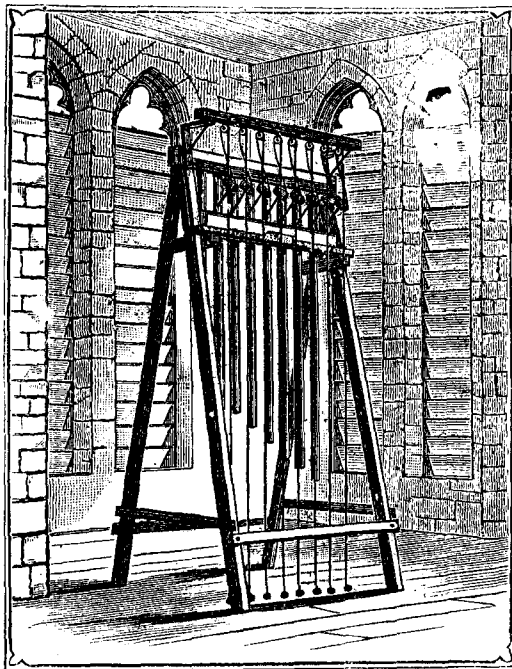
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## THE NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of this Association was held at Gainsborough on Tuesday, December 26, and was attended by ringers from Lincoln, Retford, Corringham, and Stowe, together with the local ringers. At 4.30 p.m. a short service was held in the parish church, followed by an appropriate and interesting address by the Rev. R. Bond, of Gainsborough. As soon as the service had concluded the Rev. Canon Warner, the Rev. R. Bond, and F. F. Linley, Esq., together with the other members, repaired to the coffee-palace, and partook of a substantial tea. The inner man being refreshed, the usual business meeting was held, the Rev. Canon Warner presiding. In opening the meeting the chairman read letters from the Vice-President (the Rev. Canon Andrews), Joseph Bennett, Esq., M.P., and several other clergy and honorary members, expressing their inability to attend. The minutes of the last meeting, held at Louth, were read and confirmed, and several new members were elected. The peals rung during the last quarter eligible for the peal-book were ordered to be entered. The date and place of the July quarterly meeting was left over until the annual meeting in April, but it was mentioned that Grimsby would be the most suitable place. It was agreed to postpone the secretary's motion as to the granting of certificates, and as to dealing with members whose subscriptions were in arrear until the annual meeting. The chairman said he had great pleasure in being able to announce to the ringers that a letter had been received from Miss Anderson of Lea, daughter of the late Sir Charles Anderson, in which she consented to become a member of the Association. The chairman added that he felt sure the members were greatly indebted to Miss Anderson for her kind patronage; no doubt all the ringers were aware that the late Sir Charles was one of the Association's chief supporters, and a great authority on the subject of bells.

The secretary, in proposing a vote of thanks to the vicar for the use of the bells, the Rev. R. Bond for his address, and to the organist for arranging the service, remarked he was sorry that more members were not present. The district of the Association being a large and scattered one, and the expensive railway fare and bad train service from the various centres, prevented many members from taking advantage of the quarterly meetings. He pointed out that it was extremely unfortunate that the railway authorities would not allow members from the Grimsby centre to travel by the cheap excursions running through Gainsborough to Sheffield. The secretary added that the genial vicar was always ready to help to forward the interests of the Association by his presence amongst them. He (the secretary) also thanked the Rev. R. Bond for his practical and sound address, and felt sure that if the absent members had been aware of the pleasant and encouraging advice. Mr. Bond had taken the trouble to prepare for them, they would certainly have strained a point to be present, notwithstanding the bad railway arrangements and the counter attractions of the season of Christmas. Mr. Clarke, in seconding the proposition, said, that the ringers ought to feel very grateful to Mr. Bond. It was the first opportunity he had had of listening to an address from a practical ringing clergyman, and hoped the day was not far distant when they would be able to have more clergymen amongst them who were practical ringers. The chairman and Mr. Bond, in responding, related some very interesting matter on bells and bell-ringing.

Mr. Linley proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the chairman for placing so much of his valuable time at the disposal of the ringers. He said that he should have a motion to bring forward at the annual meeting with reference to the absurd manner in which bells and ringers were depicted in some of the illustrated papers. He felt sure if a proposition was sent from the Association upon this matter to the Central Council it would no doubt receive the Council's careful consideration. The chairman briefly responded and this brought the business meeting to a close. During the evening selections on the handbells by the Gainsborough society were rung, much to the enjoyment of the members. The tower was afterwards revisited, and a touch of Grandsire Triples concluded the day's arrangements.

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The first meeting of the newly-elected Council will be held in London on Easter Tuesday, March 27th.

Notices of motion, &c., in writing, and signed by two Representatives, must be forwarded to the Hon. Secretary by Tuesday, February 27th, for insertion in the Agenda.

Hon. Secretaries of Societies are respectfully reminded that the subscription to the Council of 2s. 6d. for each Representative is now due, and should be remitted to the Hon. Secretary and Treasurer *without delay*, together with the names and addresses of the Representatives elected.

H. EARLE BULWER, Hon. Secretary.

Stanhoe Rectory, King's Lynn, January 1st, 1894.

## ECKINGTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

The vicar (Rev. W. Ismay) on Wednesday, December 27th, entertained the senior singers and ringers, together with the church officers, to a substantial supper held in the Institute. The vicar presided, and there were also present: Mr. John Parish (vice-chairman), Messrs. H. Diaper (sen.), R. Russell, Glover, H. V. White, and Geo. Diaper (sidesman), &c. The vicar gave the first toast, "The Church," and a verse of the hymn "The Church's one Foundation" was sung. The vicar next gave "The Queen," and a verse of the National Anthem was sung. Then followed the song "The three old maids of Lee," by the Misses M. Diaper, B. Diaper, and B. Baylis, and the song "Twopence to pay," Miss B. Diaper. The vicar proposed "The healths of the churchwardens and sidesmen," and spoke in very feeling terms of the causes that prevented the churchwardens being with them—the parish warden on account of his illness, and the vicar's warden on account of the death of a near relative. Mr. Parish very suitably replied. After the song "Lost Rosabel," by Mr. A. Diaper, and "Strangers yet," by Miss M. Diaper, the toast of "The singers and ringers," with the health of the ladies, was honoured, and Mr. H. Diaper, in replying, said he thought there was nothing to complain of as regards singers and ringers, but evidently a great improvement upon their capabilities as compared with that time last year. Then followed "Love's old sweet song" by Miss M. Diaper, "The old English gentleman" by Mr. A. Diaper, and "The gipsy's laddie ho" by Mr. W. Hancox. The next toast was "The various parochial organisations," on whose behalf Mr. A. Diaper replied; "The host and hostess," song "The flag of old England," Mr. J. Parish, song "Side by side to the Better Land," Miss B. Diaper. Mr. Parish proposed "The health of our vicar," and the toast was also spoken to by Mr. A. Diaper. The vicar responded, and a very happy meeting was brought to a close with "God save the Queen." Miss Loxley presided at the piano.

## GORING, OXON.

On Saturday, December 23rd, the ringers of this village received a visit from Messrs. J. Gasson and J. Wedge, of Balcombe, Sussex, to spend Christmas, this being J. Wedge's native place. The local ringers met them and went to Streatley, and by kind permission rang a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob and 360 of Kent. On Sunday evening, December 24th, at Goring parish church, at 6 p.m., 360 Oxford Treble Bob; after service 720 Bob Minor and 720 Oxford Bob. On Christmas morning, at 6 a.m., 720 Oxford Treble Bob; at 11 a.m., 240 Plain Bob Minor, for evening service 720 Kent Treble Bob. The following took part in the ringing: J. Carter, C. Tidbury, W. Aldridge, G. Wilson, J. Alexander, J. Bower, J. Wedge and J. Gasson. The ringing was conducted by J. Bower and J. Gasson respectively.

## COGGESHALL, ESSEX.

On Saturday, December 30th, the peal-board to record the first peal rang by a Coggeshall company was opened. Ringers attended from Witham, Stisted, Kelvedon and Feering, and touches of Bob Major and Minor were rung. Supper was served at 7.30 at The Woolpack Inn, and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

## THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

The following is taken from a North Notts. local newspaper:—  
The bells of All Hallows church, Ordsall, recently increased from three to a peal of six, are decidedly musical; certainly much admired by the parishioners. They were rung with a will on Tuesday afternoon, and it was the writer's good fortune to be present in the belfry while the ringers rang a 720 of Bob Minor. H. Merrills, 1; W. Preston, 2; J. Joynes, 3; H. Blagg, 4; J. Whetstone (conductor), 5; J. White, 6. This was the first time Mr. Whetstone had acted as conductor, and the 720 was rung in 25 mins., strongly and cleverly, and without a mistake. It was interesting to see the ringers at work, silently—for bell-ringing requires head work as well as skilful handling—making the merriest music; pretty, too, for the sun was brightly shining through the west window of the venerable church, lighting up the little chamber; inspiring to hear the lusty and harmonious sounds careering far and wide over meadow and field; satisfactory, too, in every way, because the event honoured was a joyous one, namely, the marriage that day of Mr. H. Haigh, the leading ringer of the company, well-known in the East Retford, the West Retford, the Ordsall, and adjoining belfries. A popular man with his colleagues is Mr. Haigh, one highly regarded, as instanced by the presentation of a handsome marble timepiece and pair of bronzes made to him by his fellow-ringers the other day on the occasion of his marriage, and in token of their appreciation of his companionship and services. He had been their teacher, and trained them in all the mysteries of the Art; for he himself was an expert, having been a member of the Retford Society for eight years, and had been appointed by the North Notts. Association to give the Ordsall ringers a course of lessons. The presentation had been made on their behalf by the vicar of East Retford (Canon Ebsworth), supported by Mr. T. Hercy Denman—a recent and most welcome addition to the company of ringers; and Mr. Haigh, in his reply of thanks for the gift, had complimented his pupils for their aptitude, and was only anxious to induct them into all the mysteries of new methods and "Kent and Oxford Treble Bob" before the end of 1894. And as if to show how much they had so far profited by his instructions, these Ordsall ringers evoked from the iron-throated bells hidden away high up in the belfry, another of those merry marriage peals familiar to us all, and which seem almost to have come to us down the ages.

## 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."

## LEICESTER COURT.

SIR,—In reply to Mr. Holmes' letter of the 23rd inst., I wish to say I deeply regret that an omission on my part should have caused the peal to be rung, and I may inform Mr. Holmes that I knew my duty perfectly well, as an apology was made to the band, and the conductor, before he (Mr. Holmes) took upon him the censorship. I may add further that Mr. Holmes knew that Leicester Court would not run true in Minor before I did, for when I wrote to a prominent member of his band to prevent them ringing a false peal at Whickham, he replied that Mr. Holmes knew about it. Leicester Court will not run on six bells, but on eight the whole 40,320 is obtained. I hope this will satisfy the above-named gentleman. WM. WILLSON.  
Church Street, Leicester.

## A CORRECTION.

SIR,—The peal of Grandsire Triples that was rung at Derby and, published in your issue of December 30th, was not J. J. Parker's ten-part as stated, but was the composition of E. B. James, of Gloucester. H. HOLLINGWORTH.

SPALDING (Lincolnshire).—On Thursday, December 21st, for practice at St. Paul's, Fulney, on the back six, six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, each called differently, in 26 mins. J. Marshall (longest length), 1; F. Creasey, 2; A. Johnston, 3; J. Smith, 4; G. Skeef (conductor), 5; F. Darlow, 6. On Sunday morning, December 24th, for Divine Service, 350 Grandsire Triples. J. Marshall, 1; F. Creasey, 2; J. Smith, 3; A. Johnston, 4; J. W. Creasey, 5; R. Creasey (conductor), 6; G. Skeef, 7; C. Creasey, 8.

## Church News.

Salisbury Diocesan Synod will be held on Thursday and Friday, April 5th and 6th.

Canon Body has left for Italy for necessary rest and change after the influenza. He will return, all being well, by February 1st.

The Rev. H. Reeder, formerly of Middlesbrough, has joined the Exeter Clergy Home, and will act as temporary assistant-curate of St. Paul's, Devonport, until Easter.

The north and south windows in the apse of St. Michael's, Barnes, have now been filled with stained glass, the subjects being the angels Raphael and Gabriel respectively.

On Saturday the Dean of York, acting as commissary for the Archbishop of York, formally prorogued Convocation of the Northern Province to March 29th.

While officiating at St. Mary's church, Dover, on Monday Canon Puckle was suddenly seized with a fainting fit, and was removed to his residence. He has been vicar of the parish for over fifty years.

The Rev. John Hilton Molesworth, M.A., of Keble College, Oxford, vicar of St. Mark's, Peterborough, has been appointed by the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel to the permanent chaplaincy of Weimar.

Mr. R. Wyse, of Auburn-hill, has given £50 towards the fund for the new church of St. Peter, Norton. This makes a total donation from Mr. Wyse for the same object of £1,226, besides the site for the church, worth £600.

A tablet has just been placed in the wall near the north-west porch of Bolton parish church containing a complete list of the vicars of the parish from John De Chameles (1322) down to the present vicar, Canon Atkinson. The number of vicars is thirty-two.

The committee of the Additional Curates Society have received a donation of £2,500 to meet their present financial needs. The donor wishes his name not to be disclosed. This gift, together with £1000 received a fortnight ago, reduces the estimate of the deficit for 1893 to £11,800.

Bishop Pelham has been seriously ill with influenza and bronchitis. Mrs. Pelham died on Sunday. She was the second daughter of Mr. Thomas William Tatton, of Wythenshaw, Cheshire, and their marriage took place in 1845. The deceased lady had been suffering from illness for some days. The bulletin issued on Sunday by the medical gentlemen in attendance stated that Dr. Pelham was "bearing up bravely."

On Thursday last the Bishop of Lichfield dedicated a chancel screen, which has been placed in Patshull church, near Wolverhampton, to the memory of the late Earl of Dartmouth, his brother. The screen is of handsome design, and adds much to the beauty of the church, upon which the late Earl spent nearly £6000. The gift was presented by the Earl of Bradford on behalf of the subscribers.

The Bishop of Chester has requested the Rev. J. F. Buckler, formerly chief inspector in the diocese, to undertake temporarily the superintendence of the work of diocesan inspection, beginning February 1st. Mr. Buckler will have the assistance of those other gentlemen who have with him been giving help to the Rev. Wilfrid Richmond, the late inspector. Mr. Richmond will see to the publication of the list of the recent examination of pupil teachers in religious knowledge in the month of January.

The Rev. H. T. Cart, M.A., the new incumbent of Berkeley Chapel, Mayfair, has for the last four years been vicar of St. Luke's, Kentish Town, which church he had in former years served as one of the assistant-clergy, when the late Rev. C. H. Andrews was incumbent. It was during his first connection with St. Luke's that he presented to the church an ironwork screen with chancel gates. During his vicariate the parish room scheme was brought to a final head, and has become an indispensable adjunct to the work of the parish.



## MR. JOHN THORP.

A correspondent at Manchester sends the following particulars of Mr. Thorp :—

A few particulars respecting John Thorp (on whose behalf a fund is now being raised), may perhaps be acceptable to the readers of "THE BELL NEWS." He was born on December 16th, 1843, at Ashton-under-Lyne, and commenced with a local tune band in 1857, and in the following year advanced to change-ringing at Ashton parish church in company of brother youths under the tuition of Samuel Hunt, an old Ashton ringer. A curious fact in connection with this young band was that two of them were to become famous as having rung in the long peal, John Thorp's *confrere* being Thomas Moss. John Thorp very early shewed the stuff he was made of by composing, conducting, and ringing his first 720 of Bob Minor at Ashton parish church, within twelve months of commencing to ring. His first peal was rung at St. George's church, Hyde, on February 25th, 1862. It was Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples, J. Thorp ringing the 4th. In 1863, he composed, conducted, and rung a 5056 of Kent Treble Bob Major at Ashton. On his twenty-first birthday, 1864 the Ashton band met at St. Michael's church and rang 5000 of Kent Treble Bob Royal, composed and conducted by himself. In 1872 an attempt was made at St. Peter's, Ashton, to ring Thorp's 8554 of Kent Treble Bob Major, but failed owing to illness of one of the band, and was brought round when 5000 changes had been rung. On February 21st, 1874, at Ashton parish church, 8864 of Kent Treble Bob Major was rung, being the longest number of changes ever obtained with the tenors together in this method, composed and conducted by John Thorp, who rung the tenor (20 cwt.).

On the 27th of February, 1875, the Ashton-under-Lyne society visited Dunham, Cheshire, and succeeded in ringing the first peal on the bells of St. Margaret's Church. This peal was one of Kent Treble Bob Royal, composed and conducted by John Thorp, and who, as usual, rang the tenor. It may be noted this peal contained the 6th seven course-ends at home. In 1882, he rang the tenor of St. Peter's, Ashton, to an exact 8000 of Kent Treble Bob Major, composed by himself, but conducted by Samuel Wood. This was what you might term a "catch peal." The band was only selected the night before the attempt was made, and had therefore no preliminary practice together. This peal was but the forerunner of many more lengths by the Ashton band, and finally culminated in their ringing the longest length on record. Also, in 1882, at breezy Mottram-in-Longdendale, Thorp rang the tenor (12½ cwt.) to Harrison's peal of 10080 of Kent Treble Bob Major, Samuel Wood conducting. Later on in the year, he composed 10464 of Kent Treble Bob Major, which was rung at St. Peter's, Ashton, Thorp ringing the tenor, and Samuel Wood again conducting. On Whit-Friday, May 18th, 1883, the longest length of change-ringing ever recorded took place at St. Michael's Church, Mottram, being T. Day's 16608 Kent Treble Bob Major, rung in 9 hrs. 48 mins. The ringers stood as follows. T. Moss, 1; T. Adams, 2; J. Wood, junr., 3; S. Wood (conductor), 4; B. Broadbent, 5; J. Miller, 6; G. Longden, 7; J. Thorp, 8. His next noteworthy performance, and apparently the last of the long lengths, was a peal of Kent Treble Bob Maximus, on February 9th, 1884, at the

Sheffield parish church. It was composed, conducted, and successfully brought round in 5 hrs. 45 mins. by Thorp, who rang the tenor (41 cwt.), without any preliminary practice whatever, calling forth eulogistic praises from the Sheffield men for the precision with which he had struck his bell during the peal. It has been said by another writer, that he was one of the best big bell ringers in this, or any other age, and being present myself on this occasion, I can bear testimony to the very masterly manner in which he rang the tenor.

Altogether John Thorp has rung 161 peals, including Triples, Major, Caters, Royal, Cinques, and Maximus. Of these two of Kent Treble Bob Major and one of Kent Treble Bob Royal were rung on handbells retained in hand. He has conducted fifty-four of them, of which forty-nine were his own compositions. John Thorp will however be known to posterity as a composer of remarkable ability, owing to the superb merit of his compositions, but as this subject will occupy too much of your limited space, with your permission I would prefer to deal with this on a future occasion. In gleanings the above particulars from Mr. Thorp, the true character of the man asserted itself in the manner in which he desired to own and acknowledge the help received in his early struggles in the art of composition from the late James Wood, of Ashton-under-Lyne, the late William Harrison, of Mottram, the late James Wilde, of Hyde, who died in 1877, and who was the father of the brothers Wilde of that place, and Henry Rostron, of Hyde, who is still a regular service-ringer at that place.

Finally, may I claim the consideration of all ringers on behalf of the "John Thorp Fund." That it much needed I can bear testimony to, and that it will be faithfully and honestly administered, we have only to look at the names of the Committee and the Secretary, Mr. James S. Wilde.

ROVING RINGER.

## RINGERS' SUPPER.

On Saturday evening, December 30th, the Rev. H. C. Littlewood invited the ringers of the parish church, Goring, Oxon, to supper at the vicarage, as is his usual custom, and a most excellent spread it was, every one of the ringers doing justice to the good things provided. The cloth being removed a variety of games were entered upon till 11.30, and after thanking the Vicar for his kindness the party dispersed to their homes. The following comprised the band: the Vicar, G. Wilson, C. Tidbury, W. Aldridge, J. Alexander, A. Spokes, and J. Bower.

## Ringers' Outing.

On Boxing-Day it had been arranged to attempt a peal at Goring, Oxon, but at the last moment it was decided to abandon it and pay a visit to some neighbouring churches. Meeting at the station at 9 a.m., they arrived at Cholsey shortly after, and a 720 of Bob Minor was rung in 28½ mins. The next place visited was Brightwell, where permission was readily obtained; but not much was done here as there were no stays, and a mishap occurring the bells were lowered, and the party were soon walking to Long Wittenham, where they found a peal of six just to their liking, and permission having been obtained the bells were raised in peal and a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob and 720 Bob Minor was rung. This brought the ringing to a close, and after a walk of two miles to Culham Station, they reached Goring at 5.50, one and all having thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The party, nine in number, return thanks to the Vicars of the different churches for granting the use of the bells.

## CURRENT TOPICS.

We have got into another year of grace. To quote the words of a well known writer, "we have just welcomed another of old Father Time's numerous progeny," the year of grace 1894. Now young composers, how are you off for date touches? How many of you are going in for these compositions; and who is going to be the first? As I have remarked on a previous occasion composition is Greek to me, so that I am prevented by some process of thickheadedness from attempting such a thing. But I expect there are a many like me. If I wanted to ring a date touch of my own composition, I should have to ring 1234567, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-three times repeated. That wouldn't do, I suppose. But would it be much worse than a *peal* of Churchyard Bob, as it is called?

For there was a *peal* in this delightful method rung once, I would have my readers to know. Yes; a *peal* of "Stoney," *alias* "Churchyard Bob," *alias* "Tombstone Surprise," *alias* "Stedman's Agony," and a lot more *aliases*. Perhaps it is best to term this mode of ringing "Called Changes," in which a change is rung several times, then one of the party calls out another, and so they go on, no semblance of "method" being followed in the calling, because the caller is generally ignorant of all methods. But my readers know perfectly well—too well some of them—the *modus operandi* of "called changes." But it will be news to many to read that three consecutive hours of such "agony" has been endured by a body of men. Nevertheless it is a fact, as I have said. Where did it take place? I can fancy hosts of my readers asking. Why where could it take place but in London somewhere? I think that in the belfry of St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark will actually be found what we generally call a "peal tablet," recording a *peal* of "called changes," or by whatever title such a performance is best known; a *peal* of "stoney" in fact. Whether it is given on this *peal*-board as "5040 changes" in the method, or as three hours' consecutive ringing I do not know. But the tablet is in existence for any one to see, and perhaps in better preservation than many others of much greater importance. If I have made a mistake in the name of the particular church where it is to be seen, I shall soon be put right.

One thing about this "stoney" *peal* must command admiration. The ringers didn't get out. They kept on to the end; they had their fill, and were satisfied—with called-changes. There was no breaking-down in such a performance, and there was therefore no bob-caller to rush out into the middle of the tower like a madman whose behaviour threatened spontaneous combustion, and insult his companions right and left. This happens too often I am sorry to hear, and it is to me a wonder how men of intelligence, education, and refinement, put up with it like they do.

By and by we shall hear of the success or otherwise of the endeavour made on behalf of Mr. John Thorp. Mr. Wilde has been very assiduous in working the affair up, and keeping the correspondents "up to their cake and milk." I suppose no one has delayed in sending in his returns beyond the time stated. If there should be any who have so neglected, I should like to do what they do in the House sometimes, viz.: name them. I am very gratified to hear that my small advocacy of this endeavour has done some good. The best advocate, however, has been the

chief of this paper: who always cheerfully opens its columns for such purposes. But I must not make further allusion to this, beyond pointing out the advantage of having such an organ, and how we all ought to energetically support it. Every thing may not be to our liking in "THE BELL NEWS," but show me the man who can please all. That individual, when found, takes the biscuit.

There has been a little roughness between ringers of Kidderminster, and those at a place called Lye. All have read the correspondence, and I shall not, therefore, quote any of it. I have had a private note or two concerning it put before me, and my dictum is that it is a pity the correspondence appeared at all. As a rule permission to ring is obtained without much difficulty. But I think that any one wishing to ring a *peal* at a strange tower should correctly ascertain first of all that the local ringers are at one together, that among them there are no "lords and commons," or "rats and mice." If a visiting band associate with one of these, they will assuredly offend the other; and the offended party will look upon them as their opponents' partisans, and act accordingly. Better abandon the idea of visiting a tower where everything is not all serene. I cannot close my remarks on this subject without saying that the letters of one of the correspondents were highly calculated to throw oil on the troubled waters, and bring about an understanding all round. This gentleman's letters should be held up as a pattern for those who are about rushing into print.

Readers of this page will remember some months ago a reference to a letter from Mr. H. Gardner, of Gloucester, concerning the doings of some one whom he called "Mr. Sloper." Mr. Gardner has written another letter about the same individual, but it is hardly necessary to say that such letters cannot be allowed to appear. The last epistle has, like the first, been handed to me to deal with as I think fit. Therefore I tell Mr. Gardner this: The offences of "Mr. Sloper"—real or imaginary—against Mr. Gardner or any one connected with him, is nothing whatever to do with readers of this paper, or in fact with the Exercise. The private family matters of our brother-ringers must be settled between the parties concerned. "THE BELL NEWS," I am positive, will never be a vehicle for the exposure or discussion of questions entirely outside its vocation. I should recommend Mr. Gardner to pay a visit to his *ci-devant* friend a few miles northward, and hold out the olive-branch of forgiveness and friendship.

The gallery of illustration connected with our paper has lately shone with more than its wonted refulgence, for certainly the two last portraits of distinguished ringers were very good indeed. I happen to be acquainted with both gentlemen, having rung with each of them, and I was struck with the faithfulness of the likenesses. Of course it is only fancy, but each new portrait seems better than its predecessor. Those gentlemen who take care of these portraits like I do, will some day have a very valuable portfolio, and worth a great deal of money. I hear there is already a good price offered for some of them. They should certainly be kept with care. Our friend, Mr. B. Keeble, of Romford, supplies cheap and strong cases to hold these portraits, which keep them clean and fresh. I conclude my remarks this week by wishing all my readers "A Happy New Year."

PLAIN SPEAKER.

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

		Treble Bob Methods.			Grandsire.		On 6 bells.			Double Methods.			Plain Methods.			Surprise Methods.		Stedman.		Value in points sec.							
	Jan. to Sep.	Maximus.	Royal.	Major.	In 7 Treble Bob Minor methods.	Cinques.	Caters.	Major.	Triples.	In 1, 2, or 3 Minor methods.	In 4, 5, 6 or 7 Minor methods.	Dble. Norwich C.B.R.	Dble. Norwich C.B.M.	Dble. Oxford B.M.	Duffield Major.	Forward Royal.	Royal.	Major.	Triples.		Doubles.	London Sur-prise.	Superlative Surprise.	Caters.	Triples.		
1	Sussex County Association. . .	51	—	—	5	3	—	—	—	11	—	3	—	8	—	—	—	—	5	—	—	—	3	—	1	12	1032
2	Oxford Diocesan Guild . . . . .	37	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	10	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	16	936
3	Yorkshire Association . . . . .	35	—	—	18	8	—	1	—	7	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	—	—	—	570
4	Durham & New'cle Dio. Asn. .	31	—	—	9	1	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	5	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	3	—	1	5	708
5	Norwich Diocesan Association .	25	1	—	11	1	—	—	—	1	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	2	2	—	—	—	—	336
6	Midland Counties Association .	22	—	1	—	—	—	3	—	6	—	—	1	2	—	1	—	—	—	3	1	1	—	—	1	2	397
7	Lancashire Association . . . . .	21	1	—	6	—	—	1	—	10	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	269
8	Worcester and Districts Asso. .	20	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	3	—	2	—	4	2	—	—	1	2	—	—	—	1	—	—	3	393
9	Kent County Association . . . .	19	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	6	—	—	—	7	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	1	—	1	1	364
10	Anc. Soc. College Youths . . . .	17	1	1	4	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	6	412
11	Gloucester and Bristol Asso. . .	16	—	1	1	—	—	2	—	3	—	—	—	4	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	2	—	—	1	320
12	Winchester Diocesan Guild . . .	14	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	13	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	112
13	Royal Cumberland Youths . . . .	13	—	3	1	—	—	2	—	1	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	228
14	Chester Diocesan Guild . . . . .	12	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	8	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	106
15	Soc. Archdeaconry of Stafford .	11	—	—	—	—	—	3	2	2	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	110
16	United Counties' Association . .	10	—	—	7	1	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	142
17	Essex Association . . . . .	10	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	2	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	138
18	Surrey Association . . . . .	8	—	1	1	—	—	1	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	110
19	Bath and Wells Association . .	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	61
20	Hertford Association . . . . .	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	56
21	Bedfordshire Association . . . .	6	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	68
22	Waterloo Society London . . . .	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	48
23	Liverpool Diocesan Guild . . . .	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	32
24	Devonshire Guild . . . . .	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	32
25	St. Martin's Soc. Birmingham . .	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	68
26	Salisbury Diocesan Guild . . . .	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	56
27	Middlesex Association . . . . .	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	24
28	Old East Derbyshire Asso. . . .	2	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	48
29	Raunds and Willingboro' Ass. .	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	20
30	Stoke Archideaconal Asso. . . .	2	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	32
31	North Lincolnshire Asso. . . . .	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	16
32	Birmingham Amal. Society . . .	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	12
33	North Notts Association . . . .	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	8
	Independent Societies . . . . .	43	1	—	2	1	1	6	—	21	1	2	—	1	—	—	—	—	4	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	437
	Total . . . . .	470	4	8	70	18	1	23	4	142	2	22	1	36	3	2	1	2	31	20	7	2	16	6	49	7701	

The peals of Triples, Major and Royal in Plain Methods comprise:—Bob Triples 9, Bob Major 28, Bob Royal 2; Canterbury Pleasure Triples 1; Canterbury Pleasure Major 5; Darlaston Bob Triples 3; Oxford Bob Triples 3; Union Triples 1; Court Bob Triples 1. The 43 peals by Independent Societies were rung as follows:—In Middlesex 9; Gloucestershire 4; Cheshire 3; Lancashire 3; Staffordshire 3; Worcestershire 3; Somersetshire 2; Suffolk 2; Norfolk 2; North Wales 2; Derbyshire 1; Essex 1; Glamorganshire 1; Hampshire 1; Huntingdonshire 1; Kent 1; Northamptonshire 1; Shropshire 1; Surrey 1; and Wiltshire 1.

1891. January . . . . .	80	1892. January . . . . .	79	1893. January . . . . .	77
February . . . . .	81	February . . . . .	63	February . . . . .	90
March . . . . .	64	March . . . . .	72	March . . . . .	44
April . . . . .	63	April . . . . .	63	April . . . . .	82
May . . . . .	87	May . . . . .	53	May . . . . .	48
June . . . . .	52	June . . . . .	40	June . . . . .	38
July . . . . .	37	July . . . . .	34	July . . . . .	29
August . . . . .	52	August . . . . .	48	August . . . . .	29
September . . . . .	44	September . . . . .	49	September . . . . .	33
<b>560</b>		<b>501</b>		<b>470</b>	

Decrease on the corresponding nine months of 1892:—31.

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

SATURDAY, JANUARY 6, 1894.

THE suggestion made in our last issue, relative to the establishment of some kind of fund for the benefit of our necessitous brethren, is one which must command respect. The question of the formation of some method of Assurance among ringers is a very attractive one without a doubt, and it is no answer to it to assert that there are in existence already plenty of agencies whereby provision may be made against what is somewhat poetically described as "the rainy day." That it is the duty of all whose lot is to labour for their bread to affiliate themselves to some friendly society or other we allow, but the fact remains that from a variety of causes, some persons do not adopt such a precaution; and it is notorious also that all such institutions are not to be depended on; and unless due care is observed in the selection, the distressed brother too often has to lament that he did not throw in his lot with some other whose stability was the very reverse of

doubtful. Having these facts before us, the idea of Mr. OVERTON is not at all inopportune; the power he invokes, therefore, to consider his suggestions, is the only one which can be depended on to give effect to them, if they are at all capable of realisation.

The Central Council would certainly be doing a splendid work if it was able to formulate, and ultimately establish an Assurance of the kind indicated. There are several Representatives who possess the necessary qualifications for dealing with such a subject—members of vast societies like the Manchester Unity of Odd Fellows, and other kindred bodies, who could speak with authority upon the probable ultimate success or otherwise of such a movement. When it is considered what the great and important consequences to the Exercise would be, if such a proposal was effected; the great impetus it would give to unity and organization; we think it should not be entirely disregarded till it has been found practically impossible of achievement.

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EDWARD E. RICHARDS .. 4.	*WILLIAM E. P. CHAPPLE Tenor.

Conducted by CHALLIS F. WINNEY.

This peal was rung in honour of the 84th birthday of the Right Hon. W. E. Gladstone, M.P. \*First peal and hails from Axminster. Messrs. Watts and Goddard hail from Salisbury. The ringers wish to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells, Mr. P. O'Meara for having everything ready, and the local ringers who kindly put off their practice to enable them to attempt a peal.

### The Provinces.

#### WICKHAM SKEITH, SUFFOLK.

On Saturday, December 16, 1893, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

#### SEVEN 720s OF BOB MINOR, EACH CALLED DIFFERENTLY.

Tenor 13 cwt.

GEORGE KEMP .. .. Treble.	B. KEEBLE .. .. 4.
THOMAS DAVY .. .. 2.	W. CLARKE .. .. 5.
E. CLARKE .. .. 3.	GEORGE CATTERMOLLE .. Tenor.

Conducted by G. CATTERMOLLE.

This is the first 5040 on the bells.

### HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

#### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 26, 1893, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

JOHNSON'S TEN-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

DAVID G. WIGHTMAN .. Treble.	HENRY W. BALDREY .. 5.
STEPHEN WIGHTMAN, JUN. 2.	GEORGE WIGHTMAN .. 6.
JAMES DURRANT .. 3.	ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN .. 7.
EDGAR WIGHTMAN .. 4.	GEORGE PERRY .. Tenor.

Conducted by D. G. WIGHTMAN.

First peal in the method on the bells, and the first peal of Triples with a bob bell by the 3rd, 4th and 5th men.

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

On Wednesday, December 27, 1893, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

A VARIATION OF HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 16 cwt. in F sharp.

FREDERICK EDWARDS .. Treble.	JAMES SHARP .. 5.
GEORGE CRAMP .. 2.	ROBERT EDWARDS .. 6.
CHARLES JUDGE .. 3.	GEORGE NEVE .. 7.
ALFRED HINDS .. 4.	WALTER CLIFF .. Tenor.

Conducted by ROBERT EDWARDS.

This is the first peal on the bells since they have been rehung, and the first since 1844. C. Judge belongs to the local band, the rest belong to Tenterden.

### MARTLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

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

On Wednesday, December 27, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

#### 5040 CHANGES IN SEVEN DIFFERENT METHODS UPON SIX BELLS;

Being 720 each of the following:

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

Tenor 14 cwt. in E.

REV. J. F. HASTINGS .. Treble.	THOMAS J. SALTER .. 4.
THOMAS ELCOX .. 2.	WILLIAM SHORT .. 5.
WILLIAM H. BARBER .. 3.	JOHN BARBER .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

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

#### OLD WINDSOR, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, December 28, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

PARKER'S ONE-PART. Tenor 12 cwt.

WILLIAM WARE .. .. Treble.	THOMAS GOSLING .. 5.
GEORGE STANBROOK .. 2.	REUBEN FLAXMAN .. 6.
GEORGE WILLIAMS .. 3.	JOSEPH GUTTRIDGE .. 7.
JOSEPH J. PARKER .. 4.	FREDERICK GUTTRIDGE .. Tenor.

Conducted by J. J. PARKER.

Rung in honour of the marriage of C. H. Euthover, R.E. and Miss A. G. E. Romaine, which took place the same day at St. Peter's Eaton Square.

### WORLINGWORTH, SUSSEX.

#### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 28, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

#### 5040 CHANGES IN SEVEN DIFFERENT METHODS UPON SIX BELLS;

Being 720 each of the following:

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

Tenor 12 cwt.

CHARLES F. LING* .. Treble.	SAMUEL COLLINS .. 4.
ERNEST CLAYTON .. 2.	WILLIAM G. CRICKMER .. 5.
FREDERICK CLAYTON .. 3.	DAVID COLLINS .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. G. CRICKMER.

\*First 5040 on six bells.

## DARTFORD, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 30, 1893, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,**  
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM I. REEVE .. .. Treble.	EDWIN BARNETT .. .. 5.
BENJAMIN FOSKETT .. .. 2.	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY .. 6.
GEORGE CONYARD .. .. 3.	ARTHUR JACOB .. .. 7.
CHARLES WILKINS .. .. 4.	GEORGE NEWSON .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE NEWSON.

This is the first peal in the method on the bells and the first peal in the method by F. S. Bayley.

## KIDDERMINSTER, WORCESTERSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, December 30, 1893, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,**  
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 30 cwt.

ERNEST C. HUNT .. .. Treble.	THOMAS J. SALTER .. .. 5.
WILLIAM H. BARBER .. .. 2.	THOMAS H. SMITH .. .. 6.
JOHN O. BENNETT .. .. 3.	ALBERT E. PARSONS .. .. 7.
WILLIAM H. SMITH .. .. 4.	RICHARD E. GROVE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY and Conducted by R. E. GROVE.

The ringer of the 2nd is only seventeen years of age, and it is his first peal of Superlative with a bob bell.

## SALISBURY, WILTS.

## THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 30, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
THURSTANS' COMPOSITION. Tenor 15 cwt.

WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. Treble.	SYDNEY LAWRENCE .. .. 5.
ALFRED PEARCE .. .. 2.	SIDNEY MACEY .. .. 6.
WILLIAM GREENLEAF .. 3.	ARTHUR W. BARKUS .. .. 7.
CHARLES A. CLEMENTS .. 4.	SIDNEY F. AMES .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by ARTHUR W. BARKUS.

## HOGHTON.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 1, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
CARTER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

THOMAS HINDLE .. .. Treble.	W. E. WILSON .. .. 5.
JOHN BROWN* .. .. 2.	JAMES SMITH, SEN. .. .. 6.
JOHN WATSON .. .. 3.	JAMES SCHOLEY .. .. 7.
WILLIAM SLATER .. .. 4.	MATTHEW ADAMS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN WATSON.

\*First peal. All the band belong to Blackburn parish church.

## CRAWLEY, SUSSEX—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, December 31, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

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

JOHN RICE .. .. Treble.	ALFRED D. MILLS .. .. 5.
JOSEPH NEWNHAM* .. .. 2.	ROBERT JORDAN .. .. 6.
FREDERICK DENCH .. .. 3.	JAMES PARKER .. .. 7.
WILLIAM COLLISON .. .. 4.	PETER TYLER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES PARKER.

\*First peal of Stedman.

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## SALISBURY, WILTS.

**THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD AND THE ANCIENT**  
**SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**

On Tuesday, January 2, 1894 (no time mentioned),

ON HANDBELLS RETAINED IN HAND,

AT THE HOUSE OF MR. S. LAWRENCE, 20, ST. ANN STREET,

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

SVEDNEY LAWRENCE .. 1-2.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. 5-6.
ARTHUR W. BARKUS .. 3-4.	WILLIAM GREENLEAF .. 7-8.

Conducted by ARTHUR W. BARKUS.

## HACKINGTON, CANTERBURY.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 2, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 14 cwt.

MORTON J. PIERCE .. .. Treble.	ARTHUR A. ANDREWS .. .. 5.
HENRY G. FAIRBRASS .. 2.	CHARLES LUERY .. .. 6.
WALTER ANDREWS* .. 3.	PHILIP H. PIERCE .. .. 7.
REV. F. J. O. HELMORE .. 4.	JOHN BALAAM .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. J. O. HELMORE.

\*First peal with a bob bell.

## Date Touch.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

READING (Berks).—On Friday, December 22nd, at St. Giles' church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1893 changes, in 1 hr. 12 mins. G. Boddington, 1; H. Coffee, 2; A. W. Reeves, 3; F. Sweetzer, 4; A. H. Evans, 5; H. Dibley, 6; A. E. Reeves (conductor), 7; H. Smart, 8. Composed by E. Matthews, of Macclesfield.

CHADDLESLEY CORBETT (Worcestershire).—On Wednesday, December 27th, a date touch of 1893 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 7 mins. J. Horne, 1; W. Hemming, 2; J. Chance, 3; A. Jackson, 4; E. Gilbert (conductor), 5; J. Perrins, 6; J. Brown, 7; T. Roberts, 8. Composed by W. Matthews, of Macclesfield. Longest length by J. Horne, J. Chance, A. Jackson, and T. Roberts.

WILLENHALL (Staffordshire).—On Monday, December 18th, a date touch of Grandsire Triples in 1 hr. 3 mins. G. Goodchild, 1; J. Appleby, 1; B. Hodson, 3; S. Dace, 4; W. Johnson (composer and conductor), 5; S. Allport, 6; J. Adams, 7; M. Kibble, 8. Rung at the first attempt, and on the twentieth anniversary of the augmentation of these bells from six to eight.

## Miscellaneous.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

MACCLESFIELD (Cheshire).—On Christmas Eve eight members of the local company rang 1680 changes in the following methods, at St. Michael's church, each ringer conducting a touch: 84 Grandsire Triples, conducted by \*W. Kenny; three courses of Grandsire Triples, conducted by \*W. Steel; 252 Bob Triples, conducted by J. Norbury; three courses of Grandsire Triples, conducted by \*F. Stoneley; 336 Bob Major, conducted by J. Minshall; three courses each conducted by \*W. Gayse and W. Matthews, and 336 Canterbury Pleasure Major, conducted by W. Walmsley. Tenor 20 cwt. \*First touch as conductor.

## EAST LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HECKINGTON (Lincolnshire).—On Sunday morning, December 24th, for Divine Service at St. Andrew's church, 504 Grandsire Triples. W. H. Spink, 1; S. C. Skinner (conductor), 2; T. Hilton, 3; J. T. Holmes, 4; E. Houlden, 5; J. H. Clark, 6; W. Dickinson, 7; F. Warrington, 8. On Christmas morning at 7 a.m., 700 Grandsire Triples. W. H. Spink, 1; S. C. Skinner (conductor),



2; J. Hilton, 3; J. T. Holmes, 4; J. H. Clark, 5; W. Dickinson, 6; E. Houlden, 7; F. Warrington, 8. On Christmas Day for morning service, 336 Grandsire Triples. W. H. Spink, 1; J. T. Holmes, 2; S. C. Skinner, 3; J. Hilton, 4; E. Houlden (conductor), 5; J. H. Clark, 6; W. Dickinson, 7; F. Warrington, 8. In the afternoon 1260 Grandsire Triples. W. H. Spink, 1; J. H. Clark, 2; J. T. Holmes, 3; E. Houlden, 4; S. C. Skinner, 5; J. Hilton, 6; W. Dickinson (conductor), 7; F. Warrington, 8. For evening service 504 Grandsire Triples. W. H. Spink, 1; S. C. Skinner (conductor), 2; J. Hilton, 3; E. Houlden, 4; J. H. Clark, 5; J. T. Holmes, 6; W. Dickinson, 7; F. Warrington, 8.

#### THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

REIGATE (Surrey).—On Christmas Eve, for evening service, 447 Grandsire Triples. E. E. Erington, 1; P. E. J. Knight, 2; F. T. Hoad, jun., 3; F. Linter, 4; T. Brown, 5; E. Moses (conductor), 6; W. Argent, 7; J. Steadman, 8. And 504 in the same method. E. E. Erington, 1; F. T. Hoad, sen., 2; F. T. Hoad, jun., 3; E. Moses, 4; G. Croucher, 5; E. Dewey (conductor), 6; E. Kenward, 7; J. Steadman, 8. On Christmas morning, for Early Celebration, 504 Oxford Bob Triples. J. Howard, 1; F. T. Hoad (conductor), 2; G. Croucher, 3; F. T. Hoad, jun., 4; T. Brown, 5; W. Argent, 6; E. Moses, 7; A. Moseley, 8. And the last 700 of Holt's Original. J. Howard, 1; F. T. Hoad (conductor), 2; E. Moses, 3; G. Croucher, 4; T. Brown, 5; E. Dewey, 6; W. Argent, 7; J. Steadman, 8. And for the eleven o'clock service, 504 Grandsire Triples. E. Erington, 1; E. Moses (conductor), 2; F. Linter, 3; G. Croucher, 4; T. Brown, 5; E. Dewey, 6; E. Kenward, 7; J. Howard, 8. And 504 in the same method. E. E. Erington, 1; F. T. Hoad (conductor), 2; E. Kenward, 3; F. T. Hoad, jun., 4; E. Moses, 5; E. Dewey, 6; W. Argent, 7; A. Moseley, 8.

BEDDINGTON (Surrey).—On Christmas Day for Divine Service, 507 Stedman Caters. E. Bennett (conductor), 1; J. W. Trappitt, 2; C. Bance, 3; A. J. Plowman, 4; F. Holder, 5; T. King, 6; J. Fayers, 7; J. Harding, 8; C. Gordon, 9; W. Gray, 10. After service on New Year's Eve, 539 Grandsire Caters. C. Bance, 1; E. Bennett (conductor), 2; W. Smith, 3; G. Welling, 4; A. Calver (first touch on ten bells), 5; A. J. Plowman, 6; J. Fayers, 7; F. Holder, 8; J. W. Trappitt, 9; W. Gray, 10.

#### THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BEDFORD.—On Tuesday, November 14th, at St. Mary's church, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). C. Chasty, 1; F. Keech, 2; H. Cullip (first 720 with a bob bell), 3; I. Hills, 4; S. J. Cullip, 5; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, November 28th, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). C. W. Clarke, 1; S. J. Cullip, 2; C. Chasty, 3; W. Lightfoot (first 720 with a bob bell), 4; W. Hall, 5; I. Hills (conductor), 6. Also two 6-scores of Stedman Doubles. At St. Paul's church on Thursday, November 9th, for the election of Mayor, 503 Grandsire Triples. T. Spencer, 1; C. Chasty, 2; W. Lightfoot, 3; S. J. Cullip, 4; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 5; F. Keech, 6; W. Hall, 7; R. Shimmans, 8. Also 559 Grandsire Triples. J. Spencer, 1; C. Chasty, 2; W. Lightfoot, 3; S. J. Cullip, 4; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 5; F. Keech, 6; W. Hall, 7; R. Shimmans, 8. Also 686 Grandsire Triples. T. Spencer, 1; C. Chasty, 2; W. Hall, 3; S. J. Cullip, 4; F. Keech, 5; I. Hills, 6; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 7; R. Shimmans, 8. On Sunday, November 12th, 321 Grandsire Triples. J. Sharman, 1; C. Chasty, 2; W. Hall, 3; S. J. Cullip, 4; F. Keech, 5; I. Hills, 6; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 7; R. Shimmans, 8. Also 265 in the same method. T. Spencer, 1; C. Chasty, 2; W. Hall, 3; G. Irons (Eaton Socon), 4; I. Hills, 5; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 6; F. Keech, 7; R. Shimmans, 8. On Sunday, November 26th, 503 Grandsire Triples. J. Sharman, 1; C. Chasty, 2; W. Lightfoot, 3; S. J. Cullip, 4; F. Smith, 5; H. Sharp (conductor), 6; C. W. Clarke, 7; F. Keech, 8. Also 216 Stedman Triples. C. Chasty, 1; S. J. Cullip, 2; W. Hall, 3; F. Keech, 4; F. Smith, 5; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 6; H. Sharp, 7; R. Shimmans, 8. Also 265 Grandsire Triples. C. G. Eve, 1; C. Chasty, 2; W. Lightfoot, 3; W. Hall, 4; C. W. Clarke, 5; H. Sharp (conductor), 6; F. Keech, 7; J. Sharman, 8. On Sunday, December 10th, 503 Grandsire Triples. J. Sharman, 1; S. J. Cullip, 2; C. Chasty, 3; W. Hall, 4; W. Lightfoot, 5; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 6; F. Smith, 7; F. Keech, 8. Also 336 Grandsire Triples. C. G. Eve, 1; C. Chasty, 2; J. Sharman, 3; W. Hall, 4; W. Lightfoot, 5; F. Keech, 6; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 7; F. Tysoe, 8. On Thursday, December 14th, 518 Grandsire Triples. T. Spencer, 1; C. Chasty, 2; S. J. Cullip, 3; W. Lightfoot, 4; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 5; I. Hills, 6; F. Keech, 7; R. Shimmans, 8. Also 504 in the same method. W. Lightfoot, 1; C. Chasty, 2; J. Sharman (first 500 with a bob bell), 3; S. J. Cullip, 4; F. Keech, 5; I. Hills, 6; S. Constant, 7; R. Shimmans, 8. On Saturday, November 25th, at the house of Mr. I. Hills, an attempt was made to ring Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples on hand-bells, but it was lost after ringing 2000 changes. H. Sharp, 1-2; C.

Herbert, 3-4; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 5-6; I. Hills, 7-8. Afterwards 503 Grandsire Triples. H. Sharp, 1-2; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 3-4; C. Herbert, 5-6; I. Hills, 7-8. Also a 6-score of Stedman Doubles. H. Sharp, 1-2; C. W. Clarke, 3-4; I. Hills, 5-6. And a 6-score of Stedman Doubles. C. Herbert, 1-2; C. W. Clarke, 3-4; H. Sharp, 5-6. This is Herbert and Sharp's first 6-score of Stedman double-handed.

BIDDEHAM (Beds).—On Sunday, October 29th, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). T. Harpin, 1; C. West, 2; A. Ingram, 3; H. Tysoe, 4; W. Davison, 5; H. King (conductor), 6. On Sunday, December 3rd, 720 Bob Minor (fourteen bobs and two singles). T. Harpin, 1; H. Tysoe, 2; A. Ingram, 3; H. King, 4; W. Davison, 5; C. West (conductor), 6.

SHARNBROOK (Beds).—On Saturday, November 11th, an attempt for a 5040 came to grief after ringing 720 Double Court, College Single, Oxford Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and 600 Woodbine, in 2 hrs. 25 mins. C. Allen, 1; I. Hills, 2; C. West, 3; C. W. Clarke, 4; G. Burton, 5; H. Sharp (conductor), 6.

WOBBURN (Beds).—On Monday, October 16th, at Mr. Chas. Herbert's, 720 Bob Minor. E. Herbert, 1-2; F. Gilby, 3; Chas. Herbert, 4; Cyril Herbert (conductor), 5-6.

#### NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LINCOLN.—On Sunday, December 24th, for morning service, a 252 of Stedman Triples. G. Chester (conductor), 1; J. B. Fenton, 2; R. E. Clarke, 3; R. Dawson, 4; J. Holman, 5; J. W. Watson, 6; C. W. P. Clifton, 7; J. Ash, 8. For evening service, a 420 Darlaston Bob Triples. F. W. Walker, 1; J. B. Fenton, 2; R. E. Clarke, 3; G. Chester (conductor), 4; R. Dawson, 5; J. W. Watson, 6; C. W. P. Clifton, 7; J. Ellard, 8. Also a course of Kent Treble Bob Major. R. Dawson, 1; F. W. Walker, 2; R. E. Clarke, 3; J. Holman, 4; J. B. Fenton, 5; J. W. Watson, 6; G. Chester, 7; C. W. P. Clifton, 8. G. Holman hails from Sheffield.

#### THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ANGMERING (Sussex).—On Monday, November 6th, 720 Plain Bob. E. Parsons, 1; H. Finch, 2; E. Hills (First 720), 3; F. Finch, 4; C. Hills, 5; T. Linfield (conductor), 6. On Monday, December 11, 720 London Surprise. H. Finch, 1; C. Hills, 2; F. Finch, 3; J. Hills, 4; T. Linfield, 5; T. Parsons (conductor), 6. On Thursday, December 14th, 720 Cambridge Surprise. H. Finch, 1; T. Parsons, 2; J. Hills, 3; T. Linfield, 4; F. Finch, 5; C. Hills (conductor), 6. On Monday, December 18th, 720 London Surprise. H. Finch, 1; T. Linfield, 2; C. Hills, 3; F. Finch, 4; T. Parsons, 5; J. Hills (conductor), 6. On Monday, December 25th, 720 Superlative Surprise. H. Finch, 1; C. Hills, 2; J. Hills, 3; T. Linfield, 4; F. Finch, 5; T. Parsons (conductor), 6. Also 720 Kent Treble Bob. H. Finch, 1; F. Finch, 2; T. Parsons, 3; C. Hills, 4; J. Hills, 5; T. Linfield (conductor), 6. And a 720 of Plain Bob. E. Parsons, 1; F. Finch, 2; T. Linfield, 3; H. Finch, 4; T. Parsons, 5; J. Hills (conductor), 6.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

CANTERBURY.—On Tuesday, December 26th, at the Cathedral, an attempt was made for a peal of Stedman Caters, but after about ten courses had been rung, it was lost through a change-course. Afterwards 1130 in the same method was rung. H. G. Fairbrass, 1; A. C. West, 2; Rev. E. W. Carpenter, 3; R. Edwards, 4; G. Sayers, 5; Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, 6; E. Pope, 7; R. H. Pierce, 8; A. Palmer (conductor), 9; W. Hadlow, 10. Tenor 32-cwt. After a hasty look round the Cathedral, the band were kindly invited to an excellent dinner by the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, hon. sec. of the Association, to which ample justice was done, each course-end coming up in capital style. The ringers wish to thank the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore and Mrs. Helmore for their kindness, and hope the peal will be accomplished at the next attempt.

#### THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

WELSHPOOL.—On Christmas morning, for early celebration, 377, 336, and 1260 Grandsire Triples. D. Williams, 1; W. Maddox, 2; E. Thomas, 3; T. Barnes, 4; W. Jones, 5; F. P. Hughes, 6; T. J. Bratton (conductor), 7; L. Gittins, 8. Longest length with a bob bell by F. P. Hughes.

#### ST. STEPHEN'S SOCIETY, WESTMINSTER.

LONDON.—On Thursday, December 28th, at St. Stephen's church, Westminster, 720 Kent Treble Minor in 30 mins. G. Langford, 1; W. Sorrell, 2; F. Buck, 3; S. Andrews, 4; H. R. Newton (conductor), 5; J. Willshire, 6. On Monday, January 1st, 307 Grandsire Triples in 13 mins. G. Langford, 1; H. R. Newton, 2; F. Buck, 3; H. S. Ellis, 4; W. Sorrell, 5; S. Andrews, 6; J. Willshire, 6; W. Lamb, 8.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

READING (Berks).—On Sunday evening, December 24th, after Divine Service at St. Giles' church, the last 742 of Holt's Original peal of Grandsire Triples. G. Boddington, 1; H. Coffee, 2; A. W. Reeves, 3; F. Sweetzer, 4; A. H. Evans, 5; H. Dibley, 6; A. E. Reeves (conductor), 7; H. Smart, 8. And at midnight to welcome in Christmas, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. G. Boddington, 1; H. Coffee, 2; A. W. Reeves, 3; F. Sweetzer, 4; A. H. Evans, 5; H. Dibley, 6; A. E. Reeves (conductor), 7; H. Smart, 8.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—FYLDE BRANCH.

LYTHAM.—Early on Christmas morning the local company rang a 720 of Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles), in 25 mins. W. Bamber (conductor), 1; T. H. Mark, 2; A. E. Wilson, 3; J. Salt-house, 4; J. Fell, 5; R. Cookson, 6. And a 6-score of Stedman Doubles. W. Bamber, 1; T. H. Mark, 2; A. E. Wilson, 3; J. Fell, 4; C. H. Kerr (conductor), 5; R. Cookson, 6. And other touches of Plain Bob and College Single.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

MANCHESTER.—Handbell Ringing.—On Friday, December 29th, at the house of Canon Woodhouse, 720 Bob Minor in 19 mins. G. F. Woodhouse, 1-2; Rev. H. J. Elsee, 3-4; H. C. Woodhouse (conductor), 5-6. First 720 of Minor on handbells by all.

## THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

HORNSEY (Middlesex).—On Sunday evening, December 31st, for Divine Service at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 28 mins. E. King, 1; \*W. D. P. Hart, 2; J. Hannington (conductor), 3; G. Griffin, 4; A. Howell, 5; A. Jacob, 6. \*First 720 with a bob bell. W. D. P. Hart hails from Enfield.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

ROMFORD (Essex).—On Sunday evening, December 24th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, composed by the Editor, in 48 mins. S. James, 1; L. W. Copsey, 2; A. J. Perkins, 3; E. Pye (conductor), 4; G. Roughton, 5; W. Watson, 6; W. L. Myhill, 7; H. P. Vyse, 8.

ARELEY KINGS (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, December 24th, for morning service, 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor, in 25 mins. H. Martin, 1; J. Reynolds, 2; T. Elcox, 3; W. Martin, 4; J. Johnson, 5; C. Beaman (conductor), 6. And on Sunday, December 31st, for Divine Service, 720 Grandsire Minor in 22 mins. H. Martin, 1; W. Martin, 2; T. Elcox, 3; J. Reynolds, 4; J. Johnson, 6; C. Beaman (conductor), 6.

BARROW GURNEY (Somerset).—On Christmas morning, December 25th, 1260 of Grandsire Doubles in 45 mins. C. Haynes, 1; F. Vowles, 2; G. Clements, 3; J. Young, 4; A. Waters (conductor), 5; A. Brown, 6. This is the longest length ever rung by a local band. Four of the band only commenced to learn change-ringing a few months ago.

BRAINTREE (Essex).—On Saturday, December 23rd, at St. Michael's church, 720 College Exercise, and 720 Kent Treble Bob. F. Calthorpe, 1; W. Moore, 2; W. Grimwade, 3; S. Sargent, 4; F. L. Bumpstead, 5; H. E. Hammond (conductor), 6. On Sunday, December 24th, 720 New London, and 264 Oxford Treble Bob. H. E. Hammond, 1; F. Calthorpe, 2; W. Grimwade, 3; F. L. Bumpstead, 4; F. Rudkin (conductor), 5; A. Huckson, 6. On Christmas morning, at 6 a.m., 720 Oxford Treble Bob, and 240 Kent Treble Bob. H. E. Hammond (conductor), 1; F. Calthorpe, 2; W. Grimwade, 3; W. Hammond, 4; F. Rudkin, 5; A. Huckson, 6. Also at 10 a.m. 720 Cambridge Surprise, and 240 Woodbine Treble Bob. H. E. Hammond (conductor), 1; F. Calthorpe, 2; W. Grimwade, 3; F. L. Bumpstead, 4; F. Rudkin, 5; A. Huckson, 6. Messrs. Moore and Sargent hail from Bocking; F. L. Bumpstead from Colchester.

BOCKING (Essex).—On Sunday morning, December 24th, 720 Bob Minor. H. Butcher, 1; W. Hammond, 2; W. Moore, 3; F. Warren, 4; S. Sargent, 5; C. Bearman (conductor), 6. Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. F. Radley, one of the ringers of the parish church. Also for morning service, 120 Oxford Treble Bob. For afternoon service 720 Oxford Treble Bob. H. Butcher, 1; W. Moore, 2; W. Grimwade, 3; F. Warren, 4; S. Sargent, 5; H. Hammond (conductor), 6. On Sunday afternoon, December 31st, for Divine Service, 720 Kent Treble Bob. H. Butcher, 1; F. Radley, 2; W. Grimwade, 3; F. Warren, 4; S. Sargent, 5; C. Howard (conductor), 6. The bells were also rung to ring the old year out and the new one in.

BUCKLAND (Surrey).—On Tuesday, December 26th, 720 Oxford Bob Minor. W. Street, 1; W. H. Judd, 2; F. Sanders, 3; G. Huggett, 4; J. Puplett, 5; R. Arnold (conductor), 6. Also 360 of

Bob Minor. F. Sanders, 1; W. Judd, 2; J. Ansell, 3; G. Huggett, 4; J. Puplett, 5; R. Arnold (conductor), 6. First 720 of Oxford Bob on the bells. J. Puplett hails from Hertford; F. Sanders belongs to the local band; the rest hail from Betchworth.

CHADDESLEY CORBETT (Worcestershire).—On Tuesday, December 19th, at the parish church, 336 Grandsire Triples. J. Horne, 1; E. Playdon, 2; J. Chance, 3; A. Jackson, 4; E. Gilbert, 5; J. Perrins, 6; J. Broad (conductor), 7; T. Roberts, 8. Also 532 in the same method, conducted by J. Broad. Longest length by E. Playdon.

CHICHESTER.—On Sunday, December 31st, for morning service at the Cathedral, 504 Grandsire Triples in 18 mins. H. Falconer, 1; G. T. Farley, 2; F. B. Tompkins, 3; T. A. Butland, 4; D. Falconer, 5; J. H. Blake, 6; R. Walters, 7; W. Spurlock, 8. The above was H. Falconer's first 500. On New Year's Eve, with the bells muffled, 1008 Grandsire Triples, in 37 mins. R. Cheeseman, 1; G. T. Farley, 2; F. B. Tompkins, 3; T. A. Butland, 4; D. Falconer, 5; J. H. Blake, 6; R. Walters, 7; W. Spurlock, 8. The above is the first 1008 rung by the present band at the Cathedral. Both of the touches were conducted by R. Walters.

COLCHESTER (Essex).—On Tuesday, November 28th, for practice on handbells, 720 Bob Minor in 19 mins. J. Kittle, 1-2; R. W. Stannard, 3-4; G. M. Rashbrook, 5; F. Bumpstead (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, December 19th, 504 Bob Triples. G. M. Rashbrook, 1-2; J. Kittle, 3-4; R. W. Stannard (conductor), 5-6; G. Bunch, 7-8. Also a course of Oxford Bob Triples. G. Lindoff, 1-2; J. Kittle, 3-4; R. W. Stannard, 5-6; G. M. Rashbrook, 7-8. And a course of Grandsire Caters. J. Kittle, 1-2; G. Bunch, 3; F. Bumpstead, 4; G. Lindoff, 5-6; R. W. Stannard, 7-8; G. M. Rashbrook, 9-10.

DUCKLINGTON (Oxon).—Handbell Ringing.—On Tuesday, December 5th, 720 Grandsire Minor. J. Druce, 1; H. J. Fisher, 2; N. Spindlow, 3; H. Druce, 4; Miss A. E. Macray, 5; J. Fisher (conductor), 6. On Wednesday, December 6th, 720 Grandsire Minor in 22 mins. J. Druce, 1; J. Fisher, 2; H. J. Fisher, 3; H. Druce, 4; Miss A. E. Macray, 5; N. Spindlow (conductor), 6. Also 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-four bobs and two singles), in 23 mins. N. Spindlow, 2; J. Fisher (conductor), 6; the rest as before. On Wednesday, December 20th, 720 Grandsire Minor in 25 mins. E. Douglas, 1; N. Spindlow, 2; J. Druce, 3; H. Druce, 4; Miss A. E. Macray, 5; J. Fisher (conductor), 6. Composed by J. H. Fisher. Also 720 Grandsire Minor in 20 mins. J. Druce, 1; J. Fisher, 2; H. J. Fisher, 3; N. Spindlow (conductor), 4; Miss A. E. Macray, 5; H. Druce, 6. On Saturday, December 30th, 1260 Grandsire Minor in 33 mins. H. Druce, 1; Miss A. E. Macray, 2; J. Druce, 3; J. Fisher, 4; H. J. Fisher, 5; N. Spindlow (conductor), 6. Rang as a birthday compliment to N. Spindlow. On Sunday, December 24th, for evening service at the parish church, 720 Grandsire Minor in 24 mins. E. Douglas, 1; H. J. Fisher, 2; W. Fisher, 3; N. Spindlow, 4; H. Druce, 5; J. Fisher (conductor), 6. On Christmas Eve, at midnight, 720 Grandsire Minor in 20½ mins. J. Druce, 1; W. Fisher, 2; H. J. Fisher, 3; J. Fisher, 4; H. Druce, 5; N. Spindlow (conductor), 6. For Divine Service on Christmas morning, 720 Grandsire Minor. H. Druce, 1; J. Fisher, 2; J. Druce, 3; H. J. Fisher, 4; N. Spindlow, 5; \*W. Fisher (conductor), 6. (\*First 720 as conductor). For evening service, 720 Grandsire Minor in 23 mins. E. Douglas, 1; W. Fisher, 2; J. Druce, 3; H. J. Fisher, 4; N. Spindlow, 5; J. Fisher (conductor), 6. Composed by J. H. Fisher. On Tuesday, December 26th, an attempt was made for 5040 changes in two Minor methods, but it came to grief, after ringing 4080 changes in 2 hrs. and 2 mins., through a person coming to the belfry to enquire if the ringers could take refreshments while ringing. J. Druce, 1; W. Fisher, 2; H. J. Fisher, 3; H. Druce, 4; N. Spindlow, 5; J. Fisher (conductor), 6. On New Year's eve the old year was rung out, the bells being half-muffled, and 720 Grandsire Minor was rung in 2 mins. G. Hudson, 1; J. Fisher, 2; J. Druce, 3; H. J. Fisher, 4; N. Spindlow (conductor), 5; H. Druce, 6; and the New Year rang in with 720 Grandsire Minor in 23½ mins. G. Hudson, 1; H. Druce, 2; J. Druce, 3; N. Spindlow, 4; H. J. Fisher, 5; J. Fisher (conductor), 6.

HARTLEBURY (Worcestershire).—On Christmas morning, 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor, in 23 mins. H. Martin, 1; J. Johnson, 2; W. Martin, 3; J. Reynolds, 4; T. Griffiths, 5; C. Beaman (conductor), 6. This is the first 720 in the method on the bells.

LLANDAFF.—On Christmas morning, for Divine Service at the cathedral, 350 Grandsire Triples. R. Hopkins, 1; W. Coombes, 2; W. Biss, 3; J. Harris, 4; C. Lloyd (conductor), 5; J. Clutterbuck, 6; H. G. White, 7; J. Thomas, 8. Also two 168's conducted by J. Clutterbuck. J. Pither, 1; J. Harris, 2; W. Coombes, 3; W. Biss, 4; C. Lloyd, 5; H. Snell, 6; J. Clutterbuck (conductor), 7; H. G. White, 8. All the above with the exception of J. Pither belong to the Llandaff Diocesan Association.

SALISBURY (Wilts).—On Sunday, December 31st, at St. Martin's church, for the midnight service, 1260 Stedman Triples. A. W. Bar-kus, 1; A. Pearce, 2; W. Greenleaf, 3; C. A. Clements, 4; S. Lawrence, 5; S. Macey, 6; W. W. Gifford (conductor), 7; W. C. Dawe, 8.

## Notices.

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**Oxford Diocesan Guild.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Wantage, to-day, 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 to-day, Saturday, January 6th, 1894. W. W. C. BAKER, Hon. Sec.

**The Lancashire Association (Liverpool Diocesan Branch).**—The annual meeting of this branch will take place at Walton parish church to-day, Saturday, Jan. 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 Secs. T. R. SOMERVILLE, Secs.

**The Lancashire Association (Manchester Branch).**—The next monthly meeting will be held at the parish church, Hyde, to-day, Saturday, Jan. 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.

**Preliminary Notice.**—On Saturday, January 6th, a Change-ringing contest on hand-bells will take place at Uppermill, Saddleworth, when the following prizes, and the Hollingworth Silver Challenge Cup will be given for the best two courses. One of Grandsire Triples, and one of Grandsire Major. The cup to be held by the winning company for twelve months, to be competed for every year. First prize £2; Second £1; Third 10s.; Fourth 5s. Also a contest on Ten bells, for the best course of Grandsire Caters. First prize 15s.; Second 5s.; circulars and full particulars on application to the secretary, JONATHAN PELLING, Lee Street, Uppermill, Near Oldham.

**The United Counties' Association.**—The Annual meeting will be held at St. George's Church, Mossley, on Saturday, January 13th. Tea in the Schoolroom, at 5 p.m. Tickets 6d. each, for the numbers sent in. Business meeting immediately after tea. JOSEPH RADCLIFFE, Hon. Sec. Church Road, Uppermill, Near Oldham.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Middleton Parish Church, on Saturday, January 13th. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Business meeting at 6.30 p.m. EDMUND SCHOFIELD, Branch Sec. 63, Clark Street, Rochdale.

**The Stoke-on-Trent Archidiaconal Association.**—The usual monthly meeting of the above will be held at Tunstall, on Saturday next, January 13th. Members intending to be present are requested to inform Mr. J. Johnson, 1, Cooper Street, Tunstall.

Rev. J. W. ALSTON, } Hon. Secs.  
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**All Saints' Society, Fulham.**—The Annual General Meeting will take place on Saturday,

January 13th. The tower will be open to members and friends at 4 p.m. Tea in Church Room, at 6 p.m. at 9d. each. Business meeting afterwards. All ringers intending to be present should signify the same to the secretary, not later than the Thursday, January 11th. Fulham Palace. J. GREEN, 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 Thursday, January 11th. By kind permission of the Rector (Rev. Canon Nicholl), and the Rev. G. Streatfield, the bells of the parish church (6), and Immanuel church (8), will be at the disposal of the members. R. B. BLANCHARD, Hon. Sec. pro tem. 13, Sunnyhill Road, Streatham.

**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, Bailley Carr.

**The Middlesex Association.**—A meeting of this Association will be held at St. Mary's, Stoke Newington, on Saturday, January 20th. Ringing at 5 o'clock. PERCY HOWARD, Hon. Sec. Manor House, Biddenham, Near Bedford.

**The Midland Counties' Association.**—The third quarterly meeting of the year will be held at Derby, on Saturday, January 20th, the following towers open from 2 p.m., viz.: All Saints' (10) bells, St. Andrew's, St. Aikmund's, St. Luke's, and St. Werburgh's (8) bells. Committee meeting at 4 at the Midland Road Coffee House (special business to consider the preparation of the report). Tea and general meeting at 5, visiting members will be charged 6d. each for tea, local members 1s. each as usual. All members who intend being present at the tea are requested to send their names to Mr. C. Draper, Grange Street, Derby, not later than Thursday, the 18th inst. Parties of eight or more can obtain fare and a quarter tickets by giving three days' notice at any station. J. O. LANCASHIRE, Hon. Sec. 22, St. Peter's Road, Leicester.

**The Essex Association.**—A District meeting will be held on Saturday, January 27th, at Waltham Abbey. Further particulars will be given. A good attendance of members is particularly desired. T. L. PAPILLON, Hon. Sec. Writtle, Chelmsford.

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**NOTE TO THE PEAL RUNG AT MARTLEY.**—This was the first peal on the bells, which have lately been rehung by Mr. T. Blackburn of Salisbury; and were reopened on November 9th. And the "go" of the bells is all that could be desired, being a credit to the bell hanger. The ringers wish through the medium of this paper to thank the Rev. J. F. Hastings for getting the bells in order, also for his kind hospitality after the peal, it being his first peal in Seven Methods. They also wish to thank Mr. T. Griffiths, and Mr. T. Elcox of Areley Kings, for their kindness, which will never be forgotten. Messrs. Barbers and Short hail from Clent, Elcox from Areley Kings, Salter from Kidderminster.

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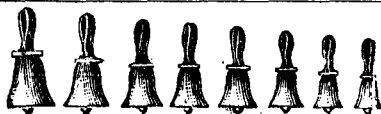
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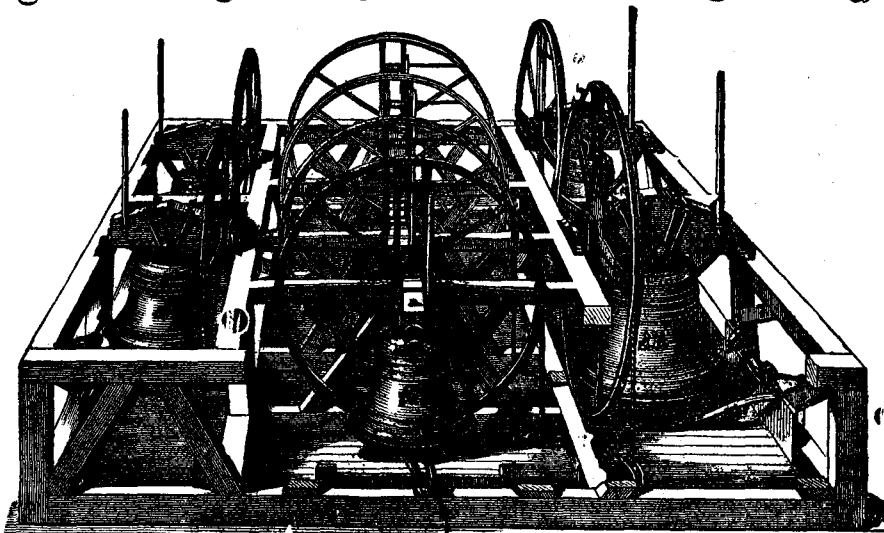
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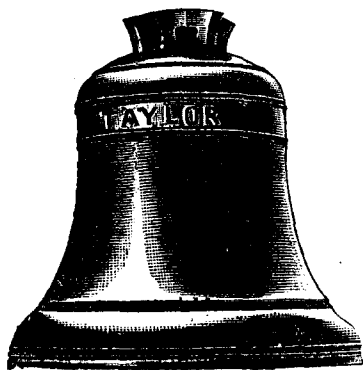
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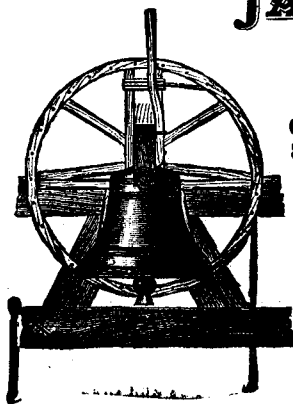
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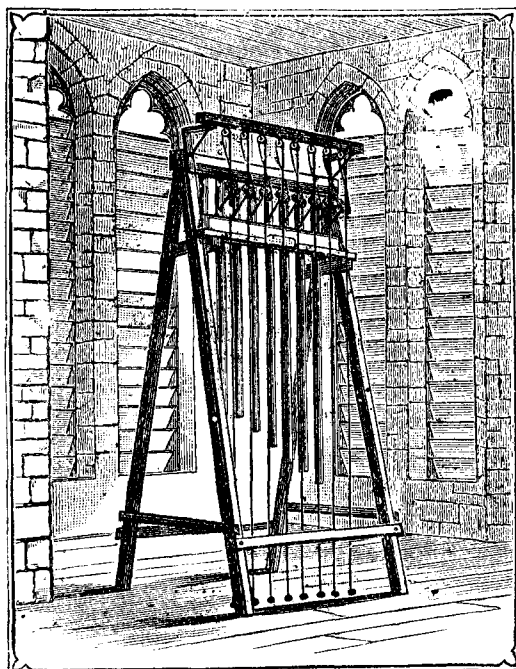
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On Wednesday evening a sermon was preached by the Rev. Pitt Eykyn, vicar of St. Augustine's, Bristol, and hon. secretary of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association of Change-Ringers. The service was fully choral. The rev. gentleman based his discourse upon I Corinthians xiv. 7: "Things without life, giving sound." He first made allusion to instances where bells were mentioned in the Bible, referring to the golden bells which used to tinkle on the dress of the High Priest as he went into the Holy of Holies. Bells were in use even in the times of the Jewish dispensation for religious purposes, and they formed therefore rather an interesting link between the Jewish Church and the Holy Catholic Church, to which they belonged. The Jewish bells, he said, rang out their last tinkle when the death and resurrection of the Lord our Saviour gave birth to something better. The speaker, who throughout his discourse was most interesting, then traced the history of the bells in England. He remarked that it was perfectly wrong to speak of a peal of bells, the correct term being a ring of bells, a peal being that which was performed upon the bells and not the bells themselves. After referring to some of the well-known founders of

bells—for many of the old heavy bells which escaped the Commonwealth were made into smaller rings—he said that their own tenor bell, originally cast from something larger in 1721, was afterwards broken and re-cast in 1815. It bore the inscription "May all I summon to the grave the blessing of a well-spent life receive." He said Stroud was to be congratulated upon having such a ring of bells. He spoke of the need of having well-appointed belfries. There was a distinct improvement in this respect, and he remarked that a change-ringer was a man of headpiece and genius. In conclusion he hoped that these bells, now renewed, would draw their thoughts to God and to holy things, as they heard them peal on this beautiful hill side, and would be instruments to lead them at last to that happy place where they might, perhaps, even there, God knew, hear the sweet bells ring in the golden courts of their Father's home.

## FINEDON, NORTHANTS.

"Watch, therefore, for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come," is the inscription on the tenor-bell of the ring of six at the church of St. Mary, Finedon. To William Moon, for forty-nine years a ringer in that belfry, the summons came suddenly on New Year's Eve. He had just helped to raise the bells before midnight, and sat down to rest whilst his comrades rang a short touch as a requiem for the old year. For a few minutes the old veteran listened intently, as he was wont to do, then fell from his seat and expired before medical assistance could be obtained. William Moon was a ringer of the old school (his age was 72 years) who took a pride in striking his bell (the tenor) regularly and well. He died with Finedon bells, that he loved so well, sounding above him, and his life went out with the year. As was fitting, the bells were immediately "lowered," and no new year's peal was rung, much to the surprise of many, who were listening and waiting for the usual signal of the advent of a new year. At the funeral on Wednesday, January 3rd, all the ringers were present, and later in the evening they muffled the bells and rang 720 of Doubles in several methods, standing as follows: O. Tompkins, 1; W. Perkins, 2; J. Elson, 3; P. W. Manning, 4; J. F. Tompkins, 5; C. Baker, 6.

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## LICHFIELD BELL-RINGERS' SOCIAL GATHERING.

The annual social gathering of the above took place at The Duke of Cambridge inn, Wade Street, on Wednesday evening, January 3rd. A company numbering forty assembled, and were treated to a substantial meal, well cooked and admirably served by Mr. and Mrs. Forbes and their assistants. After the tables had been cleared, Mr. E. Gallimore, the senior ringer, was voted to the chair, and Mr. F. Cope was called upon to fill the vice-chair.

The Chairman expressed the pleasure it afforded him to meet his friends once again, and extended to all a cordial welcome. He had had the honour of presiding at that gathering for several years past, and hoped he might be spared to meet them in health and strength for some years to come.

The toast of "The Queen and Royal Family" was afterwards given by the chairman, and received with enthusiasm, the company rising and singing the National Anthem. This was followed by a capital song with a good refrain, which was heartily taken up, setting forth the happiness likely to be reaped by those who "Try to be contented." Next came the toast of "The Host and Hostess," who were spoken of in highly eulogistic terms by the chairman, and warmly congratulated upon the successful manner in which they had catered for the company. The handbell ringers followed with a tuneful peal, and Mr. Forbes subsequently acknowledged the compliment, observing that it was the first time he had been called upon to provide a dinner for the ringers, and that he had had sincere pleasure in doing so, more especially as the repast had afforded so much satisfaction. The host's speech was succeeded by a pianoforte solo by Mr. W. J. Lovatt, of The Greyhound inn, who throughout the evening performed the accompaniments to the different songs. Mr. Cope was the next to oblige, and favoured the company with "Hearts of Oak," the chorus of which was given with zest by those present.

The chairman then gave "The Health of the Visitors," remarking that the ringers were extremely pleased to find themselves surrounded by so many old and familiar friends. The toast was coupled with the name of Mr. John Sims, who on behalf of the visitors, thanked the ringers for their courtesy and kindness, and in return wished them a happy and prosperous New Year. To this toast succeeded an interesting song by Mr. Barrett, extolling the good qualities of "A Convivial Man," which was quite in keeping with the social character of the gathering, and met with rapturous applause. Mr. J. H. Gallimore, who had efficiently discharged the duties of secretary in arranging the festival, acknowledged the compliments accorded to the ringers, and expressed deep regret at the death of Mr. Arthur Whitby, an old ringer, who was much respected amongst them, and whose loss was sincerely deplored. The attendance on that occasion, the speaker said, was larger than last year, and he trusted a similar improvement would be shown when they again met to spend a social evening together.

Mr. W. Hinton, a visitor, in a few terse sentences, expressed the pleasure it afforded him personally to be present at such a gathering, saying that some years ago he was accustomed to attend such assemblies in Northamptonshire, and that he was much gratified to find the ringers in Lichfield meeting together for social intercourse and enjoyment. There remarks were received with much applause, and the handbell-ringers followed with a very acceptable rendering of "The Blue Bells of Scotland."

The Chairman next gave the toast of "The Bishop, Clergy, and Ministers of All Denominations," remarking that it would ill become bell-ringers to forget the Church. This observation was cordially endorsed by the company, and the toast very heartily drunk.

Mr. C. Barrett afterwards gave the toast of "The Press," and having acknowledged the compliment Mr. Raby gave a reading in the Lancashire dialect, which was warmly cheered. Mr. W. Dymond sang "Daisy Bell," and Mr. C. Davis contributed to the harmony by singing "Kathleen."

Mr. G. Wright proposed the "Health of Mr. J. H. Gallimore," congratulating him upon the able and successful manner in which he had discharged the duties of Secretary. The toast was received with much heartiness, and Mr. Gallimore made a suitable response. Mr. Hensman next amused the company with "Cock-tail Joe." Mr. W. Hurd sang "True till death"

with good taste; F. Cope jun., following with "Hauled me back again," giving as an encore "Little sister's gone to sleep" in a style which evoked rapturous applause. Mr. C. Barrett next gave a very amusing recitation, entitled "Tom Brown" and the Chairman sang a laughable medley, the conclusion of which is the last verse of "Rule Britannia."

The handbell-ringers delighted the assembly with the Scottish air, "There is nae luck." Subsequently they rendered the Welsh ditty known as "Jenny Jones," and appropriately brought their entertainment to a close with the familiar English song of "Home, sweet home." The handbell-ringers comprised Messrs. E. and J. H. Gallimore, C. Barrett, C. Davis, H. Meacham, F. Cope, sen. and jun., and J. Key, and they were very deservedly and cordially thanked for their valuable contributions to the evening's entertainment.

## OPENING OF CASTLE BROMWICH CHURCH BELLS.

On Thursday, December 21st, at the invitation of the vicar and churchwardens, six members of the St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, visited this village to open the church bells after restoration. Owing to the heavy traffic upon the railway it was somewhat late before several of the party arrived, thus shortening the time for ringing. However as Mr. J. J. W. Carr was present, a touch of Grandsire Triples was proposed on the handbells, and all agreeing, three good courses were brought round in the tower by J. Buffery, 1-2; J. Plant, 3-4; B. Witchell, 5-6; J. J. W. Carr, 7-8. This is the first touch of Triples ever heard in the village, and was greatly enjoyed by the local ringers. The other members having then arrived, a 360 of Grandsire Minor was rung, followed by a short service in the church, conducted by the vicar. After service a 720 of Kent Treble Bob was rung, and then as a finale 360 Bob Minor. The bells were then lowered in peal. The ringers in each of the above were H. Bastable, 1; W. Bryant, 2; J. Plant, 3; B. Witchell, 4; T. Reynolds, 5; J. Buffery, 6. The ringers and friends then set down to a splendid supper provided by the churchwardens, at which many of the parishioners were present, after which the usual toasts were proposed and responded to, the loyal toast "The Queen" being greeted with acclamation. "The Health and prosperity of the Contractors" was duly proposed and responded to, special mention being made of the honourable way the work had been carried out, and congratulating the contractors upon the good men they sent out to represent them, one of the parishioners going so far as to say that he had never met more respectable workmen. Train time broke up one of the most enjoyable meetings possible.

The ring is a very nice ring of six now, and although Mr. Carr said they had scarcely finished tuning, it would take a very good ear to detect any discrepancy. The "go" is all that can be desired, and the material and workmanship is of first-class quality. The ring originally was one of five bells only, and very thin they were, and badly out of tune. Messrs. Carr have put a new tenor-bell behind the old five bells, and recast the 3rd, and supplied and fixed new beams, floor, bell frame and fittings complete.

WALTER BRYANT.

## NORTHOP, FLINTSHIRE.

RINGERS' SUPPER.—On Thursday, January 4th, the members of the local company were invited by Mrs. and Miss Sanders to supper at Lower Soughton, as is their usual custom. A most excellent supper it was, all doing justice to the good things provided. The rest of the evening was spent with a few selections of music on the handbells and a few touches of Grandsire Triples. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mrs. and Miss Sanders for their kind hospitality and interest, and a very happy evening was spent by the whole company. The following comprised the band: T. Williams, T. Evans, R. Blackwell, J. Saint, R. Moulton, A. Smith, H. Jones, J. Smith.

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## THE KING'S NORTON (WORCESTERSHIRE) GUILD.

The Annual Meeting of this Guild was held in the old school-room, King's Norton, on Monday, January 8th, when there were present Mr. J. S. Pritchett, M.A., Master of the Guild, the Rev. C. W. Barnard, M.A., Vicar of King's Norton, Mr. John Carter, of Birmingham, honorary fellow of the Guild, Messrs. Alfred Pritchett, Theodore Pritchett, W. S. Pritchett, H. G. Holder, W. H. Sumner, J. Cooper, J. Betterton, W. Palmer and others in strong force. The business of the meeting included the election of a Master, a senior and junior warden, and Mr. W. S. Pritchett, Mr. John Carter and Mr. George Hands were elected to those respective offices.

The outgoing Master, in response to a vote of thanks for his services to the Guild during the two years which he had presided over it, congratulated the members on the progress they had made, and mentioned that, although the Guild had seen but two years of existence, it had recorded two peals of Grandsire Triples, including Holt's Original, a peal of Bob Major, and had rung for one hour and three quarters towards a peal of Stedman Triples. He considered this record highly creditable to so young a society, and encouraging in the direction of the achievement of more difficult records in the Exercise, in the near future.

The Rev. C. W. Barnard, Messrs. J. Smith, F. Sumner, H. G. Holder and W. Whetten were enrolled as apprentices to the Guild, and later on gave evidence of the progress they had already made by ringing on the handbells a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles, conducted by J. Smith.

The members expressed the pleasure it afforded them to have the presence and interest of the Vicar of the parish, and that gentleman, in replying, assured the members of the great interest he took in their proceedings, and his willingness to assist them in every respect in the attainment of success in the art of change-ringing. He himself had taken up the science, and he trusted to reach a measure of capability which would enable him to take part in some of the Guild's peals, and he reminded the members that the bells and belfry formed a part of the House of God, and that in ringing the bells they were performing one of the most ancient offices of the Church.

The company were afterwards entertained to supper at the Saracen's Head inn, by Mr. W. S. Pritchett, the newly-elected Master, and a very enjoyable evening was spent. The handbells were requisitioned and touches of Grandsire Caters and courses of Bob Royal and Grandsire Cinques were successfully brought round, two in hand.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

CLUN (Shropshire).—On Christmas day, for morning service at the parish church, several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. J. Davies, 1; J. Roberts, 2; G. Williams, 3; W. Mead, 4; W. H. Fussell (conductor), 5; W. Griffiths, 6.

CLUNBURY.—A small meeting of neighbouring members of the Hereford Diocesan Guild took place at Clunbury Church. Permission to use the easy-going musical peal of six bells in the tower was kindly given by the Vicar, who was also present at the church during the ringing. Most of the men had their first experience of Minor in the Grandsire method upon the tower bells, several plain courses and two short touches being brought round. A 720 of Grandsire Doubles was rang. T. Burge (Knighton), 1; J. Palmer (Ludlow), 2; W. H. Fussell (conductor), 3; Rev. J. P. Cranstoun (Ludlow), 4; A. Chester (Ludlow), 5; W. Mead (Clun), 6. Three 6-scores were rang, in which Mr. R. Marston took the fifth bell, and conducted. Several other touches were also rang by J. Roberts (Clun) 1; J. Palmer, 2; W. Roberts, 3; Rev. J. P. Cranstoun, 4; J. G. Buchanan (conductor of Clun), 5; A. Chester, 6.

LUDLOW.—The members of the St. Lawrence's Guild were invited to Ludlow Castle by Mr. Robert Marston, to a substantial supper, on a recent Monday evening. The chair was occupied by the Rev. J. P. Cranstoun (master of the guild), who was supported by the Rev. Prebendary Clayton (rector of Ludlow). The vice-chair was occupied by Mr. R. Marston (guild conductor). Amongst the company present were Dr. Cranstoun, Mr. T. Lowe (churchwarden), the Hereford Diocesan Guild Instructor (Mr. W. H. Fussell), and Mr. W. Mead (Clun), as visitors. The following members were pre-

sent:—Messrs. J. Palmer, A. Chester, F. Cox (hon. sec. of guild), T. H. Green, E. S. Lloyd, W. Nash (the old sexton and bell-ringer), W. R. Nash, M. Nash, W. Pritchard, R. Sweetman, J. B. Banks, J. Christmas, and E. Davies. After supper, the company adjourned to the drawing-room, where hot tea and coffee were served very kindly and courteously by Mrs. Marston, and Miss Newell. The handbells were brought into use, and during the evening two courses of Triples, three courses of Minor, and 6-score of Doubles, all in the Grandsire method, were very creditably rang, in which Messrs. Cranstoun, Marston, Palmer, Chester, Sweetman, Mead and Fussell, took part. The company separated, after hearty good wishes, soon after eleven o'clock, having spent a most enjoyable evening. Early in the evening, before the supper, the society met in the belfry of the Parish Church and rang several touches from eight to nine.

WISTANSTOW.—The local ringers have just received the visit of their instructor in connection with the Guild, considerable improvement having been made during lessons given them by Mr. W. H. Fussell, the plain course of Grandsire Doubles, and the raising and falling in peal being creditably performed by the following:—T. Lewis, 1; C. Perry, 2; F. Jones, 3; C. Maund, 4; C. Perry, 5; J. Beamond, 6; Messrs. A. Cadwallader and G. Mullard also ringing the 4th and 6th respectively. Wistanstow bells are a musical ring of six, cast by Rudhalls, of Gloucester, but the tenor is unfortunately cracked, and although it has remained so for many years, it is hoped some generously-disposed person will soon be forthcoming to provide a remedy. On Wednesday evening the ringers, including Mr. Fussell, as was the case last year, were invited to the Rectory to a substantial supper, and a most enjoyable evening was spent. The bells have recently been provided with stays, thus removing a danger to the ringers. The Rector has kindly presented the belfry with a set of handbells. This and other kindly encouragement should be productive of good results.

## UPCHURCH, KENT.

The annual social meeting of Churchworkers in this parish was held in the Church Room on Thursday, January 4th. In spite of the heavy snow and biting wind, thirty-five braved the weather in acceptance of the invitation. The guests were received by the vicar and Mrs. Cooper, and at 6.30 were entertained at a substantial tea. After tea the vicar gratefully acknowledged the active co-operation of all the Churchworkers in the parish, and in so doing heartily thanked the ringers for their excellent and enthusiastic work. "The Bells," he said, "had not been rung for mere amusement, nor solely for instruction in change-ringing, but Sunday after Sunday at two and three services, the bells had summoned all to church, not in careless fashion, but frequently in choice and beautiful changes, so the true object had been kept studiously in view, and the ringers had given their best to the best purpose." The entertainment concluded with a concert, to which the ringers contributed their share on the handbells, and after a thoroughly pleasant evening the company dispersed at 10.30.

Change-ringing is new to this parish. The bells, six in number, were rehung in a new framework, and the belfry put into good condition in 1891 at a cost of £150. Since then the Art has steadily progressed, and the first peal of 5040 changes was rung a few weeks ago, and duly recorded in "THE BELL NEWS."

## LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

RINGERS' ANNIVERSARY.—On Friday, December 29th, the members of the St. Margaret's Society celebrated their anniversary, which, as usual, commenced with a substantial knife and fork tea, placed on the table in Host Johnson's customary good style. Upon the removal of the cloth, Mr. F. Cooper was voted to the chair, and gave the usual loyal and customary toasts in due form. The health of the Rector, the Rev. B. W. Raven, was well received, with many thanks to him for so freely granting the use of the bells. Various other complimentary toasts were duly given and responded to, and were interspersed with some well-rendered songs and touches rung upon the handbells and tune playing thereon, caused a very enjoyable evening to pass away only too quickly.



## MILITARY FUNERAL AT ASHBY.

The interment of the remains of the late Mr. Thomas Jacques, of Ashby, and corporal in the Ashby Company of the Leicestershire Volunteers, took place on Tuesday afternoon, January 2nd. The proceedings were of a most imposing and solemn nature, rendered more so by the attendance of deceased's fellow Volunteers. As showing the great respect in which deceased was held in the town, all the blinds and shutters of the private houses and business places in the main streets, with scarcely an exception, were closed whilst the service was being held. The Volunteers, who were under the command of Capt. Hatchett, "fell in" at the Market Hall, and from there marched to the residence of their late comrade. The Volunteer Band headed the procession to the parish church, playing with muffled drums, the "Dead March" in *Saul*. At the church the cortege was met by the vicar (the Rev. Canon Denton), who went through the first portion of the burial service in the presence of a crowded congregation. On entering the sacred edifice the organist, Mr. Horn, played a voluntary on the organ, and as the cortege left the church rendered the "Dead March" in *Saul*. The procession then re-formed and wended its way to the cemetery in the following order: Firing party with reversed arms; Volunteer Band, playing the "Dead March"; the Rev. Canon Denton (chaplain to the regiment) and Mr. Cutter; then came the hearse, accompanied by six Volunteers who acted as bearers; in the first carriage were Mr. G. Jacques (Bury), Mr. W. Jacques (London), brothers of the deceased, and Messrs. E. and J. Canner (brothers-in-law), the second carriage contained Messrs. William, Walter and Herbert Canner (brothers-in-law), with Messrs. J. Jaggar and W. J. Smith, of Burton-on-Trent, two of deceased's ringing friends; here followed the Volunteer Company, together with Captain Hatchett, Lieutenant Stevenson, and the non-commissioned officers; next came the members of the Ashby Society of Change-ringers, of which the deceased was formerly a member, consisting of Messrs. J. H. Dunmore, J. Curtis, A. Hitchcock, E. W. Beadsmore, G. Hatton, W. Owen, W. Wainwright, and G. Thornley; the rear being brought up by the following tradesmen and friends:—Messrs. B. Cheate, T. Sandlant, H. Slater, R. Grundy, P. E. Howe, W. and G. Poynton, J. Sandlant, T. Buck, W. Bull, W. Read, and Geo. Wainwright (deceased's assistant). On arriving at the cemetery, the coffin, which was covered with beautiful floral tributes—and on which were also placed the deceased's helmet and side-arms—was borne to the grave by the bearers, preceded by Canon Denton, the band remaining playing at the gates. There was a very large number of people in the cemetery, and many were visibly affected by the ceremony. Canon Denton having concluded the service at the grave-side, the firing party (13 in number), and who were under the direction of Sergeant W. Cutter, fired three volleys over the grave. The procession formed again, and the band playing the selection "It is well," the Volunteers marched back to the Market Hall, where Capt. Hatchett thanked them for the respect they had shown for an old and worthy comrade. The coffin was of elm, and bore the following inscription:—"Thomas Jacques, died 31st Dec., 1893, aged 33 years." The wreaths included one from the deceased's widow and children, Mr. W. and Mrs. Jacques, the brothers of the deceased's widow, Messrs. J. Jaggar and W. J. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Pickthorn and family, the parish church society of change-ringers, and the officers of the 1 (Ashby) Company of the Leicestershire Volunteers. In the afternoon the flag floated half-mast high at the parish church, and in the evening the society of change-ringers rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 48 mins., with the bells half muffled, the ringers standing as follows:—G. Hatton (treble); E. W. Beadsmore, 2; W. J. Smith, 3; A. Hitchcock, 4; W. Owen, 5; J. Jaggar, 6; J. H. Dunmore (conductor), 7; and J. Curtis, tenor.

On Sunday, 7th January, the bells were again rung half-muffled as a token of respect to the memory of the deceased. For morning service a touch of 504 of Grandsire Triples was rung. G. Hatton, treble; E. W. Beadsmore, 2; W. Canner, 3; W. Owen, 4; J. Curtis, 5; A. Hitchcock, 6; J. H. Dunmore (conductor), 7; G. Thornley, tenor. And for evening service a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 47 mins. G. Hatton, treble; E. W. Beadsmore, 2; J. H. Dunmore, 3; A. Hitchcock, 4; W. Owen, 5; H. Canner, 6; W. Canner (conductor), 7; J. Curtis, tenor. At both the morning and evening service the

vicar (Canon Denton), referred in feeling and sympathetic terms to the death of the deceased, regretting the loss of a church worker. Deceased commenced to learn change-ringing in 1886, joining the Ashby parish church society on its formation in that year. He had been a member of the Midland Counties' Association since 1888, and had taken part in ten peals, viz., nine of Grandsire Triples, and one of Bob Major. He had also rung quarter-peals of Stedman Triples, opportunity for greater lengths not having presented itself. The members of the local society feel his loss most keenly, he being the first of their number that the Almighty has seen fit in His goodness to take unto Himself.

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

On Monday, January 1st, the members of the parish church Society with their friends dined together at The Lamb hotel, in pursuance of a very ancient custom, the catering of host Greenfield (a brother-string) being excellent. The company, who numbered forty-five, were presided over by the Vicar of Eastbourne (the Rev. H. B. Ottley), who was supported by Mr. Churchwarden Langham, and Mr. Churchwarden Homewood, the Rev. W. G. Whinfield, the Rev. G. Jones (St. Anne's), Councillors Welch and Pocock, etc. The loyal toasts having been given by the Chairman, Mr. Churchwarden Langham gave "The Bishop and Clergy of the Diocese." This being responded to by the Vicar and the Rev. G. Jones, "The Churchwardens" was proposed by the Rev. W. G. Whinfield, and responded to by Mr. Churchwarden Homewood. The toast of the evening, "Prosperity to the St. Mary's Society," was given by the President of the Society (the Rev. H. B. Ottley), who spoke of the work done by the members in very hearty terms, stating that it was fully appreciated by himself, the churchwardens, and the congregation attending the services. He coupled with the toast the names of the Chairman of the Society (Mr. H. Vernon), and the Honorary Secretary (Mr. J. Rollison). The chairman having briefly acknowledged the toast, the Honorary Secretary gave an interesting review of the doings of the Society during the past year, stating the Society was in a thoroughly satisfactory condition. He said he considered this to be a record meeting in the first place in members attending; and also it was the first time in the annals of the Society that its annual dinner had been presided over by the Vicar of Eastbourne, supported by his two churchwardens. He concluded by thanking those present for the kind way they had received the toast, and for their presence with them that evening.

Mr. Councillor Welch gave "The Chairman" in complimentary terms, the toast being drunk with musical honours. The Chairman having briefly responded, he vacated the chair, and his place was filled by the Rev. H. G. Whinfield. The proceedings were continued some little time longer, several capital songs being rendered by the Rev. G. Jones, Councillor Welch, Messrs. H. Siggs, H. Ticehurst, S. G. R. Coles, A. Finch, J. Rollison, etc.

On the first Sunday in the new year the following band rang for morning service a 1008 of Grandsire Triples, in 35 mins. J. Rollison, 1; J. Billings, 2; C. Lewis, 3; W. J. Fisher (conductor), 4; W. Avann, 5; E. Willoughby, 6; T. Lewis, 7; T. Willoughby, 8. Also 210 in the same method, the band standing in the same order, conducted by T. Lewis.

## THE ST. ALBANS CATHEDRAL SOCIETY.

The Annual Meeting of this Society was held at the Rectory on Tuesday, January 2nd, the President, the Ven. Archdeacon Lawrance, presiding. The report and balance-sheet were received and adopted. The resignation, through ill-health, of Mr. G. W. Cartmel, the conductor, was received with regret, and hopes were expressed that he may speedily recover so as to again take up the position which he has so satisfactorily held during the past five years. Mr. H. Lee Waddington was re-elected Honorary Secretary, and Mr. W. Battle, Honorary Treasurer, the latter also being appointed to the conductorship during the ensuing year. Mr. J. E. Randall and Mr. R. Weatherley were elected on the committee. It was decided to subscribe £1 rs. towards a bell for St. Andrew's chapel at the workhouse, and after other business the meeting terminated.



## CURRENT TOPICS.

The sight of Mr. Attree's list again does one good. The fraternity will be glad to peruse his analysis once more. In "THE BELL NEWS" of October 7th last I asked a question respecting this analysis, venturing a hope that it would appear again. I am pleased to think that Mr. Attree has construed favourably my observations, and that we now shall have as heretofore, those interesting results of his labors. "The Analysis" has become an Institution among us, and we cannot go on without it. And our Brighton *confrere* is the man to compile it.

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On my arrival at the office this (Thursday) morning, I had two letters handed to me, addressed—"Mr. Plain Speaker," etc. I apprehend such letters are for publication, and therefore they are given in full. The first is as follows:—

"Dear Mr. Plain Speaker,—The ringing-chamber at Greenwich parish church is rich in the possession of several very fine tablets, recording some equally fine performances during the last 100 years, but the tablet (of which I enclose a copy), I think you will admit certainly appropriates the 'Abernethy.' It has been the subject of many pertinent enquiries, and has afforded much amusement to many ringing visitors. I believe there is in existence (but not visible), at the same tower, a similar 'tablet' recording a 'peal' of 5040 *revolutions*!!!

OLD COLLEGIAN.

"St. Alphege, Greenwich.—On Friday, 26th May, 1871, eight members of the Royal Ancient Society of Eastern Scholars rang in this steeple, an excellent peal in commemoration of the Lady Miss Burdett Coutts being created a Baroness of the United Kingdom, which was accomplished in three hours and seven minutes by the following members, viz., Mr. W. G. Shade, treble; Mr. W. G. Davis, 2; Mr. Isaac Shade, 3; Mr. Josiah Cronk, 4; Mr. Robert Shade, 5; Mr. William Foreman; Mr. John Foreman, 7; Mr. Richard Brown, tenor. This peal was conducted by Mr. W. G. Davis. The Rev. Canon J. C. Miller, D.D., Vicar. James Soames, Charles Hudson, Churchwardens. WM. BURGESS, Hon. Sec."

What do my readers think of this? What do they think of the name, style, and title of the society who performed the feat? "Royal Ancient!" They might have given it a few more adjectives, but I suppose they couldn't think of any. They could have added "Imperial" with propriety; or "Serene." Fancy "the Imperial Royal Serene Ancient Society of Eastern Scholars!" And then the "Mr." before each name; who was responsible for that distinguishing mark of courtesy? denied however, to the Churchwardens. I hope the ringers of this part of London have erected a marble monument to the conductor (and composer, I suppose) of this *peal*; of course they gave a piece of plate to the author of the tablet.

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The other letter is most welcome reading. It is as follows:—

"Dear Sir,—I should like to draw your attention to last week's "BELL NEWS." You will find in the report of the ringing done at Ducklington the name of a young lady—Miss Macray—as having taken part in the ringing. You may perhaps be interested to know that this young lady is the eldest daughter of the rector of the parish. I mention this as I think she is the only daughter of a clergyman that has ever taken part in any change-ringing. She is also an hon. member of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, and takes the greatest interest in the bell ringers, in fact I think there would not be a band of ringers at all at Ducklington were it not for her untiring exertions. I have had the pleasure of ringing several touches of Minor and Grandsire Triples with her on handbells, and may say that she strikes her bell with great accuracy. I should like to see a great many more clergymen's daughters follow her footsteps; we should then I believe have many better bands of ringers

than we have even at the present day. Kindly excuse the liberty, but I know you are as much interested in such matters as—Yours faithfully."

This is a very nice letter, and one which readers of this papers will all be pleased to read. We shall soon have to think of adding another toast to the usual *repertoire* at our festivities, and that toast will be "The Ladies."

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A very old friend of ringing thus writes to the Editor: "Sir,—I am afraid Mr. Plain Speaker will at some time or other draw down the indignation of those who now and then wince under his remarks, though I think it is essential that unbecoming conduct, or any other evil, should not be allowed to pass without strong opinions being expressed by some one." To this gentleman I reply as follows, with the utmost deference and respect: My *nom de plume* is a warrant that I shall speak plain and intelligible; and that where offences come I shall point them out with the least ambiguity. It has been thought by many that plain speaking has been wanted for years among us. Offences of many kinds have been allowed to run riot, and that with impunity. When any "Current Topics" are submitted to me to deal with, and they deserve animadversion or commendation, I think they should be dealt with accordingly. The times are most appropriate for the remarks of any one who affects to be in all cases a

PLAIN SPEAKER.

## THE JOHN THORP BENEFIT.

In accordance with the notice previously given in your valuable paper, and also printed on the draw tickets, the draw took place on Wednesday, January 10th, in the presence of Mr. T. Hattersley, of Sheffield (who was asked to come over and watch the proceedings in the interests of all concerned) and in the presence of the following gentlemen: John Holden, Esq. (President of the United Counties' Association), Samuel Wood, Benjamin Broadbent, Thomas and James S. Wilde, George Braddock and a number of other ringers. The drawing was performed by the ten-year old son of Mr. Samuel Wood, and the eleven-year old son of Mr. George Braddock.

## WINNING NUMBERS.

1st Prize ... ..	9,012	12th Prize ... ..	5,036
2nd " ... ..	1,884	13th " ... ..	12,379
3rd " ... ..	11,975	14th " ... ..	5,900
4th " ... ..	15,357	15th " ... ..	5,209
5th " ... ..	897	16th " ... ..	8,529
6th " ... ..	16,157	17th " ... ..	9,705
7th " ... ..	2,524	18th " ... ..	4,642
8th " ... ..	12,981	19th " ... ..	11,180
9th " ... ..	12,924	20th " ... ..	12,149
10th " ... ..	7,180	21st " ... ..	5,714
11th " ... ..	13,587		

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

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13, 1894.

OUR remarks concerning the establishment of some benevolent fund for church bell-ringers has met with approval in more quarters than one. In another column Mr. J. S. PRITCHETT, of King's Norton, ventures an opinion that the formation of such a fund will be among the numerous and weighty matters for discussion by the Central Council. Let us hope it may be so. As will be seen on another page, the Council will assemble on the 27th of March next, in London—we suppose at the usual spot, but that we shall know of in due time. It ought to be quite unnecessary to impress upon those concerned the importance of sending in to the Honorary Secretary of the Council the election returns of representatives, together with notices of motions to be brought forward, without any delay. Mr. BULWER will have plenty of occupation found for him between now and the day of meeting, and promptness should be exhibited in forwarding to him the required particulars and subscriptions.

**The Metropolis.****THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.***On Saturday, January 6, 1894, in Three Hours and Forty-two Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL, CORNHILL,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5002 CHANGES.**

Tenor 41 cwt.

FREDK. G. NEWMAN.. ..Treble.	JOHN N. OXBORROW .. .. 7.
GEORGE T. McLAUGHLIN .. 2.	WILLIAM E. GARRARD .. 8.
JAMES PETTIT .. .. 3.	*ALFRED P. GODDARD .. 9.
CHALLIS F. WINNEY .. 4.	WILLIAM D. SMITH.. .. 10.
EDWIN HORREX .. .. 5.	WILLIAM BURKIN .. .. 11.
HENRY R. NEWTON .. .. 6.	WILLIAM T. COCKERILL ..Tenor.

Composed by JOHN NELMS and Conducted by F. G. NEWMAN.

\*First peal on twelve bells, and hails from Salisbury.

**THE ST. PETER'S, WALWORTH, SOCIETY.***On Tuesday, January 9, 1894, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER, WALWORTH,

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

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 15 cwt.

WILLIAM F. MEADS.. ..Treble.	ARTHUR R. DAVIS .. .. 5.
HENRY LANGDON .. .. 2.	JAMES E. DAVIS .. .. 6.
FREDERICK G. PERRIN .. 3.	THOMAS LANGDON .. .. 7.
EDWARD P. O'MEARA .. 4.	T. HENRY TAFFENDER ..Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.

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

**The Provinces.****LEICESTER.***On Saturday, December 30, 1893, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,

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

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 26½ cwt.

STEPHEN COOPER .. ..Treble.	JOSEPH S. NEEDHAM.. .. 5.
GEORGE CLEAL .. .. 2.	WILLIAM DEVEY* .. .. 6.
GEORGE BURROWS .. .. 3.	JOHN F. MARLOW .. .. 7.
JOHN O. LANCASHIRE .. 4.	ALFRED MARTIN .. ..Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE CLEAL.

\*William Devey hails from Kimcote, Lutterworth.

**SALISBURY, WILTS.****THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD AND THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.***On Saturday, January 6, 1894, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,*

AT THE HOUSE OF MR. W. W. GIFFORD

ON HANDBELLS RETAINED IN HAND,

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

SYDNEY LAWRENCE .. 1-2.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. 5-6.
ARTHUR W. BARKUS .. 3-4.	CHARLES A. CLEMENTS .. 7-8.
WILLIAM GREENLEAF .. .. 9-10.	

Composed by JOHN COX and Conducted by ARTHUR W. BARKUS.

**KEMPSTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.****THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, January 6, 1894, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Woodbine Treble Bob, Double Court Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, Grandsire and Bob Minor.

Tenor about 20 cwt. in E.

CHARLES CHASTY .. ..Treble.	CHARLES W. CLARKE .. .. 4.
WILLIAM SHIMMANS.. .. 2.	PERCY HOWARD .. .. 5.
CHARLES WEST .. .. 3.	HERBERT SHARP .. ..Tenor.

Conducted by HERBERT SHARP.

**ERITH, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, January 6, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

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

HOLLIS' FIVE-PART. Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM AXTELL .. ..Treble.	ARTHUR J. NEALE .. .. 5.
WILLIAM G. GROVE .. .. 2.	JOHN GARARD .. .. 6.
WILLIAM ALDRIDGE .. .. 3.	HENRY GIBBS .. .. 7.
FREDERICK J. CULLUM .. 4.	GEORGE CULLUM .. ..Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM G. GROVE.

Rung as a birthday peal for Arthur J. Neale, his brother-strings wishing him many happy returns.

**MIRFIELD, YORKS.****THE HEAVY WOOLLEN DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, January 6, 1894, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;**

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 31 cwt.

HERBERT PEACOCK* .. ..Treble.	WALTER BARROWCLOUGH .. 6.
CHARLES PEACOCK* .. .. 2.	WILLIAM HOLMES .. .. 7.
ASA HOLMES† .. .. 3.	JOAH PEACOCK .. .. 8.
HERR VON COLLINSON .. 4.	BENJAMIN ROBINSON.. .. 9.
TOLSON CRAWSHAW .. .. 5.	SAM PEACOCK .. ..Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM HOLMES.

\*First peal. †First peal of Royal. W. Holmes hails from Newcastle-on-Tyne. This is the first peal of Royal by the Association. Messrs. Collinson, Crawshaw, W. Holmes, and S. Peacock were elected members previous to starting.

**DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.****THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, January 6, 1894, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.**

Tenor 20 cwt.

GEORGE WIGHTMAN .. ..Treble.	EDGAR WIGHTMAN .. .. 5.
GEORGE PERRY .. .. 2.	STEPHEN WIGHTMAN, SEN. 6.
JAMES DURRANT.. .. 3.	STEPHEN WIGHTMAN, JUN. 7.
GEORGE THURLOW .. .. 4.	ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN ..Tenor.

Composed by B. ANNABLE and Conducted by GEORGE WIGHTMAN.

Messrs. Perry and Thurlow hail from Framsdon; the others from Cretingham.

**NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.****DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Monday, January 8, 1894, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

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

BROOK'S VARIATION. Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

WILLIAM HOLMES .. ..Treble.	ALFRED F. HILLIER.. .. 5.
CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE.. 2.	FREDK. J. HARRISON.. .. 6.
JAMES W. ROPE* .. .. 3.	FRANCIS LEES .. .. 7.
EMMETT W. J. LINCOLN.. 4.	ALEXANDER SIMM .. ..Tenor.

Conducted by FRANCIS LEES.

\*First peal of Stedman.

**PULFORD, CHESHIRE.***On Saturday, January 6, 1894, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Yorkshire Court, Canterbury Pleasure, College Single, Oxford Bob, Oxford, Kent and Plain Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qrs. 10 lbs.

JOHN MORGAN .. ..Treble.	RICHARD WATKINS .. .. 4.
RICHARD G. WILLIAMS .. 2.	ALFRED MATTHEWS .. .. 5.
RICHARD THOMAS .. .. 3.	JAMES MORGAN .. ..Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES MORGAN.

This peal was rung in the place of the one on November 17th, which included Leicester Court.

## HORBURY, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE AND HEAVY WOOLLEN DISTRICTS ASSOCIATIONS.

On Sunday, January 7, 1894, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Being 720 each of the following:

Primrose, Tulip, City Delight, Arnold's Victory, Duke of York, Violet, and Oxford. Tenor 10½ cwt.

A. YELLAND .. .. . Treble.	H. ROWLEY .. .. . 4.
E. BROOKE .. .. . 2.	G. F. PICKLES .. .. . 5.
G. HUNT .. .. . 3.	R. THICKETT .. .. . Tenor.

Conducted by H. ROWLEY.

First 5040 by all except E. Brooke. This is the first 5040 of Minor rung by the Heavy Woollen District Association.

## SALISBURY, WILTS.

## THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD AND THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Monday, January 8, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE HOUSE OF MR. W. W. GIFFORD, DEVIZES ROAD,

ON HANDBELLS RETAINED IN HAND,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES.

SYDNEY LAWRENCE .. 1-2.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. 5-6.
ARTHUR W. BARKUS .. 3-4.	CHARLES A. CLEMENTS .. 7-8.

WILLIAM GREENLEAF .. 9-10.

Composed by JOHN COX and Conducted by ARTHUR W. BARKUS.

TO THE SOCIETY OF RINGERS AT LOW MOOR, YORKS.—On the 12th of December we received a report of a peal of Treble Bob Major, but no name of the church or town was given. This week we are asked why the peal rang at Drighlington has not been inserted. If our correspondent will send us a perfect report with his name and address (hitherto omitted), we shall be pleased to publish it.

The time of the peal of Stedman Triples rung at Newcastle Cathedral on Tuesday, December 26th, 1893, was mis-stated. It should have been 2 hrs. and 26 mins., and not 3 hrs. and 33 mins.

THE HANDBELL PEAL AT SALISBURY.—This peal, a report of which appeared in last week's "BELL NEWS," was rung in 2 hrs. 31 mins.

## Date Touches.

## STOKE-UPON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

WOLSTANTON (Staffordshire).—On New Year's Eve, at St. Margaret's church, a date touch of 1893 changes (no method mentioned), in 1 hr. 11 mins. H. Bowers, 1; W. Fitchford, 2; T. Miller, 3; F. Grocott, 4; J. Goodhead, 5; C. Ollier (conductor), 6; W. Miller, 7; W. Slater, 8. Tenor 14½ cwt.

## THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

ORMSKIRK (Lancashire).—On Monday, January 1st, the new year was rung in on the parish church bells with a date touch of 1894 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 2 mins. J. Prescott, 1; R. Coombes, 2; A. Halton, 3; J. Pilkington, 4; J. Sholicar (conductor), 5; W. J. Taylor, 6; G. Prescott, 7; F. Stonebridge, 8. Composed by W. Benthams, of Aughton.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

HORLEY (Sussex).—On Sunday, December 31st, on the occasion of ringing the old year out and the new year in, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1893 changes, in 1 hr. 10 mins. W. Wallis, 1; J. Kenward, 2; G. Staplehurst, 3; A. Songhurst, 4; W. Edwards, 5; P. Etheridge, 6; S. Kenward (conductor), 7; T. Buckell, 8. Composed by J. George, of Rugby, and taken from "THE BELL NEWS" of November 26th, 1892.

BEDFORD.—On Sunday, December 31st, at St. Paul's church, a date touch of 1894 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 8 mins. W. Lightfoot, 1; C. Chasty, 2; S. J. Cullip, 3; C. W. Clarke (composer), 4; I. Hills, 5; J. N. Frossell, 6; H. Sharp (conductor), 7; F. Keech, 8. Tenor 27 cwt.

HURSTPIERPOINT (Sussex).—On Monday, January 1st, at Holy Trinity church, a date touch of 1894 changes (no method mentioned), was rung in 1 hr. 13½ mins. T. Gander, 1; T. Mansbridge, 2; H. Pannett, 3; W. Mansbridge, 4; A. Pierce, 5; D. Davey, 6; W. Lander, 7; Rev. K. MacDermott, 8. Some touches of Grandsire Triples and Doubles were rung during the day.

MIRFIELD (Yorks).—On Monday, January 1st, at midnight, at St. Mary's church, a date touch of Kent Treble Bob Royal, 1894 changes, in 1 hr. 16 mins. H. Peacock, 1; C. Peacock, 2; A. Holmes, 3; H. W. Collinson, 4; W. Holmes (Newcastle, composer and conductor), 5; W. Barrowclough, 6; F. J. Harrison (Newcastle), 7; J. Peacock, 8; B. Robinson, 9; S. Peacock, 10. Tenor 30 cwt.

## Miscellaneous.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

WOOBURN (Bucks).—On Sunday, December 24th, after evening service, seven members of the St. Paul's company, with their Instructor, rung 336 Grandsire Triples, in 16 mins. J. Howard, 1; F. Healey, 2; J. West, 3; J. Garrell, 4; W. E. Yates (conductor), 5; F. Couzens, 6; V. Coleman, 7; W. House, 8. This is the first touch by all the band except the conductor, who hails from Marlow. At midnight on Christmas Eve, several well-struck courses of Grandsire Triples, and 6-scores of Doubles were rung, in which G. Rockell, G. Whiteman, and W. Wheatley took part. On Tuesday, December 26th, an attempt was made for Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples, but it came to grief in the 6th part after ringing 1 hr. 42 mins. J. Howard, 1; W. Truss, 2; C. Giles, 3; J. Garrell, 4; J. C. Truss, jun., 5; W. E. Yates, 6; F. Hopgood (conductor), 7; C. Chapman, 8. Howard and Garrell are local men, and this is their first attempt for a peal. The Messrs. Truss and Yates hail from Marlow; the rest from Reading.

GREAT MARLOW (Bucks).—On Wednesday, December 20th, an attempt was made to ring Holt's ten-part peal, but it came to grief in the 10th part after ringing 2 hrs. 50 mins. J. R. Soley, 1; W. Taylor, 2; L. E. Collins, 3; E. Jones, 4; J. C. Truss, sen., 5; W. E. Yates (conductor), 6; J. C. Truss, jun., 7; A. W. Truss, 8. This is the first attempt for a peal by the ringers of the 1st and 2nd. All the above belong to the local band.

WINDSOR (Berks).—On Tuesday, December 26th, at St. John's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 44 mins. W. Ware, 1; A. Andrews, 2; T. E. Harwood, Esq., 3; J. J. Parker, 4; R. Flaxman, 5; G. Stanbrook (conductor), 6; J. Guttridge, 7; F. Guttridge, 8. Tenor 21 cwt. Rung in honour of the marriage of H. G. Owen to Miss J. Elizabeth Rogers.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BROMLEY (Kent).—On Tuesday, December 19th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor. J. Town, 1; W. Ingham, 2; E. Dunn, 3; T. Harford, 4; G. Durling, 5; H. P. Harman (conductor), 6. On Sunday, December 24th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, taken from the first part of Holt's Original. J. Town, 1; E. Dunn, 2; G. Durling, 3; W. Fright, 4; F. S. Bayley, 5; T. Groombridge, 6; H. P. Harman (conductor), 7; W. James, 8. On Christmas morning, for early service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples J. Town, 1; E. Dunn, 2; P. F. Harman, 3; H. P. Harman, 4; G. Durling, 5; G. Simpson, 6; T. Harford (composer and conductor), 7; W. James, 8. On Sunday, December 31st, the opening of the new year was celebrated with a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples (composed by W. Bedwell, Lewisham). G. Simpson, 1; R. G. Humphrey, 2; E. Dunn, 3; W. Fright, 4; G. Durling, 5; T. Harford, 6; H. P. Harman (conductor), 7; W. James, 8. Longest in the method by the conductor. Mr. Bayley hails from Greenwich.

FRINDSBURY (Kent).—On New Year's Eve, at All Saints' church, six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, each called differently, in 26 mins. D. Winsor, 1; C. Tully, 2; J. Tully, 3; C. Winsor (first as conductor), 4; T. Pattenden, 5. Tenor 18 cwt.

SWANSCOMBÉ (Kent).—On Sunday, December 3rd, 720 Kent Treble Bob. W. Harper, 1; W. Clifford, 2; F. J. Ring, 3; L. Digweed, 4; M. Digby, 5; W. Martin (conductor), 6. On Sunday, December 24th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. H. Catton, 1; J. Broom, 2; F. J. Ring, 3; M. Digby, 4; W. Martin, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6. On Monday, December 25th, 720 Plain Bob. A. Roots, 1; F. Hayes, 2; F. Ring, 3; M. Digby, 4; J. Broom, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6. On Sunday, December 31st, for midnight service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. W. Clifford, 1; W. Martin, 2; F. J. Ring, 3; M. Digby, 4; J. Broom, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6.

LEE (Kent).—On Sunday evening, December 31st, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins., taken from Holt's Original. C. Walker, 1; A. C. Bedwell, 2; J. Crowder, 3; T. G. Deal, 4; A. Pheasant, 5; G. H. Daynes, 6; H. Warnett (conductor), 7; W. Preece, 8.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

**FARNHAM (Surrey).**—On Christmas morning, for Divine Service at St. Andrew's church, 630 Grandsire Triples. A. J. LeClercq, 1; A. White, 2; A. Smith, 3; H. L. Garfath (conductor), 4; G. H. Barnett, 5; C. Fry, sen., 6; E. Clapshaw, 7; H. Wright, 8. And in the evening a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44½ mins. A. J. LeClercq, 1; A. Smith, 2; A. White, 3; H. L. Garfath (conductor), 4; G. H. Barnett, 5; C. Fry, sen., 6; E. Clapshaw, 7; H. Wright, 8. For the midnight service on New Year's Eve, 504 Grandsire Triples. A. J. LeClercq, 1; A. White, 2; F. A. Barnett, 3; A. Smith, 4; G. H. Barnett, 5; H. L. Garfath (conductor), 6; E. Clapshaw, 7; H. Wright, 8.

**FAREHAM (Hants).**—On Monday, December 18th, at St. Peter's church, 504 Stedman Triples. C. Privett, 1; E. Reynolds (first 500 in the method), 2; G. Grafham, 3; A. Tomlins, 4; H. Jennings, 5; F. Hill, 6; J. W. Whiting (conductor), 7; G. Grant, 8. On Sunday, December 24th, for evening service, 533 Stedman Triples. A. Coghill, 1; G. Grafham, 2; F. Hill, 3; C. Privett, 4; F. Bennett, 5; G. Passingham, 6; J. W. Whiting (conductor), 7; G. Grant, 8. Reynolds and Tomlins hail from Gosport; Jennings from Ryde; and F. Bennett from Guildford.

**GOSPORT (Hants).**—On Sunday, December 24th, at Holy Trinity church, 1320 changes, being ten 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, and a 6-score of Stedman Doubles. H. Reynolds, 1; F. Burnett, 2; E. Reynolds, 3; A. Peckham, 4; A. E. Tomlins (conductor), 5; R. Davis, 6.

**PORTSEA (Hants).**—On Sunday evening, December 24th, after Divine Service at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 47 mins. A. Stone, 1; W. Cornish, 2; C. Groves, 3; J. Harper, 4; J. T. Matthews, 5; R. Harman, 6; Rev. R. C. M. Harvey (conductor), 7; J. Gould, 8. On Christmas morning, for early Communion, 504 Grandsire Triples. A. Stone, 1; C. Groves, 2; E. Tomlin, 3; J. Symons, 4; J. Harper, 5; J. T. Matthews, 6; Rev. R. C. M. Harvey (conductor), 7; J. Gould, 8. On Thursday, December 28th, on the occasion of a wedding, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 47 mins. C. Groves, 1; W. Cornish, 2; J. Harper, 3; J. T. Matthews, 4; J. Symons, 5; Rev. R. C. M. Harvey (conductor), 6; R. Harman, 7; J. Gould, 8. On Sunday evening, December 31st, for Divine Service, 700 Grandsire Triples. J. Harper, 1; W. Cornish, 2; C. Groves, 3; J. T. Matthews, 4; J. Symons, 5; Rev. R. C. M. Harvey (conductor), 6; J. Gould (longest touch with a bob bell), 7; G. Cornish, 8.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

**LEICESTER.**—On Saturday, December 30th, an attempt was made at St. Mary's church for Holt's Original peal of Grandsire Triples, but it was abandoned after ringing 1 hr. 20 mins., owing to the 4th bell going badly. J. Lakin, 1; W. Cooper, 2; W. H. Inglesant, 3; A. Wilson, 4; W. Willson (conductor), 5; A. R. Aldham, 6; W. Miller, 7; C. Bolton, 8.

**SYSTON (Leicestershire).**—On Saturday, December 16th, at St. Peter's church, the local band made an attempt for Holt's ten-part peal, but a change-course occurring after the middle single the conductor called the bells round. F. Talbot (longest length), 1; G. Freeman, 2; T. Briggs, 3; A. Swann, 4; A. Moore, 5; J. Hall, 6; W. Willson (conductor, Leicester), 7; J. Freeman, 8.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

**WARRINGTON.**—On Monday, December 11th, at St. Paul's church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 25 mins. J. Marriott, 1; F. Stout (first 720 of Kent Treble Bob), 2; W. Brammer (first 720 of Kent as conductor), 3; G. Bebbington, 4; A. Oxley, 5; E. Edwardson, 6. First 720 of Kent on the bells by all local men. On Wednesday, December 13th, 720 Oxford Bob Minor, in 25½ mins. J. Marriott, 1; F. Stout, 2; A. Oxley, 3; G. Bebbington, 4; W. Brammer, 5; E. Edwardson (conductor), 6. The above company have rung seventeen complete 720s of Minor during the year in the following methods: eight of Plain Bob, three of Oxford Bob, three of Canterbury Pleasure, and three of Kent Treble Bob.

## STOKE-ON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

**WOLSTANTON (Staffordshire).**—On Tuesday, November 7th, at St. Margaret's church, 1440 Kent Treble Bob Major in 55 mins. S. Holden, 1; W. Fitchford, 2; T. Miller (conductor), 3; F. Grocott, 4; J. Goodhead, 5; W. Grice, 6; W. Miller, 7; C. Ollier, 8. On Christmas Day, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. H. Bowers, 1; W. Miller, 2; S. Holden, 3; F. Grocott, 4; J. Goodhead, 5; T. Miller (conductor), 6; W. Fitchford, 7; W. Slater, 8. Tenor 14½ cwt.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

**BOSBURY (Herefordshire).**—On Saturday, December 30th, 720 of Grandsire Doubles (being six 6-scores, each called differently), in 26 mins. H. Davies, 1; C. Edwards (conductor), 2; S. Turner, 3; F. Turner, 4; F. Phillips, 5; W. Jones, 6. On Wednesday, January 3rd, three 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. H. Davies, 1; F. Turner, 2; C. Edwards (conductor), 3; S. Turner, 4; F. Phillips, 5; W. Jones, 6. A 6-score on handbells, retained in hand. H. Davies, 1; T. Turner, 2; S. Turner, 3; C. Edwards (conductor), 4-5; R. Badham, 6. And several courses of Grandsire Minor. H. Davies, 1; F. Phillips, 2; S. Turner, 3; F. Turner, 4; C. Edwards, 5-6. This is the first 720 of changes ever rung by a local company, and great credit is due to the district instructor, Mr. C. Edwards, for the interest and trouble he has taken to get them on, as they only commenced to learn change-ringing in May last, and change-ringing is rather a difficult matter here, particularly for beginners, on account of the ropes being in a line, and the bells going very heavily, but the local ringers hope to have them rehung at an early date.

## THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

**ORDSALL (Notts).**—On Saturday, December 16th, 720 Plain Bob Minor in 25 mins. H. Merrills, 1; G. M. Farr, 2; J. C. Whetstone, 3; H. Blagg, 4; J. B. Joynes (conductor), 5; J. White, 6. On Sunday afternoon, December 24th, for the Children's Service, 720 Plain Bob Minor. H. Merrills, 1; W. Preston (first 720 in the method as conductor), 2; J. B. Joynes, 3; H. Blagg, 4; H. Haigh, 5; J. White, 6. On Tuesday, December 26th, 360 Plain Bob Minor. J. C. Whetstone, 1; W. Preston, 2; — Clarke, 3; H. Blagg (longest touch in the method as conductor), 4; G. Chester, 5; J. White, 6. Messrs. Chester and Clarke hail from Lincoln; the rest are local men. In the afternoon, on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. H. Haigh to Miss Hopkinson, 720 Plain Bob Minor in 25 mins. H. Merrills, 1; W. Preston, 2; J. B. Joynes, 3; H. Blagg, 4; J. C. Whetstone (first 720 as conductor), 5; J. White, 6. And 720 Grandsire Minor. H. Merrills, 1; W. Preston (conductor), 2; J. B. Joynes, 3; H. Blagg, 4; H. Lambert (first 720 in any method), 5; J. White, 6.

**WEST RETFORD (Notts).**—On Wednesday, December 13th, 720 Grandsire Minor in 25 mins. H. Blagg, 1; J. C. Whetstone, 2; W. Drake (conductor), 3; W. H. Johnson, 4; W. H. Hopkinson, 5; J. White, 6. On Tuesday, December 19th, 720 in the same method. G. Swannack, 1; S. J. Hemsworth, 2; W. Drake (conductor), 3; H. Blagg, 4; W. H. Hopkinson, 5; R. Potter, 6. First 720 on the bells by S. J. Hemsworth.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

**STANSTED (Essex).**—On Sunday, December 24th, at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, for Divine service in the morning, 720 York Surprise, in 25 mins. G. Jordan, 1; I. Hammond, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. Also for afternoon service, 720 Plain Bob Minor. T. Jordan, 1; G. Jordan, 2; I. Hammond, 3; G. Gray, 4; W. Watts (conductor), 5; J. Luckey, 6. On Christmas morning, at 6.30 a.m., 360 Oxford Treble Bob. J. Cavill, 1; G. Jordan, 2; I. Hammond, 3; G. Gray, 4; W. Watts (conductor), 5; J. Luckey, 6. For morning service, 720 Cambridge Surprise. J. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; G. Gray, 3; T. J. Watts, 4; W. Watts, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. On Saturday, December 30th, an attempt was made to ring 5040 in seven Treble Bob methods, but it came to grief in the last lead of the third 720, in 1 hr. 15 mins. The methods rang were Kent, Oxford, and Woodbine Treble Bob. T. J. Watts, 1; G. Jordan, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; I. Hammond, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. On Sunday, December 31st, for morning service, 720 Superlative Surprise, in 25 mins. G. Jordan, 1; I. Hammond, 2; W. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. Tenor 13 cwt.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

**HORBURY (Yorks).**—On Sunday, December 24th, at the parish church, an attempt was made to ring a 5040 in seven methods, which unfortunately came to grief after ringing 2 hrs. 30 mins., owing to an accident in the striking gear of the clock, which caused the tenor bell to come down. A. Yelland, 1; E. Brooke, 2; G. Hunt, 3; H. Rowley (conductor), 4; G. F. Pickles, 5; R. Thickett, 6.

**ARMLEY (Leeds).**—On Sunday, December 31st, at Christ Church, for the 6.30 p.m. service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. F. Blackith (first 720), 1; B. Cowling, 2; J. Thackray, 3; J. Heckingbottom, 4; M. Broadbent (conductor), 5; J. Thackray, 6. For the 11 p.m. watch-night service, a 720 Oxford Treble Bob, in 27 mins. J. Thackray (conductor), 1; F. Blackith (first 720 with a bob bell), 2; B. Cowling, 3; J. Heckingbottom, 4; M. Broadbent, 5; J. Thackray, 6. Tenor 16 cwt. F. Blackith has been learning ringing about five months.

**BALCOMBE (Sussex).**—On Sunday, December 24th, for evening service, 720 Kent Treble Bob. A. Gasson, 1; C. Holman, 2; F. Streeter, 3; R. Streeter, 4; T. Streeter, 5; E. Streeter (conductor), 6. Also 240, standing as before. After service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob, standing as before. Also 360 Violet Treble Bob. R. Bourne, 1; the rest as before. On Christmas Day, for morning service, 720 Kent Treble Bob. E. Stoner, 1; C. Holman, 2; F. Streeter, 3; R. Streeter, 4; T. Streeter, 5; E. Streeter (conductor), 6. Also 720 Oxford Treble Bob. A. Gasson, 1; rest as before. On Boxing Day, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. R. Bourne, 1; R. Streeter, 2; C. Holman, 3; A. Gasson, 4; T. Streeter, 5; E. Streeter (conductor), 6. Also 240 Plain Bob. A. Gasson, 1; R. Streeter, 2; F. Streeter, 3; E. Stoner, 4; T. Streeter, 5; C. Holman (conductor), 6. Also 720 Violet. E. Stoner, 1; R. Bourne, 2; F. Streeter, 3; T. Streeter, 4; R. Streeter, 5; E. Streeter (conductor), 6. Also 720 College Exercise. A. Gasson, 1; C. Holman, 2; F. Streeter, 3; T. Streeter, 4; R. Streeter, 5; E. Streeter (conductor), 6. The ringers then adjourned to the Half Moon inn, where Host W. Yarham had provided a good lunch for them, free of cost. After ringing three courses, one each of Beef, Ham and Turkey, and Plum Pudding, Mr. R. Bourne called "stand." Returning to the belfry, they rang 720 of Woodbine. A. Gasson, 1; C. Holman, 2; F. Streeter, 3; T. Streeter, 4; R. Streeter, 5; E. Streeter (conductor), 6. On Thursday, December 28th, for practice, 360 Plain Bob. J. Bates, 1; J. Wedge, 2; A. Gasson, 3; E. Stoner, 4; E. Streeter, 5; C. Holman (conductor), 6. And 360 Violet. E. Stoner, 1; R. Bourne, 2; J. Gasson, 3; C. Holman, 4; J. Wedge, 5; E. Streeter (conductor), 6. Also 720 Kent Treble Bob. E. Stoner, 1; R. Bourne, 2; C. Holman, 3; A. Gasson, 4; J. Wedge, 5; E. Streeter (conductor), 6. On Monday, January 1st, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. E. Stoner, 1; R. Bourne, 2; C. Holman, 3; A. Gasson, 4; J. Wedge, 5; J. Gasson (conductor), 6. Also 360 Kent Treble Bob. A. Gasson, 1; R. Bourne, 2; F. Streeter, 3; J. Wedge, 4; C. Holman, 5; J. Gasson (conductor), 6. R. and T. Streeter were formerly members of the Balcombe branch, and were home at Christmas for their holidays.

**BRIXTON (Surrey).**—On Sunday, December 17th, at the church of St. John-the-Divine, Vassall Road, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung for evening service, in 47 mins. F. G. Newman (conductor), 1; A. P. Goddard (Salisbury), 2; F. S. Bayley (Lewisham), 3; W. T. Cockerell, 4; R. Harrison (Sheffield), 5; C. H. Watts (Salisbury), 6; G. Wild, 7; W. F. Meads, 8.

**CHIPPING (Lancashire).**—On Sunday, December 24th, 720 of Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles), 720 Canterbury Pleasure (eighteen bobs and two singles), and 720 of College Singles (eighteen bobs and two singles). On Christmas Day, 720 of Grandsire Minor (thirty-four bobs two singles). On New Year's eve, at midnight, 720 of College Singles (eighteen bobs and two singles), and 720 Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles). R. Kenyon, 1; F. Timbrell, 2; J. Kenyon, 3; E. Timbrell, 4; T. Seed, 5; E. Seed, 6. The Bob Minor was conducted by R. Kenyon, the rest by E. Timbrell.

**COGGESHALL (Essex).**—On Monday, January 1st, at the parish church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 27 mins. R. Potter, 1; W. Dyer, 2; J. Sadler (first 720 with a bob bell), 3; D. Elliott, sen., 4; W. Beckwith, 5; D. Elliott, jun. (conductor), 6. Tenor 22 cwt.

**HORSMONDEN (Kent).**—On Christmas Day, at St. Margaret's church, 720 Bob Minor, in 28 mins. T. Lambert, 1; G. Hodge, 2; F. Butchers, 3; W. Lambert, 4; J. Beach, 5; F. Lambert (conductor), 6. Also 720 Grandsire, in 28 mins. F. Lambert (conductor), 4; W. Lambert, 5; J. Beach, 6. And 720 of Bob Minor, in 27 mins. W. Hyland, 2; the rest as before. Hyland belongs to Upchurch, Kent.

**RUGBY (Warwickshire).**—On Wednesday, January 3rd, at 28, Bath Street, on handbells, a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles. J. Bounds, 1-2; T. Blackburn (Salisbury), 3-4; J. George (conductor), 5-6.

**SNATH (Yorks).**—On Sunday evening, December 24th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor (twenty-four bobs and eighteen singles). R. Pocklington, 1; G. Holmes, 2; E. Pick, 3; R. Holmes, 4; C. Tree, 5; J. D. Bullock (conductor), 6. On Christmas Day at 7 a.m., 720 Bob Minor (thirty singles and twelve bobs). And for Divine Service at 10.30, 720 Bob Minor (twenty-nine singles and thirteen bobs). R. Pocklington, 1; G. Holmes, 2; E. Pick, 3; C. Tree, 4; R. Holmes, 5; J. D. Bullock (conductor), 6. On New Year's eve at midnight, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen singles and nine bobs), standing as before. An attempt was also made for a date touch, which came to grief after ringing 947 changes, owing to a change-course.

**SKIRBECK (Lincolnshire).**—On Sunday, December 31st, at St. Nicolas' church, with the bells muffled, the old year was rung out with a 6-score each of the following methods; Grandsire, Plain Bob

and April Day. And to welcome the new year, with the bells open, a 6-score each of Earl Soham Delight, Primrose and Old Doubles. J. Colman, 1; J. E. Clark, 2; C. R. Lilley, 3; H. Palmer (conductor), 4; T. Woods, 5.

**ST. ALBANS (Herts).**—On New Year's Eve, for Divine Service at the Cathedral at midnight, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, with the bells half-muffled as a tribute to the dying year. H. Brewer, 1; A. Hull, 2; J. W. Brewer, 3; R. E. Hammond, 4; R. Weatherly, 5; W. H. Buckingham, 6; N. N. Hills (conductor), 7; H. L. Waddington, 8.

**STEYNING (Sussex).**—On Sunday evening, December 3rd, for Divine Service, 504 Grandsire Triples. E. Rapley, 1; J. Woolgar, 2; J. Matthews, 3; C. Chambers, 4; G. Gatland, 5; H. Meetens, 6; W. Collison (conductor), 7; E. Turrell, 8. On Wednesday, December 6th, 504 Stedman Triples. G. Gatland, 1; W. Woolgar, 2; J. Matthews, 3; C. Smart (conductor), 4; H. Meetens (first 504 in the method), 5; T. Searle, 6; J. Smart, 7; A. Gatland, 8. On Sunday evening, December 10th, for Divine Service, 504 Stedman Triples. J. Matthews, 1; J. Smart, 2; A. Gatland (first 504 in the method), 3; G. Gatland, 4; C. Smart, 5; W. Collison, 6; C. Tyler (conductor), 7; W. Woolgar, 8. On Thursday, December 14th, for practice, 504 Stedman Triples. E. Rapley (first 504 in the method), 1; W. Woolgar, 2; J. Matthews, 3; J. Woolgar, 4; C. Chambers, 5; C. Smart (conductor), 6; G. Gatland, 7; H. Meetens, 8. On Sunday evening, December 17th, for Divine Service, 504 Stedman Triples (nine bobs), containing Queens and Tittums. C. Smart (conductor), 1; H. Meetens, 2; J. Smart, 3; J. Matthews, 4; C. Chambers, 5; J. Woolgar, 6; G. Gatland, 7; E. Turrell, 8. On Sunday morning, December 24th, for Divine Service, 504 Stedman Triples. G. Smart (conductor), 1; W. Woolgar, 2; J. Smart, 3; W. Collison, 4; F. Morris (Brighton), 5; C. Chambers, 6; J. Woolgar, 7; J. Matthews, 8. For evening service 504 Grandsire Triples. E. Rapley, 1; J. Matthews, 2; J. Woolgar, 3; W. Woolgar, 4; J. Smart, 5; H. Meetens, 6; C. Smart (conductor), 7; E. Turrell, 8. After evening service 504 Stedman Triples. W. Woolgar, 1; J. Woolgar, 2; H. Meetens, 3; J. Matthews, 4; J. Smart, 5; G. Gatland, 6; C. Smart (conductor), 7; E. Turrell, 8. On Christmas Day, for morning service, 504 Stedman Triples. J. Woolgar, 1; J. Matthews, 2; W. Collison, 3; J. Smart, 4; C. Chambers, 5; G. Gatland, 6; G. Smart (conductor), 7; E. Turrell, 8. On Thursday, December 28th, for practice, 550 Stedman Triples, taken from A. P. Heywood's date touch for 1894. J. Smart, 1; E. Rapley, 2; J. Matthews, 3; W. Woolgar, 4; W. Collison, 5; H. Meetens, 6; C. Smart (conductor), 7; A. Gatland, 8. Also 504 in the same method. H. Meetens, 1; A. Gatland, 2; E. Rapley, 3; C. Smart, 4; J. Smart, 5; G. Gatland, 6; W. Collison (conductor), 7; W. Woolgar, 8. On Sunday evening, December 31st, for Divine Service, 504 Grandsire Triples. E. Rapley, 1; J. Smart, 2; H. Meetens, 3; C. Chambers, 4; W. Woolgar, 5; J. Woolgar, 6; C. Smart (conductor), 7; A. Gatland, 8.

**TOWN MALLING (Kent).**—On New Year's Eve, with the bells half-muffled, two 720s of Bob Minor. And after midnight with the bells open, 216 in the same method with 6-8 covering. W. Smith, 1; J. Capon, 2; D. Hall, 3; Rev. A. L. Brine, 4; R. W. Harden, 5; W. Buss, 6; J. W. Leonard (conductor), 7; J. Hilder, 8. All the above with the exception of J. Hilder are members of the Kent County Association.

### Correspondence.

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

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

### THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

SIR,—I observe the preliminary notice of the Central Council in "THE BELL NEWS" to-day. Believing this body to be of the highest importance to ringers, and viewing it as an organisation of church workers worthy of universal recognition, I would venture to urge upon those Associations that have not already done so, to elect their representatives without delay. With sincere regret I observed that the Lancashire Association decided to send but one delegate; I trust there is time for that decision to be re-considered before next Easter, and that they will make up their full number. There are numerous and weighty matters for discussion, not the least of which is the formation of a benevolent fund, where without thorough unity and co-operation, no practical good can be accomplished. Moreover, unless the Central Council is universally recognised as thoroughly representative, it can never attain to that influence which it really deserves, and which is the aim of its founders. J. S. PRITCHETT.

Hill Top, King's Norton, Worcestershire.



## Notices.

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

**Preliminary Notice.**—On Saturday, February 3rd, a Change-ringing contest on handbells will take place at Uppermill, Saddleworth, when the following prizes, and the Hollingworth Silver Challenge Cup will be given for the best two courses. One of Grandsire Triples, and one of Grandsire Major. The cup to be held by the winning company for twelve months, to be competed for every year. First prize £2; Second £1; Third 10s.; Fourth 5s. Also a contest on Ten bells, for the best course of Grandsire Caters. First prize 15s.; Second 5s.; circulars and full particulars on application to the secretary, JONATHAN PELLING  
*Lee Street, Uppermill, Near Oldham.*

**The United Counties' Association.**—The Annual meeting will be held at St. George's Church, Mossley, to-day, Saturday, January 13. Tea in the Schoolroom, at 5 p.m. Tickets 6d. each, for the numbers sent in. Business meeting immediately after tea.

JOSEPH RADCLIFFE, *Hon. Sec.*

*Church Road, Uppermill, Near Oldham.*

**The Lancashire Association.**—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Middleton Parish Church, to-day, Saturday, January 13th. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Business meeting at 6.30 p.m. Method for practice—Kent Treble Bob.

EDMUND SCHOFIELD, *Branch Sec.*

*63, Clark Street, Rochdale.*

**All Saints' Society, Fulham.**—The Annual General Meeting will take place to-day, Saturday, January 13th. The tower will be open to members and friends at 4 p.m. Tea in Church Room, at 6 p.m. at 9d. each. Business meeting afterwards.

J. GREEN, *Sec.*

*Fulham Palace.*

**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. By kind permission of the Rector (Rev. Canon Nicholl), and the Rev. G. Streatfield, the bells of the parish church (6), and Immanuel church (8), will be at the disposal of the members.

R. B. BLANCHARD, *Hon. Sec. pro tem.*

*13, Sunnyside Road, Streatham.*

**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.*

**The Middlesex Association.**—A meeting of this Association will be held at St. Mary's, Stoke Newington, on Saturday, January 20th. Ringing at 5 o'clock.

PERCY HOWARD, *Hon. Sec.*

*Manor House, Biddenham, Near Bedford.*

**The Midland Counties' Association.**—The third quarterly meeting of the year will be held at Derby, on Saturday, January 20th, the following towers open from 2 p.m., viz.: All Saints' (10) bells, St. Andrew's, St. Alkmund's, St. Luke's, and St. Werburgh's (8) bells. Committee meeting at 4 at the Midland Road

Coffee House (special business to consider the preparation of the report). Tea and general meeting at 5, visiting members will be charged 6d. each for tea, local members 1s. each as usual. All members who intend being present at the tea are requested to send their names to Mr. C. Draper, Grange Street, Derby, not later than Thursday, the 18th inst. Parties of eight or more can obtain fare and a quarter tickets by giving three days' notice at any station.

J. O. LANCASHIRE, *Hon. Sec.*

*22, St. Peter's Road, Leicester.*

**The Essex Association.**—A District meeting will be held on Saturday, January 27th, at Waltham Abbey. Further particulars will be given. A good attendance of members is particularly desired.

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

*Writtle, Chelmsford.*

**The St. James' Society, London.**—There will be the usual fortnightly meeting of this Society on Monday next at St. Clement Danes, and it is desirous that members should attend to discuss various business matters.

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

**Lancashire Association.**—Rossendale Branch.—Notice.—Meeting to be held at St. Paul's, Ramsbottom, Saturday, January 20th. Bells ready 3.30. Meeting 6 o'clock. Methods for practice—Kent Treble Bob, Grandsire Triples and Bob Major.

*7, Church Street.*

J. B. TAYLOR, *Sec.*

**Waterloo Society, London.**—The Annual Dinner of the Society will take place at the York Hotel, Waterloo Road, on Saturday, February 3rd. Tickets 3s. each, to be obtained of the following members of the dinner committee: Mr. G. Wild, 8, Frances Street, Waterloo Road, S.E., Mr. J. Davis, 2, Westdown Terrace, Camden Street, Peckham, Mr. E. P. O'Meara, 64, Swan Street, Great Dover Street, S.E., Mr. A. Davis, 419, Old Kent Road, S.E., Mr. F. G. Perrin, 370, Munton Road, New Kent Road, S.E.

F. G. PERRIN, *Hon. Sec.*

**Midland Counties' Association.**—Nuneaton Branch.—The Annual Meeting of this Branch will be held at Nuneaton on Saturday, January 20th, when the election of officers will take place. Tower open at 3.15 p.m.

HARRY ARGYLE, *Local Hon. Sec.*

*Wheat Street, Nuneaton.*

**The Norwich Diocesan Association.**—Halesworth District.—The third quarterly meeting will be held at Bramfield, on Saturday, January 20th. Bells ready at 5 p.m. Meeting at 7 p.m. All ringers and friends are earnestly invited.

JOHN LARTER, *District Sec.*

*Henham.*

**St. Mary's, Beddington, Society.**—The 24th Annual Dinner of the above Society will take place at the Plough Inn, Beddington, on Saturday, January 20th. Dinner on table at 6.45 p.m. sharp. Tickets, 3s. 6d. each, to be obtained of the Secretary, J. W. TRAPPITT.

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**Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.**—Anniversary Meeting at Bristol, Saturday, January 27th. Short service St. Stephen's church 3 p.m., preacher, the Reverend the Master. Business meeting in vestry afterwards. Election of officers for ensuing twelve-month, etc. Knife and fork tea at 5.30 p.m. at

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JNO. J. COOK, *Secretary.*

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F. G. PERRIN, *Hon. Sec.*

**NOTE TO THE PEAL AT WALWORTH.**—This is the first peal by the Society, which was formed about eight months ago in connection with this church. It was rung as a farewell peal to the Rector, the Rev. J. H. Hazell, M.A., who is leaving the parish after many years' arduous labour. The ringers take this opportunity of again thanking him for his kindness to them, and heartily wish him success in his new sphere. W. F. Meads was elected a member of the Society previous to starting.

## ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

**AN ORDINARY MEMBER.**—Instead of inserting your letter we have forwarded your complaint to the proper quarter.

**SUNDERLAND.**—On New Year's morning, at Holy Trinity church, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). On Sunday evening, January 7th, for Divine Service, 360 Grandsire Minor (eighteen bobs). J. Hawse, 1; T. Nanson, 2; J. Beason, 3; W. Smallwood, 4; R. Millar, 5; J. Naisby (conductor), 6; W. Beason, 7; R. H. Leighton, 8. J. Hawse is only fifteen years of age, and it is the first time he has rung Grandsire Minor; also the first time by J. Beason.

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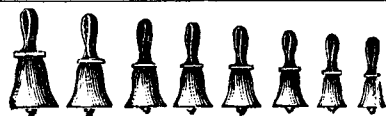
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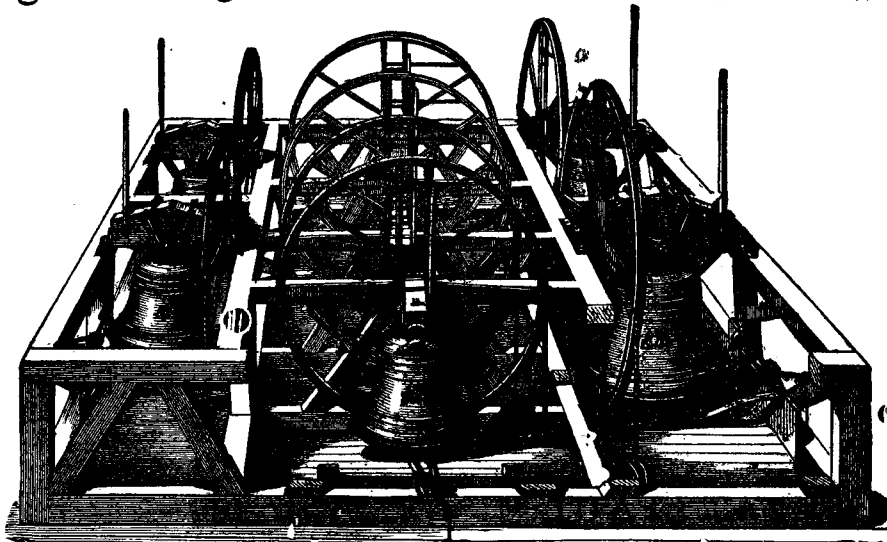
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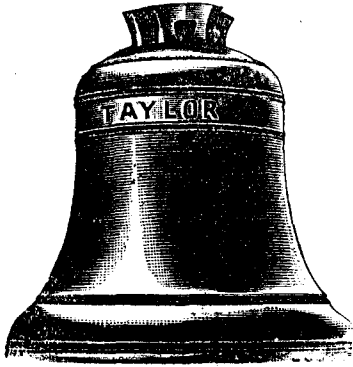
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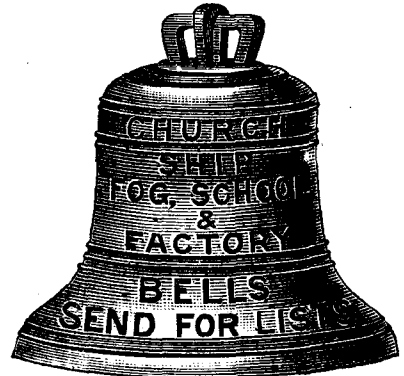
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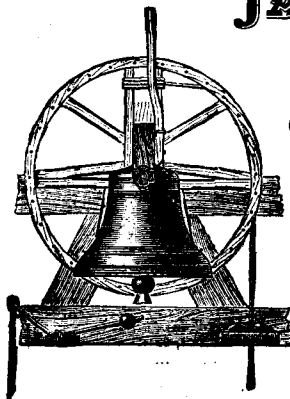
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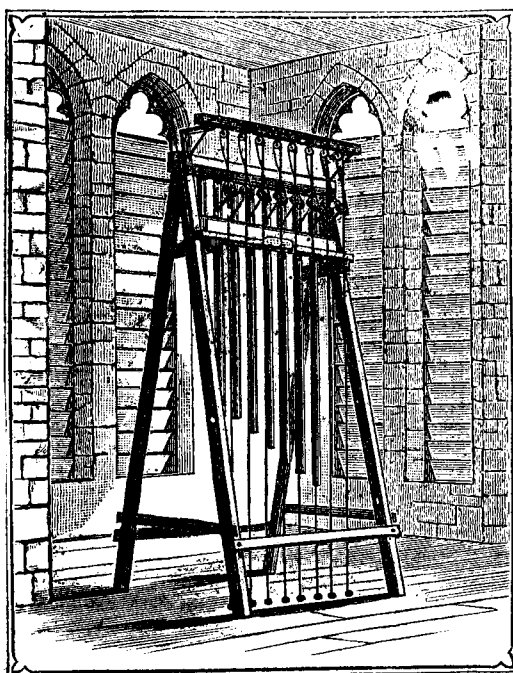
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## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN BRANCH.—The Annual Meeting of the above branch took place at Walton parish church on Saturday, January 6th. Members attended from Garston, Manchester, Warrington, Woolton; also the local company. The tower was open for ringing at 3 o'clock, and at 6.30 the members sat down to tea in the Girls' Schoolroom. Shortly after 7 o'clock the business meeting was held, presided over by the Rev. J. G. Leigh, Rector of Walton. The rev. gentleman expressed the pleasure it afforded him to meet those present, and extended to all a cordial welcome. He was extremely pleased that the Association was in such a flourishing condition, and hoped it would continue so. He also endorsed the remarks of Dr. Oliver at the previous meeting, and that was in ringers attending Divine Service as often as possible. He was sure a vast amount of good had been done by the Association's meetings, and he trusted the ringers would do all in their power to keep up the reputation. He heard that several members of the Liverpool Diocesan Guild were about to join the Association, and he trusted the day would not be far distant when they would all be together again. One important item on the agenda paper was the election of Secretary for the next twelve months, and he was very sorry indeed to hear that Messrs. Wilson and Somerville were not seeking re-election. Too much could not be said as to the able manner in which the duties had been carried out, and he hoped a suitable successor would be appointed. He was also pleased to see that a junior company of ringers had been formed at Walton, and to his mind it was an excellent idea, as when vacancies arose in the senior company, their places could be more readily filled. He listened to the junior ringers on New Year's morning, after the senior ringers had finished, and he must confess the ringing was excellent. He hoped they would go on and improve, and he was sure, under the tuition of Mr. Wilson, who never seemed to tire in this respect, they would soon become proficient in the Art. He would now call upon Mr. Wilson to give them a review of the past year.

Mr. C. E. Wilson then said: It is now almost twelve months ago since I and Mr. Somerville were appointed Secretaries, and as our term expires to-day, I am sure you would like to know what has been done during the year 1923. Twenty-five performing members, three non-resident members, and two life members have joined our ranks, which, when contrasted with the year 1892, when eleven performing members and two life members were elected, shews a considerable increase as far as performing and non-resident members are concerned. Eleven meetings have been held, and out of that number six have provided tea free of charge. During the year 1892, it was spoken of more than once, that owing to the scarcity of members attending the monthly meetings, it was thought advisable to change them to quarterly ones instead. Such, however, did not take place, and I am very pleased to say that all the meetings, without exception, have been well attended. Now I put this down in a great measure to the leaflets that have been circulated from time to time relating to various methods, as it enabled members to attend and get practice in a particular method that they could not get in their own tower. The system of advertising different methods for practice originated from the Liverpool Diocesan Branch, and other Associations are now adopting the same plan. Now I want to say a few words about the Liverpool Diocesan Guild. It would give me very great pleasure indeed to see us all united, and I have no doubt it could be brought about if we only work the right way. I have at the present time fourteen names to propose as new members, they having expressed a wish to join us, and perhaps in a little time others will follow. Now I hope no feeling of jealousy will be shewn when these members attend our meetings, but that we shall all unite and band ourselves together so as to make our Association second to none in England. I now tender you my resignation, and I earnestly hope that we shall all do our utmost to further the interests of our grand Association, and where it is possible to lend a helping hand let us do it willingly, and be kind and affectionate one towards another.

On the motion of Mr. Hislop, seconded by Mr. Gratrix, the report was adopted.

Mr. T. R. Somerville said how sorry he was that he could not offer himself for re-election as Secretary, but owing to business matters his time was fully occupied.

Mr. J. J. Marriott Moore, of Warrington, was elected Secretary for the next twelve months. The next meeting is arranged to take place at Prescott, on Saturday, February 3rd. The minutes of the previous meeting held at Garston were read and confirmed. Fourteen new members were elected. The ringers afterwards adjourned to the tower, when the following rang a 720 of Bob Minor, in 26 mins. J. J. Marriot-Moore, 1; J. Gratrix, 2; A. Oxley, 3; R. Green, 4; T. Jennions, 5; C. E. Wilson (conductor), 6. Walton bells will be placed at the disposal of any company of ringers wishing to have a ring on Saturday afternoons.

## THE BIRMINGHAM AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

On Tuesday evening, January 2nd, the ringers of St. Philip's church, Birmingham, were the guests of Dr. Malins, one of the churchwardens, at his residence. On arrival the visitors were welcomed by their worthy host, who, after wishing them all a happy and prosperous new year, escorted them to the dining-room, where were assembled Mrs. Malins and family, also the Misses Maud and Daisy Malins (of Dublin), nieces of the host, and Lieutenant Percy Malins (of the 1st West India regiment, stationed at Jamaica), the doctor's nephew. A good substantial dinner was awaiting, which was heartily enjoyed. Unfortunately, Dr. Malins was called away for a short time, the Lieutenant taking his place for the time being, the gallant officer doing much to delight and amuse the company. The cloth drawn, and grace having been said, the gentlemen adjourned to enjoy a few whiffs of the fragrant weed, through some good old "churchwardens," which had been provided through the kind forethought of the doctor. After a short period spent in this manner, the guests once more were favoured with the presence of the ladies, when Miss Lena Malins played a beautiful selection of music on the mandoline, which was highly appreciated. Mr. Herbert Malins then gave "Mr. 'Enery 'Awkins" in capital style, followed by Miss Maud Malins singing "Mona," and Miss Daisy Malins by special request, singing "Daisy." Lieutenant Malins also rendered a very humorous song, entitled "Mary's Little Lamb," which caused great amusement. Several ringers also contributed to the harmony by singing various humorous and topical songs, and courses of Grandsire Triples and Caters were rung on the handbells, and two of the company played selections.

The vice-president of the society, Mr. G. Walker, then proposed "The Health of Dr. and Mrs. Malins and family." He cordially thanked the doctor, on behalf of his brother-ringers, for his liberal and generous hospitality towards them that evening. They (the ringers of St. Philip's) felt proud of such a supporter of ringing as the doctor was, and one that took such a deep interest in their work. With the toast the speaker said he would couple the name of the Bishop of Coventry, who was always ready to assist the ringers whenever an opportunity presented itself. He trusted that the Bishop might long remain with them, and that Dr. Malins might long be spared to continue in office as churchwarden.

This toast was supported by Mr. John Carter, and drank with musical honours.

In responding, Dr. Malins thanked them all for the kind way in which they had received the toast. It was a great pleasure to him to have the ringers as his guests that evening, and he hoped he should have the pleasure of entertaining the ringers of St. Philip's church on many future occasions.

"Auld lang syne" was then given, and after a few more remarks from the doctor, the National Anthem was sung, and the company separated, not however before each guest had been presented by their kind host with a handsome new year's gift.

Through the columns of this journal the ringers wish to thank the ladies of Dublin, and Miss Lena Malins, Mr. Herbert Malins, and Lieutenant Malins, for the kind manner in which they entertained them.

## THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly meeting of this Association was held at Claycross, on Saturday, December 30th. A good muster of ringers were present from Eckington, Killamarsh, Treeton, Wingfield, Norton, Claycross, and Bolsterstone. Mr. J. C. Cook, honorary secretary of the East Derbyshire Association had kindly made arrangements with the Vicar for the use of the bells for the day. The business meeting was held in the club room at The Nag's Head, the chair being taken by Mr. G. Marsden. The minutes having been read and confirmed.

Mr. T. Lunn proposed, and Mr. J. P. Tarlton seconded, that the annual general meeting be held at the Central Tower, Staveley, on Easter Monday, March 26th, that a dinner be provided, and the honorary secretary be instructed to arrange with the local company for dinner, and place of meeting.

Mr. T. Bettison and Mr. C. Severn were appointed auditors.

On the motion of Mr. T. Clough, seconded by Mr. J. P. Tarlton, it was resolved that the funds of the society be placed in the bank.

Messrs. Cook, Marshall, and Maycock were elected members.

A hearty vote of thanks to the vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells was proposed by Mr. T. Lunn and seconded by Mr. T. Millington.

Votes of thanks to the secretaries was proposed by Mr. J. Allen and seconded by Mr. G. Marsden.

The Secretary, in reply, thanked the members for their kind votes of thanks, remarking that he had been able to attend every meeting since the formation of the society, and hoped to be able to do the same in the future.

Votes of thanks to Messrs. Cook and Marsden concluded the meeting.

The following ringing was done during the afternoon:—A 720 of Violet. A. Slater, 1; G. Burnham, 2; E. James, 3; T. Lunn, 4; G. Marsden (conductor), 5; J. Allen, 6. A 720 of Oxford. E. Baker, 1; J. Brothwell, 2; W. Lambert, 3; J. P. Tarlton, 4; D. Brearley, 5; R. Baker (conductor), 6. A 360 Duke of York. J. Atkin, 1; J. Brothwell, 2; J. Emsen, 3; W. Lambert, 4; T. Bettinson, 5; C. Severn (conductor), 6. A 720 of London Scholars' Pleasure. A. Slater, 1; J. Brothwell, 2; W. Lambert, 3; G. Burnham, 4; T. Bettinson (conductor), 5; C. Severn, 6. Messrs. R. and E. Baker hail from Bungay, Suffolk.

## ST. ALBANS, HERTS.

On Friday evening, January 5th, the annual supper given to the Cathedral bell-ringers and choir by Archdeacon Lawrance, took place at the Rectory, when the chair was occupied by the Ven. Archdeacon of St. Albans, and the vice-chair was occupied by Mr. C. Woollam (churchwarden). Mr. Kent and Dr. Lipscombe were unable to attend owing to illness, and Dr. Bates was absent from the same cause. The usual toast of prosperity to the choir and bell-ringers was given by Archdeacon Lawrance, and the toast of the choir was responded to by Mr. G. Gaffe. F.C.O. (organist), and that of the bell-ringers by Mr. H. L. Waddington, hon. secretary of the Cathedral Society of change-ringers. Mr. Keightley gave the toast of "The Churchwardens," and Mr. Gaffe that of "The Assistant Clergy." Mr. C. Woollam responded to the toast of "The Churchwardens," and the Rev. G. H. P. Glossop and the Rev. T. T. Blockley to that of "The Assistant Clergy." Mr. Phipps submitted the toast of "The Rector's Family," which was responded to by Mr. Alban Lawrance. Several glees and songs were rendered during the evening, and a very pleasant time was spent.

## STANSTEAD, SUFFOLK.

On Sunday evening, December 31st, the ringers met at the house of R. Gowers, for the purpose of ringing the old year out and the new year in. They partook of bread and cheese, and ale, given by the kind Rector, Rev. F. Pearson. At half-past eleven they went to the tower and raised the bells, and at a quarter to twelve a start was made, and a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, and a 360 of Plain Bob were rung. Firing the bells brought the ringing to a close. A. Papworth, 1; R. Theobald, 2; G. Smith, 3; A. Clarke, 4; R. Brett, 5; R. Gowers (conductor), 6. And a 720 of Plain Bob on handbells. R. Theobald, 1-2; A. Clarke, 3-4; R. Gowers (conductor), 5; G. Smith, 6.

## THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 27th, the members of the Penarth branch of the above Association held their annual outing, the places chosen being Llantrissant and Peterstone-super-Ely. Arriving at the former place about twelve o'clock they were welcomed by the curate and some of the local band. They lost no time in getting to work, and were most agreeably surprised at the "go" of the bells, which is a nice little ring of six, and have lately been rehung and the third recast by Messrs. Carr, of Birmingham, the workmanship and all connected therewith reflecting the greatest credit on the firm. After raising the bells two 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles were rung, and then a start was made for a 720 of Grandsire Minor, which however did not come round owing to a change-course; however the bells came round at 360. They then got three of the local ringers, viz., T. Fosse, J. Hicks, and I. Dwyer through a 6-score each of Doubles on the tenor, this being their first attempt at half-pull ringing. Another start was made for a 720 of Grandsire Minor, which was brought round in 25 mins. J. Vinnicombe (conductor), 1; W. Biss, 2; J. Jones, 3; D. Thomas, 4; T. Northey, 5; C. Smith, 6. This is believed to be the first 720 of Minor ever rung on these bells. It was now time to proceed to the station *en route* for Peterstone, which was reached in a very short time. After raising the bells, a start was made for a 720 of Bob Minor, which was brought round in 24½ mins. J. Vinnicombe, 1; W. Biss, 2; J. Jones, 3; F. Bartlett, 4; C. Smith, 5; D. Thomas (conductor), 6. This is the first 720 of Bob Minor on the bells. Some 6-scores of Doubles were then rang, two of the local men, viz., W. Rees and W. John, ringing the tenor, and N. Rees on the treble, this being their first attempt. A 720 of Grandsire Minor was then rung, conducted by C. Smith, and then the bells were lowered. After partaking of some refreshment, it was time to start homewards, the journey being enlivened by handbell ringing. A most enjoyable outing was then brought to a close, the visitors thanking the vicar of Llantrissant and the rector of Peterstone for granting them the use of the bells.

## THE UNITED COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of this Association was held at St. George's Church, Mossley, on Saturday last, when ringers attended (besides all the local company), from Ashton-under-Lyne, Gorton, Mottram, Hyde, Hayfield, Friezeland, and Sadleworth. Tea was provided in the school room, and after the the annual meeting was held, presided over by the vicar, the Rev. A. Hall, who in a very instructive address welcomed the ringers to Mossley. The annual report and balance-sheet were passed, and most of the retiring officers re-elected. The meeting closed with votes of thanks to the vicar for presiding; to the vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells and school room; and to the ladies who had presided at the tables. About 40 ringers being present, the ringing done was more varied than has been usual at these meetings, embracing Grandsire and Treble Bob Minor, Stedman and Grandsire Triples, and the indispensable Kent Treble Bob Major. After the meeting and at the close of the ringing in the tower, the greater number adjourned to The Bull's Head inn, the meeting-house of the local company, where Oxford Treble Bob Minor and Major were rung double-handed, also Grandsire Major, Caters and Cinques, interspersed with songs. A most social and enjoyable evening was spent, everyone being very well pleased that the Association had decided to have a meeting every quarter, the first to be held at Hayfield in April, and the others at Mottram in July, Ashton-under-Lyne parish church in October, and the next annual meeting at Glossop.

## THE ST. JOHN AT HACKNEY (MIDDLESEX) SOCIETY.

The members of this Society held their annual dinner at the Hackney Restaurant, Graham Road, which was a decided success. The Rev. Cyril Stanley, in the absence of the Rector (who is staying in the Riviera for his health), occupied the chair, and Mr. Burkin, the Master of the Society, the vice-chair. After dinner the usual toasts were duly honoured, and that of the chairman with musical honours. The remainder of the evening was spent in song, tune and handbell ringing.

## HAYES, KENT.

On Monday, January 8th, the ringers of this church were invited by the Rector (the Rev. G. Clowes) to supper, the churchwardens, J. W. Selby, Esq., and T. H. Bowers, Esq., being also present. An excellent supper was provided, each course being brought round in true ringing style.

The Rector, in proposing the toast of the evening—"Success to the Hayes Bellringers"—alluded to the great progress which they had made during the past year, mainly due to them joining the Kent County Association, and the instruction they had received under Mr. W. Bedwell, of Lewisham.

Mr. Churchwarden Selby, as Honorary Secretary, replied on behalf of the ringers. After thanking the Rector for his kind remarks, he said that on behalf of the band he had much pleasure in presenting to their instructor, Mr. Bedwell, a small present (a pipe in case) as a slight token of regard and esteem. He said that not only had Mr. Bedwell been successful in reaching them change-ringing, but he had won the confidence and respect of them all.

Mr. Bedwell, in thanking them for their good wishes and kind present, said that it had given him great pleasure in being able to teach them what he had. He advised them to go on with the same determination that they had in the past, and master the more difficult methods, and so become worthy members of that Association to which they belonged, and which was doing so much good throughout the county.

The remainder of the evening was spent in singing, etc., and after thanking the Rector and Mrs. Clowes for their kindness, a very pleasant evening was brought to a close.

## PRESENTATION.

On Saturday, December 30th, Messrs. R. and C. Williams, with Mr. John Aspinwall (Liverpool) paid a visit to their favourite little village of Halewood, to have a pull with their esteemed friends, Mr. Joseph Grace and his company of ringers. After meeting at the church of St. Nicholas they rang several touches of Grandsire and Plain Bob. During an interval, the worthy Rector (Rev. Gibson Smith), who takes the greatest interest in the Art, and who is always happy when he hears his bells ringing, entered the tower and gave them a hearty welcome.

He said his visit to the belfry was one of great pleasure to him, as he had been asked on behalf of the ringers of Halewood to present Mr. Robert Williams, their old teacher, with a silver cup, as a token to show the esteem in which he was held by his pupils. He said: I am glad we had the services of a good and sound ringer, whose tact in teaching had been proved by all members of the band, having rang from one to six peals since they started a little over eighteen months ago, Mr. Albert Grace having conducted one of Triples.

Mr. Joseph Grace said he was proud of Mr. Williams as a teacher and a friend, who was always open to impart all he knew as a ringer, composer, and conductor.

Mr. Williams briefly responded, and said he would treasure their gift, and if needed would always be ready in the future to visit them and further them in the methods of Stedman and Treble Bob.

After the presentation the ringers adjourned to the Eagle and Child, and spent a pleasant hour together, till the time came when they bid "Good Night" to their friends and left for Liverpool, where they arrived all safe shortly before 11 o'clock.

## CHIPPING NORTON, OXON.

The annual supper of the above band took place at the vicarage on new year's eve, an excellent repast being provided by the Vicar (Rev. G. A. Littledale). Full justice having been done to the good things provided, the handbells were brought out and a few courses of Grandsire Triples brought round. A vote of thanks to the Vicar for his generosity in providing such an excellent repast brought a most enjoyable evening to a close. A move was then made to the tower, and 504 Grandsire Triples was brought round, with the bells half-muffled. H. Cook, 1; J. Hodgkin, 2; W. Stockford, 3; Rev. C. S. Rowland, 4; J. F. Barlow, 5; A. Joyner, 6; R. H. Burden (conductor), 7; G. Bull, 8. An attempt to ring 504 to welcome in the new year came to grief after ringing 480 changes,

## THE THORP BENEFIT DRAW.

The committee desire to tender their sincere apologies to all supporters of this scheme for the non-publication of winning numbers in the *Manchester Evening Mail* of January 13th. The explanation is that contrary to former custom which prevailed up to quite recently, the Editor of the *Mail* now declines to publish winning numbers of draws. This knowledge coming to us at the last moment, disconcerted us not a little. To meet and overcome as far as possible this unforeseen difficulty, it was quickly decided to have the winning numbers printed on slips and forward one or more of the same to those places where it was thought the *Mail* circulated. This has been done, and we hope this course will give satisfaction. An explanation is also due, in view of the fact that we published twenty-one winning numbers instead of twenty as originally stated. We are indebted to Mr. John Hopwood, of Ashton, who very generously added to the list of prizes announced a very handsome alarm timepiece. "Mr. Plain Speaker" pointedly said he would like to name those who have delayed sending their returns beyond the time stated. He, and every one will be pleased to know that the necessity for this does not arise, for the simple reason that each book-holder came up to the stated time with a promptness deserving of the highest praise. It has afforded us the keenest pleasure to receive and acknowledge the support that has been accorded by the Exercise all over the country. It now remains to balance the accounts, and by the time this is printed, we hope to have done so. In the meantime let all doubts as to the success of the scheme depart. We are more than thankful to be able to state that the balance will be on the right side, but to what extent it has yet to be determined.

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## NOTES TO PEALS.

THE PEAL AT PORTSEA.—This peal was rung to celebrate the silver wedding of Mr. J. Harper, who has been foreman of the local band since its formation in 1889. The ringers were entertained afterwards by Mr. and Mrs. Harper, and a very pleasant evening was spent at their residence, Miss Harper presiding at the piano. The company separated at midnight, expressing a wish that the same band might be spared to celebrate a golden wedding in years to come.

THE PEAL AT ST. STEPHEN'S, WESTMINSTER.—This peal which was successfully accomplished at the first attempt, is the first peal in the method upon the bells by the local society. It was rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. F. Buck, who with the treble and sixth men has now obtained his first peal in any method. It is also the first peal in the method by all, with the exception of the second and tenor-men. The striking throughout was very good, and reflects great credit upon the band, especially the conductor, who has had the good fortune to call his first peal of Treble Bob Major at his first attempt.

THE PEAL AT KING'S LYNN.—It is ninety-eight years since the last recorded peal on the bells—6000 Bob Major in 1796. The present peal was rung at the third attempt, previous tries having failed on Boxing-day, after ringing three hours, and on Saturday, January 6th, after ringing exactly a fifth of the peal. The composition was published in "THE BELL NEWS" sometime in 1889,

## TOWCESTER, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

Thanks to the exertions of the Rev. R. S. K. Blucke, of Braden, a meeting was held in the Mission-room, Towcester, on Saturday afternoon last, for the purpose of considering the question of establishing a Church Bell Ringers' Society or Association, for Towcester and the district. In addition to the Rev. R. S. K. Blucke there was present the Rev. R. A. Kennaway (Greensnorton), and the Rev. G. C. Gray (curate of Towcester), Messrs. R. T. Gudgeon, E. Hunt, R. G. Ward, W. I. Johnson, W. Webb, W. Barker (Towcester), T. Birch (Pattishall), H. Ridge, S. Thorneycroft, E. Rallidge (Greensnorton), T. Payne, J. Cockerill (Gayton), J. Slarke (Easton Neston), etc. The Rev. R. A. Kennaway was voted to the chair.

The Chairman stated that it was with regret he had to read an apology from the Rev. J. Mountain (Towcester), who was unable to leave the house and be present with them, but had requested to be elected an hon. member of the Association. The Chairman called upon Mr. Blucke to introduce the subject.

Mr. Blucke, after speaking of the pleasure of meeting those present, said it had been suggested that a Church Bell Ringers' Association should be formed. He had always been fond of bellringing himself. Having heard that it required someone to take the matter up, he had consented to do what he could. He had, therefore, written to about twenty parishes in the district, and had most favourable answers from some twelve or more of them, viz.: Blakesley, Braden, Greensnorton, Ashton, Gayton, Easton Neston, Milton, Paulerspury, Stoke Bruerne, Tiffeld, Towcester, Wittlebury, and although all were not represented their replies were enthusiastic. The objects of the Association were to promote belfry reform and recognition of ringers as church officials, to cultivate the art of scientific change-ringing, and to encourage young men to take up the work. Its motto would be, "Let all be done to the glory of God." Mr. Blucke then submitted a draft of the proposed rules, which he said he hoped they would discuss in that brotherly spirit which characterised the efforts of ringers throughout the country. His experience was "Unity is Strength," and in their parishes scattered about the district they were not brought into touch with one another sufficiently, and the more they were brought into touch the more they recognised their duties as Christian men and ringers. He called it a noble work, both the ringing for practice, which was for pleasure, and their ringing also for the glory of God. The term ringer included the term chimer, and he wished the Society to impress upon the affiliated members to do their work well.

The Chairman said they had had an explanation of the objects from Mr. Blucke, and he asked them if they were in favour of forming an Association, whereupon

Mr. J. Cockerill, of Gayton, proposed, Mr. Birch, of Pattishall, seconded, and it was unanimously resolved, "That an association of church bellringers be formed, to be called the Towcester and District Association of Church Bell Ringers."

The election of officers was then proceeded with, and the Rev. J. Mountain, of Towcester, was unanimously elected president. The Rev. R. A. Kennaway was selected as vice-president, with power to add others; the Rev. R. S. K. Blucke as honorary secretary, and Mr. R. T. Gudgeon as treasurer.

The draft rules were then gone through, and proof copies ordered to be printed and sent to each parish, for the ringers to peruse the same and suggest alterations if necessary. The sum of 1s. was fixed as a contribution from the performing members, and a sum of not less than 5s. from the honorary members. Several minor matters were left to a Committee, to be composed of the officers and a representative from each affiliated belfry. A unanimous vote of thanks to Mr. Blucke for so ably and kindly taking up the work, and a vote of thanks to the Chairman concluded the meeting.

At the close of the meeting the Gayton ringers, with the consent of the Vicar (the Rev. J. Mountain), ascended the tower of the church of St. Lawrence, and rang 360 Grandsire, Gog, and Antelope, and at the close expressed their thanks to the Vicar for his kindness in allowing them the opportunity to ring.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—  
PRESENTATION TO A LONDON RINGER.

On Tuesday evening, November 21st, several members and friends of the St. Mary's Old Battersea Society, met in the belfry for the purpose of presenting a wedding gift to Mr. Henry A. Hopkins, who was in August last married to Miss Rose Gardner, of Birchington, Kent. The chairman, Mr. Henry S. Thomas, in presenting Mr. Hopkins with a handsome marble clock, said on behalf of his friends and self that he had much pleasure in asking him (Mr. Hopkins), to accept this gift as a slight token of the esteem in which he is held by them. He stated that during the many years he had known Mr. Hopkins he had found him ready and willing at all times to oblige, to help and to give sound advice to beginners in the art of change-ringing. In conclusion he tendered his congratulations, and wished Mr. and Mrs. Hopkins every success and happiness in the new life they had before them.

Mr. Hopkins in reply said: I scarcely know how to thank you sufficiently for your most acceptable testimonial to me. I am sure I shall always feel under a debt of obligation to you all for your kindness. I know I am deeply indebted to our esteemed friend Mr. Thomas, for having taken so much trouble on my behalf. It seems to be his nature to always be doing something whereby we may be more united together. I know, gentlemen, you will pardon me if I mention that for upwards of twenty years I have been connected with various ringing societies, and during that period have assisted in ringing close upon 200 peals in various methods on 8, 10 and 12 bells. I have also (so far as laid in my power), done all I could to assist any young beginner whom I thought was anxious to learn the art. I shall still endeavour to meet you as far as circumstances permit. My attendances I know have not been quite so frequent of late, but I am as fond of ringing as ever, in fact so much so that I have added another "Belle" to my already goodly stock. Mrs. Hopkins I am sure will highly appreciate the handsome and useful gift, for it will not only serve to remind her of the time when she may expect me home (excepting of course on ringing occasions), but of the friendship of those I have been associated with for many years. Wishing prosperity to the art of change-ringing and all those connected with it, allow me once again to thank you sincerely for this handsome present.

Among the gentlemen present were Messrs. Wells, H. R. Newton and W. Sorrell, of the College Youths, also several gentlemen connected with the above-named church. During the evening some well-struck touches were rang including 500 Treble Bob Major. H. R. Newton, 1; W. Sorrell, 2; C. E. Malim, 3; E. F. Cole, 4; H. A. Hopkins, 5; W. Baron, sen., 6; H. Swain, 7; A. Jacob (conductor), 8. And 504 Stedman Triples. W. G. Bull, 1; C. E. Malim, 2; Edward F. Cole, 3; H. R. Newton (conductor), 4; H. A. Hopkins, 5; H. Swain, 6; A. Jacob, 7; Geo. Chesterman, 8. And also a touch of Grandsire Triples, in which Messrs. Wells, S. Baker and A. Davis took part.

## THE ALL SAINTS' SOCIETY, FULHAM.

The Annual Meeting of this Society took place on Saturday, January 14th, in the church room. Members began to assemble at the tower at 4 p.m., when touches of the following different methods were rung: Grandsire Triples and Caters, Stedman Triples and Caters, Bob Major and Bob Royal, and Kent Treble Bob, conducted by Messrs. Driver, Adams, Basden, and Charge respectively. At 6 p.m. the members were entertained by the Vicar to a substantial tea in the church room. At the conclusion of the meal the general business was transacted, the Vicar occupying the chair. The balance-sheet having been read and accepted, and the master reporting the progress and performances of the past year, the election of officers was then proceeded with, when the Vicar was again re-elected as president of the society, and Mr. J. W. Driver as master, all the retiring officers being again re-elected. A hearty vote of thanks was then passed to the Vicar for presiding, and also for the room. The members then proceeded to the tower, where more touches in different methods were successfully brought round, after which the meeting was brought to a close, it having been a pleasant and successful one.

# Notices.

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**Preliminary Notice.**—On Saturday, February 3rd, a Change-ringing contest on handbells will take place at Uppermill, Saddleworth, when the following prizes, and the Hollingworth Silver Challenge Cup will be given for the best two courses. One of Grandsire Triples, and one of Grandsire Major. The cup to be held by the winning company for twelve months, to be competed for every year. First prize £2; Second £1; Third 10s.; Fourth 5s. Also a contest on Ten bells, for the best course of Grandsire Caters. First prize 15s.; Second 5s.; circulars and full particulars on application to the secretary, JONATHAN PELLING.  
*Lee Street, Uppermill, Near Oldham.*

**The Heavy Woollen Districts Association, Yorkshire.**—The Annual Meeting of the above will be held at Ossett, to-day, 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.*

**The Middlesex Association.**—A meeting of this Association will be held at St. Mary's, Stoke Newington, to-day, Saturday, January 20th. Ringing at 5 o'clock.  
PERCY HOWARD, *Hon. Sec.*  
*Manor House, Biddenden, Near Bedford.*

**The Midland Counties' Association.**—The third quarterly meeting of the year will be held at Derby, to-day, Saturday, January 20th, the following towers open from 2 p.m., viz.: All Saints' (10) bells, St. Andrew's, St. Alkmund's, St. Luke's, and St. Werburgh's (8) bells. Committee meeting at 4 at the Midland Road Coffee House (special business to consider the preparation of the report). Tea and general meeting at 5, visiting members will be charged 6d. each for tea, local members 1s. each as usual. Parties of eight or more can obtain fare and a quarter tickets by giving three days' notice at any station.  
J. O. LANCASHIRE, *Hon. Sec.*  
22, *St. Peter's Road, Leicester.*

**Re-opening of St. Mary's Bells, Woolwich.**—The opening ceremony will take place on Thursday, January 25th. Belfry open from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., and from 9 p.m. till 10 p.m.  
J. E. BEAVEN, *Hon. Sec.*  
27, *Manthorpe Road, Plumstead.*

**The Essex Association.**—A District meeting will be held at Waltham Abbey on Saturday, January 27th. The tower will be open for ringing from 2 p.m. Tea (price 6d. to members) at The Green Dragon hotel at 5.30 sharp. Business meeting after tea. Reduced fares by G.E.R. to Waltham Cross for members who inform me by Wednesday, January 24th, from what station they propose to travel. The Committee for revision of E.A.C.R. rules will meet at The Green Dragon at 4.30 p.m.  
T. L. PAPILLON, *Hon. Sec.*  
*Writtle, Chelmsford.*

**Lancashire Association.**—Rossendale Branch.—Notice.—Meeting to be held at St. Paul's, Ramsbottom, to-day, Saturday, January 20th. Bells ready 3.30. Meeting 6 o'clock. Methods for practice—Kent Treble Bob, Grandsire Triples and Bob Major.  
J. B. TAYLOR, *Sec.*  
7, *Church Street.*

**Waterloo Society, London.**—The Annual Dinner of the Society will take place at the York Hotel, Waterloo Road, on Saturday, February 3rd. Tickets 3s. each, to be obtained of the following members of the dinner committee: Mr. G. Wild, 8, Frances Street, Waterloo Road, S.E., Mr. J. Davis, 2, Westdown Terrace, Camden Street, Peckham, Mr. E. P. O'Meara, 64, Swan Street, Great Dover Street, S.E., Mr. A. Davis, 419, Old Kent Road, S.E., Mr. F. G. Perrin, 370, Munton Road, New Kent Road, S.E.  
F. G. PERRIN, *Hon. Sec.*

**Midland Counties' Association.**—Nuneaton Branch.—The Annual Meeting of this Branch will be held at Nuneaton to-day, Saturday, January 20th, when the election of officers will take place. Tower open at 3.15 p.m.  
HARRY ARGYLE, *Local Hon. Sec.*  
*Wheat Street, Nuneaton.*

**The Norwich Diocesan Association.**—Halesworth District.—The third quarterly meeting will be held at Bramfield, to-day, Saturday, January 20th. Bells ready at 5 p.m. Meeting at 7 p.m. All ringers and friends are earnestly invited.  
JOHN LARTER, *District Sec.*  
*Henham.*

**St. Mary's, Beddington, Society.**—The 24th Annual Dinner of the above Society will take place at the Plough Inn, Beddington, to-day, Saturday, January 20th. Dinner on table at 6.45 p.m. sharp. Tickets, 3s. 6d. each, to be obtained of the Secretary, J. W. TRAPPITT.  
*Church Lane, Beddington, Surrey.*

**St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.**—The usual quarterly meeting will be held on Tuesday evening, January 23rd, at the Tamworth Arms, Moor Street. Chair to be taken at 8.30. Every member who can make it convenient is particularly requested to attend.  
W. H. GODDEN, *Hon. Sec.*  
61, *Roland Road, Handsworth.*

**Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.**—Anniversary Meeting at Bristol, Saturday, January 27th. Short service St. Stephen's church 3 p.m., preacher, the Reverend the Master. Business meeting in vestry afterwards. Election of officers for ensuing twelve-month, etc. Knife and fork tea at 5.30 p.m. at St. Stephen's Restaurant (near St. Augustine's Bridge) towards which members will be allowed 1s. provided a ticket be purchased or bespoken of the Hon. Local Secretary, C. H. Gordon, Esq., 79a, Lower Cheltenham Place, Bristol, as an intimation of intention to be present, not later than by Wednesday's post, the 24th. An excursion train leaves Cheltenham at 3.30, fare 2s. return, calling at most stations on the Midland Railway, returning at 11 p.m.  
REV. PITT EYKYN, *Hon. Sec.*  
*St. Augustine's Vicarage, Bristol.*

**East Derbyshire Association.**—The next Quarterly Meeting will be held at Tibshelf, on Saturday, January 27th, 1894. Meeting in Schoolroom at 5.30 p.m.  
JNO. J. COOK, *Secretary.*

**Waterloo Society, London.**—The Annual Meeting of the Society will take place on Wednesday, January 31st, at 8.30 p.m. Election of officers and other business. Members please attend.  
F. G. PERRIN, *Hon. Sec.*

**Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.**—The next monthly ringing meeting of this Society will be held at Woodlesford on Saturday, January 27th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Business meeting at 5 p.m. prompt. Meeting house, The Two Pointers. All members are earnestly requested to attend. Business of importance will be brought forward.  
R. BINNS, *Hon. Sec.*  
43, *Low Moor Side, Holbeck.*

**The Lancashire Association.**—The quarterly meeting will be held at the parish church, Wigan, on Saturday, January 27th. Ringing from 2 p.m. Shortened service at 4.30 to 4.55. Meeting in the vestry at 5 p.m.  
J. REDFORD,  
A. E. WREAKS, } *Hon. Secs.*

**Sussex County Association.**—Western Division.—The next meeting will be held at Chichester, on Saturday, January 27th. Bells open at 2 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m.  
J. W. E. LODER-COTHER, *Hon. Sec.*  
*Yapton Vicarage.*

**Liverpool Diocesan Guild.**—The Quarterly Meeting of the Guild will be held at Crossens, on Saturday, January 27th. Bells open 3 p.m. Meeting 6 p.m.  
REV. W. T. BULPIT, } *Hon Secs.*  
W. BENTHAM,

**Norwich Diocesan Association.**—A Quarterly General Meeting will be held at Coddington on Wednesday, January 31st. Nearest railway station, Needham Market, whence conveyances will run at 6d. per head. All who attend should send notice to Hon. Sec. by Wednesday, January 24th.  
H. EARLE BULWER, *Hon. Sec.*  
*Stanhoe Rectory, King's Lynn.*

**Winchester Diocesan Guild.**—A District Meeting will be held at Weybridge, on Wednesday, January 31st. A meat tea (1s.) will be provided. Those desirous of attending the tea are requested to notify the same to the Hon. Sec. by Sunday, January 28th.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Liverpool Diocesan Branch.—The next meeting will be at St. Mary's, Prescott, on Saturday, February 3rd. Tower open at 3 p.m. Business meeting in the parish room at 6 p.m.  
J. J. M. MOORE, *Hon. Sec.*

**Worcestershire and Districts Association.**—The next Committee and Quarterly Meeting of this Association will take place on Saturday, February 3rd, in St. Mary's Schoolroom, Cradley, at 5.30 p.m. prompt. The Rev. R. H. Edmondson, Vicar, has kindly consented to preside. The tower will be open for ringing. Tea will be provided (free) for all members who send in their names to me on or before Monday, January 29th. Members will kindly note that all subscriptions are due at this meeting, and to take this notice as sufficient should they receive no other.  
JOHN SMITH, *Hon. Sec.*  
37, *Simms Lane, Netherton.*

**Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.** As it impossible to hold the meeting as arranged at Perry Barr, it will be held on Saturday, February 3rd, at All Saints' church, West Bromwich. The bells will be available from 2.30. Service at 5 p.m. Tea in the schools at 6 p.m., one shilling per head to all those who send word on or before January 31st to  
S. REEVES, *Hon. Sec.*  
10, *Bull Street, West Bromwich.*

**Hertfordshire Association.**—District Meeting at Hitchin, Saturday, February 3rd.  
E. P. DEBENHAM, *Hon. Sec.*

**Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.**—The next general meeting will be held at Whitley on Monday, February 5th. The belfries of North Shields and Whitley will be open to members. Other particulars will follow.  
C. BUSTON, *Hon. Sec.*  
*Embleton, Christon Bank, Northumberland.*

**St. Stephen's Society, Westminster.**—The weekly practice will be discontinued until further notice. Ringing as usual on Sundays.  
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**The Bell News & Ringers' Record.**

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20, 1894.

THE ancient and historical town of Towcester, in the county of Northampton, is, we are glad to say, about to become the head-quarters of a new ringers' Association. On another page appears a report of a meeting called for the purpose of forming such an organization, and the assemblage was unanimous in the consideration of the various resolutions submitted to it. The moving spirit of this effort seems to be the Rev. R. S. K. BLUCKE, Rector of Braden, a village in the district, who introduced the subject to the meeting, and strongly advocated the establishment of such an Association. The movement, if successful, will be the means of opening up quite a new district almost unknown at present to the Exercise. Mr. BLUCKE stated that he had received "favorable answers," which may be considered as offers of co-operation, from some twelve or more parishes, and their replies to his invitation were enthusiastic. The meeting did not adjourn until the officers for the Association were elected,



a code of rules submitted, and contributions fixed. Mr. BLUCKE, being fond of bellringing himself, is the Honorary Secretary of the Association, and we may therefore soon expect to hear that all the necessary preliminaries are effected, and that the Towcester and District Association is an accomplished fact.

There are many wide areas throughout the country which county Associations, or Diocesan Guilds, find it difficult to work upon, on account of geographical and other considerations. It may be preferred that these large bodies should embrace and absorb every tower and every ringer in their vicinity within their folds. But we cannot always satisfy our predilections, or have everything just as we want it. There are always forces in operation which prevent the full realisation of the very things we long for. The labors of those who have striven and are constantly working to extend the borders of their Guild or Association afford a good proof of this. Some ringers prefer absorption into a large body, others stoutly object to it. Then we must have small District Associations to satisfy these latter, and they certainly do splendid work in rural districts in maintaining a cohesion among ringers. We wish the Rev. R. S. K. BLUCKE a grand measure of success in the work to which he has put his hand.

### The Metropolis.

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

On Saturday, January 13, 1894, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN, WESTMINSTER,

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

GEORGE LANGFORD .. .. Treble.	JAMES WILLSHIRE .. .. 5.
JOHN N. OXBORROW .. .. 2.	SAMUEL ANDREWS .. .. 6.
FRANK BUCK .. .. 3.	HENRY S. ELLIS .. .. 7.
WALTER J. SORRELL .. .. 4.	HENRY R. NEWTON .. .. Tenor.

Composed by the late H. HALEY and Conducted by H. R. NEWTON.  
A note to this peal will be found on another page.

#### THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Monday, January 15, 1894, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, BATTERSEA,

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES. Tenor 15½ cwt.

WALTER J. SORRELL .. .. Treble.	JAMES WILLSHIRE .. .. 5.
WILLIAM E. GARRARD .. .. 2.	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE .. .. 6.
WILLIAM T. COCKERILL .. .. 3.	CHALLIS F. WINNEY .. .. 7.
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Composed by JOHN CARTER and Conducted by HENRY R. NEWTON.  
This is the first time this peal has been rung in London; also first peal of Stedman by W. J. Sorrell and T. Groombridge. T. Groombridge hails from Chislehurst, Kent.

### The Provinces.

#### AUGHTON.—THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, December 25, 1893, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES. Tenor 16 cwt.

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J. TAYLOR .. .. 3.	C. SHARPLES .. .. 7.
E. CAUNCE .. .. 4.	*R. RIMMER .. .. Tenor.

Composed by W. SHIPWAY. (No conductor mentioned.)

\*First peal. This is the first time that the above peal has been rung in the neighbourhood.

#### KING'S NORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

(THE KING'S NORTON GUILD.)

On Thursday, January 11, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; A BOB-AND-SINGLE VARIATION. Tenor 14½ cwt.

JAMES BETTERTON* .. .. Treble.	JOHN CARTER .. .. 5.
W. H. SUMNER .. .. 2.	THEODORE PRITCHETT .. .. 6.
W. S. PRITCHETT .. .. 3.	WILLIAM PALMER .. .. 7.
ALFRED PRITCHETT .. .. 4.	GEORGE COOPER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM PALMER.

\*First peal away from the tenor.

#### BATH.—THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, January 12, 1893, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; TAYLOR'S BOB-AND-SINGLE.

J. S. FLOWER .. .. Treble.	*W. WELLS .. .. 5.
H. W. BROWN .. .. 2.	†C. W. BELL .. .. 6.
C. GOODENOUGH .. .. 3.	†J. FUSSELL .. .. 7.
G. TEMPLE .. .. 4.	H. E. MILLS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by C. W. BELL.

†First peal in the method as conductor. †First peal in the method with a bob bell.  
\*First peal.

#### KING'S LYNN, NORFOLK.

#### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, January 12, 1894, in Three Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

#### A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 30 cwt. in C.

W. G. CROSS .. .. Treble.	W. BROOKE .. .. 5.
T. W. GILES .. .. 2.	W. CURSTON .. .. 6.
J. W. SEDGLEY .. .. 3.	R. CROME .. .. 7.
F. R. BACON* .. .. 4.	G. HOLLAND .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by J. W. SEDGLEY.

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

#### STANSTED, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 13, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

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

Being 720 each of the following:

Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Woodbine Treble Bob,  
Duke of York, Violet Treble Bob, New London Pleasure, and  
London Scholars' Pleasure. Tenor 13 cwt.

JOHN CAVILL .. .. Treble.	GEORGE GRAY .. .. 4.
GEORGE JORDAN .. .. 2.	THOMAS J. WATTS .. .. 5.
JOHN LUCKEY .. .. 3.	WILLIAM WATTS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM WATTS.

First 5040 in seven Treble Bob methods by J. Cavill; also the first 5040 with a bob bell by G. Jordan. This was rung as a birthday peal to J. Cavill, who attained his sixty-first birthday on the Sunday following.

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

On Sunday, January 14, 1894, 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.

ARTHUR R. DAVIS .. .. Treble.	HAROLD N. DAVIS .. .. 5.
WILLIAM TRUSS .. .. 2.	JAMES E. DAVIS .. .. 6.
ALFRED PHEASANT .. .. 3.	HARRY WARNETT .. .. 7.
WILLIAM MEADS .. .. 4.	JOHN GARARD .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.

## NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 13, 1894, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOK'S VARIATION. Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE..Treble.	WILLIAM STORY .. .. 5.
WILLIAM HOLMES .. .. 2.	*ROBERT BORROWS .. .. 6.
JOHN H. BLAKISTON* .. 3.	*JOHN W. PASSMAN .. .. 7.
ALFRED F. HILLIER.. .. 4.	GEORGE DIXON .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by C. L. ROUTLEDGE.

\*First peal of Stedman, and belongs to the Middlesbrough St. Hilda's branch of the above Association. This is only their second attempt at a peal in the method.

## SANDY, BEDS.—THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 13, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## 5040 CHANGES IN SEVEN DIFFERENT METHODS UPON SIX BELLS;

Being 720 each of the following:

Woodbine Treble Bob, Double Court Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, Grandsire and Bob Minor.

Tenor 14 cwt. in F sharp.

SAMUEL CONSTANT .. ..Treble.	HERBERT SHARP .. .. 4.
ISAAC HILLS .. .. 2.	CHARLES W. CLARKE .. .. 5.
WILLIAM SHIMMANS.. .. 3.	PERCY HOWARD .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by C. W. CLARKE.

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

On Saturday, January 13, 1894, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 16 cwt.

GEORGE PAWLEY .. ..Treble.	ALFRED PALMER .. .. 5.
THOMAS MANNERING .. 2.	*ALFRED TAWNEY .. .. 6.
WILLIAM H. WARREN .. 3.	ROBERT RICHARDS .. .. 7.
WILLIAM FRENCH .. .. 4.	WILLIAM BARNES .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by ALFRED PALMER.

\*First peal with a bob bell. W. French belongs to the local band; the rest hail from Maidstone.

## AUGHTON.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 13, 1894, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REEVES' VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt.

C. WITHINGTON.. ..Treble.	W. FAIRCLOUGH .. .. 5.
T. JENKINSON .. .. 2.	R. FOSTER .. .. 6.
C. SHARPLES .. .. 3.	J. GARDNER.. .. 7.
J. TAYLOR .. .. 4.	H. J. MORLEY .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. FAIRCLOUGH.

## BEDFORD.—THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 15, 1894, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOK'S VARIATION. Tenor 27 cwt. in D.

PERCY HOWARD .. ..Treble.	ISAAC HILLS .. .. 5.
SAMUEL J. CULLIP .. .. 2.	SAMUEL CONSTANT .. .. 6.
HERBERT SHARP .. .. 3.	CHARLES WM. CLARKE .. 7.
WILLIAM SHIMMANS.. .. 4.	FREDERICK KEECH .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES WM. CLARKE.

This is the first peal of Stedman by all, also on the bells. First peal in the method by the Association, and was rung at the fifth attempt. R. Shimmans marked all the bobs through the peal. This is C. W. Clarke's fiftieth peal.

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## PORTSEA, HANTS.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, January 16, 1894, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 16½ cwt.

C. GROVES .. ..Treble.	R. HARMAN .. .. 5.
W. CORNISH .. .. 2.	J. W. WHITING.. .. 6.
J. HARPER .. .. 3.	REV. R. C. M. HARVEY.. 7.
J. SYMONS .. .. 4.	*J. T. MATTHEWS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by REV. R. C. M. HARVEY.

\*First peal. J. W. Whiting hails from Fareham, the rest belong to the local company. Further reference to this peal will be found on another page.

## HAWLEY, HANTS.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, January 16, 1894, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 16½ cwt.

WILLIAM BOYLES† .. ..Treble.	BARZILLIA HAWKINS .. 5.
GEORGE HAWKINS .. .. 2.	JAMES BUNCH .. .. 6.
FREDERICK FRANCIS .. 3.	HENRY STAPLETON .. .. 7.
SIDNEY RIDDLE .. .. 4.	JOHN BUTLER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE HAWKINS.

Messrs. Hawkins, Bunch and Riddle hail from Yately; Francis and Stapleton from Bagshot; Boyles and Butler belong to the local band. †First peal.

## Date Touches.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

DUFFIELD (Derbyshire).—On New Year's eve, in 1 hr. 4 mins., a date touch of Stedman Triples, 1894 changes. W. Clarke, 1; G. Dawson, 2; A. P. Heywood (composer and conductor), 3; H. W. Wilde, 4; W. Hickling, 5; B. Sugden, 6; J. Flower, 7; J. Patchett, 8. Tenor 17 cwt.

NUNEATON (Warwickshire).—On Monday, November 20th, at the parish church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples in 1 hr. 5 mins. A. Measures, 1; T. Lingard, 2; H. Paulson, 3; J. F. Clarke, 4; H. Argyle, 5; H. Horwood, 6; J. George (composer and conductor), 7; J. Ballard, 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns of the day.

## THE HEREFORDSHIRE DIOCESAN GUILD.

CRADLEY (Herefordshire).—On Thursday, December 28th, at the parish church, a date touch, 1893 changes, in 1 hr. 8 mins., with the bells half-muffled. The touch consisted of forty-seven extremes, sixty-nine singles, seventy-two bobs, and one plain lead. The odd three changes were made beforehand. This was the greatest number of bobs possible to be used with each 6-score called differently. R. Stone, 1; E. S. Kings (conductor), 2; J. Hales, 3; H. Pritchard, 4; C. Watkins, 5; M. Williams and J. Pritchard, 6.

## THE HEAVY WOOLLEN DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

LIVERSEDGE (Yorks).—On Thursday, January 11th, at Christ Church, a date touch of Kent Treble Bob Major (1894 changes), in 1 hr. 8 mins. with the bells deeply muffled as a mark of respect to the late Mr. James Lodge. J. W. Lang, 1; J. Knott, 2; G. Brooke, 3; L. Illingworth (conductor), 4; H. Brooke, 5; M. Ramsden, 6; G. Illingworth, 7; W. Collins, 8. Tenor 15 cwt. Composed by A. Sykes, of Huddersfield.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

TONG (Yorks).—On Saturday, January 7th, at St. James' church, a date touch, 1894 changes, in 1 hr. 4 mins., being 94 of Oxford, 360 of Tulip, 720 of Primrose, and 720 of Violet. H. Robinson, 1; S. Oddy, 2; R. P. Farrow, 3; W. Bolland, 4; G. Bolland (conductor), 5; H. Oddy, 6.

Low Moor (Yorkshire).—On Sunday, January 9th, for evening service at Holy Trinity church, a date touch of 1894 Kent Treble Bob Major, in 1 hr. 10 mins. H. Simpson, 1; T. Simpson, 2; F. Wood, 3; H. Jones, 4; E. Wheeler, 5; A. Wilkinson, 6; J. W. Emmett, 7; C. Dracup (conductor), 8. Wheeler hails from Tong; the rest belong to the local company.

## Miscellaneous.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

OCKLEY (Surrey).—On Sunday, December 24th, at St. Margaret's Church, 360 of Oxford Bob Minor. P. Du Sautoy, 1; J. Taylor, 2; G. Cox, 3; W. Mills, 4; Rev. C. E. Eagles, 5; C. Taylor (conductor), 6. On Christmas Day, at 7 a.m., the bells were going merrily in the method of Oxford Bob Minor, a well-struck 720 being brought round in 27 mins. F. Barton, 1; P. Du Sautoy, 2; G. Cox, 3; W. Mills, 4; Rev. C. E. Eagles, 5; C. Taylor (conductor), 6. Also 480 in the same method. F. Barton, 1; J. Taylor, 2; G. Cox, 3; W. Mills, 4; P. Du Sautoy, 5; C. Taylor (conductor), 6. On Sunday, December 31st, after the afternoon service, 720 Plain Bob Minor in 25 mins. G. Cox, 1; J. Akehurst, 2; A. Knight, 3; C. Taylor, 4; P. Du Sautoy, 5; E. Jordan (conductor), 6. The Old Year was rung out, and the New Year rung in as usual, with touches of Oxford Bob Minor. All the above were rung with new ropes supplied from John Nicoll (the celebrated rope maker).

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.—On Sunday, December 17th, for evening service at St. John's Church, 480 Kent Treble Bob Major. F. Lowe (Tanfield), 1; A. E. Hind (late of St. Peter's, Oxford), 2; F. Lees, 3; F. Harrison, 4; W. Holmes, 5; A. Hillier, 6; R. Welsh, 7; C. L. Routledge, 8. In an attempt for a peal of Stedman, about 2200 changes were rung before a change-course broke it. C. L. Routledge (conductor), 1; A. E. Hind, 2; J. W. Roper, 3; E. J. Lincoln, 4; F. Lees, 5; A. F. Hillier, 6; F. Harrison, 7; G. Dixon, 8. Mr. Hind was elected a member of the above Association before starting. On Christmas Eve, 420 of Stedman Triples. H. Fergusson, 1; C. L. Routledge, 2; A. Gibson (first touch of Stedman), 3; E. Wallis, 4; A. Hillier, 5; J. Simm, 6; T. Denton, 7; H. Pearson, 8. On Christmas Day for morning service, 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Shardlow (late of Alfreton, Derby, first touch of Triples), 1. On Tuesday, January 2nd, at All Saints, an attempt was made for a peal of Stedman Triples, but a change-course brought it to grief after 1 hr. and 10 mins. C. L. Routledge, 1; \*R. Borrowes, 2; J. H. Clapperton, 3; A. Hillier, 4; \*J. H. Blakiston, 5; E. Wallis, 6; F. Lees (conductor), 7; A. Simm, 8. \*Of Middlesbro'. On Sunday, January 7th, at St. John's, 504 in the same method, for evening service. F. Lees, 1; C. L. Routledge (conductor), 2; H. Lindsey, 3; J. W. Roper, 4; A. Hillier, 5; E. J. Lincoln, 6; R. Welsh, 7; H. Pearson, 8. On Thursday, January 11th, 420 in the same method. J. Shardlow (first touch of Stedman), 1; T. Hudson (Sunderland), 3. On Wednesday, January 10th, at the Cathedral, on the front six, 720 of Grandsire Minor. R. Simm, jun., 1; R. Simm, 2; E. Wallis, 3; J. Simm, 4; T. Denton (conductor), 5; C. L. Routledge, 6.

BISHOPWEARMOUTH.—On Sunday morning, December 31st, for Divine Service at the parish church, 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-four bobs and two singles). R. W. Langton, 1; H. G. Dawson, 2; T. Hudson, sen., 3; R. C. Hudson (conductor), 4; J. Field, 5; T. Hudson, jun., 6. For evening service 720 Woodbine (nine bobs). H. G. Dawson, 1; T. Hudson, sen., 2; G. Lowden, 3; R. C. Hudson, 4; J. Field, 5; W. T. Robson (conductor), 6. Just before the close of the year 720 Bob Minor (ten bobs and fourteen singles) were rung. R. W. Langton, 1; H. G. Dawson, 2; G. Lowden, 3; R. C. Hudson, 4; J. Field, 5; T. Hudson, jun. (conductor), 6. After striking the midnight hour on the tenor, the New Year was ushered in with a 720 of College Single (twenty-two singles). R. W. Lovie, 1; H. G. Dawson, 2; T. Hudson, sen., 3; R. C. Hudson (conductor), 4; J. Field, 5; W. T. Robson, 6. *Handbell Ringing*.—On Sunday afternoon, January 7th, at 314 High Street, 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-four bobs and two singles). T. Hudson, jun., 1-2; Miss Hudson, 3; T. Hudson, sen., 4; R. C. Hudson (conductor), 5-6. And on the tower bells for evening service, 720 College Single (twenty-two singles). R. W. Langton, 1; H. G. Dawson, 2; W. T. Robson, 3; R. C. Hudson (conductor), 4; J. Field, 5; T. Hudson, jun., 6.

## LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—ROSSENDALE BRANCH.

BACUP (Lancashire).—On Sunday, November 11th, at Christ Church, 720 Duke of York in 27 mins. L. Holt, 1; Jas. Smith, 2; J. H. Smith, 3; J. S. Lomas, 4; Z. Lord, 5; J. H. Barnes, 6. First touch by all except Z. Lord. On Sunday, November 19th, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs two singles). W. Ormerod, 1; Jas. Smith, 2; J. H. Smith, 3; J. S. Lomas, 4; E. J. Cockroft, 5; J. H. Barnes, 6. Conducted by J. S. Lomas. Also 720 Duke of York in 26½ mins. Jas. Smith, 1; A. A. Downing, 2; \*G. Shottin, 3; J. S. Lomas, 4; E. J. Cockroft, 5; J. H. Smith (conductor), 6. \*First touch in this method. And 720 College Singles (eighteen bobs two singles), in 25½ mins. J. H. Smith, 1; Jas. Smith, 2; W. Smith, 3; A. A. Downing, 4; E. J. Cockroft, 5; Z. Lord (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, November 21st, 720 Violet Treble Bob in 26 mins. L. Holt, 1; Jas. Smith, 2; J. H.

Smith, 3; J. S. Lomas, 4; E. J. Cockroft, 5; J. H. Barnes, 6. On Friday, November 24th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure (eighteen bobs two singles). Z. Lord, 1; J. H. Smith, 2; G. Shottin, 3; J. S. Lomas, 4; E. J. Cockroft, 5; J. H. Barnes, 6. On Sunday, November 26th, 720 Oxford Single Bob (eighteen bobs two singles), in 27 mins. L. Holt, 1; J. H. Smith, 2; G. Shottin, 3; J. S. Lomas, 4; E. J. Cockroft, 5; J. H. Barnes, 6. And 720 Oxford Treble Bob. L. Holt, 1; J. H. Smith, 2; G. Shottin, 3; J. S. Lomas, 4; Z. Lord, 5; J. H. Barnes, 6. On Sunday, December 3rd, 720 Kent Treble Bob in 26 mins. L. Holt, 1; Jas. Smith, 2; G. Shottin, 3; J. S. Lomas, 4; E. J. Cockroft, 5; J. H. Barnes, 6. Also 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs two singles). Z. Lord, 1; G. Shottin, 2; Jas. Smith, 3; E. J. Cockroft, 4; J. S. Lomas, 5; J. H. Barnes, 6. On Sunday, December 10th, 720 Oxford Single Bob (eighteen bobs two singles). L. Holt, 1; Jas. Smith, 2; G. Shottin, 3; J. S. Lomas, 4; E. J. Cockroft, 5; J. H. Barnes, 6. On Tuesday, December 12th, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs two singles). J. H. Smith, Jas. Smith, 2; L. Holt, 3; J. S. Lomas, 4; E. J. Cockroft, 5; J. H. Barnes, 6. First touch with a bob bell by L. Holt. Also 720 Oxford Treble Bob in 26 mins. J. H. Smith, 1; Jas. Smith, 2; G. Shottin, 3; J. B. Taylor, 4; E. J. Cockroft, 5; J. H. Barnes, 6. J. B. Taylor hails from Waterfoot. On Sunday, December 17th, 720 College Single (eighteen bobs two singles). R. H. Halstead, 1; J. Bolton, 2; J. Ashworth, 3; J. B. Taylor, 4; J. Whittaker, 5; A. White (conductor), 6. All the above hail from Waterfoot. And 720 Woodbine in 25 mins. J. H. Smith, 1; Jas. Smith, 2; G. Shottin, 3; J. S. Lomas, 4; E. J. Cockroft, 5; J. H. Barnes, 6. On Sunday, December 24th, 720 Duke of York in 25 mins. L. Holt, 1; J. H. Smith, 2; G. Shottin, 3; J. S. Lomas, 4; Z. Lord, 5; J. H. Barnes, 6. On Christmas morning 720 Woodbine in 26 mins. L. Holt, 1; Jas. Smith, 2; G. Shottin, 3; J. H. Smith, 4; E. J. Cockroft, 5; J. H. Barnes, 6. On Sunday, December 31st, 720 Violet Treble Bob in 26 mins. L. Holt, 1; Jas. Smith, 2; J. H. Smith, 3; J. S. Lomas, 4; E. J. Cockroft, 5; J. H. Barnes, 6. Also 720 Duke of York. Z. Lord, 1; Jas. Smith, 2; J. H. Smith, 3; J. S. Lomas, 4; E. J. Cockroft, 5; J. H. Barnes, 6. All the touches with no conductor's name, were conducted by J. H. Barnes.

## THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

EAST RETFORD (Notts).—On Saturday, December 16th, for practice, three parts of Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples (1554 changes), in 53 mins. H. T. Denman, Esq., 1; G. E. Sharpe, 2; J. T. Bottomley, 3; T. Spurr, 4; W. Skelton, 5; H. Warburton, 6; H. Haigh (conductor), 7; S. Penney, 8. Longest length rung by the ringers of the treble and third. On Sunday, December 31st, with the bells muffled, 882 Grandsire Caters, to recognise the closing of the old year. G. Swannack, 1; T. Spurr, 2; J. T. Bottomley, 3; H. Haigh, 4; G. E. Sharpe, 5; G. M. Farr, 6; W. Skelton (conductor), 7; H. Warburton, 8; J. B. Joynes, 9; S. Penney, 10. On Sunday, January 7th, for evening service, 324 Grandsire Caters. G. Swannack, 1; H. T. Denman, Esq. (first attempt with a bob bell), 2; J. T. Bottomley, 3; H. Warburton, 4; G. E. Sharpe, 5; G. M. Farr, 6; J. Swannack, 7; H. Haigh (conductor), 8; J. B. Joynes, 9; W. Skelton, 10. On Tuesday, January 9th, for practice, 168 Grandsire Triples. G. Winter, 1; G. Swannack, 2; J. T. Bottomley, 3; J. Swannack, 4; W. Skelton, 5; H. Haigh (conductor), 6; J. B. Joynes, 7; P. Claydon, 8. First touch by the treble ringer. A 504 Grandsire Caters. G. Swannack, 1; T. Spurr, 2; J. T. Bottomley, 3; G. M. Farr, 4; G. E. Sharpe, 5; H. T. Denman, Esq., 6; W. Skelton, 7; H. Haigh (conductor), 8; J. B. Joynes, 9; W. Metcalfe, 10. Longest length of Caters by the 6th and tenor ringers. And 224 of Bob Major. G. Swannack, 1; G. M. Farr, 2; J. T. Bottomley, 3; J. Swannack, 4; W. Skelton, 5; H. Warburton, 6; H. Haigh (conductor), 7; J. B. Joynes, 8. And 350 Grandsire Triples. G. Swannack, 1; T. Spurr, 2; J. T. Bottomley, 3; H. T. Denman, Esq., 4; G. M. Farr, 5; H. Haigh (conductor), 6; J. B. Joynes, 7; W. Metcalfe, 8.

BLVTH (Notts).—On Christmas Day, the ringers assembled at the parish church at 6 a.m. and also for the 8 o'clock Celebration, and rang 720 Oxford Treble Bob, 720 Kent Treble Bob, and 720 Violet. J. Swinburn, 1; J. Hind, 2; W. Swinburn, 3; G. Clayton, 4; R. Beeston (conductor), 5; T. Sewell, 6.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

NUNEATON (Warwickshire).—*Handbell Ringing*.—On Monday, November 20th, at the house of Mr. W. Ratcliffe, 504 Grandsire Triples. J. F. Clarke, 1-2; H. Argyle, 3-4; T. W. Chapman, 5-6; J. George (conductor), 7-8. Recently at the house of Mr. H. Argyle, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. J. H. Paulson, 1-2; H. Argyle, 3-4; T. W. Chapman (conductor), 5-6; H. Horwood, 7-8.

DUFFIELD (Derbyshire).—On Sunday, December 31st, for evening service at All Saints' church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1260 changes). J. Patchett, 1; G. Dawson, 2; A. P. Heywood (conductor), 3; H. W. Wilde, 4; J. Flower, 5; B. Sugden, 6; W. Clarke, 7; S. Dawson, 8.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

UPCHURCH (Kent).—On Sunday afternoon, December 31st, at St. Mary's church, 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles), in 24½ mins. H. Witherden, 1; H. Shipp (first 720 in the method), 2; G. A. Ransom (conductor), 3; W. Laker, 4; W. T. Hyland, 5; W. Seamer, 6. On Tuesday evening, January 2nd, 720 College Single 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 on the bells and by all the band.

TOWN MALLING (Kent).—On Wednesday, January 9th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor. W. Buss (longest touch away from the tenor), 1; J. Capon, 2; R. W. Harden, 3; Rev. A. L. Brine, 4; J. Worsley, 5; J. W. Leonard (conductor), 6.

MAIDSTONE (Kent).—On Monday, January 8th, at All Saints' church, 701 Grandsire Caters. W. H. Warren, 1; W. Mannering, 2; T. Mannering, 3; R. Simmonds, 4; A. Tawney, 5; A. E. Gasson, 6; G. Pawley, 7; R. Richards, 8; A. Palmer (conductor), 9; W. Barnes, 10. On Thursday, January 11th, on the occasion of the opening of the Assize by Mr. Justice Wills, 305 in the same method. A. E. Gasson, 1; W. Mannering, 2; A. H. Woolley, 3; W. H. Warren, 4; G. Pawley, 5; A. Tawney, 6; E. Elliott, 7; R. Richards, 8; A. Palmer (conductor), 9; T. Mannering, 10. And a 395. A. Palmer, 1; W. Mannering, 2; A. H. Woolley, 3; W. H. Warren, 4; E. Elliott, 5; A. Tawney, 6; G. Pawley, 7; R. Richards, 8; T. Mannering, 9; W. Barnes, 10.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

READING (Berks).—On Monday, January 8th, at St. Mary's church, 840 Grandsire Triples, being the first part of Holt's six-part peal. C. Giles, 1; J. Hands, 2; L. Rolfe, 3; H. Tucker, 4; T. Hibbert (conductor), 5; A. Osborne, 6; F. Hopgood, 7; R. Sawyer, 8. Tenor 28 cwt.

## THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

REIGATE (Surrey).—On Sunday, December 31st, for Divine Service in the evening at the parish church, 546 Oxford Bob Triples. E. Dewey, 1; E. Moses (conductor), 2; P. Knight, 3; F. T. Hoad, jun., 4; G. Croucher, 5; E. Kenward, 6; W. Argent, 7; A. Moseley, 8. And 252 Grandsire Triples, conducted by F. T. Hoad, sen. At midnight, to ring the old year out and new one in, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original. J. Howard, 1; F. T. Hoad, sen. (conductor), 2; P. Knight, 3; F. T. Hoad, jun., 4; W. Argent, 5; G. Croucher, 6; E. Moses, 7; A. Moseley, 8.

## THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BALDOCK (Herts).—On Thursday, January 11th, 1008 Grandsire Triples in 40 mins. H. Bidnell (aged 15), 1; J. Morley, 2; J. Cawdell, 3; W. Bidnell, jun., 4; R. Jackson, 5; T. Webb, 6; G. T. Spicer (conductor), 7; G. Gentle, 8. Composed by M. A. Wood. Tenor 28 cwt.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

STANSTED (Essex).—On Wednesday, January 3rd, at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, for practice, 720 London Surprise (2nd the observation), in 26 mins. J. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. Also 720 College Single. T. Jordan (first 720 in the method), 1; G. Jordan, (first 720 in the method with a bob bell), 2; G. Gray, 3; J. Luckey, 4; W. Watts, 5; T. J. Watts (first 720 in the method as conductor), 6. Tenor 13 cwt. This company's summary for the year 1893 consists of 146 complete 720s, viz., seventeen of London Surprise, thirteen of Cambridge Surprise, twelve of York Surprise, eleven of Durham Surprise, nine each of Oxford Treble Bob, Woodbine Treble Bob, and Plain Bob Minor, seven each of Worcester Surprise, and Kent Treble Bob, six of Superlative Surprise, five each of Wells Surprise, Chichester Surprise, and New London Pleasure, four each of Oxford Delight, Violet Treble Bob, and London Scholars' Pleasure, three each of Ringers' Surprise, and Duke of York, two of College Exercise, and one each of Rochester Surprise, Bristol Surprise, Bocking Treble Bob, Victoria Treble Bob, London Treble Bob, City Delight, Killamarsh Treble Bob, Westminster Treble Bob, Imperial Treble Bob, College Single, and Oxford Bob. Of the foregoing, ninety-one were conducted by W. Watts, thirty-five by J. Luckey, fourteen by T. J. Watts, and one by W. Cavill. Three were conducted by Isaac Cavill of Brickendon, Hertford, and two by N. Hawkins, of Walter Belchamp, Essex. It will be seen that the above 146 720s have been rang in thirty different methods. Altogether, with touches and 5040s, this company has brought round 124,208 changes.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

KIDDERMINSTER (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, November 12th, for

Divine Service, 336 Plain Bob Major. T. Elcock, 1; J. Bennett, 2; G. Salter, 3; E. C. Hunt, 4; W. H. Barber, 5; T. Salter, 6; J. Crane, 7; W. H. Smith (conductor), 8. After service, three courses of Double Norwich Court Bob Major. J. Bennett, 1; E. C. Hunt, 2; G. Salter, 3; W. H. Smith, 4; W. H. Barber, 5; T. Salter, 6; J. Crane, 7; R. E. Grove (conductor), 8. First in the method with a bob bell by E. C. Hunt. In the evening 336 Bob Major. T. Salter, 1; N. Davis, 2; G. Salter, 3; E. Hunt, 4; W. H. Barber, 5; J. Bennett, 6; J. Crane, 7; W. H. Smith (conductor), 8. On Wednesday, November 22nd, a 504 of Grandsire Triples. †W. H. Barber (conductor), 1; T. Wakeman, 2; J. Bennett, 3; W. H. Smith, 4; N. Davis, 5; T. Salter, 6; R. E. Grove, 7; E. C. Hunt, 8. †First 504 as conductor. On Sunday, December 24th, a touch of Grandsire Triples. J. Bennet, 1; T. Salter, 2; J. Bennett, 3; E. C. Hunt, 4; W. H. Barber, 5; J. Leach, 6; J. Crane (conductor), 7; T. Walters, 8. Also a short touch of Stedman, with N. Davis, 6.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

TONG (Yorkshire).—On Wednesday evening, January 10th, on the occasion of the Rev. C. B. D. Farrow paying a visit to his native village, 720 Duke of York and touches of Oxford and Violet was rung at St. James's church. S. Oddy, 1; Rev. C. B. D. Farrow, 2; R. P. Farrow, 3; W. Bolland, 4; G. Bolland (conductor), 5; H. Oddy, 6.

## THE YORKSHIRE AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.

KILLAMARSH (Derbyshire).—On Sunday, December 3rd, 360 each of London Surprise, and Superlative Surprise. J. Severn, 1; T. Bettison (conductor), 2; J. Emsen, 3; G. Burnham, 4; H. Turton, 5; A. Brearley (Sheffield), 6. On Sunday, December 24th, 720 of College Treble, with C. Severn, 6; the rest as before. On Sunday, December 31st, for morning service, 720 London Surprise, and for evening service, 720 Primrose. H. Taylor, 1; \*J. H. Brothwell, 2; \*W. Lambert, 3; G. Burnham, 4; H. Turton, 5; C. Severn (conductor), 6. \*First 720 in method, and hails from Freeton, and is also C. Severn's 400th 720. The above company have rung 108 720s during the year 1893 in the following methods. Oxford, 2; Kent, 1; Violet, 7; New London Pleasure, 2; Duke of York, 3; College Pleasure, 5; Arnold's Victory, 5; City Delight, 4; Killamarsh Treble Bob, 2; College Trebles, 9; Primrose, 6; Tulip, 8; New College Treble Bob, 3; London Scholars, 3; College Exercise, 7; One each of Woodbine, Snowdrop, and Ringers Delight; London Surprise, 4; Wells Surprise, 3; Two each of Worcester Surprise, Chichester Surprise, York Surprise, Durham Surprise, and one each of Bristol Surprise, and Carlisle Surprise; Superlative Surprise, 11; and Cambridge Surprise, 10. It will be seen that the above have been rung in twenty-eight different methods, of which eight have been conducted by E. Severn, and 100 by T. Bettison.

## ST. PETER'S SOCIETY, WALWORTH.

WALWORTH.—On Christmas Day, at St. Peter's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 46 mins. G. W. Wild, 1; E. P. O'Meara, 2; H. Langdon, 3; F. G. Perrin, 4; H. N. Davis, 5; J. E. Davis, 6; A. R. Davis, 7; H. Taffender, 8. The rector, the Rev. J. H. Hazell, kindly invited the ringers into the rectory to partake of the good things so kindly provided, to which ample justice was done. On Friday, January 5th, for practice, 360 Grandsire Minor on the back six. H. Taffender (first touch of Minor), 1; F. G. Perrin, 2; W. Langdon, 3; A. R. Davis, 4; T. Langdon, 5; E. P. O'Meara (conductor), 6. On Saturday, January 6th, an attempt was made for Holt's Original peal of Grandsire Triples, but after ringing about 1700 changes it came to grief through the conductor missing a bob. W. Langdon, 1; E. P. O'Meara, 2; A. E. Church, 3; F. G. Perrin, 4; A. R. Davis, 5; T. Langdon, 6; G. W. Wild (conductor), 7; H. Taffender, 8.

ARELEY KINGS (Worcestershire).—On Sunday evening, January 7th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor. H. Martin, 1; W. Martin, 2; T. Elcox, 3; J. Reynolds, 4; J. Johnson, 5; C. Beaman (conductor), 6. On Monday, January 8th, for practice, 720 Oxford Bob Minor in 22 mins., standing as above. First in the method by all except T. Elcox.

BOCKING (Essex).—The following is a report of the ringing at St. Mary's church during the past year: Fifty-four 720s have been rung in the following methods: Bob Minor, 16; Oxford Treble Bob, 11; Kent Treble Bob, 9; Double Court Bob, 6; Court Single, 6; Woodbine Treble Bob, 5; and College Single, 1. Twenty have been conducted by C. Bearman, nineteen by C. Howard, seven by H. Hammond, three by F. Rudkin, two by E. Carter, and one each by W. Moore, W. Lincoln, and E. Radley. During the year there have been 23,544

changes rung in touches in different methods, making a total of 62,424. The belfry has been visited by ringers from Braintree, Halesstead, Coggeshall, Stisted, Writtle, London, and Nottingham.

**BOLSTERSTONE (Yorks).**—On Monday, December 4th, for practice, the local band rang 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), 5th the observation. And 108, with the ringers of the treble and 3rd changing places. On Friday, December 8th, 504 Bob Minor (twenty-four bobs and six singles). On Monday, December 11th, 720 Bob Minor (eight bobs and six singles). On the occasion of ringing the old year out and new year in, 720 Bob Minor (thirty-two bobs and two singles). On Friday, January 5th, 720 Bob Minor (twenty-one bobs and twelve singles). On Sunday, January 7th, 720 Bob Minor (fourteen bobs and sixteen singles), composed by D. Brearley. J. Aspinall, 1; W. Steel, 2; J. Shaw, 3; J. Hattersley, 4; G. Jackson, 5; D. Brearley (conductor), 6. Tenor 13 cwt. in F sharp.

**CARDIFF.**—On Tuesday, January 9th, for practice at St. John's church, 336 Grandsire Triples. A. Barnfield, 1; J. Richards, 2; E. Stenner, 3; A. Rowley, 4; C. Wingfield, 5; W. Burkinshaw, 6; G. Hardage (conductor), 7; J. Cook, 8. And 630 in the same method with 9-8-10 covering. A. Hatton, 1; J. Richards, 2; E. Stenner, 3; W. Burkinshaw, 4; E. Cook (conductor), 5; A. Rowley, 6; G. Hardage, 7; J. Cook, 8; C. Winfield, 9; J. Cook, 10.

**COLN ST. ALDWYN (Gloucestershire).**—On Monday evening, January 1st, at the parish church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. T. Barnett, 1; R. Jefferies, 2; C. Bate, 3; H. Griffin, 4; J. Kitchener (conductor), 5; T. Smith, 6.

**CHEAM (Surrey).**—On Wednesday, November 7th, for practice at St. Dunstan's church, 720 Bob Minor (nine bobs and six singles), in 26 mins. W. Watts, 1; G. Gomms, 2; F. Trendall, 3; J. Trendall (conductor), 4; H. Bryant, 5; F. Northfield, 6. On Tuesday, January 9th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor (nine bobs and six singles), in 28 mins. W. Watts, 1; C. Spence, 2; F. Northfield, 3; G. Gomms, 4; F. R. Northfield, 5; E. Trendall (conductor), 6.

**DEREHAM (Norfolk).**—On Sunday evening, December 24th, and Christmas morning for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor, with tenor cover, was rung in 29 mins. A. Crisp, 1; J. M. Marjoram, 2; F. G. Burleigh, 3; F. M. Aldis, 4; J. Wells, 5; S. F. Burleigh (conductor), 6; W. Leggatt, 7; and also on Tuesday morning, December 26th, the bells being half-muffled, as is the usual custom on St. Stephen's Day. Tenor 24 cwt.

**DUMBLETON (Gloucestershire).**—Recently at St. Peter's church, six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles each called differently. G. Sallis, 1; E. Slatter, 2; Rev. F. W. Jones, 3; F. Sallis, 4; T. Sallis (conductor), 5; S. Slatter, 6. First 720 of Grandsire Doubles by all the band.

**ERDINGTON (Warwickshire).**—On Monday, January 1st, at the church of SS. Thomas and Edmund, 1008 Grandsire Triples in 36 mins. Composed by the late H. Johnson. F. B. Yates, 1; J. Murphy, 2; J. Plant, 3; J. Benn, 4; P. Conlon, 5; W. Stringer, 6; M. Murphy, 7; P. Fay, 8.

**GAINSBOROUGH (Lincolnshire).**—On Sunday morning, January 14th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 504 Grandsire Triples. G. Wilson, 1; W. D. Tinker (conductor), 2; T. Udell (hails from Slough), 3; J. C. Tinker, 4; W. W. Bust, 5; J. T. Ladd, 6; F. S. W. Butler, 7; H. W. Kirton, 8.

**HATHBROP (Gloucestershire).**—On Tuesday evening, January 2nd, 720 Kent Treble Bob. T. Barnett, 1; R. Jefferies, 2; C. Bate, 3; H. Griffin, 4; J. Kitchener (conductor), 5; T. Smith, 6.

**LODDON (Norfolk).**—On Tuesday, January 24th, at the church of the Holy Trinity, 720 Bob Minor, in 26 mins. A. Jermy, 1; H. Hall, 2; S. Goate, 3; R. Dowe, 4; S. Smith, 5; \*A. W. Brighton (composer and conductor), 6. Tenor 12 cwt. in G. \*Hails from Norwich.

**MORRISTON (Glamorganshire).**—On Sunday morning, January 6th for Divine service at St. John's church, 720 Bob Minor (four bobs and fourteen singles), in 25 mins. E. Clarke, 1; L. J. Naysmith, 2; W. Jones, 3; D. J. Clark, 4; R. C. Gibson, 5; W. Green (conductor), 6. On Christmas evening, 720 in the same method (three bobs and eighteen singles), in 24 mins. E. R. Naysmith, 1; W. Jones, 2; R. C. Gibson, 3; D. J. Clark, 4; L. J. Naysmith, 5; W. Green (conductor), 6. On Sunday, December 31st, 720 in the same method (nine bobs and six singles), in 25 mins. E. R. Naysmith, 1; L. J. Naysmith, 2; W. Jones, 3; D. J. Clark, 4; R. C. Gibson, 5; W. Green (conductor), 6. On Monday, January 1st, after the midnight service, 720 in the same method (forty-two singles), in 23 mins. E. R. Naysmith, 1; W. Jones, 2; L. J. Naysmith (conductor), 3; D. J. Clark, 4; R. C. Gibson, 5; W. Green, 6. Tenor 10 cwt.

**NORTH WINGFIELD (Derbyshire).**—On Sunday, December 10th, at St. Laurence's church, 720 Bob Minor (twenty-eight bobs and eighteen singles). G. Burton, 1; W. Butler, 2; F. Knowles, 3; J.

Butler, 4; W. Hopkinson, 5; J. Tarlton (conductor), 6. On New Year's Eve 720 Bob Minor (twenty bobs and ten singles), standing as be ore. Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

**RAINHAM (Kent).**—On Sunday, January 7th, at St. Margaret's church, for morning service, 420 Grandsire Doubles. G. A. Ransom, 1; F. Ockwell, 2; E. Dunster (conductor), 3; C. Croucher, 4; J. Champion, 5; G. Inwood, 6. Tenor 1 ton 4 cwt. 3 qrs.

**REDENHALL (Norfolk).**—On Wednesday, November 22nd, an attempt was made for a peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major, but after ringing 3668 changes, in 2 hrs., the conductor had to set his bell as he was taken ill. E. Smith, 1; R. Peake, 2; F. Barkway, 3; G. Prime, 4; A. W. Brighton, 5; F. Smith, 6; J. Souter, 7; John Souter, 8. Conducted by E. Smith. A. W. Brighton hails from Norwich; John Souter from Diss; the rest belong to the local band.

**SALISBURY (Wilts).**—On Sunday evening, January 14th, at St. Martin's church, 1008 of Double Norwich Court Bob Major. A. J. Callaway, 1; A. W. Barkus (conductor), 2; W. Greenleaf, 3; C. A. Clements, 4; S. Lawrence, 5; T. Blackburn, 6; R. W. J. Gollop, 7; W. W. Gifford, 8.

**WESTERHAM (Kent).**—On Sunday, December 24th, 546 Grandsire Triples. C. Boreham, 1; R. Stone, 2; D. Wright, 3; H. J. Selby (conductor), 4; G. B. Selby, 5; J. Heath, 6; E. R. J. Dunk, 7; A. H. Collins, 8. On Sunday, December 31st, 336 and 559 Grandsire Triples. C. Boreham, 1; R. Stone, 2; D. Wright, 3; G. B. Selby, 4; G. Steer, 5; J. Heath, 6; E. R. J. Dunk (conductor), 7; A. H. Collins, 8. On Sunday, January 7th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. C. Boreham, 1; R. Stone, 2; G. B. Selby, 3; H. J. Selby, 4; G. Steer, 5; J. Heath, 6; E. R. J. Dunk (conductor), 7; D. Ashdown, 8. The quarter-peal and touches on Sunday, December 31st were rung on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. D. Ashdown, his brother-ringers wishing him long life and happiness. On Sunday evening, January 14th, for Divine Service, the last 700 of Holt's Original. C. Boreham, 1; D. Wright, 2; H. J. Selby, 3; G. B. Selby, 4; G. Steer, 5; J. Heath, 6; E. R. J. Dunk (conductor), 7; D. Ashdown, 8. After service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins., composed by G. Preston. C. Boreham, 1; D. Wright, 2; G. B. Selby, 3; G. Steer, 4; H. J. Selby (first attempt as conductor), 5; E. R. J. Dunk, 6; J. Heath, 7; R. Stone, 8. Rung on the occasion of the birthday of G. Selby, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

## Obituary.

### JAMES LODGE.

We have to record the death of Mr. James Lodge, who died on January 9th at his residence, Regent Street, Heckmondwike, at the age of seventy-four. The interment took place at Heckmondwike Cemetery on January 11th, and was attended by ringers and friends of the surrounding district. A correspondent says that "few men's records can eclipse the following, which refers to the late Mr. Lodge, who was well-known throughout Yorkshire and many other counties. And well did he assist to ring out the merry peal on the occasion of the crowning of Her Majesty the Queen on June 28th, 1837, at Almondbury Church, near Huddersfield. Mr. Lodge did not seem disposed to allow the jubilee year of Her Majesty to pass by without himself bestowing some small contribution in recognition of the event, though he had retired from ringing at that time. But he ascended the belfry of Christ Church, Liversedge, on Sunday, June 18th, 1887, and accordingly assisted to ring a service peal, this probably being his final effort in a profession to which he had for the past fifty-nine years been such an assiduous adherent. Mr. Lodge, it may be remarked, was for many years considered an expert steeple-ringer. Of the fifty-nine years he served in the Art he had held appointments for a considerable time at various churches, viz.: sixteen years at Almondbury Church, twelve at Batley Parish Church, four at Liversedge Parish Church, and three at Mirfield Parish Church. During his ringing career, Mr. Lodge assisted to win not fewer than thirty-eight prizes, and as frequently officiated as censor or judge at many important steeple-bell-ringing contests. Amongst his most remarkable performances is a 5000 on all even number of bells from six to twelve, on twelve bells, 5088 changes, and a peal of 5088 changes in three hours and eight mins. in the steeple of Christ Church, Liversedge, without a 'bob' being called. Mr. Lodge was heartily welcomed in the latter belfry on the 18th ult., and when at the conclusion of the peal, he was warmly congratulated on his ringing achievements."

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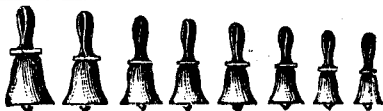


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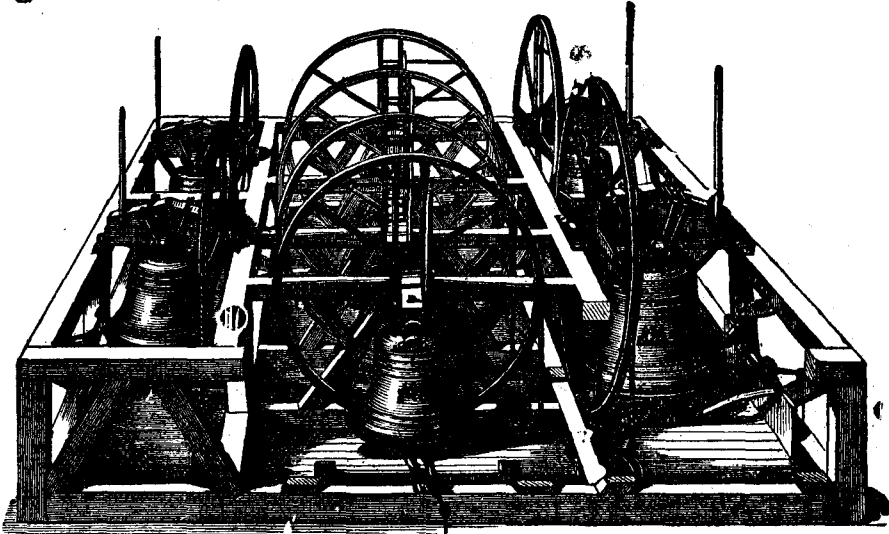
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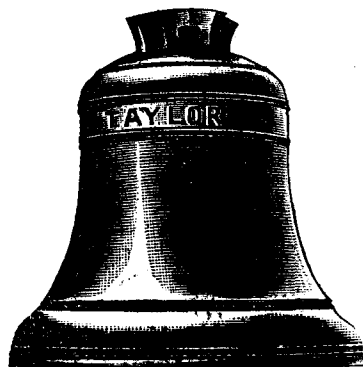
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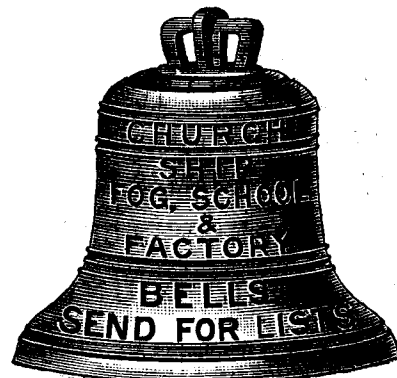
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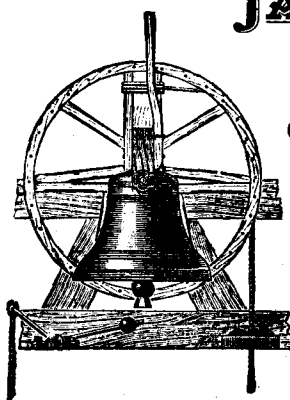
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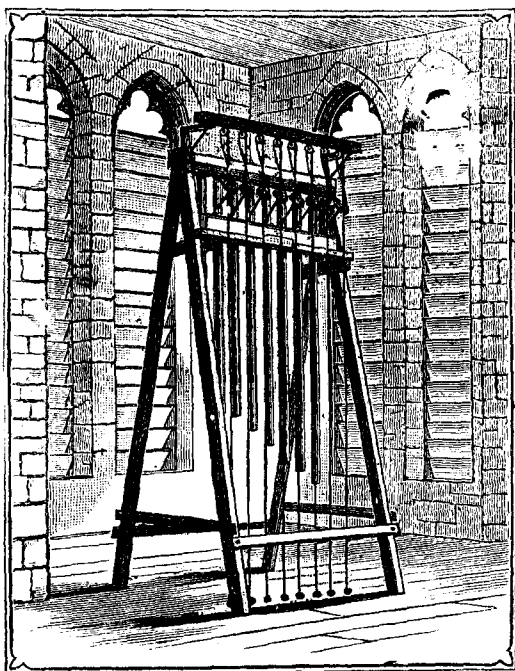
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The usual business meeting followed, the Rev. G. M. Drought presiding. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The Hon. Secretary reported that nine peals had been rung since the last meeting. A proposition made by Mr. Kenten, of Epsom, that conductors of peals should in future send particulars of the same to the Hon. Secretary, so that they may be inserted in proper order in the peal-book, was carried. It was also decided that the gentlemen of the Committee, together with the representatives, be invited to attend a meeting for the purpose of preparing the annual report and other important business. It was carried by a large majority to hold the next quarterly meeting at Sutton and Cheam on Easter Monday. Five ordinary members were elected.

A hearty vote of thanks to the chairman was passed with acclamation, who in reply expressed his pleasure at being present, not only at that meeting, but also on a former occasion, and that he hoped to meet them again when another meeting was held, and he wished the Surrey Association every success.

The towers were again visited, and while some were ringing Minor methods on the peal of six at the parish church, others were ringing Double Norwich at Immanuel church, thus bringing to a close a very successful meeting.

## STOKE-ON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

The first monthly meeting for this year of the above, was held at Tunstall on Saturday, January 13th, and was very well attended, there being about forty members present from the following towers:—Stoke, Hanley, Burslem, Bucknall, Leek, Kingsgrove, Norton, Wolstanton and Tunstall. Touches of Bob Minor, Oxford Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Violet Treble Bob and Grandsire Doubles were rung. A capital tea was provided by the vicar and ringers of Tunstall, and was heartily enjoyed by the members. In the absence of the vicar the Rev. — Tennyson, presided and gave a hearty welcome to all present. A vote of thanks to the vicar and ringers of Tunstall, for their kindness in providing tea, was proposed by Mr. W. Twigg (Bucknall), secretary of the Association, and was heartily carried. The secretary, in reviewing the past year, congratulated the members on the progress the Association had made in the matter of ringing, five peals of 5040 having been rung during the year, against one in the previous year, and for several years previous none were rung, and he hoped that this year they would do better still. After the meeting the members again made for the tower, and the bells were kept going in various methods till about nine o'clock, when they were lowered in peal.

## HENFIELD, SUSSEX.

The first annual meeting of the local society was held on Tuesday, January 16th. The officers elected were A. W. Groves, Captain; W. J. Alliss, Secretary. It was decided to join the Sussex County Association. After the business was done, touches of Grandsire and courses of Stedman were rung on the handbells. Courses of Grandsire were also rung double-handed by W. J. Alliss, 1-2; C. Tyler, 3-4; L. Payne, 5-6; A. W. Groves, 7-8.

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The Annual Meeting of the Sonning branch of this Guild was held at Wokingham on Saturday, January 20th, in St. Paul's parish room, and was well attended, seventy-six members being present. In the absence of the chairman, the Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis, the Rural Dean, the Rev. J. T. Brown presided. The proceedings commenced with tea, the business meeting immediately following. The secretary, in presenting his report and balance-sheet, stated that there was a balance in favour of the Guild of £8 8s. 3d. and that there was a slight improvement in the status of the branch, both in the number of members, and of those who had advanced from the probationary stage to that of change-ringers. A letter was read from the chairman of the branch, in which he expressed pleasure at the improvement mentioned, regretting, however, that he had not received the record of any peal rung by its members during 1893, and hoping that there might be an improvement in this respect in 1894. The officers for the present year were then elected, and the meeting closed with a few words from the Rural Dean, and the usual vote of thanks to the various officers, and to the ladies who had superintended the arrangements for the tea. Ringing afterwards took place at the tower of the parish church, St. Paul's tower not being available on this occasion.

## REOPENING OF UFFORD CHURCH BELLS.

The above bells have lately had two new trebles added to the peal of six, and on Sunday, January 14th, the Lord Bishop of the diocese held the dedication service; and on Monday about forty members of the Norwich Diocesan Association assembled from various parishes to ring them. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob were rung; also courses of Grandsire Triples, Caters, and Cinques, Bob Major and Royal were rung upon the handbells. The tenor is about 14 cwt., and the "go" of them is all that can be desired. Four of the clappers of the old bells have been reduced 21 lbs., which has made a very great improvement.

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The cost of the two new bells with all fittings and ropes was £67 10s. This sum has all been practically collected by Mr. W. Ward. Mr. A. Acfield, one of the churchwardens, acted as treasurer. These bells will be open for peal-ringing as soon as the local company have succeeded in ringing one, upon application to the Rev. H. D. Astley.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ROSSENDALE BRANCH.—A meeting of this branch was held at Ramsbottom on Saturday, January 20th, and was attended by members from Cloughfold, Manchester, Rawtenstall, Waterfoot, and the local company. The bells were set going at 3.30 and kept going till 5 o'clock. They then adjourned to the school where the business meeting was held, presided over by the vicar, who gave the Association a hearty welcome, and hoped it would not be long before they were there again. The business was then transacted, and Rawtenstall was selected as the place for the next meeting. A vote of thanks was given to the vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells, to the ringers for having all in readiness, and to the chairman for presiding. Touches of Bob Major, Grandsire Triples, and a 720 of Bob Minor were rung. J. Wolstenholme, 1; J. B. Taylor, 2; J. Gratrix, 3; J. Rollerson, 4; J. Whittaker, 5; H. H. Nutter (conductor), 6.

**YEovil TENOR.**—In an account of a peal rung at Yeovil in August last, the weight of the tenor was given as 44 cwt. as this is the weight cast on the bell, but from measurements taken it would appear that the weight is about 40 cwt. The diameter of this beautiful bell is 61½ inches, the note B concert pitch. Probably some of the readers of "THE BELL NEWS" who are strongly interested in the weights of tenors may be able to give the exact weight.

W.W.G.

## PARISH CHURCH BELFRY, JANUARY I.

Mr. W. T. Pates, of Cheltenham, sends us the following, taken from *The Gloucester Echo* :—

New Year's Eve in a belfry! What place more appropriate to spend the fleeting moments that bridge over the parting of the years? Simple enough is the idea; prosaic enough is its execution. Yet, to a mind given to sentimental imaginings, there is a strange, weird fascination in spending the witching hour amidst the clamorous bells. Perhaps it was that, wearied of the pessimism that taints the joys of Christmas more and more as the years roll on, anxious to gain relief from the gruesome feast of horrors that the literature of Christmas-time provided, one longed for just a touch of that human nature that Dickens alone knew how to give, and sought for recollections in a spot that could not fail to raise the ghosts of memory. The Old Church belfry on New Year's Eve! Midnight is yet half an hour distant, but high up, beneath the tall grey spire that keeps watch above the town, the bright lights shine like gold among the gloom. Below them the ancient Church lies black and sombre. But a few short hours before a throng of worshippers had passed its portals, the many windows glowed with brilliant colour and the "pealing organ swelled the note of praise." Now all is wrapped in darkness as if in sable mourning for the death of the old year. Surely this quiet churchyard is a not inappropriate place for a meditation among the tombs. Let us wait awhile at the foot of the old stone cross, backed by the great rose window, and dream a New Year's dream. Within a dozen yards of this peaceful spot the busy hum of voices rises from the crowd—none too orderly and none too respectable—that in the High Street waits the birth of yet another year. But these disturb us not. Our thoughts have flown to Dickens and his Christmas books. It is not difficult in such a place to picture Scrooge gazing with feelings of returning humanity upon his own tombstone at the bidding of the Spirit of Christmas Yet to Come; or, by way of contrast, to think of Tiny Tim and his happy childish "God bless us every one!" Still these are Christmas visions and it is New Year's Eve. There is the church porch, but where is Toby Veck? Has he found the open door and gone up, up, up, among the slumbering shapes in their airy nest of stone and metal, shadowy, dark and dumb, swarming with dwarf phantoms, spirits, elfin creatures of the bells, and is he listening to the solemn words that fall from the goblin of the great bell? Perhaps he is, but we will not follow him there. Our dream is ended for awhile and we enter the narrow doorway of the Church and toilsomely ascend the winding staircase, but it is light and cheerful, and we have no need to grope our way, as Toby did, and feel that everything we touched was like a "man or ghostly figure standing up erect and making room to pass without discovery." Up, up, up, and round and round, and we are in a large square room. Very pleasant does it look and very cheery is the welcome we get from the assembled ringers, and very genuine, moreover, is the pride with which they show us, emblazoned in gold, their unbeaten record of a true Peal of Grandsire Caters of 15,227 changes in nine hours and 43 minutes, rung on Easter Monday, 1889. Enthusiasts to a man are these ringers, who follow their exacting recreation with all the ardour of artists. In a moment we shall have a taste of their quality. Coats discarded, stations taken and ropes grasped the word is given and the glorious chimes that herald 1894 burst out above in muffled splendour to our listening ears. A quarter-peal is rung—1260 changes—the ringers working heartily and well, a few extra flourishes are added to right the bells, the plaintive tones of "Home, Sweet Home" are cast upon the midnight air, and the bells have announced to the world the advent of another year. With a little imagination to aid one, a New Year's Eve in a belfry is not an unpleasant experience, and when once more out in the tree planted walks of the churchyard, and thoughtfully wending homeward in the dripping fog that now has risen, the haunting music of the chimes recalls the words of the poet:—

Ring on ye Christmas bells of peace,  
Ring on of love that never dies  
The love that lasts, though life must cease,  
The life of deathless sympathies.  
Ring out the only true belief,  
Across the meadows and the plain;  
The woods once more will smile in leaf,  
The Summer flowers come again.

## THE BARNET (HERTS.) GUILD.

The members of this Guild held their first annual dinner on Friday evening, the 12th inst., at the Church House. The guild has only been formed a year, since the new peal of bells were hung by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, and with the assistance of an able instructor in the person of Mr. Charles H. Martin (Master of the Middlesex Association), have made steady progress in the art. The dinner commenced at eight o'clock, and was presided over by Mr. T. H. King (Treasurer of the Guild), supported by the Rev. D. W. Barrett (Rector), Mr. F. Milne, and Mr. Martin. The repast being over, the rector referred in very high terms to the way in which the Guild had carried out its work in the past year, and complimented it on the progress it had made. He said that church bell-ringers were beginning to take an interest in the work as they should do as church workers. He believed there were 65,000 bell-ropes in this Country, and if every one represented a thorough churchman, they would make the force stronger to fight the battle of the next few years. He congratulated the ringers on their attendance at Divine Service, and concluded by proposing "Success to the Barnet Guild of bell-ringers." Mr. T. H. King (the hon. treasurer), then read the subscription list for the past year, and made reference to the hearty way in which the work had been carried out by the Guild. Mr. F. Milne then proposed the health of Mr. Martin, the instructor. Mr. Martin in reply, thanked the company for their kindness, and expressed the hope that before long the band might ring its first peal. The remainder of the evening was then devoted to harmony, the following programme being well carried out:—Pianoforte duet, Miss M. Doulton and Mr. F. Butler; song, "The Old Brigade" Mr. F. Blondell; song, "Some Folks," Mr. F. Butler; song, "Grace Darling," Mr. J. Thurssell; reading, Mr. T. H. King; song, "Half-past Nine," Mr. J. D. Matthews; song, "Little Brown Jug," Mr. A. R. Samuels; song, "Ballyhooly," Mr. A. Dolton; selection, handbells and pianoforte, "Scenes that are brightest," Miss M. Dolton and Messrs. F. Blondell and A. Dolton; pianoforte duet, "The dance of the Witches," Miss M. Dolton and Mr. F. Butler; song, "Luxuries," Mr. F. Blondell; song, "The Friar of orders Grey," Mr. F. Butler; song, "The Song that reached my Heart," Mr. J. Thurssell; song, "After the Ball," Mr. J. D. Matthews; selection on the handbells, Messrs. F. Blondell and A. Dolton; song, "When you and I were young, Maggie," Mr. A. Dolton; song, "Poor Old Joe," Mr. J. Sumpter; song, "The King's Own," Mr. A. R. Samuels; song, "The Longshoreman," Mr. A. Chidwick. A hearty vote of thanks having been passed to Mr. and Mrs. Dolton, for the excellent manner in which the supper had been provided, the company dispersed after the singing of "Auld Lang Syne." It should be mentioned that this Guild is now connected with the Middlesex Association.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

CRADLEY.—The members of the Cradley band of church-bell ringers, showed a last token of respect to the late Mr. Thomas Trinder, churchwarden of the above parish, who died on the 17th inst., and was interred at the parish church, on Monday, the 24th. The ringers met at the belfry in the evening after the funeral and rang a date touch, 1894 changes, in one hour and six mins., with the clappers half muffled. The touch was composed of 119 singles (the greatest number that could be used with each peal called differently), 47 bobs, 22 extremes and one plain lead, the four changes extra was made before the usual go, the four front bells making places, the fifth lying behind. The striking from beginning to finish was perfection. The men stood as follows:—R. Stone, 1; E. S. King, 2; A. Hadley, 3; C. Watkins, 4; H. Pritchard, 5; M. Williams and W. Cheese, tenors. The touch was arranged and conducted by E. S. King.

NOTE TO THE PEAL AT WIGSTON.—This is the first 5040 on the bells, and was rung to celebrate the eighty-fourth birthday of the wife of T. Ingram, Esq., the donor of the treble bell. After the peal the ringers were kindly invited to the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Ingram, where refreshments were provided, and a pleasant evening was spent, touches of Triples and Caters on the handbells being rung for the amusement of the company. The band desire to thank their patrons for their generosity.



## EASTNOR, HEREFORDSHIRE.

On Saturday, January 13th, six members of the Malvern society journeyed to Eastnor, to celebrate the birthday of Mr. G. Connop, who attained his 80th birthday on that date. Mr. Connop has been a ringer between fifty and sixty years, and, although never an expert above six bells, he always gained the esteem of his brother ringers who should ever have been in his company, always willing to meet a band, and provide for their comfort and pleasure.

Arriving at the veteran's house, the visitors received a hearty welcome, and were soon made at home with him. A splendid spread was put before them, which they did full justice to, and greatly enjoyed. Afterwards, the handbells (a very fine set), were brought into use, and a few courses of Triples, Doubles, etc., were rung on them. Several of the Eastnor band being present, a move was made for the tower where Grandsire and Stedman Doubles were rung, and 720 Grandsire Minor in 23 mins. F. Summers, 1; C. Layton, 2; T. Williams, 3; H. T. Knowles, 4; A. Layton, 5; R. G. Knowles (conductor), 6. Leaving the bells in the hands of the Local band, the visitors left to take their leave with Mr. Connop, and with a parting glass and a very hearty invitation to come again, they hurried to the station, one and all agreeing that it was the best outing they had ever had. The visitors from Malvern were: G. Peacy, A. and C. Layton, R. and H. T. Knowles, and J. Soely.

## THE THORP BENEFIT FUND.

In placing before the Exercise the summarised result of the draw scheme in aid of this Fund, the committee desire it known that they intend to celebrate in a manner befitting the occasion, the conclusion of their appeals, particulars of which due notice will be given.

## SUMMARY OF BALANCE-SHEET OF DRAW.

To Cash received for Tickets	...	£189	11	4		
By Prizes, Printing, Postage, Stationery and Carriage	...	32	14	0		
Balance Profit	...	£156	17	4		
Subscriptions already announced	...	...	...	...	£7	8 6
Rev. Mr. Sykes (Borobridge)	...	...	...	...	0	1 0
Mr. C. Price (Eccleston)	...	...	...	...	0	2 6
Balance on profit Draw	...	...	...	...	156	17 4
The List will close on February 3rd.						

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## Correspondence.

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

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

## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

SIR,—I noticed in the report of the doings of the Central Council last year, that it was proposed to lay down as a canon in ringing matters, that peals and compositions commencing with two bells lying still were unworthy of record. Will somebody who knows, tell us what we are to gain through this remarkable dictum, and what arguments were adduced to persuade those present, that a practice which has so much to recommend it should be swept aside without a word being heard in its defence. What we shall lose by accepting this decision is too well-known to every composer and conductor who knows his business, to make it necessary to enlarge upon it here. I fear that if the next Central Council can't show something more practically useful, as the outcome of their deliberations than the abolishing of such an old and useful practice as this, that we shall think that some at least of their number have a good bit to learn of the rudiments of musical composition, and that perhaps this institution which was to create such reforms in the ringing world, may prove not altogether an unmixed blessing.

ROBERT STRINGFELLOW.

## THE ST. MARY'S SOCIETY, EYNESBURY, HUNTS.

On Saturday, January 20th, the above society held their annual outing, the place selected being Caxton, Cambs. A start was made at eleven o'clock, and a pleasant drive of about two hours brought them to the village. A move was soon made for the church, where they were met by the vicar, the Rev. H. Smythe, who conducted them to the tower. Here they found a capital ring of six, tenor 8 cwt., recently rehung. The bells were soon raised in peal and several six-scores of Grandsire and Bob Doubles were rung. A move was then made for dinner. On returning to the tower the bells were soon swinging to Bob Minor, a capital 720 being brought round in 25 mins., by the following:—J. Jones, 1; E. Clarke, 2; S. Hawksford, 3; C. Chasty, 4; H. J. Sutton (conductor), 5; G. Irons, 6. Also a 720 Grandsire Minor, conducted by Mr. White, G. Colman ringing the tenor, the others as before; these were the first on the bells. After a 216 Bob Minor the bells were lowered in peal, and at the invitation of the vicar the ringers proceeded to his house, where a splendid tea was provided for them, when touches were rung on the handbells, to the delight of those present. At 7.30 the party left after thanking the vicar for his great kindness in providing tea, and also for granting them the use of the bells. Too much praise cannot be bestowed on the bellhanger for the way in which he has carried out the work of re-hanging the bells. The tower originally contained five bells, but they were in such a wretched state that the tenor and second had to be re-cast. This has been done, and with a new treble, they make a very musical ring of six. They are hung in a combination frame of oak and iron, strongly bolted together. The "go" of them is simply perfection.

## PRESENTATION TO A RINGER.

On Wednesday evening, the 18th instant, the Bradford district of the Independent Order of Oddfellows, Manchester Unity, presented a most handsome marble timepiece to brother B. T. Copley, in recognition of services rendered by him during the past two years as Provincial Deputy Grand Master, and Provincial Grand Master. The presentation was made by G. S. Walton, P.P.G.M., who referred in the highest terms of praise to the valuable work done by brother Copley to his lodge, since his initiation in April, 1876, to the district, and to the cause of Friendly Societies generally in their town. In addition to the representatives of the lodges, several past provincial Grand Masters, and a large number of visiting brethren, there were present representatives from all the other societies in the town, who spoke most eulogistically of brother Copley's services, especially in the way of bringing the various societies together, in the formation of their Friendly Societies' Council, and in many other ways. The gathering altogether from its comprehensive and representative character, was unprecedented in the history of the Bradford district of the Manchester Unity.

THE VALUE OF A TOWN BELL.—In some towns the old fashion of making announcements by means of a bellman still survives. This is the case in the fair town of Inverness, but the authorities there do not allow anyone who pleases to make the streets hideous with their noises. To avoid this, they sell the right of the bell every year by public auction to the man who bids the highest price for it. In 1893 this right fetched only £3, which was £2 less than was offered for it the year before. In Inverness, at any rate, nobody could make a living out of the town bell alone.

THE PEAL AT TIPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.—This peal has the 5th and 6th each twenty times in 6ths place, the 4th six times; and the 2nd and 3rd never there at a course-end. B. Gough hails from Coseley; H. Mason from Old Hill; W. Micklewright from Dudley; L. Bullock from Burton-on-Trent; J. E. Groves from Wolverhampton; the rest belong to the local band. This is the conductor's fiftieth peal, made up as follows: 5040s on five and six bells, 7; Bob Triples, 1; Grandsire Triples, 10, conducted 5; Stedman Triples, 2; Bob Major, 5, conducted 2; Canterbury Major, 1; Forward Major, 1; Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Major, 1 each; Double Norwich Court Bob Major, 3; Grandsire Caters, 13, conducted 5; Stedman Caters, 1; Bob Royal, 1; Grandsire Royal, 1; Forward Royal, 1; and Kent Treble Bob Royal, 1.

## WIDFORD, ESSEX.—RINGERS' SUPPER.

On Thursday, January 11th, the ringers and adult members of the choir were invited to supper at the rectory at 7.30. by the rector, the Rev. H. Townsend Wilson. Accordingly the ringers arranged to meet at 7 o'clock, when they rang three 120s of Grandsire Doubles, after which they adjourned to the rectory. A short touch of Grandsire Triples on the handbells filled the interval before supper, and everything being ready grace was said by the rector, and ample justice was done to the good things provided. The rector returned thanks, and while the tables were being cleared, the ringers again visited the tower and rang 504 Grandsire Triples. C. Houghton, 1; A. Tarbun, 2; A. Shuttleworth, 3; W. J. Piper, 4; A. Speller, 5; G. Green, 6; A. Edwards (conductor), 7; C. Porter, 8. Having lowered the bells, the ringers went back to the rectory and spent a most enjoyable evening, songs being rendered by Mr. Tunbridge (organist), Messrs. Dines and Bailes (choir), Messrs. Piper, Tarbun, and Green (ringers), interspersed with tunes and touches on the handbells by Messrs. Piper, Tarbun, Green and Edwards. The Rector contributed towards the success of the evening by a very touching and instructive reading. A vote of thanks was accorded to the rev. gentleman for his splendid entertainment, and to his sister, Miss Wilson, for the masterly way it was served. He suitably responded, and said it had given him the greatest pleasure to entertain them, and he hoped it would not be the last time he would have that pleasure, and all being well, that he would be able to ring the method with them by that time next year. Three cheers for the rector and Miss Wilson, followed by "God save the Queen" on the handbells, brought to a close a most enjoyable evening.

## STEYNING, SUSSEX.—RINGERS' SUPPER.

The members and friends of the Steyning branch held their annual supper on Thursday, January 11th. At the parish church prior to the supper, a 504 of Stedman Triples was rung by a mixed band. W. Woolgar, 1; A. Gatland, 2; J. Smart, 3; T. Searle, 4; H. Chandler (Warnham), 5; G. Gatland, 6; G. Smart (conductor), 7; W. Wadey (Billingshurst), 8. An adjournment was then made to the Star Inn, where an excellent repast awaited them, the chair being taken by the Rev. A. Pridgeon, Vicar of Steyning, and the vice-chair by Mr. F. J. Cherryman. There were also present the (Vicar's Warden, Mr. T. Duke), Messrs. Williams (Hon. Divisional Secretary), Hart and King (Brighton), H. Chandler (Warnham), W. Wadey (Billingshurst), and members to the number of thirty. "Go" was called about 6.50, and after a few bobs and singles this touch was brought round in excellent style at 8 o'clock, after which the usual toasts were given and drank, including "The Queen and Royal Family," "The Clergy," "The Churchwardens," and "Ringers and Visitors." The Rev. A. Pridgeon responded on behalf of the Clergy; Mr. T. Duke for the Churchwardens; Mr. G. Gatland on behalf of the ringers; and Mr. G. Williams for the visitors. The health of the "Host and Hostess" having been given and drank, the rest of the evening was devoted to songs, and recitations; several courses of Grandsire Triples were rung on the handbells (double handed), by the following: Messrs. Williams, Hart, King, G. Smart, and C. Smart. Songs were also contributed by Messrs. Cherryman, Gatland, Rapley, Searle, C. Smart, J. Smart, Wadey, and Woolgar. At 11 o'clock the singing of the National Anthem brought a most pleasant evening to a close, one and all having most thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

It was intended to have started for a peal of Stedman Triples in the afternoon, but, owing to the recent fire at the Steyning Brewery, it had to be abandoned at the last moment.

PRESENTATION TO A HANDBELL SOLOIST AT WALTHAMSTOW.—On the occasion of the members childrens' annual treat at the Unionist Club, High Street, on Thursday, January 18th, an interesting presentation of a handsome silver medal was made, Mr. Frank Flintham being the recipient. The medal bore the following inscription: "Presented by Geo. Clarke to Frank Flintham, on his abilities as handbell soloist, January 18th, 1894." Mr. Pollard, treasurer of the club, in an able speech made the presentation. This makes Mr. Flintham's fourth presentation in three years.

## THE ST. PETER-AT-ARCHES SOCIETY, LINCOLN.

The third annual dinner of this society was held on Tuesday, January 16th, at the Hare and Hounds inn, High street. About twenty members and their friends sat down to an excellent repast, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all. After the removal of the cloth, Mr. C. W. P. Clifton, the master of the society, was voted to the chair, Mr. R. Dawson officiating as vice-chairman. While the churchwarden pipes were being put in full swing, a selection was rendered on the piano by J. K. Roberts, which was followed by numerous songs, and courses of Grandsire Triples and Bob Major, also some tune-ringing by Mr. G. Lindoff (late of Chatham), on the splendid peal of handbells presented to him by the Gillingham ringers, and who, we are glad to say, has taken up his residence in Lincoln. Time drawing to a close, Mr. R. E. Clarke, in proposing a vote of thanks to the hostess (Mrs. Atkinson), referred to the dinner being served in a most excellent manner, and that it reflected great credit to the caterer. Mr. J. W. Watson seconded, and the vote was unanimously carried. The worthy hostess in responding, expressed the pleasure it gave her to know that she had given those present such satisfaction. Mr. J. Ellard, the senior member present, in proposing a vote of thanks to the chairman, said that he had carried his duties out in the most successful manner, and had contributed very much to the very pleasant evening. Mr. H. Maidens (of the Cathedral society) seconded, in a few well chosen remarks, and proposed the proposer's health, which was responded to with musical honours. A pleasant evening was brought to a close by singing Auld Lang Syne and the National Anthem.

## RINGERS' SUPPER.

The ringers of St. Mary's Church, Bucknall, held their annual supper at the Traveller's Rest inn, Bucknall, on Saturday last, January 20th, at which they were joined by six of the ringers of Christ Church, Tunstall, and a few friends. Meeting first at the tower a few touches of Violet Treble Bob and New London Pleasure were rung, and also a 720 of Woodbine. D. Preston, 1; W. Wheeldon, 2; R. W. Twigg, 3; C. Preston, 4; J. Johnson (Tunstall), (first 720 in the method), 5; W. Twigg (conductor) 6. The supper was presided over by Mr. W. Twigg, the vice-chair being filled by Mr. Johnson (Tunstall), when ample justice was done by all to the good things provided. The cloth being removed, the chairman gave the usual loyal toast of "The Queen, The Prince of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family," the toast of "Church and State," being proposed by the vice-chairman. The remaining toasts were the "Bishop and Clergy of the Diocese," proposed by Mr. R. Horne (Tunstall), and the "Ringers of Tunstall," by Mr. G. Hobbs (Bucknall), and responded to by Mr. W. Rigby, who in turn gave the health of the Bucknall ringers; the "Visitors" being proposed by Mr. C. Preston (Bucknall). The vice-chairman next proposed "Success to the Stoke Archidiaconal Association of change-ringers," coupling with it the name of the chairman (hon. secretary of the Association), who briefly responded. Success to "THE BELL NEWS" was then proposed by the chairman. Songs were given by Mr. E. Horne and Mr. W. Rigby (Tunstall). A vote of thanks was accorded to the host, Mr. J. Bates, for the excellent supper he had provided. The meeting broke up about 10.15 in order that the Tunstall ringers might catch the train, all agreeing that they had spent a very pleasant evening.

## LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—BLACKBURN BRANCH.

On Saturday, January 20th, a meeting of the above branch was held at Holy Trinity church, Burnley. Representatives were present from Blackburn, Burnley, Padiham, and Church. During the afternoon, touches of Kent Treble Bob Major and Grandsire Triples were rung, also touches of Kent Treble Bob Minor and Plain Bob Minor. The meeting was held in the ringing-chamber, presided over by Mr. J. Walker, president of the branch. Ten new members were enrolled, and it was decided to hold the next meeting at Whalley. Votes of thanks to the Vicar, wardens, and ringers of Holy Trinity church, and to the chairman and secretary, terminated the business of the meeting.

## CURRENT TOPICS.

In my last I made public the contents of two letters which were addressed to me. Again I have been favoured in the same way, with three more communications, two of which I give below. As this thing is growing, I had better give a few instructions to intending correspondents. I would have them inform me whether their letters are for publication or otherwise, and also if they object to their names appearing should I at any time think it best for them to appear. If my correspondents will note these conditions I shall be for ever grateful to them. They can now begin to overwhelm me with their lucubrations as soon as they please.

Every reader will remember the letter which appeared relative to the ringing experience of the eldest daughter of the Rector of Ducklington, Oxon. Well, with reference to that, I have the following letter, from a clergyman:—

"Dear Mr. Plain Speaker, the second letter you published was indeed welcome reading.—'Hats off to Miss Macray.'—May I mention the fact that I have had the honour of ringing with a company of which the most part consisted of ladies? They rang Bob, Grandsire, Stedman, Stedman Slow Course, and St. Simon's Doubles; Grandsire, Bob, Treble Bob, College Single, Canterbury Pleasure Minor. For examples I may refer you to 'THE BELL NEWS,' Vol. IV pp. 215, 231, 318. Vol V., pp. 71, 141 (double handed,) 198, under the heading 'Lower Hardres.' But I seem to remember within the last few years having read of even greater performances by the wife of some notable ringer. Perhaps some one may know exactly, and give the lady the credit due to her.—I am Sir, yours faithfully, B.—P.S.—I inclose my card."

The lady last alluded to is, as every one knows, Mrs. George Williams, of Brighton, whose portrait worthily adorns the "Ringers' Gallery." Now I have to give publication to another letter which will also be welcome reading. This is from another clergyman. Here it is:—

"It may interest your friend, Mr. Plain Speaker, to know that we can almost equal his Ducklington correspondent in the matter of ladies ringing, for the Vicar's two daughters here can ring not only on handbells, but on the tower bells. At present they are deep in Bob Doubles, one of them having rang her 6-score, and on the occasion of a wedding or week-day services, when we cannot always get our band together, these two ladies have come to the rescue, and have thus enabled us to have all the bells going. One of the ladies takes the 2nd bell, and the other the 4th, in our peal of six, tenor 12 cwt."

At last! Ladies in the belfry and ringing Bob Doubles on the tower bells. Perhaps calling the bobs, and putting wrong ringers right. How I envy the local band at such a place. Croquet, lawn tennis, etc., etc., you are doomed to an apathetic forgetfulness. The ladies will practice ringing and get profit thereby, both mental and corporeal. Gentlemen—"The Ladies."

Another letter to hand, which I think had better not appear. It is from a correspondent who sends his name, but wishes it to appear under a *nom de plume*. He writes about the affair at Greenwich, viz., the *peal* of "Stoney" rung in honour of the Baroness Burdett-Coutts. The publication of this letter would cause pain to some of those now living who were in the band. I want to avoid this. But if the accusations (for they are nothing less) concerning this wretched performance are true, then sufficient cause is shown for the ignominious removal and speedy

destruction of the tablet in question, for as long as it remains where it is it will be a disgrace both to living and dead. What do the Birmingham St. Martin's company think upon seeing their old Vicar's name at the bottom of a *peal* of Stoney? I ask the present Vicar to remove from our sight this insult to the memory of his predecessor—the great Canon.

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I should like to put an interrogatory to the officers of the three great London Ringing Societies, and will feel obliged to either of them if they will afford me the information. Is it customary to allow the minute-book of your societies to be carried away from the place where it is usually kept and exhibited to some one say four or five miles off? I won't say anything of the object the member had in view in carrying such a book all this distance. I merely want to ask if such a mode of doing business is allowable by either of the three great London societies. In this matter I shall take the silence of the respective secretaries as an indication that such procedure is allowable, and then of course I can shape my observations accordingly.

PLAIN SPEAKER.

## ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY, BATH.

The members of this society held their fifth annual festival on Wednesday, January 10th. Honorary members and several of the congregation were invited, and a very interesting programme was gone through. The first item was the unveiling of a new peal tablet in the tower. Two peals are recorded on this board, the wording of which is as follows:—

"Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—On Monday, June 6th 1892, in 3 hours 2 minutes, a peal of Grandsire Triples, 5040 changes, was rung at this church by the following members. Hollis' five-part. H. Wyburn, treble; \*E. P. Charles, 2; W. Lewis, 3; G. Temple, 4; G. H. Hill, 5; C. W. Bell, 6; H. W. Brown, 7; F. Skuse, tenor. \*First peal. Conducted by H. W. Brown.

On Friday, November 24th, 1893, in 3 hrs. and 5 mins., a peal of Bob Triples, 5040 changes, was rung at this church by the following members. Annable's six-part. J. Smith-Flower, treble; G. Temple, 2; G. H. Hill, 3; H. W. Brown, 4; C. Goodenough, 5; H. Wotton, 6; C. W. Bell, 7; F. G. Beesley, tenor. Conducted by C. W. Bell. This is the first peal of Bob Triples on these bells. Rector—Rev. James Lunt, M.A."

The bells were then raised, and several short touches were rung. A short special service was afterwards held in the church.

At 8 o'clock the company adjourned to the Harley Street schoolroom, where light refreshments were served to the guests.

Mr. P. Charles, the Secretary, read the report for the past year, which was followed by a few remarks from the Revs. J. Lunt and W. A. Purton. The remainder of the programme consisted of songs rendered by Mrs. Shaw-Phillips, Miss Shaw-Phillips, Miss Goodwyn, Miss Burt, Rev. C. E. D. De Labilliere, and Mr. Burrows; and pianoforte solos by Miss Hobbs and Mr. A. S. Salter.

## WILBYE, NORTHANTS.

On Saturday, January 13th, the Great Doddington ringers paid a visit to this place, where they were met by the local ringers, and some well-struck Grandsire Doubles were rung. J. Thornton, 1; J. Sharp, 2; C. Chapman, 3; J. Bonham, 4; E. Chapman, 5. Some touches were also rung with R. Sharp, one of the local men, on the treble. The ringers wish through the medium of this paper to thank the rector for the use of the bells, and the ringers for having everything in readiness. They consider the "go" of the bells most satisfactory.

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

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27, 1894.

As will be seen in another column, announcement is made of the conclusion of the Thorp Fund, the result of which has been to put the beneficiare in possession of such a substantial sum as may, with prudence and judicious outlay, be the means of placing Mr. THORP in a position of independence. Such a satisfactory ending to his labours must be very gratifying to the prime mover in the movement, as it is to ourselves as the mouthpiece of the Exercise, and is another remarkable evidence of the great strides which our Art has made, generally throughout England, within the last decade. It is the opinion of some few of our leading lights, that had this appeal been made ten years ago, one tenth of the sum subscribed upon this occasion would have been looked upon as a very respectable amount to have accrued, and several instances of similar undertakings will occur to our readers, the incidents of which goes largely to bear out this hypothesis.

The personal popularity of JOHN THORP, the energy and perseverance of the workers in the cause, and the wide-

spread publicity given to the undertaking, have doubtless, each in their due proportions, conduced to this gratifying consummation.

AGAIN a doubt as to the weight of a tenor, on this occasion from Yeovil. We have for some time past been in communication with a gentleman well-known as a skilful bell hanger, and expect to be in a position very shortly, to make an announcement setting forth a remedy for this frequently-recurring evil.

### The Metropolis.

#### THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, January 20, 1894, in Three Hours and Thirty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES, CAMBERWELL,

#### A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5080 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 25 cwt.

RICHARD FRENCH .. .. Treble.	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY .. 6.
JOHN N. OXBORROW .. .. 2.	EDWIN HORREX .. .. 7.
GEORGE T. McLAUGHLIN .. 3.	FREDERICK J. FRENCH .. 8.
WILLIAM E. GARRARD .. .. 4.	CORNELIUS CHARGE .. .. 9.
HENRY R. NEWTON .. .. 5.	JOHN MURRAY HAYES .. Tenor.

Composed by YORK GREEN and Conducted by JOHN M. HAYES.

This is the first peal on the bells since the restoration of the tower.

### The Provinces.

#### OTLEY, YORKSHIRE.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 13, 1894, no time mentioned.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

#### A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt.

C. RALPH .. .. Treble.	FRED. MASTON .. .. 5.
TOM LOCKWOOD .. .. 2.	*JOHN NELSON .. .. 6.
JAMES BALDWIN .. .. 3.	WILLIAM WADDINGTON .. 7.
THOMAS M. THOMPSON .. 4.	F. W. DIXON .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by T. LOCKWOOD.

\*First peal. Messrs. Baldwin, Thompson and Dixon hails from Guiseley; Lockwood from Leeds; the rest belong to the local company.

#### BRANDESTON, SUFFOLK.

#### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 17, 1894, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

#### 5040 CHANGES IN SEVEN DIFFERENT METHODS UPON SIX BELLS;

Being 720 each of the following:

Double Stedman Slow Course, Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, Double Court, Woodbine, Kent, and Oxford Treble Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt.

JAMES DURRANT .. .. Treble.	EDGAR WIGHTMAN .. .. 4.
GEORGE WIGHTMAN .. .. 2.	DAVID G. WIGHTMAN .. 5.
HENRY W. BALDRY .. .. 3.	ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN .. Tenor.

Conducted by DAVID G. WIGHTMAN.

#### IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

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

On Thursday, January 18, 1894, in Two Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

AT THE HOUSE OF MR. F. J. TILLET,

ON HANDBELLS RETAINED IN HAND,

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

WILLIAM MOTTS .. .. 1-2.	JAMES MOTTS .. .. 5-6.
ALBERT E. DURRANT .. 3-4.	FREDERICK J. TILLET .. 7-8.

Composed by the late W. GARRARD and Conducted by J. MOTTS.

Umpires.—J. W. Lines and C. H. Gillingham. The calling of the peal will be found on page 169, Hubbard's second edition revised.

#### SALISBURY, WILTS.

#### THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS AND THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, January 17, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

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

ALFRED P. GODDARD .. Treble.	*SYDNEY LAWRENCE .. .. 5.
ARTHUR W. BARKUS† .. 2.	THOMAS BLACKBOURN .. 6.
WILLIAM GREENLEAF† .. 3.	ROBERTO W. J. GOLLOP .. 7.
CHARLES A. CLEMENTS .. 4.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. Tenor.

Composed by H. HUBBARD and Conducted by ARTHUR W. BARKUS.

†First peal in the method with a bob bell. \*First peal in the method. This is the first peal in the method in the county by entirely local men. Rung as a wedding peal on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. George Mason with Miss Rose Blackbourn, (sister of Mr. T. Blackbourn) at the Abbey Church, Bourn, Lincolnshire.

#### GLOUCESTER.

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

On Thursday, January 18, 1894, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL,

#### A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES. Tenor 20 cwt. 48 lbs.

GEORGE L. BRUNSDON .. Treble.	JOHN AUSTIN .. .. 5.
ALFRED T. BRUNSDON .. 2.	FRANCIS E. WARD .. .. 6.
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Composed by H. DAINS and Conducted by the REV. H. LAW JAMES.

#### TIPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

#### SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, January 20, 1894, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

#### A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES. Tenor 12½ cwt.

ADAM H. HILL .. .. Treble.	HARRY MASON .. .. 5.
EDWARD GOODREDS .. .. 2.	WILLIAM MICKLEWRIGHT .. 6.
BENJAMIN GOUGH .. .. 3.	LEONARD BULLOCK .. .. 7.
WILLIAM R. SMALL .. .. 4.	JAMES E. GROVES .. Tenor.

Composed by ADAM H. HILL and Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

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

#### IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

#### RAUNDS AND WELLINGBOROUGH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 20, 1894, 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 10 cwt.

JONATHAN SEAMARK* .. Treble.	†WILLIAM HALL .. .. 5.
GEORGE RANDALL* .. .. 2.	†JOHN B. MARTIN .. .. 6.
ALFRED H. MARTIN .. .. 3.	†WILLIAM PETTET .. .. 7.
WILLIAM J. GILBERT† .. 4.	*SEPTIMUS MIDDLETON .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN B. MARTIN.

The above is the first peal on the bells, which have lately been rehung with two additional trebles by Messrs. Taylor and Co., and the "go" of them is excellent  
\*First 5040 in any method. †First in the method.

#### YEOVIL, SOMERSET.

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

On Saturday, January 20, 1894, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5021 CHANGES; Tenor 40 cwt.

REV. G. F. COLERIDGE .. Treble.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 6.
ALFRED P. GODDARD .. .. 2.	REV. H. A. COCKEY .. .. 7.
THOMAS BLACKBOURN .. 3.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. 8.
CHARLES HOUNSLOW .. .. 4.	RICHARD T. HIBBERT .. 9.
WILLIAM GREENLEAF .. 5.	JAMES W. WASHBROOK .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JAMES W. WASHBROOK.

The first peal in the method on the bells.



## HALEWOOD.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 20th, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

CHARLES WILEIAMS .. .. Treble,	ALBERT GRACE .. .. 5.
ROBERT WILLIAMS .. .. 2.	JOHN ASPINWALL .. .. 6.
GEORGE CALLAND .. .. 3.	JAMES DILLON .. .. 7.
THOMAS GRIFFITHS .. .. 4.	RICHARD BRIERS .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JOHN ASPINWALL.

Messrs. Williams and Aspinwall belong to Liverpool; J. Dillon to Bebington, Cheshire.

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

On Saturday, January 20, 1894, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5000 CHANGES.

Tenor 23 cwt. tn D.

THOMAS REYNOLDS .. .. Treble.	JOHN ASTBURY .. .. 6.
HENRY BASTABLE .. .. 2.	JOHN BUFFERY .. .. 7.
CHARLES DICKENS .. .. 3.	REUBEN HALL .. .. 8.
HENRY JOHNSON .. .. 4.	BERNARD WITCHELL .. .. 9.
ARTHUR J. JONES .. .. 5.	WILLIAM JACKSON .. .. Tenor.

Composed by the late HENRY JOHNSON and Conducted by BERNARD WITCHELL.

This peal has eighty courses with 9-7-8 course-ends, and five courses with the bells in the home position, the 5th and 6th the extent in 5th place, with 333 bobs and two singles. Composed in the year 1842, and now rung for the first time.

## KING'S NORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

(THE KING'S NORTON GUILD.)

On Saturday, January 20, 1894, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

W. H. SUMNER .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM COOKS .. .. 5.
GEORGE HANDS .. .. 2.	JOHN CARTER .. .. 6.
THEODORE PRITCHETT .. .. 3.	WILLIAM PALMER .. .. 7.
ALFRED PRITCHETT* .. .. 4.	W. S. PRITCHETT .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JOHN CARTER.

This peal contains the extent of the 4th, 5th, and 6th in sixth's place without singles, the 2nd never being there at a course-end, and is now rung for the first time. \*First peal of Major.

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

On Saturday, January 20, 1894, in Three Hours and Thirty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES.

Tenor 31 cwt.

ARTHUR C. WEST .. .. Treble.	ALFRED H. WOOLLEY .. .. 6.
WALTER MANNERING* .. .. 2.	GEORGE PAWLEY .. .. 7.
THOMAS MANNERING .. .. 3.	†ROBERT RICHARDS .. .. 8.
WILLIAM H. WARREN† .. .. 4.	ALFRED PALMER .. .. 9.
ALFRED TAWNEY† .. .. 5.	†WILLIAM BARNES .. .. Tenor.
	THOMAS BONNER .. .. }

Composed by JOHN COX and Conducted by THOMAS MANNERING.

\*First peal. †First peal on ten bells. All the above belong to the local company.

## WOOLTON, NEAR LIVERPOOL, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 20, 1894, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

W. LEA* .. .. Treble.	E. CAUNCE .. .. 5.
J. TAYLOR .. .. 2.	J. GARDNER .. .. 6.
W. FAIRCLOUGH .. .. 3.	C. SHARPLES .. .. 7.
T. JENKINSON .. .. 4.	H. J. MORLEY .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by C. SHARPLES.

All the above have been proposed members of the above Association. \*First peal.

## REIGATE, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 20, 1894, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

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

JAMES HOWARD .. .. Treble.	THOMAS BROWN .. .. 5.
FRANCIS T. HOAD, SEN. .. .. 2.	EDGAR KENWARD .. .. 6.
EDWARD MOSES .. .. 3.	WILLIAM ARGENT .. .. 7.
FRANCIS T. HOAD, JUN. .. .. 4.	ARTHUR MOSELEY .. .. Tenor.

Composed by H. JOHNSON and Conducted by F. T. HOAD, SEN.

This is the first peal in the method on the bells, and first peal in the method by all the band.

## QUEDGELEY, GLOUCESTER.

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

On Monday, January 22, 1894, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

ERNEST E. DAVIS* .. .. Treble.	ADOLPHUS ROBERTS .. .. 5.
FRANCIS E. HART .. .. 2.	*FRANK KNIGHTS .. .. 6.
JOHN AUSTIN .. .. 3.	†GEORGE L. BRUNSDON .. .. 7.
WILLIAM C. JONES† .. .. 4.	EDWARD BANKES JAMES .. .. Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS and Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

\*First peal in the method. †First peal of Treble Bob with a bob bell.

## WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

(LEICESTER DISTRICT.)

On Tuesday, January 23, 1894, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## 5040 CHANGES IN THREE DIFFERENT METHODS UPON SIX BELLS;

Being a 720 of Bob Minor, four 720s Kent Treble Bob, and two 720s of Grandsire Minor. Tenor 16½ cwt.

ALFRED MILLIS .. .. Treble.	STEPHEN COOPER .. .. 4.
WILLIAM COOPER .. .. 2.	JOHN BUTTERY .. .. 5.
GEORGE BURROWS .. .. 3.	WILLIAM WILLSON .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM WILLSON.

A note to this will be found on another page.

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

On Tuesday, January 23, 1894, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 18 cwt.

JOHN TURNER .. .. Treble.	GEORGE CULLUM .. .. 5.
GEORGE CONYARD .. .. 2.	JOHN GARARD .. .. 6.
WILLIAM I. REEVE .. .. 3.	EDWIN BARNETT .. .. 7.
JAMES SAXBY .. .. 4.	WILLIAM SAXBY .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT.

J. Turner formerly belonged to Bramley, Yorkshire, but is now residing at Crayford, and this is his first peal.

CONDUCTOR'S NAME.—The conductor of Shipway's ten-part peal, the report of which appeared in our last issue was C. Sharples.

## Date Touches.

## THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

SHIREOAKS (Notts).—On Sunday, January 21st, for evening service at St. Luke's church, a date touch, 1894 changes, in 1 hr. 9 mins. in the following methods: 454 of Oxford Treble Bob, 720 of Kent Treble Bob and 720 Duke of York. J. Fitzjohn, 1; D. Russon, 2; E. Russon, 3; B. Hall, 4; W. Hargreaves (conductor), 5; F. Hargreaves, 6.

## THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

CROSTON (Lancashire).—On Wednesday, January 10th, at the parish church, a date touch, 1894 changes. J. Pye, 1; J. Hale, 2; T. Banister, 3; W. Summer (conductor), 4; R. Hough, 5; J. Ascroft, 6; W. Walton, 7; T. Dalton, 8. Tenor 15 cwt. Rung on the occasion of the fifty-first birthday of J. Ascroft.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

OSSETT (Yorks).—On Sunday evening, January 14th, for Divine Service at Holy Trinity church, a date touch of Kent Treble Bob Major, 1894 changes, in 1 hr. 13 mins. A. Spurr, 1; G. Crawshaw, 2; D. Senior, 3; W. Illingworth, 4; J. Buckley, 5; D. Stephenson (conductor), 6; W. Byram, 7; J. Ruddlesden, 8. Tenor 26½ cwt.

## Miscellaneous.

## THE EASTERN COUNTIES' GUILD.

SPALDING (Lincolnshire).—On Tuesday, January 16th, for practice at the church of SS. Mary and Nicolas, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 48 mins. A. Seymour, 1; R. Jarvis (conductor), 2; C. Crust, 3; J. S. Wright, 4; J. W. Jarvis, 5; J. R. Mackman, 6; E. Jarvis, 7; J. H. Eley, 8. Longest length by A. Seymour; longest length with a bob bell by C. Crust.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

TOWN MALLING (Kent).—On Tuesday, January 16th, it had been intended to ring a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples as a farewell to Mr. Buss, who is leaving the neighbourhood, but meeting one short a 720 Bob Minor, with 6-8 covering, was rung instead. \*J. Wood, 1; J. Capon, 2; D. Hall, 3; Rev. A. L. Brine, 4; J. Worsley, 5; W. Buss, 6; J. W. Leonard (conductor), 7; †F. Stonham, 8. \*First 720 in the method. †Longest touch.

LYMINGE (Kent).—On Saturday, January 13th, at the parish church, 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-eight bobs twenty-two singles) in 28 mins. J. Prebble, 1; J. Andrews, 2; A. Tanton, 3; E. Potter, 4; C. Laker, 5; A. Moorcraft (conductor), 6. And a 720 of Bob Minor (fourteen bobs and four singles) in 27 mins. J. Prebble, 1; J. Andrews, 2; A. Moorcraft, 3; E. Potter, 4; G. Beer, 5; A. Tanton (conductor), 6.

WALMER (Kent).—On Thursday, January 11th, at St. Mary's church, 720 Bob Minor, with 6-8 behind, in 31 mins. S. Mockett, 1; H. Denne, 2; W. Ongley, 3; H. Castle, 4; G. Denne (conductor), 5; C. H. Sone, 6; F. Capp, 7; J. Simmonds, 8. Tenor 19 cwt. in E flat. This is the first 720 on the bells. The tenor man hails from Walmer, the others from Deal.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS.—On Sunday, December 24th, after evening service, 720 Plain Bob Minor (eighteen bobs eighteen singles), in 24 mins. T. R. Jackson, 1; T. Stuart, 2; T. Watson (conductor), 3; A. E. Sheppard, 4; T. P. Jackson, 5; J. Burrows, 6. And 720 Plain Bob Minor (thirty singles six bobs), in 25 mins. T. P. Jackson, 1; T. Stuart, 2; J. Burrows, 3; A. E. Sheppard, 4; T. Watson (conductor), 5; T. R. Jackson, 6. On Sunday, December 31st, for evening service, 720 Plain Bob Minor (sixteen bobs two singles), in 25 mins. J. Spencer, 1; T. Stuart, 2; T. Watson (conductor), 3; A. E. Sheppard, 4; T. P. Jackson, 5; J. Burrows, 6. On New Year's Morning, 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor (fourty-four bobs ten singles), in 26 mins. T. Townson, 1; T. P. Jackson, 2; T. Watson (conductor), 3; A. E. Sheppard, 4; T. Stuart, 5; J. Burrows, 6. On Sunday, January 14th, for evening service, 720 Plain Bob Minor (twenty-two singles), in 26 mins. F. Gibson, 1; T. P. Jackson, 2; J. Spencer, 3; A. E. Sheppard, 4; T. Stuart, 5; J. Burrows (conductor), 6.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

COALBROOKDALE (Salop).—On Tuesday, January 9th, for practice at Holy Trinity church, a half-peal of Bob Triples, in 1 hr. 28 mins. \*W. H. Hughes, 1; \*J. Day, 2; \*R. Jones, 3; A. Wale, 4; \*T. J. Hughes, 5; †W. Price, 6; W. Morgan (conductor), 7; \*J. O. Griffiths, 8. \*Longest touch. †Longest touch with a bob bell.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NORWICH.—On Sunday, December 24th, at St. Peter Mancroft, after Divine Service in the afternoon, 1248 Kent Treble Bob Maximus in 1 hr. 5 mins. E. Ward, 1; F. J. Howchin, 2; P. Sadler, 3; W. Bales, 4; J. Smith, 5; C. E. Borrett, 6; G. Howchin, 7; E. Francis, 8; F. H. Knights, 9; F. Knights, 10; J. Souter, 11; G. Smith, 12. On Christmas merniug at 6 a.m., 594 Grandsire Cinques in 30 mins.

J. Smith, 1; P. Sadler, 2; F. J. Howchin, 3; W. Bales, 4; A. W. Brighton, 5; C. E. Borrett, 6; G. Howchin, 7; E. Francis, 8; F. H. Knights, 9; F. Knights, 10; G. Smith, 11; S. Smith, 12. Tenor 41 cwt.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

ALTON (Hants).—On Tuesday, January 9th, at the parish church, on the occasion of the wedding of Mr. A. C. Hetherington and Miss A. M. Tompkins, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 42 mins. J. Ward, 1; E. Bryant, 2; J. Goodale, 3; W. G. Withers, 4; H. E. Withers (conductor), 5; W. White, 6; A. Burgess, 7; H. Forder (longest touch), 8.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.—On the 14th inst., on handbells, a course of Grandsire Cinques. C. L. Routledge, 1-2; E. Wallis, 3-4; F. Lees, 5-6; W. Holmes, 7-8; T. Denton, 9-10; J. Simm, 11-12.

NORTH SHIELDS.—On New Year's day a mixed company attempted a 5120 of Oxford Treble Bob Major, but stand was called after ringing two hours, two bells having changed course. R. S. Story, 1; J. E. R. Keen, 2; E. E. Bewick, 3; R. C. Hudson, 4; C. L. Routledge (conductor), 5; J. Hern, 6; F. Lees, 7; F. J. Harrison, 8. Tenor 19 cwt.

MIDDLESBOUGH.—On Sunday, January 14th, for evening service at St. Hilda's church, 720 Bob Major. R. Fenwick, 1; R. Alcock, 2; J. H. Jones, 3; R. Borrows, 4; J. Nicholson, 5; A. Mellanby, 6; A. MacFarlane, 7; J. W. Passman (conductor), 8. On Friday, January 19th, for practice, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. R. Fenwick, 1; J. H. Jones, 2; A. Mellanby, 3; J. H. Blakiston, 4; A. MacFarlane, 5; R. Borrows (conductor), 6. On Sunday, January 21st, for evening service 720 Plain Bob Minor. R. Fenwick, 1; R. Borrows, 2; J. H. Jones, 3; A. Mellanby, 4; J. W. Passman, 5; A. MacFarlane (conductor), 6.

## THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

HORNSEY (Middlesex).—On Thursday, January 11th, for practice, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs two singles), in 26½ mins. J. Ward, 1; W. D. P. Hart, 2; J. Hannington (conductor), 3; G. Griffin, 4; A. Howell, 5; A. Jacob, 6. Also 720 Bob Minor. W. D. P. Hart, 1; J. Ward, 2; A. Jacob, 3; G. Griffin, 4; J. Hannington (conductor), 5; A. Howell, 6. On Sunday, January 14th, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor (twenty bobs ten singles), in 25 mins. E. King, 1; J. Ward, 2; J. Hannington (conductor), 3; G. Griffin, 4; A. Howell, 5; A. Jacob, 6. After service 720 Grandsire Doubles in 27 mins. E. King, 1; W. D. P. Hart (first in the method with a bob bell), 2; J. Hannington (conductor), 3; G. Griffin, 4; A. Jacob, 5; J. Ward, 6. Also 360 Bob Minor. E. King, 1; W. D. P. Hart, 2; J. Hannington (conductor), 3; G. Griffin, 4; A. Howell, 5; A. Jacob, 6. W. D. P. Hart hails from Enfield.

LAMBETH.—On Saturday, January 13th, at the church of St. John, Waterloo road, an attempt was made for a peal of Stedman Triples, which unfortunately came to grief after ringing 2184 changes, in 1 hr. 16 mins. F. J. Pitts, 1; J. Cawley, 2; F. G. Perrin, 3; A. R. Davis, 4; W. C. Hasted, 5; H. Warnett, 6; H. N. Davis (conductor), 7; A. Dean, 8.

LONDON.—On Sunday, January 14th, for Divine Service, at the church of St. Clement Danes, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 1260 changes, taken from Holt's Original, in 44 mins. H. N. Davis (conductor), 1; W. Truss, 2; A. R. Davis, 3; W. Meads, 4; F. G. Perrin, 5; W. Taylor, 6; W. C. Hasted, 7; J. Barry, 8. On Thursday, January 18th, at the church of St. Botolph, Bishopsgate, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original. W. F. Meads, 1; F. Perrin, 2; A. J. Perkins, 3; A. R. Davis, 4; R. Christian, 5; J. E. Davis (conductor), 6; J. Barry, 7; H. Stubbs, 8. It was intended to start for a peal, but the band meeting late, the above was rung instead. R. Christian hails from Great Yarmouth, Norfolk.

## STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

BUCKNALL (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, December 10th, at the parish church, a 720 of Stedman Slow Course Minor. D. Preston, 1; J. E. Wheeldon, 2; W. Wheeldon, 3; C. Preston, 4; R. W. Twigg, 5; W. Twigg (conductor), 6. On Sunday, December 17th, for evening service, a 720 Violet Treble Bob standing as before. On Saturday, December 23rd, a 720 Cambridge Surprise. R. W. Twigg, 4; C. Preston (conductor), 5; the others standing as before. On Sunday, December 24th, for morning service, a 720 City Delight. D. Preston, 1; J. E. Wheeldon, 2; W. Wheeldon, 3; C. Preston, 4; R. W. Twigg, 5; W. Twigg (conductor), 6. On Monday, December 25th, Christmas Day, for Holy Communion at 8 o'clock, a 720 College Exercise; and for morning service a 720 London Scholars' Pleasure, standing as before. On Sunday, December 31st, for morning service, a 720 College Pleasure. C. Preston, 4; G. Hobbs, 5; the others

standing as before, and for evening service a 720 College Exercise. R. W. Twigg, 3; W. Wheeldon (conductor), 5; the others standing as before, and for the Midnight Watch service, a 720 Woodbine Treble Bob; standing as before. On Monday, January 1st, after Watch Night service to ring in the New Year, a 720 Cambridge Surprise. D. Preston, 1; J. E. Wheeldon, 2; W. Wheeldon, 3; R. W. Twigg, 4; C. Preston, 5; W. Twigg (conductor), 6. On Sunday, January 7th, for evening service, a 720 London Scholars' Pleasure. W. Wheeldon, 1; J. E. Wheeldon, 2; R. W. Twigg, 3; C. Preston, 4; G. Hobbs, 5; W. Twigg (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, January 9th, for practice, a 720 Superlative Surprise. G. Hobbs, 1; W. Wheeldon, 2; C. Preston, 3; R. W. Twigg, 4; J. E. Wheeldon, 5; W. Twigg (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method by all. On Sunday, January 14th, for morning service, a 720 Woodbine Treble Bob. D. Preston, 1; J. E. Wheeldon, 2; R. W. Twigg, 3; W. Wheeldon, 4; G. Hobbs, 5; W. Twigg (conductor), 6, and for evening service, a 720 Duke of York, standing as before. On Wednesday, January 17th, for practice, a 720 London Treble Bob. D. Preston, 1; J. E. Wheeldon, 2; C. Preston, 3; W. Wheeldon, 4; R. W. Twigg, 5; W. Twigg (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method by all.

#### THE NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

GAINSBOROUGH.—On Thursday, January 11th, on the occasion of the funeral of the late Dean of Lincoln, Dr. Butler, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 50 mins. G. Wilson, 1; Rev. R. Bond, 2; F. S. W. Butler, 3; J. C. Tinker, 4; W. W. Bust, 5; J. T. Ladd, 6; W. D. Tinker (conductor), 7; H. W. Kirton, 8. Tenor 20 cwt.

#### THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

FARNHAM ROYAL (Bucks).—On Monday, December 25th, for Divine Service in the morning, 720 Grandsire Minor. A. Crook, 1; J. Elderfield, 2; G. Basden, 3; J. J. Parker (conductor), 4; J. Bovington, 5; C. Clarke, 6. On Wednesday, January 10th, 360 each of Grandsire Minor and Oxford Bob. On Thursday, January 11th, six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, conducted by G. Basden; and six 6-scores conducted by C. Clarke; and 720 Grandsire Minor conducted by J. J. Parker. This was rung on the occasion of the ringers' annual supper, at which the Rev. Read Davies (curate), took the chair in the absence of the rector, the Rev. H. C. Wilder, and a very enjoyable evening was spent.

BURNHAM (Bucks).—On Thursday, January 18th, six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles in 25 mins. A. Day, 1; J. J. Parker, 2; G. Alder (conductor), 3; E. Carter, 4; J. Tilbury, 5; R. Lane, 6. Rung on the occasion of the children's annual school treat.

#### THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

MELBOURNE (Derbyshire).—On Sunday, January 14th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples, 1260 changes in 47 mins. C. F. Walden, 1; A. Lee, 2; W. Earle, 3; H. Hollingworth (conductor), 4; G. C. Tunnicliffe, 5; F. Hollingworth, 6; J. W. Warren, 7; H. Snape, 8.

HURSLEY, NEAR DERBY.—On Wednesday, January 17th, at the parish church, 720 Doubles, consisting of three 120s Grandsire Doubles, and three 120s Manchester Doubles, each 120 called differently. W. H. Frost, 1; C. Davie (conductor), 2; F. Kay, 3; H. George, 4; W. Wiggington, 5. Time 31 mins. Tenor 16 cwt. This is the first 720 on the bells.

ARMLEY (Yorks).—On Thursday, January 4th, at Christ Church, for practice, 720 Oxford Treble Bob in 27 mins. Jos. Thackray, 1; B. Cowling, 2; J. Heckingbottom, 3; J. Thackray (conductor), 4; M. Broadbent, 5; H. Booth, 6. H. Booth hails from Holmfirth. On Thursday, January 11th, 720 Tulip (being the first 720 in the method by all). A. Craven (Headingley), 1; B. Cowling, 2; Jos. Thackray, 3; J. Heckingbottom, 4; M. Broadbent, 5; J. Thackray (conductor), 6. On Sunday, January 14th, for morning service, 720 Symphony in 27 mins, (being the first 720 in the method by all). F. Blackith, 1; B. Cowling, 2; Jos. Thackray, 3; J. Heckingbottom, 4; M. Broadbent, 5; J. Thackray (conductor), 6. Tenor 16 cwt.

BATH.—On Sunday, January 14th, for Divine Service at St. Saviour's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 43 mins. R. Lewis, 1; H. Wotton, 2; A. Willcox, 3; W. Wells, 4; H. W. Brown, 5; J. Fussell, 6; C. W. Bell (conductor), 7; J. Tanner (first quarter-peal), 8.

CHELMSFORD (Essex).—On Friday, January 12th, on handbells, retained in hand, 742 Grandsire Triples, taken from the middle of Holt's Original. A. Speller, 1-2; A. Edwards (conductor), 3-4; H. F. DeLisle, Esq., 5-6; W. J. Piper, 7-8.

COLCHESTER (Essex).—On December 16th, 18th, and 21st, the following lengths of Bob Major were rung, each being an attempt for a peal: 1500 in 47 mins.; 1184 in 45 mins.; 2600 in 1 hr. 26 mins.; and 2200 in 1 hr. 6 mins. G. M. Rashbrook, 1-2; J. Kittle, 3-4; R. H. Stannard, 5-6; G. Lindoff (conductor), 7-8. On Monday, January 15th, 1008 Bob Major in 24 mins. G. M. Rashbrook, 1-2; J. Kittle, 3-4; R. W. Stannard, 5-6; G. H. Burch, 7; F. L. Bumpstead (longest length as conductor), 8.

EASTBOURNE (Sussex).—On Sunday, December 24th, for evening service at Christ Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 40 mins. J. Hunnisett, 1; J. Smith, 2; F. Harding, 3; A. Piper, 4; E. Willoughby, 5; W. J. Fisher, 6; J. Sharp (conductor), 7; T. Deadman (first quarter-peal), 8.

ECKINGTON (Derbyshire).—On Tuesday, January 16th, at the parish church, four touches containing 240 in the following methods: Duke of York, Kent, Primrose and College Pleasure were rung for the trial of the three newly re-hung bells, viz: 1st, 5th and 6th, which have been re-hung by Mr. J. F. Mallaby, of Albion Works, Barnby Don. F. Hancock, 1; W. Price, 2; J. F. Mallaby, 3; G. Norman (conductor), 4; C. Marsden, 5; T. Lunn, 6. At the conclusion the "go" of bells was pronounced to be highly satisfactory.

HOUGH-ON-THE-HILL (Lincolnshire).—On Tuesday, January 16th, at All Saints' church, 720 Grandsire Doubles, each 6-score called differently. J. Lamb, 1; J. P. Paley, 2; J. Hoyse (conductor), 3; F. Tunnodine, 4; S. Nicholson, 5; W. Nicholson, 6. Tenor 15 cwt. Longest length by all.

NEWTON LONGVILLE (Beds).—On Saturday, January 6th, at the parish church, 720 Plain Bob Minor in 23 mins. E. Yates, 1; A. Gidman, 2; G. Smith, 3; G. Valentine, 4; N. Alderman (conductor), 5; J. Nixon, 6. This is the first 720 on the bells. Also 120 Grandsire Doubles, and two 120s Bob Doubles. A. Gidman, 1; J. Nixon, 2; G. Smith (conductor), 3; K. Valentine, 4; N. Alderman, 5; G. Valentine, 6. Tenor 7½ cwt.

NORTON (Staffordshire).—On Sunday morning, January 14th, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor, in 27½ mins. A. Ryles, 1; J. H. Naylor, 2; J. Naylor, 3; J. Gibson, 4; T. Johnson, 5; J. Brindley, 6. Conducted by E. Glover. On Sunday evening, January 21st, a 720 Oxford Bob Minor in 27½ mins. A. Ryles, 1; J. H. Naylor, 2; E. Johnson, 3; J. Gibson, 4; T. Johnson, 5; J. Brindley, 6. Conducted by E. Glover.

OTLEY (Suffolk).—On Tuesday, January 16th, for practice at St. Mary's church, 720 Plain Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 25 mins. G. Durrant, 1; Dr. G. F. W. Meadows, 2; S. E. W. Meadows, 3; W. Whiting, 4; W. W. Miller, 5; A. Hatcher (conductor), 6. Tenor 11½ cwt. A 6-score of Plain Doubles. T. M. W. Meadows (first 120), 1; W. Miller, 2; F. E. W. Meadows, 3; W. Whiting (conductor), 4; A. Hatcher, 5; G. Durrant, 6.

ST. NEOTS (Hunts).—Recently at the parish church, 360 Bob Minor with 7-8 behind. J. Jones, 1; E. Clarke, 2; H. J. Sutton (conductor), 3; G. Irons, 4; S. Hawkesford, 5; G. Coleman, 6; J. Irons, 7; C. Jones, 8. Tenor 30 cwt. This grand ring of bells has recently been examined by an expert, and it is hoped that something will soon be done to them, for they are in a very bad state indeed.

STONE STRATFORD (Bucks).—On Sunday, January 7th, at St. Giles' church, for morning service, 720 Plain Bob Minor in 23 mins. G. Valentine, sen., 1; Rev. H. J. Travers (conductor), 2; J. Nixon, 3; R. Valentine, 4; G. Valentine, 5; G. Smith, 6. And for evening service, 360 Plain Bob Minor. G. Valentine, sen., 1; Rev. H. J. Travers, 2; N. Alderman, 3; J. Nixon, 4; A. Gidman, 5; G. Smith (conductor), 6. Tenor 12½ cwt.

TREETON (Yorks).—On Wednesday, January 3rd, for practice, 240 each of London Scholars' Pleasure, Violet and Kent Treble Bob, and 360 College Exercise. On Saturday, January 6th, 720 College Exercise (first 720 in the method), and 120 City Delight. E. Sadler, 1; J. H. Brothwell, 2; S. Walker, 3; W. Lambert, 4; T. Sadler, 5; W. J. Nicholson, 6. On Monday, January 8th, 240 College Exercise, 120 London Scholars' Pleasure. W. J. Nicholson, 4; T. Whitworth, 6. On Sunday morning, January 14th, for Divine Service, 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 Monday, January 15th, for practice, 720 Plain Bob. E. Sadler, 1; W. J. Nicholson, 2; T. Sadler, 3; W. Lambert, 4; J. H. Brothwell, 5; W. Mellor, 6. And 240 Violet. J. H. Brothwell, 2; A. Wooffenden, 5; W. J. Nicholson, 6.

## 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.

**Preliminary Notice.**—On Saturday, February 3rd, a Change-ringing contest on handbells will take place at Uppermill, Saddleworth, when the following prizes, and the Hollingworth Silver Challenge Cup will be given for the best two courses. One of Grandsire Triples, and one of Grandsire Major. The cup to be held by the winning company for twelve months, to be competed for every year. First prize £2; Second £1; Third 10s.; Fourth 5s. Also a contest on Ten bells, for the best course of Grandsire Caters. First prize 15s.; Second 5s.; circulars and full particulars on application to the secretary, JONATHAN PELLING.

Lee Street, Uppermill, Near Oldham.

**The Essex Association.**—A District meeting will be held at Waltham Abbey to-day, Saturday, January 27th. The tower will be open for ringing from 2 p.m. Tea (price 6d. to members) at The Green Dragon hotel at 5.30 sharp. Business meeting after tea. The Committee for revision of E.A.C.R. rules will meet at The Green Dragon at 4.30 p.m.

T. L. PAPILLON, Hon. Sec.

Writtle, Chelmsford.

**East Derbyshire Association.**—The next Quarterly Meeting will be held at Tibshelf, to-day, Saturday, January 27th, 1894. Meeting in Schoolroom at 5.30 p.m.

JNO. J. COOK, Secretary.

**Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.**—The next monthly ringing meeting of this Society will be held at Woodlesford to-day, Saturday, January 27th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Business meeting at 5 p.m. prompt. Meeting house, The Two Pointers. All members are earnestly requested to attend. Business of importance will be brought forward.

R. BINNS, Hon. Sec.

43, Low Moor Side, Holbeck.

**The Lancashire Association.**—The quarterly meeting will be held at the parish church, Wigan, to-day, Saturday, January 27th. Ringing from 2 p.m. Shortened service at 4.30 to 4.55. Meeting in the vestry at 5 p.m.

J. REDFORD,

A. E. WREAKS, } Hon. Secs.

**Sussex County Association.**—Western Division.—The next meeting will be held at Chichester, to-day, Saturday, January 27th. Bells open at 2 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m.

J. W. E. LODER-COTHER, Hon. Sec.

Yapton Vicarage.

**Liverpool Diocesan Guild.**—The Quarterly Meeting of the Guild will be held at Crossens, to-day, Saturday, January 27th. Bells open 3 p.m. Meeting 6 p.m.

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

**Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.**—Annual Meeting at Bristol, to-day, Saturday, January 27th. Towers open: St. Mary Redcliffe (12), St. Stephen's (10), St. James's (10), All Saints (8), Temple (8), and St. Stephen's will be open for ringing at 2 p.m.

C. H. GORDON, Local Sec.

**Waterloo Society, London.**—The Annual Meeting of the Society will take place on Wednesday, January 31st, at 8.30 p.m. Election of officers and other business. Members please attend.

F. G. PERRIN, Hon. Sec.

**Norwich Diocesan Association.**—A Quarterly General Meeting will be held at Coddennham on Wednesday, January 31st. Nearest railway station, Needham Market, whence conveyances will run at 6d. per head.

H. EARLE BULWER, Hon. Sec.

Stanhoe Rectory, King's Lynn.

**Winchester Diocesan Guild.**—A District Meeting will be held at Weybridge, on Wednesday, January 31st. A meat tea (1s.) will be provided. Those desirous of attending the tea are requested to notify the same to the Hon. Sec. by Sunday, January 28th.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Liverpool Diocesan Branch.—The next meeting will be at St. Mary's, Prescott, on Saturday, February 3rd. Tower open at 3 p.m. Business meeting in the parish room at 6 p.m.

J. J. M. MOORE, Hon. Sec.

**Worcestershire and Districts Association.**—The next Committee and Quarterly Meeting of this Association will take place on Saturday, February 3rd, in St. Mary's Schoolroom, Cradley, at 5.30 p.m. prompt. The Rev. R. H. Edmondson, Vicar, has kindly consented to preside. The tower will be open for ringing. Tea will be provided (free) for all members who send in their names to me on or before Monday, January 29th. Members will kindly note that all subscriptions are due at this meeting, and to take this notice as sufficient should they receive no other.

JOHN SMITH, Hon. Sec.

37, Simms Lane, Netherton.

**Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.**—As it is impossible to hold the meeting as arranged at Perry Barr, it will be held on Saturday, February 3rd, at All Saints' church, West Bromwich. The bells will be available from 2.30. Service at 5 p.m. Tea in the schools at 6 p.m., one shilling per head to all those who send word on or before January 31st to

S. REEVES, Hon. Sec.

10, Bull Street, West Bromwich.

**Hertfordshire Association.**—District Meeting at Hitchin, Saturday, February 3rd, when the church tower will be open for ringing from 3 p.m. Tea at the Coffee Tavern at 5.30. Business meeting to follow. Members and visitors intending to be present will kindly communicate with me on or before the 31st instant. I shall be glad to receive all subscriptions outstanding as early as possible.

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

**Waterloo Society, London.**—The Annual Dinner of the Society will take place at the York Hotel, Waterloo Road, on Saturday, February 3rd. Tickets 3s. each, to be obtained of the following members of the dinner committee: Mr. G. Wild, 8, Frances Street, Waterloo Road, S.E.; Mr. J. Davis, 2, Westdown Terrace, Camden Street, Peckham, Mr. E. P. O'Meara, 64, Swan Street, Great Dover Street, S.E.; Mr. A. Davis, 419, Old Kent Road, S.E.; Mr. F. G. Perrin, 370, Munton Road, New Kent Road, S.E.

F. G. PERRIN, Hon. Sec.

**Stoke-upon-Trent Archidiaconal Association.**—The next Monthly Meeting of this Association will be held at Longton, on Saturday next, February 3rd. Members who intend to be present are requested to send word to Mr. G. Woods, 44, Uttoxeter Road, Longton, not later than Wednesday, January 31st.

REV. J. W. ALSTON, } Hon. Secs.  
W. TWIGG,

**Raunds, Wellingborough and District Association.**—By kind invitation of the Rev. W. St. George Coldwell, a Quarterly Meeting will take place at Wilbye, on Saturday, February 3rd. The peal of five bells (tenor about 9 cwt.) at the church of St. Mary, will be at

liberty for ringing from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. Business Meeting at 4 o'clock. Tea at 5 o'clock. Wellingborough. E. J. DENNES, Hon. Sec.

**Kent County Association.**—Lewisham District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Woolwich, on Saturday, February 3rd. Tower open for ringing at 3 p.m. Committee meeting in parish room at 6 p.m. Owing to the illness of the Rev. T. E. Teignmouth Shore, Hon. Sec. of this district, all communications should be addressed till end of February to

W. BEDWELL,

Grace Villa, Albacore Crescent, Lewisham.

**Lancashire Association.**—Fylde Branch.—The next quarterly meeting of this Branch will be held at Blackpool, on Saturday, February 3rd. The bells of St. John's parish church will be ready at 3 p.m. Meeting in the School 5.30, when the president of the Association (the Rev. H. J. Elsee) and others are expected to attend. Methods for practice are Grandsire Triples and Doubles and Plain Bob Minor.

JOHN FELL, Branch Sec.

21, Clifton Street, Lytham.

**The Yorkshire Association.**—The next General Meeting will be held at Brighouse (near Huddersfield) on Saturday, February 3rd. Owing to unavoidable circumstances, the circulars have not been issued as early as usual, but it is hoped members will not allow this to prevent them assembling in large numbers. Tea and business meeting at the usual times. The local Hon. Sec. is Mr. Frank Prince, Denham Street, Brighouse.

B. T. COPLEY, Hon. Sec.

3, St. Jude's Square, Bradford.

**Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.**—A meeting will be held at Whitley (Tyneside), on Monday, February 5th. At the Victoria Hotel, Committee Meeting at 12. Dinner at 1 p.m. Members 1s. 6d. Non-members 2s. 6d. Whitley belfry open after 10 a.m. North Shields belfry, except during services, 11.30 and 7.30 p.m.

C. BUSTON, Hon. Sec.

Embleton, Christon Bank, Northumberland.

**Midland Counties' Association.**—Burton-on-Trent District.—The Annual Meeting of this district for the election of officers and other important business will be held at the parish room, St. Paul's Institute, on Thursday, February 8th, at 8 p.m. Ringing at St. Paul's church at 7.

ARTHUR WAKLEY, District Hon. Sec.

**Kent County Association.**—Maidstone District.—The Annual Meeting will be held at Leeds, on March 3rd. Tower open at 3. Committee meeting at 5. At 5.30 a tea will be provided for those who have applied to the district Secretary for tea tickets not later than March 1st. Travelling expenses allowed up to 2s.

A. L. BRINE, Hon. District Sec.

**Midland Counties' Association.**—Life members and ringing members who have changed their address since joining the Association, or whose present address is not correct in the 1892 report, are requested to forward their present addresses to me or to their local secretaries at once. In any case not later than Monday, February 5th.

JOHN O. LANCASHIRE, Hon. Sec.

22, St. Peter's Road, Leicester.

**Kent County Association.**—The Annual Meeting of the Tunbridge District will be held at the parish room, North Street, Tunbridge Wells, on Monday, February 5th prox. Tea will be provided at 4.30 p.m. before the meeting for any members who send their names to the District Secretary before Saturday, February 3rd.

T. S. CURTEIS, District Secretary.

The Rectory, Sevenoaks.

**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.*

5184.

2 3 4 5 6 M B W H

2 3 5 6 4 X -

6 2 5 3 4 -

3 6 5 2 4 -

5 2 3 6 4 -

6 5 3 2 4 -

2 6 3 5 4 -

3 5 2 6 4 -

6 3 2 5 4 -

4 2 3 5 6 -

5 3 6 2 4 -

6 3 4 2 5 -

5 4 3 2 6 -

Repeated.

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR.**By H. W. WILDE, *Duffield.*

5376.

2 3 4 5 6 I 4 6

2 4 3 5 6 - s

6 5 4 2 3 - -

5 6 3 2 4 - -

2 3 6 5 4 - -

3 6 2 5 4 - -

6 2 3 5 4 - -

5 3 2 6 4 - -

3 2 5 6 4 - -

Five times repeated, with bob instead of single except in the fourth part. This peal contains all the combinations of 4-5 and 6 in 5-6. If the three bobs braced are omitted in any one part the peal will be reduced to 5152.

**A DATE TOUCH OF GRANDSIRE CATERS.**By JAMES GEORGE, *Rugby.*

1894.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

2 1 3 4 5 7 6 8 9

2 1 3 5 4 6 7 8 9

1 2 5 3 6 4 7 9 8

1 2 3 5 6 4 9 7 8

Four odd changes.

3 5 2 6 4 7-8

5 2 3 6 4 7-8

3 2 4 6 5 8-9

4 2 5 6 3 8-9

2 5 4 6 3 7-8

5 4 2 6 3 7-8

2 4 3 6 5 8-9

3 4 5 6 2 8-9

4 6 5 3 2 8th in three.

6 3 5 4 2 8th in three.

3 5 6 4 2 7-8

2 4 5 3 6 8th in two.

4 3 5 2 6 8th in three.

5 4 3 2 6 9th in three.

4 2 3 5 6 8th in three.

3 4 2 5 6 9th in three.

2 3 4 5 6 9th in three.

2 3 4 5 6 9th in and out at 3 with a D.

2 3 4 5 6 8th " 3 "

**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR.**By HENRY DAINS, *Royal Cumberland Youths.*

5312.

2 3 4 5 6 M B W H

5 4 6 3 2 - -

3 6 2 4 5 - -

5 4 2 6 3 - -

2 6 5 4 3 - -

3 5 6 4 2 - -

2 5 3 4 6 x -

4 2 3 5 6 - -

5 3 6 2 4 - -

2 6 4 3 5 - -

5 3 4 6 2 - -

6 4 2 3 5 - -

3 2 5 4 6 - -

Repeated.

By omitting the bobs at wrong and home in the 3rd and 4th courses of either part, the peal is reduced to 5088 changes.

**TWO DATE TOUCHES OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.**By C. JACKSON, *Hull.*

1894.

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1234567

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1243657

2135476

1246375

1253746

1264735

2157364

1267453

1275634

342567 1

462375 1

673254 2

274653 3

276435 5

742653 4

472563 5

367542 1

574326 5

743625 3

635274 1

567342 1

5324

746523 2

745632 1

467523 4

457632 4

674523 4

574632 4

356274 1

265374 1

743625 2

572643 3

647532 5

725643 4

546273 5

367425 1

245367 5

723654 3

732645 1

467523 1

4352

The last nine bobs three times repeated. Contains twelve 6-7s, six 7-4s and seven 4-6s.

The last ten bobs four times repeated. Contains eighteen 6-7s, nine 7-4s, and six 4-6s.

\*This is a 6-part touch, with Holt's plain-lead single at the third and sixth part ends.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—Mr. G. Lindoff, late of the St. Mary's Society, Gillingham, Kent, and now a member of the St. Peter-at-Arches Society, Lincoln, wishes to inform his numerous friends that his address is now 15, Knight Street, Lincoln.

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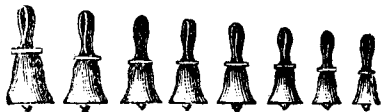
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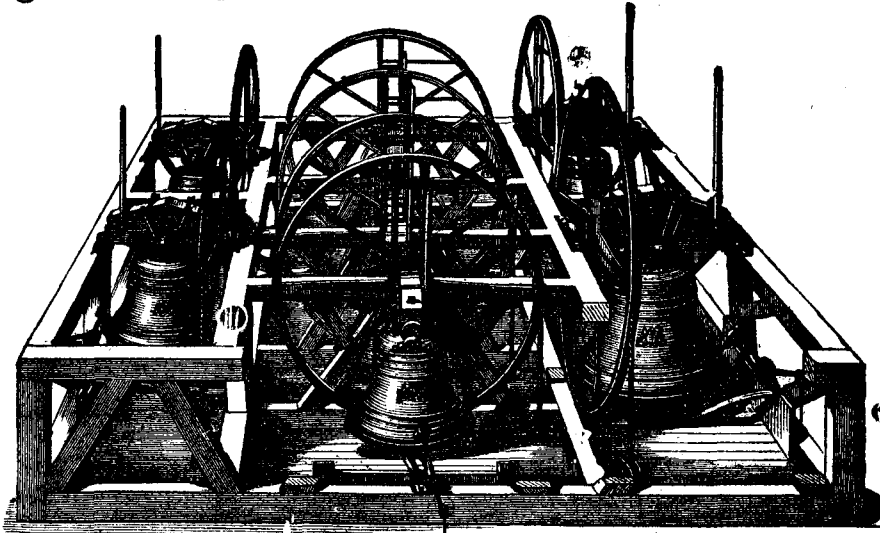
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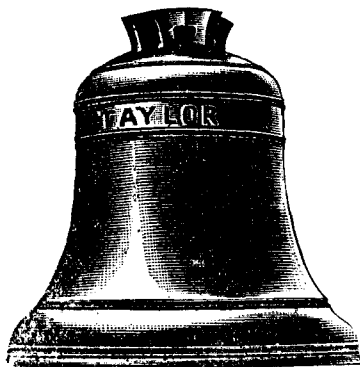
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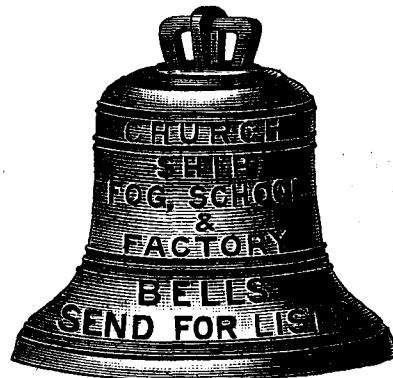
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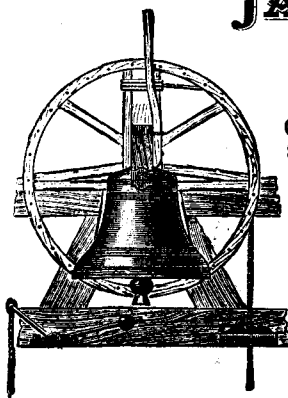
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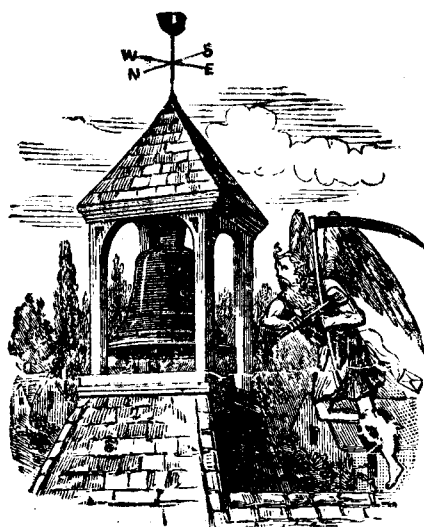
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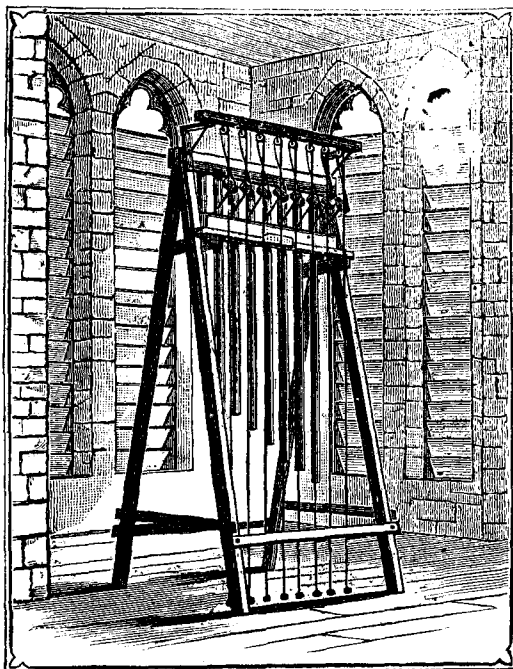
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## RE-OPENING OF BELLS AT ST. MARY, WOOLWICH.

An interesting event in the history of church bells, and of special interest to a particular locality, has just been consummated in connection with the parish church of St. Mary, Woolwich. In the year 1821, Messrs. Mears furnished the church with a ring of eight bells, which have been in use until very recently, when it was discovered that their safety was imperilled by the insecure state of the bell-frame and its supports. This led to an effort being made to endeavour to bring about their restoration, which happy event was celebrated on Thursday, January 25th, by various members of the Kent County Association ringing during the afternoon touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, and Treble Bob Major. The unanimous opinion was that the bells now were in a splendid condition, the process they had undergone in tuning had rendered their tone beautifully clear, and far superior to their condition for many years past; and Mr. T. Blackburn, of Salisbury, who undertook the whole of the work, is highly complimented by the very excellent way he has carried out the contract. It was felt that he rightly deserved commendation for the superior workmanship which has characterised every detail, especially in the construction of the new oak frame, and in the very easy go of the bells.

At the parish room adjoining the rectory, an excellent repast was provided in honor of the event, presided over by the Rector, the Rev. C. E. Escreet, and to which ample justice was done. Before this pleasant gathering dispersed, the Rev. H. G. D. Latham said he could not allow the meeting to separate without expressing their indebtedness to Mr. E. O. Masters, Hon. Sec. to the Belfry Fund, for his efforts in raising the fund to the extent it then was, thereby bringing the object in view to so successful an issue. It was to be admired that Mr. Masters manifested a high tone in relation to the use of church bells, therefore in the name of the bellringers and church officers of St. Mary's, in recognition of his services, he had a very pleasing duty to perform, and that was to present Mr. Masters with a Malacca walking cane and silk umbrella, both silver-mounted, with monogram. Mr. J. E. Bevan, ringers' secretary, said they very much desired Mr. Masters should have something to remind him of the work, therefore he asked his acceptance of an oak frame (as a reminiscence of the past) made from the old bell-wheels, containing an illuminated address.

Mr. Masters, in receiving these gifts, said they could congratulate themselves that they had now a ring of bells which could be utilized to the glory of God, and for important events either national, local, or otherwise. But it had not been all easy work, for he had to express his regret that sometimes where he expected to find a helping hand he was disappointed; but there was yet time for those who had held aloof to come forward, as about £30 were yet wanted. He thanked all for this expression of feeling in presenting him with such useful articles, which would always remind him of the bells of St. Mary, Woolwich.

At 7.30, a special festival service of dedication took place at the church, when a sermon was preached by the Rev. A. H. Powell, Vicar of St. John's, Waterloo Road, S.E. It being St. Paul's day, special attention was directed to the conversion of this saint, and its effect upon the world; but upon the preacher referring to the bells just restored to the church, said they should be regarded by the various functions which they performed as messengers during our lives. The *Te Deum* being sung, the bells being rung simultaneously by the local band, brought to a satisfactory termination the events of the day.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—DISTRICT MEETING AT WALTHAM ABBEY.

A District Meeting of the Essex Association was held on Saturday, January 27th, at Waltham Abbey, about thirty-five members being present from London, West Ham, Romford, Wanstead, Bishops Stortford, Stanstead, Saffron Walden, Great Totham, and Writtle. The tower of the fine old Abbey Church was open to ringers from 2.0 p.m. upwards, and the bells were kept going in various methods for the greater part of the afternoon and evening. At 4.30 p.m. the Committee appointed to revise the rules of the Association (the Revs. T. L. Papillon and H. T. Eyre; Messrs. S. Hayes, Keeble, N. J. Pitstow, and

Randall) met at The Green Dragon inn, and by 5.30 had settled their report, to be presented to the annual meeting on Whit-Monday.

Tea was served at 5.30 in an upper room at The Green Dragon, the Rev. F. B. Johnston, Rector of Waltham Abbey, presiding. At the business meeting held afterwards, various new members were elected, including three of the Waltham Abbey company. The Hon. Secretary (Rev. T. L. Papillon), in proposing a vote of thanks to the Rector and local ringers for the cordial welcome given to them by the Association, expressed on behalf of those present, and of the Association generally, his satisfaction that they were once more meeting at Waltham Abbey; and that whatever might have been the causes which for some years past had estranged one of the most important centres of ringing in Essex from the county Association, those causes would now be forgotten, and Waltham Abbey be once more reckoned among the towers in union with it.

The Rector having expressed his own earnest wish that his ringers might rejoin the Association,

Mr. Alps, on behalf of the local company, thanked the Hon. Sec. for his conciliatory remarks, and undertook to represent to his brother-ringers the wish that had been expressed for their return.

The meeting, in any case a pleasant and successful one, will have been doubly successful if it thus proves to have been a message of peace.

The ringing-chamber at Waltham Abbey is large and spacious, though somewhat dark; and the bells are a good peal of eight, tenor 19 cwt. in E. The church, which is only the nave of a once magnificent abbey church, is well worth a visit as one of the finest specimens of Norman architecture in the kingdom; the massive circular piers, enriched with zig-zag ornament and surmounted by round arches, resembling those in the nave of Durham Cathedral, though of course on a smaller scale. The original tower, a lofty, square central tower like that of St. Albans, and the choir have disappeared; the existing tower at the west-end dates from 1556. Ringers of antiquarian tastes cannot do better than pay a visit to Waltham Abbey.

## MAIDENHEAD.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

## EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.

The annual meeting of the above branch was held at Boyn Hill on Saturday, January 27th. The proceedings commenced with ringing at 2 p.m., and before evensong (at 4.30) some good work was done. The sermon at evensong was preached by the Vicar (Rev. A. H. Drummond), who is also Branch Chairman, on Col. iii. 23. He dwelt on the importance of ringers as Church officers bearing constantly in mind the divine character and life of the Church which they served. The value of their work for God and His Church would depend directly on the personal character and intention of the worker. This was to be modelled on the old belfry motto "Who rings his bell, let him look well to hand and head and heart; the hand for work, the head for wit, the heart for worship's part." Under these three elements in good ringing and devout service, he instanced (a) diligence and perseverance, (b) thoughtfulness for others and progress, (c) the duty of worship, especially in the Holy Communion. So only would the Guild ringers do their destined work in the Church and the world.

The business meeting was held after tea in the Boys' School, and was presided over by the Chairman of the Branch (Rev. A. H. Drummond), who was supported by the Master and Secretary of the Guild (Revs. F. E. Robinson and R. H. Hart-Davis), Rev. C. A. Raymond, Rev. A. Simmons, and the Branch Secretary (Rev. R. P. Newhouse), and 79 lay members. The Branch Secretary reported a large increase in the membership of the Branch and proficiency of its members. The amount of instruction given during the past year had resulted in the issue of an unusual number of change-ringers' certificates, and good work had been done in many towers. The balance-sheet submitted by him, in the regretted absence (through domestic bereavement) of the treasurer (Mr. A. H. Cocks), showed the satisfactory position and progress of the Branch. The Chairman congratulated the Branch on its record for the past year, especially on the formation, in his own and other belfries, of



bands of junior ringers, from whom the places of seniors retiring after good service could be effectively supplied. He urged progress in the higher methods of the Exercise, in which the Hughenden band took so distinguished a lead.

The Master of the Guild added his congratulations to those of the Chairman, and while agreeing with him as to the vital importance of bringing on a succession of new hands, urged that the elder men should not be forgotten or suffered to fall out of rank. He adequately supported his plea on their behalf by reference to his own work in belfries and peal-ringing during the past year, and concluded with congratulatory reference to a peal of London Surprise in which he had taken part at Hughenden on the previous evening. The Secretary of the Guild gave some interesting statistics of the progress and position of the Guild during the past year. It was now near its five hundredth peal, and a revised record of these would shortly be published. Fifty-two peals under eighteen conductors had been rung during the past year. He expressed his pleasure at meeting the members of the largest and most active Branch in the Guild, and wished it continued prosperity.

The officers of the Branch were unanimously re-elected, and votes of thanks were given to the Rev. A. H. Drummond for his excellent sermon and for the use of his church and schools. The meeting, which was the largest and most successful held for some years, then broke up, and most of those present adjourned once more to the belfry, where several other touches in various methods were successfully achieved.

#### THE ST. PETER'S SOCIETY, ST. ALBANS.

On Monday evening, January 15th, the members of this Society held their annual dinner at Mr. Orpin's Refreshment Rooms, George-street. Mr. E. P. Debenham presided, and there were also present Messrs. T. Conley, W. Little, A. Hull, E. Hull, H. Brewer, J. W. Brewer, J. Porter, E. Weddon, and F. Dunham (ringing members), W. Battle, W. H. L. Buckingham, and J. E. Randall (honorary members), with Mr. Hubbard, the foreman of the restoration works at St. Peter's church. After supper, on the removal of the cloth, the loyal toasts were duly honoured, followed by the toast, "Prosperity to the St. Peter's Society of Change-Ringers," proposed by the Chairman, and responded to by Mr. Conley, the senior member of the society. In proposing "Kindred Societies," the chairman alluded to the kind feeling, shown by the Cathedral society in giving up their tower to the St. Peter's ringers on one Sunday and one practice night in every month during the progress of the restoration of St. Peter's church, when the bells could not be rung. The toast was coupled with the name of Mr. W. Battle, the conductor of the Cathedral society. The other toasts were "The new members," responded to by Messrs. Weddon and Dunham; "The visitors," responded to by Mr. Hubbard; "The honorary members," responded to by Messrs. Buckingham and Randall; "The chairman," proposed by Mr. A. Hull, and responded to by the chairman; "Absent friends," proposed by Mr. H. Brewer; "The Host and Hostess," proposed by Mr. Buckingham, and "The Accompanist," proposed by Mr. H. Brewer. Songs were sung by the Chairman, and Messrs. Randall, Buckingham, Hubbard, J. W. Brewer, E. Hull, Battle, Porter, Conley, and Dunham, Mr. Conley acting as accompanist. The company separated at midnight after having spent a very enjoyable evening.

#### WOOBURN, BUCKS.—RINGERS' SUPPER.

On Friday, January 12th, the members of St. Paul's belfry, with a few friends, numbering in all about twenty, held their annual supper at the Royal Oak at 6.30 p.m. After full justice had been done to the good things provided by the hostess, Mrs. Howard, whose excellent catering left nothing to be desired, the table was cleared, and several capital songs were sung, and several tunes were played on the handbells, conducted by J. Garrell, and two touches of Grandsire Triples containing 84 and 97 changes, conducted by W. E. Yates. The company broke up at 10.45 after singing "Auld Lang Syne" and the National Anthem. Altogether a very pleasant evening was spent.

#### THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

The annual meeting of the Committee was held at Messrs. Jakeman and Carver's, Hereford, on Wednesday, January 24th, at twelve o'clock. There were present the Revs. Canon Palmer (in the chair), J. G. Cranstoun (Ludlow), and A. C. Lee (Hon. Sec.), Messrs. W. Hebb (Ross, Hon. Treasurer), R. J. Turner (Lugwardine), W. Cartwright (Foy), J. G. Buchanan (Clun), and J. Jones (Hereford). After apologies for inability to attend from the Revs. G. M. Custance, A. L. Oldham, H. C. Sturges, H. F. Bagshaw, and others, as also from Messrs. J. Davis, J. G. Wall, C. Edwards, etc., the Hon. Secretary produced the accounts, which shewed a balance of £35 3s. 3d. for the year 1893 in favour of the Guild, with no outstanding liabilities.

The Master (Rev. G. M. Custance), who was the original promoter of the Guild, sent in his resignation, pleading advancing years and increasing work, which rendered him unable to fill the post as he could wish.

Canon Palmer afterwards in moving a vote of thanks to him, reminded those present of the deep obligation that the whole Guild owed Mr. Custance, but for him it would not have been founded.

On the proposal of the Rev. J. G. Cranstoun, seconded by Mr. J. Jones, J. Buchanan, Esq. was elected Master of the Guild, who in accepting the honour done him, only regretted that the choice had not fallen upon a more proficient change-ringer.

The Hon. Sec. remarked that it was like Mr. Buchanan to put such a lowly opinion on his own merits, but that his was an appointment eminently satisfactory to the Guild.

The following were elected on the Committee: Revs. Canon Palmer, H. C. Sturges (Bodenham), A. L. Oldham and J. Davies (Bridgnorth), H. F. Bagshaw (Knighton), T. Hughes (Bathington), C. Wilton (Foy), Messrs. J. Davies (Cathedral), J. G. Wall (Ross), J. Cartwright (Foy), E. S. Kings (Cradley), E. J. Beatley (Colwall), C. Edwards (Bosbury), R. Marston (Ludlow), J. Overton (Bridgnorth), J. Davies (All Saints, Hereford), R. J. Turner (Lugwardine), J. Jones (St. Peter's, Hereford), and T. J. Bratton (Welshpool).

Messrs. Wall and Bratton were re-elected to represent the Guild on the Central Council of Change-Ringers, and the hon. secretary was authorised to tender them their railway fare to and fro, on the occasion of its meeting.

The hon. secretary reported some thirty towers in union with the Guild, that most useful work was being done by voluntary local instructors, especially by Charles Edwards in the Ledbury district; that W. H. Fussell was holding an engagement with the Guild for some six or seven weeks up to Lent, and would be engaged, if possible, for a month after Easter.

The Festival was fixed (if leave was given), to be held at Ludlow, on Tuesday, June 5th. Votes of thanks were passed to the various officers of the Guild, and to Canon Palmer for presiding.

Local secretaries and others are requested to send subscriptions, etc., to the Rev. A. C. Lee (honorary secretary), Lugwardine Vicarage, Hereford, who will send them on to the hon. treasurer—otherwise the accounts may get complicated.

#### RINGERS' SUPPER.

On Monday, January 8th, the ringers of the parish church, Macclesfield, met at the National School at the invitation of their respected vicar and his wife, the Rev. S. A. and Mrs. Boyd, to partake of a substantial knife and fork supper, which was honoured with the ringers' usual custom, ample justice, the courses being brought round in fine style, the Vicar of Macclesfield proving himself to be a first class carver. This interesting part being over, all adjourned to a class-room, where the remainder of the evening was spent in harmony and in courses of Grandsire Triples and Caters on the handbells, intermixed with a little social chat. A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar, and also Mrs. Boyd, for their kindness, was carried with acclamation, and the singing of the National Anthem brought to a close the first of what is to be an annual delight to the ringers of St. Michael's, Macclesfield.

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## THE THORP BENEFIT DRAW AND FUND.

In connection with this Mr. Wilde writes as follows:—

SIR,—It will be remembered that in your issue of December 2nd, 1893, it was stated in effect that, subject to your approval we would publicly acknowledge, through the medium of "THE BELL NEWS," the names of all who had aided us by the disposal of a single book of tickets.

With the intention of carrying this promise to its fulfilment, an alphabetical list of names and places has been compiled, which in double columns comprise rather over five sides of full-sized foolscap. Now owing to the list reaching such formidable proportions, and being keenly alive to the heavy obligations under which you have placed us, not only by using your personal influence to the material advantage of the fund, but by very courteously granting us the free privilege and unstinted use of your columns almost week by week, commencing with November 2nd, we feel it would be unreasonable to expect such further privilege as this very lengthy list would entail.

We believe our army of supporters will take these considerations into account, and acquit us of any breach of faith. In finally thanking them, together with the subscribers, we fail in finding words conveying our deep sense of gratitude to them singly and collectively. The grand result, which is far above our most sanguine expectations, will convince the cynical observer that the Exercise is ready and determined when occasion or necessity arises, to appreciate to the full extent the services of its gifted or unfortunate brethren.

Some may be curious to know how the fund will be dealt with, whether it will be handed to Mr. Thorp in a lump sum, or placed to his credit in instalments, or what other safe means it may be employed in for his use and benefit. These considerations are receiving the careful attention of the committee, and when finally arranged, we will immediately acquaint you of what has been decided upon. In the meantime, what we could, and can do for our dear brother has, and will be done. Already, it is pleasing to note a slight improvement in his condition, and there is, we believe, reasonable grounds for hoping that the improvement will continue. If this should, happily, prove to be so, and if our efforts have contributed towards bringing it about, we shall be amply repaid, and look with joy and satisfaction on the good work accomplished.

Yours, on behalf of the Committee,

JAMES S. WILDE, *Hon. Sec.*

38, Thomas Street, Flowery Field, Hyde.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION

The third quarterly meeting of this association was held at Derby on Saturday, January 20th, about forty-seven representatives attending from Ashby, Burton, Derby, Duffield, Leicester, Long Eaton, Lichfield, Nottingham, etc.

As Derby possesses four peals of eight and one of ten, and all the towers being open, ample opportunity was afforded for all to indulge in their favourite exercise.

The committee meeting having been previously held, tea and general meeting followed at the Midland Road Coffee House at 5.0. Here a pleasant surprise awaited the visitors, in the shape of a substantial repast, most kindly provided by the several vicars and churchwardens and members of the Derby District, and to which full justice was done.

Tea being over, the minutes were read and passed, on the proposition of Mr. Shardlow, seconded by Mr. Curtis.

Three new members were then duly proposed and seconded.

The President, in addressing the meeting on the work of the past year, said that he had no congratulations to offer. Their position among the various associations was 7th, the lowest since he had been president, thirty-three peals only having been rung. He however, was glad to see their Melbourne friends coming again to the fore. The St. Paul's Society, Burton, also must be excused in that they had been debarred from using their tower for some six weeks during the past quarter. He hoped that in this new year they would all strive their utmost to do better than in the past.

Mr. Denison Taylor and Mr. S. Cooper were then elected to audit the accounts of the association, on the proposition of Mr. Maskrey, seconded by Mr. Robinson.

Mr. J. W. Taylor then proposed a vote of thanks to the various

vicars and churchwardens for the use of the bells, and also for their liberality in providing a free tea to the members. He thought in future it would be better to hold the tea at some more central place, so that the other towers which were open would be more visited. Mr. Draper having seconded, the motion was carried unanimously.

A vote of thanks to the President was proposed by Mr. W. Wakley, who also said that he hoped there would be a good attendance at the annual meeting at Burton-on-Trent. Mr. S. Cooper having seconded, the meeting terminated.

The members then adjourned to the several towers to finish up the day with touches of Grandsire, Stedman, and Double Norwich, and otherwise enjoy themselves according to their several tastes.

## THE ST. MARY'S SOCIETY, BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

On Saturday, the 20th inst., the twenty-fourth annual dinner of the above society took place at The Plough inn, Beddington, to which sixteen sat down and partook of the good things provided by Host G. T. Watkinson, in his usual excellent style. The chair was taken by the Rev. F. A. Hodgson, Rector of Beddington, supported by C. E. Malin, Esq., honorary member, the vice-chair (in the unavoidable absence of Dr. A. B. Carpenter, M.D.), being occupied by J. W. Trappitt. Among the number being one of the past, but ever welcome member, Mr. W. Burkin. After the usual loyal and patriotic toasts, the chairman gave the toast of the evening, "Success to the St. Mary's Society of change-ringers of Beddington." The Rector said it gave him great pleasure to meet, and to preside over for the first time at its festive board, the members of the society, and hoped that he should do so for many years to come, and that the society would make as good progress in the future, as it had done in the past. The evening was then devoted to harmony, some capital songs being sung.

## BOUGHTON-UNDER-BLEAN, KENT.

"The Boughton company of bell-ringers has lately sustained a great loss by the removal of one of its leading members from the neighbourhood. A member of the company from its formation in 1816, Mr. Ransom has been a most efficient secretary for the last three years, and the interest he has shown in the work always, as well as the thorough practical knowledge of bell-ringing which he had acquired himself, and was always ready to impart to others, cause his departure to be much regretted. From various causes the number of our bell-ringers is now much reduced, and it is hoped that some of the young men of the parish will signify to the vicar, or to the newly appointed secretary (Mr. John Chambers), their willingness to be instructed in this important branch of church work during the present winter. On Friday, November 24th, a muffled peal was rung as a mark of respect for Mr. William Clackett, who was interred that day at Selling, who had been a ringer for a number of years. Mr. G. A. Ransom, who has moved to Rainham, is doing his best to instruct the band in the art of change-ringing, where his services are highly appreciated."—*Parish Magazine*.

## BELLFOUNDING OPERATIONS.

Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, have executed the following work during the past year: One new ring of ten for the Imperial Institute. Three new rings of eight: Colerainer, Scunthorpe, Llandudno. Two new rings of six: Alsager and North Stoneham. Three peals of ten, augmented or rehung, etc.: St. John's, Cardiff, St. Luke's, Chelsea, Stroud parish church. Three peals of eight augmented or rehung, etc.: Higham Ferrers, Milverton, Irthlingborough. And several peals of six, augmented or rehung, etc.: Acton, Cheshire, Bramshott, Hants., East Crompton, Harworth Notts., St. Ippolyt's, Hitchin, Kempston, Beds., Staunton, Gloucestershire, Sharnford, Leicestershire, Kirley. They also have in hand three new peals of eight, viz.: Poona new church (Bombay Residency), Merthyr Tydfil and Aberavon. Two new peals of six, viz.: Clive, Salop, and St. Mark's, Bath. Restoration in hand of Kendal parish church, ring of ten; Penkridge and Lewisham rings of eight; and St. Mary's, Oxford, and Stanford, Notts., rings of six. They have also supplied during 1893 many smaller rings, sets of bells for striking-clocks, and single bells.

### THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 27th, the members of this Association held their annual meeting (which alternates between the two Cathedral cities) at Bristol, and representatives hailed from Gloucester, Cheltenham, Stroud, Swindon, Cirencester, and Quedgley, besides a good many from the ancient "city of churches" itself. Divine service was held in St. Stephen's the Martyr's, when the officiating clergy were the Rev. C. H. Joberns, Rector, and assistant secretary of the association, Rev. H. A. Cockey, Vicar of Oldland, and Master of the association, and Rev. Pitt Eykyn, Vicar of St. Augustine's (the Cathedral parish), and honorary general secretary.

A practical sermon was preached by the reverend Master. After service the adjacent towers were quickly resorted to, and at six o'clock all met for a "knife and fork" repast at the St. Stephen's restaurant in Baldwin Street, the Rector being in the chair.

After grace, the business meeting was held, and the election of officers being the first item on the agenda, the name of Earl Bathurst was added to the lay vice-presidents on the proposition of Mr. F. E. Ward, amidst much applause.

The Rev. H. A. Cockey, who had served as Master for five years, was again proposed for the office, but it was felt by some of those present that the Gloucester side of the double diocese should have an innings, and on a show of hands being taken, Mr. E. B. James, son of the rector of St. Michael's, Gloucester, an enthusiastic scientific ringer of no mean order, was found to have a small majority, and was declared duly elected.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded with much enthusiasm to the late Master, who suitably responded.

The hon. secretary, hon. treasurer, and hon. assistant secretary, were then requested to stand again, and were duly re-elected. Stroud was proposed as the place of next quarter's district meeting on the proposition of Rev. H. A. Cockey, seconded by Mr. A. Roberts.

The local secretaries were then all duly re-elected with the substitution of the name of Mr. G. W. Lait, of Cirencester, at Cirencester, instead of Mr. F. E. Ward.

The three names for representation on the Central Council were then put up, and resulted in the choice of Rev. H. A. Cockey, E. B. James, Esq., and G. H. Phillott, Esq., with the understanding that should Mr. Phillott be unable to serve, his place would be undertaken by Mr. Ward.

A vote of thanks to the rector then concluded the meeting, and soon the bells were once again in motion all over the dusky old city.

### THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—CREWE BRANCH.

The annual meeting of this branch was held at Crewe, on Saturday, January 20th, when several members were present from Alsager, Crewe, Kidsgrove, Sandbach, Wrenbury, and Wolstanton.

The tower of Christ Church was open for ringing at 2 p.m. With three from Sandbach, one from Whitchurch (Salop), and four local men, a Triples band was formed. A 350 and a 420 were rung, the first was brought round true, but in the second a change-course occurred about half-way. For the former the men stood as follows: W. Evetts, 1; A. Harding, 2; A. Dudley, 3; — Hartshorn, 4; G. Wright, 5; T. Johnson, 6; R. T. Holding (conductor), 7; J. Spool, 8. And for the latter—R. Langford, sen., 1; A. Harding, 2; — Hartshorn (conductor), 3; J. Wright, 4; G. Wright, 5; R. Langford, jun., 6; R. T. Holding, 7; J. Davies, 8.

At 4.15, when a goodly number of members had assembled, a move was made for the Parish Room, where business was transacted.

The meeting was opened as usual with a prayer read by the Vicar (Rev. G. J. Howson); the secretary (Mr. R. Langford jun.), read the minutes of the last meeting held at Alsager, which were duly confirmed. The Branch now consists of sixty-five ringing and eight honorary members, which is a decided increase.

Letters were read from the Rev. Canon Atkinson, and the Rev. D. Shaw, etc., expressing their regret at not being able to attend. Mr. J. Wright and Mr. R. T. Holding were elected

auditors for the ensuing year. Various officers of the branch resigned their posts, and many were re-elected, including the president (Rev. G. J. Howson), who entered his fourth year of office, and his re-election called forth hearty congratulations, in answer to which he replied with some pride that the branch to which he belonged was, in the opinion of many, foremost in the Guild for the manner in which it was conducted.

Mr. T. Johnson, of Sandbach represented the branch secretary on the general committee. It was arranged for the quarterly meetings during the ensuing year to be held at Lawton, Sandbach, Wrenbury, and Acton (near Nantwich). The meeting then adjourned, the president kindly inviting the members present to a sumptuous tea, to which thirty-three sat down, the ringers doing justice to the good things provided. "Stand" being called, a hearty vote of thanks was given to the president for his hospitality and kindness throughout.

Returning to the tower, ringing was again indulged in. At 6.30, a special shortened form of Evensong was held at Christ Church for the ringers: Hymns 540 and 453 (Church Hymns), were sung during the service. The Vicar gave a stirring address, taking for his text the words "Go ye also into the vineyard, and whatsoever is right I will give you;" this implying that we should look upon the Church as the vineyard, and we the workers therein. It is a work for Christ that ringers have to perform, and surely should not be undertaken lightly, but with the true earnest of the Spirit, remembering that we must not call others to the House of God without feeling that it is our duty, and should we not add, privilege, to join in the worship of God. In conclusion, the Vicar reminded those assembled of the very appropriate inscription on the new bell at St. Paul's, "Woe unto me, if I do not preach the Gospel," and of the warning St. Paul gives to all, in the well-known verse, "Lest that by any means when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway." After service, a 350 and 168 of Triples brought a very pleasant meeting to a close, the members being especially pleased with the tower, and remarking that it was the prettiest they had ever been into. The men stood as follows for the 350: R. Langford, sen., 1; A. Harding, 2; C. Ollier, 3; G. Wright (conductor), 4; R. Langford, jun., 5; W. Grice, 6; R. T. Holding, 7; R. Vicars, 8. And for the 168. R. Vicars, 1; A. Harding, 2; A. Archer, 3; J. Wright (conductor), 4; — Mellor, 5; —, 6; C. Ollier, 7; J. Davies, 8.

### THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

NUNEATON BRANCH.—The annual meeting of this branch took place at Nuneaton, on Saturday, January 20th, when a fair number of members attended from Hinckley, Stoney Stanton, etc. Several well-struck touches in various methods were rung during the afternoon, after which an adjournment was made to the meeting-house, where a business meeting was held under the chairmanship of Mr. H. Horwood, and the following officers for the ensuing year were elected: vice-president, Mr. Thomas W. Chapman; committee, Messrs. J. F. Clarke and W. Mills; secretary, Mr. H. Argyle, of Wheat Street, Nuneaton. A vote of thanks was passed to the retiring officers, and three new members were elected. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Hinckley, on Saturday, March 3rd.

### SHEPTON BEAUCHAMP, SOMERSETSHIRE.

A large clock has just been erected in this church which has two large dials, and chimes the Cambridge quarters upon four bells. All the latest improvements have been introduced in the mechanism, and it will doubtless keep accurate time. The whole of the work has been executed by John Smith and Sons, Midland Clock Works, Derby, who made the clock at St. Paul's cathedral.

### HARRIETSHAM, KENT.

On Monday evening, January 15th, the Rev. C. D. B. Marsham invited the ringers of the parish church to supper at the rectory, every one doing justice to the good things provided. The cloth being removed, a variety of games were entered upon till a late hour, and after thanking the rector for his kindness, the ringers departed to their homes.

## 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.

**Preliminary Notice.**—This day, Saturday, February 3rd, a Change-ringing contest on handbells will take place at Uppermill, Saddleworth, when the following prizes, and the Hollingworth Silver Challenge Cup will be given for the best two courses. One of Grandsire Triples, and one of Grandsire Major. The cup to be held by the winning company for twelve months, to be competed for every year. First prize £2; Second £1; Third 10s.; Fourth 5s. Also a contest on Ten bells, for the best course of Grandsire Caters. First prize 15s.; Second 5s.; circulars and full particulars on application to the secretary, JONATHAN PELLING.

Lee Street, Uppermill, Near Oldham.

**The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Diocesan Branch.**—The next meeting will be at St. Mary's, Prescott, to-day, Saturday, February 3rd. Tower open at 3 p.m. Business meeting in the parish room at 6 p.m.

J. J. M. MOORE, Hon. Sec.

**Worcestershire and Districts Association.**—The next Committee and Quarterly Meeting of this Association will take place to-day, Saturday, February 3rd, in St. Mary's Schoolroom, Cradley, at 5.30 p.m. prompt. The Rev. R. H. Edmondson, Vicar, has kindly consented to preside. The tower will be open for ringing. Members will kindly note that all subscriptions are due at this meeting, and to take this notice as sufficient should they receive no other.

JOHN SMITH, Hon. Sec.

37, Simms Lane, Netherton.

**Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.** As it is impossible to hold the meeting as arranged at Perry Barr, it will be held to-day, Saturday, February 3rd, at All Saints' church, West Bromwich. The bells will be available from 2.30. Service at 5 p.m.

S. REEVES, Hon. Sec.

10, Bull Street, West Bromwich.

**Hertfordshire Association.—District Meeting at Hitchin,** to-day, Saturday, February 3rd, when the church tower will be open for ringing from 3 p.m. Tea at the Coffee Tavern at 5.30. Business meeting to follow. I shall be glad to receive all subscriptions outstanding as early as possible.

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

**Waterloo Society, London.**—The Annual Dinner of the Society will take place at the York Hotel, Waterloo Road, to-day, Saturday, February 3rd. Tickets 3s. each, to be obtained of the following members of the dinner committee: Mr. G. Wild, 8, Frances Street, Waterloo Road, S.E., Mr. J. Davis, 2, Westdown Terrace, Camden Street, Peckham, Mr. E. P. O'Meara, 64, Swan Street, Great Dover Street, S.E., Mr. A. Davis, 419, Old Kent Road, S.E., Mr. F. G. Perrin, 370, Munton Road, New Kent Road, S.E.

F. G. PERRIN, Hon. Sec.

**Raunds, Wellingborough and District Association.**—By kind invitation of the Rev. W. St. George Coldwell, a Quarterly Meeting will take place at Wilbye, to-day, Saturday, February 3rd. The peal of five bells (tenor about 9 cwt.) at the church of St. Mary, will be at liberty for ringing from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. Business Meeting at 4 o'clock. Tea at 5 o'clock.

Wellingborough. E. J. DENNES, Hon. Sec.

**Kent County Association.—Lewisham District.**—A quarterly meeting will be held at

St. Mary's, Woolwich, to-day, Saturday, February 3rd. Tower open for ringing at 3 p.m. Committee meeting in parish room at 6 p.m. Owing to the illness of the Rev. T. E. Teignmouth Shore, Hon. Sec. of this district, all communications should be addressed till end of February to

W. BEDWELL,

Grace Villa, Albacore Crescent, Lewisham.

**Lancashire Association.—Fylde Branch.**—The next quarterly meeting of this Branch will be held at Blackpool, to-day, Saturday, February 3rd. The bells of St. John's parish church will be ready at 3 p.m. Meeting in the School 5.30, when the president of the Association (the Rev. H. J. Elsee) and others are expected to attend. Methods for practice are Grandsire Triples and Doubles and Plain Bob Minor.

JOHN FELL, Branch Sec.

21, Clifton Street, Lytham.

**The Yorkshire Association.**—The next General Meeting will be held at Brighouse (near Huddersfield) to-day, Saturday, February 3rd. Owing to unavoidable circumstances, the circulars have not been issued as early as usual, but it is hoped members will not allow this to prevent them assembling in large numbers. Tea and business meeting at the usual times. The local Hon. Sec. is Mr. Frank Prince, Denham Street, Brighouse.

B. T. COPELY, Hon. Sec.

3, St. Jude's Square, Bradford.

**Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.**—A meeting will be held at Whitley (Tyneside), on Monday, February 5th. At the Victoria Hotel, Committee Meeting at 12. Dinner at 1 p.m. Members 1s. 6d. Non-members 2s. 6d. Whitley belfry open after 10 a.m. North Shields belfry, except during services, 11.30 and 7.30 p.m.

C. BUSTON, Hon. Sec.

Embleton, Christon Bank, Northumberland.

**Midland Counties' Association.—Burton-on-Trent District.**—The Annual Meeting of this district for the election of officers and other important business will be held at the parish room, St. Paul's Institute, on Thursday, February 8th, at 8 p.m. Ringing at St. Paul's church at 7.

ARTHUR WAKLEY, District Hon. Sec.

**Kent County Association.—Maidstone District.**—The Annual Meeting will be held at Leeds, on March 3rd. Tower open at 3. Committee meeting at 5. At 5.30 a tea will be provided for those who have applied to the district Secretary for tea tickets not later than March 1st. Travelling expenses allowed up to 2s.

A. L. BRINE, Hon. District Sec.

**Midland Counties' Association.**—Life members and ringing members who have changed their address since joining the Association, or whose present address is not correct in the 1892 report, are requested to forward their present addresses to me or to their local secretaries at once. In any case not later than Monday, February 5th.

JOHN O. LANCASHIRE, Hon. Sec.

22, St. Peter's Road, Leicester.

**Kent County Association.**—The Annual Meeting of the Tunbridge District will be held at the parish room, North Street, Tunbridge Wells, on Monday, February 5th prox. Tea will be provided at 4.30 p.m. before the meeting for any members who send their names to the District Secretary before Saturday, February 3rd.

T. S. CURTIS, District Secretary.

The Rectory, Sevenoaks.

**Tonbridge Bells.**—These bells will be available for ringers attending the district meeting, from 7.30 to 9.45 p.m. Train leaves Tunbridge Wells 7.10.

GEO. H. STONESTREET.

25, High Street, Tonbridge.

**Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.**—The next meeting will take place at Baldersstone, on Saturday, February 10th. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Business meeting at 6.30. The Vicar will preside. Methods for practice—Kent Treble Bob and Bob Major.

E. SCHOFIELD, Branch Sec.

63, Clark Street, Rochdale.

**Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.**—The next monthly meeting will be held at Pendleton, on Saturday, February 10th. 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.**—A meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Rawtenstall, on Saturday, February 10th. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Meeting 6.30.

J. B. TAYLOR, Branch Sec.

7, Church Street, Waterfoot.

**The Heavy Woollen District Association, Yorkshire.**—The next meeting of the above will be held at Horbury, on Saturday, February 17th, at 5 p.m. Meeting house, King's Arms hotel.

GEO. H. SIMON, Hon. Sec.

19, Albert Street, Batley Carr.

**The Henry Johnson Anniversary.**—The St. Martin's Guild of Birmingham intend arranging the usual commemoration dinner on Saturday, March 3rd, when a gentleman of eminence in the Science is expected to preside. Further particulars will be announced in later issues of this paper.

W. H. GODDEN, Hon. Sec.

61, Roland Road, Handsworth.

**NOTE TO THE PEAL AT COALBROOKDALE.**—This is the first peal by the Guild in the method, and the first peal by the Severn Valley branch of the Association, and was rung at the first attempt. Mr. Howard came from Bridgnorth at an hour's notice. Mr. Fussell, the Guild's Instructor, completed his hundredth performance of this kind, rang in sixteen counties of England on peals of bells numbering from eight to twelve. Permission to ring was kindly given by the Vicar, the Rev. H. Harries.

J. WILLSHIRE.—Send to the publisher.

A. JACKS.—No; it has been shown to be impossible.

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

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1894.

THE demand upon our space this week prevents the indulgence of the usual short comment. Several reports of meetings are therefore held over until next week. The letters sent within the last few days to our contributor "Plain Speaker" cannot be dealt with, owing to his absence on urgent private affairs at Omagh, a town in the north of Ireland. We hope to see him early next week.

We should like to bring before those of our readers who can do any good in the direction indicated, the desirability of assisting our brethren who are at the present or other time out of employment. Pecuniary relief is not here meant, but assistance to obtain work of some kind whereby bread may be earned. Our remarks have special reference to those ringers who from time to time advertise in our pages their want of employment, and desire to obtain it. One of these advertisements appears elsewhere, and like most of them this is a case where the applicant would be exceedingly grateful for any means of living which could be put into his hands. With confidence we bring such matters before those of our readers who are able to be of service.



**The Metropolis.****THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**

(THE ST. STEPHEN'S SOCIETY, WESTMINSTER.)

*On Saturday, January 27, 1894, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN, WESTMINSTER,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.**

Tenor 25 cwt.

GEORGE LANGFORD .. .. Treble.	THOMAS R. BELL .. .. 5.
WALTER J. SORRELL .. .. 2.	SAMUEL ANDREWS .. .. 6.
JOHN N. OXBORROW .. .. 3.	HENRY S. ELLIS .. .. 7.
FRANK BUCK .. .. 4.	JAMES WILLSHIRE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by J. BARKER and Conducted by JAMES WILLSHIRE.

This peal is taken from *Rope-Sight*, and contains the 6th twenty-two courses each way. First peal in the method by all except the ringers of the 2nd and 3rd, and first in the method by the ringer of the 2nd away from the treble. Also the first in the method by the local society, the first peal of Major by J. Willshire as conductor, and first peal of Major by the ringer of the 5th.

**THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.***On Saturday, January 27, 1894, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES-IN-THE-FIELDS,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.**

Tenor 18 cwt. in F.

WILLIAM TRUSS .. .. Treble.	BENJAMIN FOSKETT .. .. 5.
ARTHUR R. DAVIS* .. .. 2.	FREDERICK J. PITTS .. .. 6.
HAROLD N. DAVIS .. .. 3.	HARRY WARNETT .. .. 7.
WILLIAM TAYLOR .. .. 4.	WALTER C. HASTED .. .. Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF and Conducted by H. N. DAVIS.

\*First peal of Major, and first attempt with a bob bell. This composition contains the full combination of 4-5-6, with the 2nd and 3rd never in 6ths, and the 2nd never in 5ths place at a course-end.

**The Provinces.****HUGHENDEN.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Friday, January 26, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES.**

SOTTANSTALL'S COMPOSITION.

RALPH BIGGS .. .. Treble.	*JOHN CLARKE TRUSS, JUN. 5.
FRANK BIGGS .. .. 2.	WALTER ERNEST YATES.. 6.
SYDNEY GOODCHILD .. .. 3.	JOHN EVANS .. .. 7.
FRED BIGGS .. .. 4.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

\*First peal in the method. This is the first peal in the method conducted by a clergyman.

**NORWICH.—THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION, AND THE SOCIETY OF NORWICH SCHOLARS.***On Friday, January 26, 1894, in Two Hours and Seventeen Minutes,*

AT THE HOUSE OF MR. BRIGHTON, 75 BARN ROAD,

ON HANDBELLS RETAINED IN HAND,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.**

J. ARMIGER TROLLOP .. 1-2.	GEORGE P. BURTON .. 5-6.
JOHN E. BURTON .. .. 3-4.	*ALFRED W. BRIGHTON.. 7-8.

Composed by J. ARMIGER TROLLOP and Conducted by ALFRED W. BRIGHTON.

\*First peal as conductor.

**CRAYFORD, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Friday, January 26, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM E. TAYLOR† .. Treble.	WILLIAM BEDWELL .. .. 5.
GEORGE CONYARD .. .. 2.	WALTER INGHAM .. .. 6.
WILLIAM I. REEVE .. .. 3.	HERBERT P. HARMAN .. 7.
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE* .. 4.	EDWIN BARNETT .. .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS and Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT.

\*First peal of Major. †First peal in the method. Messrs. Taylor and Bedwell belong to Lewisham; Groombridge and Ingham to Chislehurst; Harman to Bromley.

**BLETCHLEY, BUCKS.****THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, January 27, 1894, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

CHARLES W. CLARKE .. Treble.	CYRIL HERBERT .. .. 5.
SAMUEL J. CULLIP .. .. 2.	ISAAC HILLS .. .. 6.
SAMUEL CONSTANT .. .. 3.	JAMES GEORGE .. .. 7.
HERBERT SHARP .. .. 4.	PERCY HOWARD .. .. Tenor.

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

This peal has the 4th, 5th, and 6th their extent in 6ths place, the 2nd never there, and was taken from "THE BELL NEWS" of September 8th, 1884. Messrs. Clarke, Cullip, Constant, Sharp, Hill, and Howard, hail from Bedford; Herbert from Woburn. This is supposed to be the first peal on the bells. The ringers desire to thank the Rev. W. Bennett for the use of the bells, and also Mr. W. Sear for having everything in readiness.

**SYSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.****THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, January 27, 1894, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

A VARIATION OF HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

GEORGE CLEAL .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM MOORE .. .. 5.
GEORGE T. FREEMAN .. .. 2.	JOHN H. HALL .. .. 6.
THOMAS R. BRIGGS .. .. 3.	WILLIAM WILLSON .. .. 7.
ARTHUR SWANN .. .. 4.	JOHN W. FREEMAN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM WILLSON.

This peal is the first achieved by the local society, also the first by all the band except G. Cleal and the conductor, who belong to Leicester; the rest are local men. It is to be hoped this success will induce this promising company to further pursue the Art.

**OLDSWINFORD, WORCESTERSHIRE.****WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, January 27, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, College Single, Oxford Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob, and Grandsire. Tenor 18 cwt.

THOMAS LEES* .. .. Treble.	THOMAS SALTER .. .. 4.
WILLIAM H. BARBER .. .. 2.	WILLIAM SHORT .. .. 5.
HENRY MARTIN .. .. 3.	JOHN BARBER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN BARBER.

\*First 5040. Messrs. Barber and Short hail from Clent; Salter from Kidderminster; Martin from Belbroughton; Lees belongs to the local company. Rang on the occasion of the birthday of T. Lees. This is the first 5040 on the bells.

**FRAMLINGHAM, SUFFOLK.****THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, January 27, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

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

Tenor 19 cwt.

W. OSTLER* .. .. Treble.	W. FLORY .. .. 5.
REV. J. HOLME PILKINGTON 2.	S. WIGHTMAN, JUN. .. 6.
E. WIGHTMAN .. .. 3.	G. WIGHTMAN .. .. 7.
J. DURRANT .. .. 4.	J. SELF .. .. Tenor.

Composed by H. HUBBARD and Conducted by G. WIGHTMAN.

\*First peal. The Rev. J. H. Pilkington and Messrs. Ostler and Self belong to the local company; the rest hail from Creetingham.

**SITUATION WANTED.**—A position in any capacity; well up in garden and horses, or could do books in an office. Good references, Change-ringer in three standard methods. Aged 19 years. Apply—W. Lightfoot, 9, Great Butts Street, Bedford.

**Birth.**

On January 23rd, at the Bell Foundry, Loughborough, the wife of JOHN W. TAYLOR, JUN., of a son.

## SHIPLEY, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 27, 1894, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 15 cwt.

B. EMMOTT .. .. .	Treble.	J. BALDWIN .. .. .	5.
T. THOMPSON .. .. .	2.	F. W. DIXON .. .. .	6.
H. E. ANDERSON .. .. .	3.	T. B. KENDALL, Esq. .. .. .	7.
H. RAISTRICK .. .. .	4.	G. A. O. NETTLETON .. .. .	Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE A. O. NETTLETON.

B. Emmott hails from Saltaire; Anderson from Bingley; Raistrick from Bradford; Baldwin and Dixon from Guiseley; the rest belong to Shipley.

## CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 27, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-five 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.	JAMES SEARLE .. .. .	5.
JOHN RICE .. .. .	2.	ROBERT JORDAN .. .. .	6.
FREDERICK DENCH .. .. .	3.	JAMES PARKER .. .. .	7.
WILLIAM WARD .. .. .	4.	FREDERICK W. RICE .. .. .	Tenor.

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW and Conducted by JAMES PARKER.

## BIRMINGHAM.—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

(BIRMINGHAM AMALGAMATED SOCIETY BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 27, 1894, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5004 CHANGES.

Tenor 29 cwt.

JOHN PRICKETT .. .. .	Treble.	CHARLES SPARKES .. .. .	6.
JOHN E. SCOTT .. .. .	2.	GEORGE WALKER .. .. .	7.
ROBERT BOWKETT .. .. .	3.	JOHN T. PERRY .. .. .	8.
JOHN JENNINGS .. .. .	4.	JOHN CARTER .. .. .	9.
JAMES JONES .. .. .	5.	REUBEN HALL .. .. .	Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JOHN CARTER.

This peal is new rung for the first time, and it has the 5th and 6th each twenty-four times behind the 9th.

## COALBROOKDALE, SALOP.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, January 29, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

## A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HUBBARD'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qrs. 10 lbs. in E flat.

WILLIAM HY. HUGHES* .. .. .	Treble.	*SAMUEL JAS. HUGHES .. .. .	5.
JAMES WILLM. HOWARD* .. .. .	2.	*WILLIAM PRICE .. .. .	6.
RICHARD JONES* .. .. .	3.	*WILLIAM MORGAN .. .. .	7.
ALBERT WALE .. .. .	4.	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL .. .. .	Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM MORGAN.

\*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. ‡First peal as conductor. Further reference to this peal will be found on another page.

## RAWTENSTALL, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 29, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REEVES'S VARIATION.

Tenor 14 cwt.

GEORGE HY. ASHWORTH* .. .. .	Treble.	*GEORGE H. HARGREAVES .. .. .	5.
GEORGE E. ROLLERSON .. .. .	2.	*JOHN HENRY NUTTALL .. .. .	6.
THOMAS ROLLERSON* .. .. .	3.	†JOSHUA RAMSBOTTOM .. .. .	7.
STEPHEN HOLGATE* .. .. .	4.	*JOHN WILLIAM CUNLIFFE .. .. .	Tenor.

Conducted by J. RAMSBOTTOM.

\*First peal. †First peal as conductor. Four of the above band are under twenty years of age. Rung in honour of the birthday of S. Holgate, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

## NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

(THE NUNEATON SOCIETY.)

On Monday, January 29, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt. in E.

ARTHUR MEASURES .. .. .	Treble.	HARRY ARGYLE .. .. .	5.
HARRY W. HORWOOD .. .. .	2.	JAMES GEORGE .. .. .	6.
HARRY J. PAULSON .. .. .	3.	HARRY HORWOOD .. .. .	7.
THOMAS W. CHAPMAN .. .. .	4.	*JOHN WARREN .. .. .	Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS W. CHAPMAN.

\*First peal. This is the first peal on the bells since the 7th and tenor were rung, and was rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. A. Measures, the band wishing him many happy returns.

## FRIEZLAND, YORKSHIRE.

## THE UNITED COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 27, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

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

Being a 720 each of Duke of York, Yorkshire Delight, Merchants' Return, New London Pleasure, Kent, Violet and Oxford.

Tenor 15 cwt.

SAMUEL DICKEN .. .. .	Treble.	JAMES DICKEN .. .. .	4.
GEORGE T. SHAW .. .. .	2.	THOMAS B. DICKEN .. .. .	5.
OWEN WOOD* .. .. .	3.	JOHN T. DICKEN .. .. .	Tenor.

Conducted by OWEN WOOD.

\*First 5040, and first time as conductor. This was rung as a birthday peal to S. Dicken, who attained his 31st year of age that day, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns. T. B. Dicken hails from Mossley; the rest are of the local company.

## Date Touches.

ARMLEY (Yorks).—On Thursday, January 25th, at Christ Church, a date touch of 1894 changes in the following Treble Bob Minor methods, in 1 hr. 9 mins.: 94 Woodbine, 600 each of Duke of York, Oxford and Kent. Joe Thackray (conductor), 1; B. Cowling, 2; J. Thackray, 3; A. Craven, 4; H. Williams, 5; J. Guy, 6. Tenor 16 cwt. Rung in honour of the marriage of the Rev. W. T. Forster, curate of the parish, to Miss Ormerod, of Carlisle.

GRIMLEY (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, January 14th, at the parish church, a date touch of Grandsire Doubles, 1894 changes, being ten 6-scores each called differently, five 6-scores repeated, and 94 odd changes, in 1 hr. and 7 mins. E. Wainwright, 1; T. Bullock, 2; H. Matthews, 3; A. Callow, 4; M. Matthews, 5; A. Watkins, 6. Arranged and conducted by T. Bullock.

HARTLEBURY (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, January 14th, for evening service, a date touch of 1894 changes, in 1 hr. six mins. in the following methods: 554 Kent Treble Bob, 720 Canterbury Pleasure, and 720 Plain Bob. J. Reynolds, 1; W. H. Barber, 2; T. Barber, 3; H. Martin, 4; W. Short, 5; J. Barber (conductor), 6. Tenor 22 cwt. Longest touch on the bells.

STANSTEAD (Suffolk).—On Monday, January 22nd, at the parish church, a date touch, 1894 changes, in 1 hr. 9 mins., in the following methods: 502 Kent Treble Bob, 72 Oxford Treble Bob, 120 Double Court Bob, 360 Woodbine, 360 Yorkshire Court, 240 College Single, and 240 Bob Minor. A. Papworth, 1; R. Brett, 2; G. Smith, 3; A. Clarke, 4; R. Theobald, 5; R. Gowers (composer and conductor), 6.

## Miscellaneous.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CHESTER-LE-STREET.—On Monday, January 15th, a 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and eighteen singles). \*G. Siddle, 1; G. A. Ward, 2; G. Curry, 3; J. Huntley, 4; W. Sheraton, 5; A. Meyers (conductor), 6. On Sunday morning, January 21st, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor. G. Siddle, 1; G. A. Ward, 2; W. Brown, 3; W. Sheraton, 4; J. Swinburn, 5; A. Meyers (conductor), 6. And for evening ser-

vice, 720 Bob Minor. W. Brown, 1; G. A. Ward, 2; J. Anderson, 3; J. Huntley, 4; W. Sheraton, 5; A. Meyers (conductor), 6. After service a 720 Bob Minor (thirty singles and six bobs). W. Brown, 1; G. Curry, 2; W. Sheraton, 3; J. Huntley, 4; A. Meyers, 5; J. Swinburn (conductor), 6. The last-named 720 was rung half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late John James Thompson, who filled a prominent position as a member of the church choir. \*First 720 of Bob Minor.

**BISHOPWEARMOUTH.**—On Sunday, January 28th, for evening service at the parish church, 720 College Single (eighteen bobs and fourteen singles). R. W. Langton, 1; R. C. Hudson (conductor), 2; G. Lowden, 3; R. W. Lovie (first 720 in the method with a bob bell), 4; J. Field, 5; W. T. Robson, 6.

**NORTH SHIELDS.**—On Wednesday, November 2nd, 1924 Kent Treble Bob Major. T. Teasdale, 1; G. Holmes, 2; J. Rossiter, 3; E. Keen, 4; H. Dall, 5; H. Ross, 6; J. Hern, 7; L. Routledge (conductor), 8. And 960 Treble Bob Major. E. Keen, 1; T. Teasdale, 5. Conducted by L. Routledge. On Saturday, November 12th, 560 and 720 Bob Major. G. Holmes, 1; G. Dix, 2; J. Rossiter, 3; E. Keen, 4; H. Ross, 5; T. Teasdale, 6; A. Sully, 7; J. Hern (conductor), 8. On Monday, November 14th, 360 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. G. Holmes, 1; J. Rossiter, 2; E. Keen, 3; T. Teasdale, 4; J. Hern, 5; H. Ross (conductor), 6. On Monday, November 21st, 720 Bob Minor. On Monday, November 28th, 360 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. On Tuesday, December 12th, 360 Kent Treble Bob Minor. On Tuesday, December 19th, 504 Bob Triples and 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. J. Rossiter, 1; R. Scrafton, 2; T. Teasdale, 3; E. Keen (conductor), 4; J. Hern, 5; A. Sully, 6.

#### THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

**WRITTLE (Essex).**—On New Year's eve at 9.45, with the bells half-muffled, 727 of Grandsire Triples with all the 5-6-7s at hand, and all the 5-7-6s at back-stroke. W. Emery, 1; G. Sorrell, 2; F. Radley, 3; R. Miller, 4; R. Wood, 5; Rev. T. L. Papillon, 6; W. Lincoln, 7; T. Edwards, 8. And at 11.30, 559 in the same method. H. Lincoln, 1; W. Emery, 2; R. Miller, 3; G. Sorrell, 4; R. Wood, 5; F. Radley, 6; W. Lincoln, 7; T. Lincoln, 8. Also at 12 p.m., with the bells open, a 504. F. Edwards, 8; the rest as before. On Wednesday, January 3rd, for practice, 504 of Grandsire Triples. G. Head, 1; W. Lincoln, 2; Rev. T. L. Papillon, 3; G. Sorrell, 4; T. Lincoln, 5; R. Wood, 6; F. Radley, 7; W. Emery, 8. And a 532. H. Lincoln, 1; W. Emery, 2; Rev. T. L. Papillon, 3; G. Sorrell, 4; R. Wood, 5; F. Radley, 6; W. Lincoln, 7; T. Lincoln, 8. Conducted by W. Lincoln. All the above belong to the local company.

#### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

**BRANDESTON (Suffolk).**—On New Year's eve six members of the local company rang a course each of the following methods: Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Stedman, Double Oxford, Double Court, Oxford Single, College Single, Canterbury Pleasure, Grandsire Minor, and Bob Minor. E. Wightman, 1; A. S. Wightman, 2; H. W. Baldry, 3; D. G. Wightman, 4; G. Wightman, 5; S. Wightman, jun., 6. The same band rang the old year out and the new year in with 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Stedman Slow Course, and Double Oxford Bob. On Saturday, January 13th, for practice, 240 each of the following: Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, Double Court, Double Stedman, Woodbine, and Kent Treble Bob, and a silent 720 of Oxford Treble Bob. J. Durrant, 1; A. S. Wightman, 2; D. G. Wightman, 3; J. E. Wightman, 4; H. W. Baldry, 5; S. Wightman, jun., 6. This is the first silent 720 ever known to have been rang in the county.

#### THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

**BUSHEY (Herts).**—On Sunday morning, January 14th, for Divine Service, 518 Grandsire Triples. W. Thorne, 1; W. E. Oakley, 2; A. J. Pate, 3; G. Hunt, 4; W. I. Oakley, 5; E. E. Huntley, 6; F. Edwards (conductor), 7; A. Maynard, 8. Also 168 in the same method, conducted by E. E. Huntley. For evening service 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-eight bobs and twenty-two singles) with 6-8 covering, in 15 mins. W. Thorne, 1; W. E. Oakley, 2; E. E. Huntley, 3; A. J. Pate, 4; W. I. Oakley, 5; A. Maynard, 6; F. Edwards (conductor), 7; T. Hussey, 8. On Sunday evening, January 21st, for Divine Service, 518 Grandsire Triples. W. Thorne, 1; W. E. Oakley, 2; A. J. Pate, 3; G. Hunt, 4; W. I. Oakley, 5; F. Edwards, 6; E. E. Huntley (conductor), 7; T. Hussey, 8. Also 168 in the same method with A. Maynard, 8; conducted by F. Edwards. And 360 Grandsire Minor (eighteen bobs and twelve singles) with 6-8 covering. W. Thorne, 1; W. E. Oakley, 2; E. E. Huntley (conductor), 3; A. J. Pate, 4; W. I. Oakley, 5; A. Maynard, 6; F. Edwards, 7; T. Hussey, 8. The above are all residents in Bushey, and are members of the local society.

#### WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

**STOURBRIDGE (Worcestershire).**—On Sunday, December 24th, at St Thomas' church, for evening service, 864 of Bob Major and 97 of Grandsire Triples. W. W. Dyke, 1; J. Pagett, 2; W. H. Barber, 3; H. Harris, 4; W. A. Pugh, 5; W. Short (conductor), 6; G. H. Pagett, 7; J. Barber, 8. On Sunday, December 31st, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor (fourteen singles four bobs). W. W. Dyke, 1; W. A. Pugh, 2; W. F. Hartshorne (conductor), 3; H. Harris, 4; J. Pagett, 5; G. H. Pagett, 6. On Wednesday, January 3rd, for practice, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs two singles), with 6-8 covering. H. Falkes (first 720), 1; A. Chapman, 2; G. H. Pagett (conductor), 3; N. Hollyoake, 4; W. A. Pugh, 5; W. W. Dykes, 6; J. Pagett, 7; R. James, 8. On Sunday, January 21st, an attempt was made to ring a peal of Bob Triples for morning service, but after ringing 2268 changes in 1 hr. 20 mins. the conductor called stand owing to a change course. G. Pearsall, 1; J. Pagett (conductor), 2; H. Dakin, 3; W. Fryer, 4; W. A. Pugh, 5; W. F. Hartshorne, 6; G. H. Pagett, 7; W. W. Dyke, 8. And 360 Bob Minor tenor covering. W. W. Dyke, 1; G. Pearsall (first 360 with a bob bell), 2; J. Pagett, 3; W. F. Hartshorne (conductor), 4; W. Fryer, 5; G. H. Pagett, 6; W. A. Pugh, 7. W. F. Hartshorne hails from Stockport, Cheshire.

**EVESHAM (Worcestershire).**—On Thursday, January 25th, at St. Peter's, Bengeworth, for practice, 720 Oxford Bob Minor. G. Williams, 1; E. Slatter (first 720 in the method), 2; H. Middleton, 3; W. Arkell, 4; A. H. Sharp, 5; F. Cook (conductor), 6.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

**MAIDSTONE (Kent).**—On Monday, January 22nd, at All Saints' church, 701 Grandsire Caters. G. Pawley, 1; W. Mannering, 2; A. H. Woolley, 3; R. Simmonds, 4; W. H. Warren, 5; C. Payne, 6; A. Tawney, 7; T. Mannering, 8; A. Palmer (conductor), 9; R. Richards, 10.

**HAYES (Kent).**—On Monday, January 22nd, for practice, 720 Bob Minor (eight bobs and six singles) in 27 mins. F. Lacy (first 720), 1; H. Brown, 2; G. Harwood, 3; H. Reader, 4; E. Stone, 5; J. Hack (conductor), 6. Also 180 Canterbury Pleasure. J. Johnson, 1; H. Brown, 2; G. Harwood, 3; H. Reader, 4; E. Stone, 5; J. Hack (conductor), 6. This is the longest length by the local band.

**BROMLEY (Kent).**—On Sunday, January 14th, at the parish church, 720 Bob Major. G. Simpson, 1; R. G. Humphry, 2; E. Dunn, 3; T. Harford, 4; G. Durling, 5; F. Sanders, 6; W. Fright, 7; H. P. Harman (conductor), 8. On Sunday, January 21st, 504 Stedman Triples. T. Groombridge, 1; T. Durling, 2; W. E. Taylor, 3; T. Harford, 4; G. Durling, 5; W. Ingham, 6; H. P. Harman (conductor), 7; W. James, 8. On Tuesday, January 23rd, for practice, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. T. Harford, 1; R. Streeter, 2; G. Durling, 3; W. Ingham, 4; T. Groombridge, 5; H. P. Harman (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method by the ringers of the first, third, and fifth. W. E. Taylor hails from Catford, and R. Streeter from Balcombe.

**UPCHURCH (Kent).**—On Sunday evening, January 14th, at St. Mary's church, 720 Plain Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 24½ mins. G. Dennis, 1; H. Shipp (first 720 in the method), 2; W. Laker, 3; G. A. Ransom (conductor), 4; G. Capeling, 5; W. T. Hyland, 6. On Sunday evening, January 21st, 720 Bob Minor (nine bobs and six singles), in 25 mins. A. T. Hyland, 1; H. Shipp, 2; W. T. Hyland, 3; W. Laker, 4; G. Dennis (first 720), 5; G. A. Ransom (conductor), 6. This is A. T. Hyland's first 720, he being only thirteen years of age.

#### THE NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

**LINCOLN.**—On Thursday, January 18th, at the church of St. Peter-at-Arches, with the bells half-muffled, 1568 Bob Major. R. Dawson, 1; J. B. Fenton, 2; R. E. Clarke, 3; F. W. Walker, 4; G. Chester, 5; J. W. Watson, 6; C. W. P. Clifton, 7; G. Lindoff (composer and conductor), 8. Rang as a token of respect to the late Dean of Lincoln, Dr. Butler, who was president of the above association for many years.

#### BIRMINGHAM AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

**BIRMINGHAM.**—On Friday, January 19th, at St. John's church, Deritend, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. C. Barnacle, 1; H. Mason, 2; C. Sparks, 3; J. Prickett, 4; G. Hitchman, 5; F. H. James, 6; G. Walker (conductor), 7; F. Mumford, 8.

#### THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

**MANCHESTER.**—On Wednesday, January 17th, for practice at the Cathedral, the first half of Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples, 2520 changes, in 1 hr. 32 mins. R. Ravenscroft, 1; W. Carr, 2; C. Bridgford, 3; J. Eachus (conductor), 4; T. Moores, 5; J. Morris, 6;

F. Dean, 7; C. Fairley, 8. All the above are attached to the Cathedral, and this was rung at the first attempt. Longest length by all except by all except the conductor.

#### THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

WINCHESTER.—On New Year's eve at the Cathedral, on the back eight with the bells half-muffled, 280 Grandsire Triples. A. E. Macey, 1; R. White, 2; C. J. North, 3; W. J. Sevier, 4; W. C. Lampard, 5; J. Weaver, 6; W. H. George (conductor), 7; J. W. Elkins, 8. On Thursday, January 18th, 532 Grandsire Triples in 21 mins. A. E. Macey, 1; C. J. North, 2; G. Smith, 3; W. J. Sevier, 4; W. C. Lampard, 5; J. Weaver, 6; W. H. George (conductor), 7; D. Froome, 8. Tenor 32 cwt.

FAREHAM (Hants).—On Saturday, December 23rd, at the church of SS. Peter and Paul, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor on the back six, in 26 mins. G. Williams (conductor), 1; C. Tribe, 2; F. Hill, 3; F. Bennett, 4; W. H. George, 5; J. W. Whiting, 6. This was rung after meeting one short for a peal of Stedman Triples.

#### THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—BLACKBURN BRANCH.

BURNLEY (Lancashire).—On Saturday, January 20th, at Holy Trinity church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs) in 28 mins. J. Walker, 1; H. Hayes, 2; J. Wilkinson, 3; J. Smith, sen., 4; T. Mounsey, 5; T. Redman (conductor), 6. And 720 Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles) in 25 mins. J. Horrocks (conductor), 1; E. A. Baker, 2; J. Smith, sen., 3; T. Duxbury, 4; J. Walker, 5; T. Horrocks, 6. Tenor 11 cwt.

#### THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

MAIDENHEAD (Berks).—On Sunday, January 21st, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 41½ mins. J. Richardson, 1; F. Dentry, 2; A. Hoskins, 3; W. Brown, 4; F. Bissley, 5; J. W. Wilkins, 6; G. Wilkins, 7; J. Todd, 8. Composed and conducted by A. Hoskins, being his first attempt as conductor. And it was the first with a bob bell by W. Brown. On Monday, January 22nd, for practice, each of the junior band rang 120 of Grandsire Doubles on the tower bells. G. Martin, W. Walker, W. Holdway, H. Fasey, F. Emmett, H. Anderson, S. Goodall.

#### LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—ROSSENDALE BRANCH.

BACUP.—On Wednesday, January 17th, at St. Saviour's church, 2520 Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's ten-part, in 1 hr. 27 mins. F. Howorth (first half-peal), 1; J. Pickup (first half-peal as conductor), 2; A. Whitworth, 3; J. T. Standing, 4; W. Ashworth (first half-peal), 5; J. Sutcliffe, 6; T. Lord (first half-peal), 7; W. Law (first half-peal), 8.

#### THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BATTLE (Sussex).—On Sunday Morning, January 21st, for Divine Service, 720 Grandsire Minor in 26 mins. J. Curtis, 1; J. Mathis, 2; R. Curtis, 3; C. Hyland, 4; W. Thomas, 5; W. Franks (conductor), 6; T. Hutchings, 7; H. Elliott, 8. And for evening service, 720 Grandsire Minor in 23 mins. J. Curtis, 1; R. Curtis, 2; C. Hyland, 3; W. Thomas, 4; H. Elliot (first touch with a bob bell), 5; W. Franks (conductor), 6; C. Eldridge, 7; J. Mathis, 8.

#### THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

GUISELEY (Yorks).—On Saturday, January 26th, an attempt was made to ring 10272 Kent Treble Bob Major, but "stand" was called owing to two bells having changed course, after ringing 9500 changes in 5 hrs. 30 mins. J. Baldwin, 1; T. M. Thompson, 2; T. B. Kendall, 3; J. Whitaker, 4; A. Craven, 5; F. W. Dixon, 6; A. Naylor (conductor), 7; J. McKell, 8. Tenor 10½ cwt.

#### THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

NORTH WINGFIELD (Derbyshire).—On Tuesday, January 23rd, for practice, 720 Canterbury Pleasure (sixteen bobs and two singles). G. Burton, 1; W. Butler, 2; F. Knowles, 3; J. Butler, 4; W. Hopkinson, 5; J. Tarlton (conductor), 6. On Sunday evening, January 28th, for Divine Service, 360 Canterbury Pleasure (nine bobs), standing as before. First 720 of Canterbury by all, and is believed to be the first in this district. Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

#### THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

ORDSALL (Notts).—On Tuesday night, January 16th, for practice, 720 Plain Bob Minor in 25 mins. H. Merilles, 1; J. C. Whetstone, 2; H. Haigh, 3; H. Blagg, 4; J. White, 5; C. Crawford (conductor), 6. C. Crawford hails from East Markham, and it was his first 720 as conductor on the bells. On Sunday night, January 21st, for evening service, 720 Grandsire Minor in 25 mins. H. Merilles, 1; J. C. Whetstone (first 720 as conductor in the method), 2; S. J. Hemsworth, 3;

H. Blagg, 4; H. Lambert, 5; J. White, 6. This is H. Lambert's first 720 without assistance, and there is great credit due to him, as he only started to learn change-ringing about two months ago. On Thursday, January 25th, on the occasion of the marriage of Miss Edith Curtis, the youngest daughter of Alderman John Curtis, J.P., of Whitehouses, Retford, and Mr. Barnard Robert Fitt, of the firm of Messrs. Martin and Fitt, Grantham, the eldest son of the late Mr. B. R. Fitt, of Birmingham, the bells were rung more or less throughout the whole day. The following touches were brought round; 720 Grandsire Minor. H. Merilles, 1; J. C. Whetstone (conductor), 2; S. J. Hemsworth, 3; H. Lambert, 4; H. Blagg, 5; J. White, 6. And 720 in the same method standing as before, conducted by J. White, which is his first 720 in the method as conductor. Also 1440 Plain Bob Minor in 52 mins. H. Merilles, 1; W. Preston, 2; S. J. Hemsworth, 3; H. Blagg, 4; J. C. Whetstone, 5; J. White, 6. And 720 conducted by J. C. Whetstone, and 720 by H. Blagg (being his first 720 as conductor).

#### THE WORCESTER CATHEDRAL GUILD.

WORCESTER.—On Sunday morning, January 28th, for service at the Cathedral, 504 Grandsire Caters. W. Cotton, 1; B. S. Hill, 2; G. Hinton, 3; W. H. Johnson, 4; W. Pudge, 5; W. Page, 6; W. Bradford (conductor), 7; R. Horton, 8; E. Davies, 9; T. Malin, 10. And at the church of St. Helen, for evening service, 672 Grandsire Triples. W. Cotton, 1; G. Hinton, 2; W. Pudge, 3; W. H. Johnson, 4; E. Davies, 5; W. Page, 6; W. Bradford, 7; T. Malin, 8. This is W. Cotton's first touch of Caters, and longest touch of Triples.

ARMLEY (Yorks).—*Handbell Ringing*.—On Monday evening, January 22nd, at the residence of Mr. Thackray, for practice, 672 Kent Treble Bob Major in 21 mins. Joe Thackray, 1-2; J. Thackray, 3-4; H. Williams, 5-6; A. Craven (conductor), 7-8.

BARNESLEY (Yorks).—On Sunday morning, January 14th, for Divine Service at St. Mary's church, 360 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. C. Holling, 1; C. D. Potter, 2; A. Jackson, 3; W. Richardson, 4; E. Hamilton, 5; G. S. Tyas (conductor), 6. In the afternoon 240 each of Oxford Treble Bob, Violet Treble Bob, and New London Pleasure. C. Holling, 1; \*S. Hemmingfield, 2; A. Jackson, 3; \*W. Kitson, 4; G. S. Tyas, 5; \*W. Turton (conductor), 6. And 1008 Kent Treble Bob Major. C. Holling, 1; A. Jackson, 2; \*S. Hemmingfield, 3; C. D. Potter, 4; W. Richardson, 5; \*T. Kitson, 6; G. S. Tyas (conductor), 7; \*W. Turton, 8. \*Hails from Ecclesfield.

BOSTON (Lincolnshire).—On Sunday evening, January 21st, for Divine Service at the parish church, 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Goodwin, 1; F. Devoto, 2; E. Mason, 3; F. Davey, 4; J. M. Rylatt (conductor), 5; W. Woodthorpe, 6; T. Boyer, 7; L. Goodwin, 8. Tenor 30 cwt.

BRAINTREE (Sussex).—On Saturday, January 20th, at St. Michael's church, 720 Braintree Treble Bob. T. Watson, 1; F. Calthorpe, 2; W. Hammond, 3; W. Grimwade, 4; F. Rudkin, 5; H. E. Hammond (conductor), 6. This method was composed by A. Huxson, of Braintree, and is now rung for the first time. Also 720 Cambridge Surprise. T. Watson, 1; W. Moore, 2; W. Hammond, 3; F. Calthorpe, 4; F. Rudkin, 5; H. E. Hammond (conductor), 6. On Sunday, January 21st, 720 Braintree Treble Bob. T. Watson, 1; F. Calthorpe, 2; W. Hammond, 3; W. Grimwade, 4; F. Rudkin (conductor), 5; H. E. Hammond, 6.

BRIDGWATER (Somerset).—On Saturday, December 27th, the members of the St. James' Guild, Taunton, visited the parish church of St. Mary, and rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 46 mins. F. Millard, 1; H. Poole, 2; A. Doble, 3; J. Maddock (conductor), 4; J. Burge, 5; G. Yendall, 6; W. Thorne, 7; E. Harris and H. Pearce, 8. And 168 Grandsire Triples. H. Pearce, 1; F. Millard, 2; H. Poole, 3; A. Doble, 4; J. Burge (conductor), 5; J. Maddock, 6; G. Yendall, 7; W. Thorne, 8. Longest length by H. Pearce and by F. Millard with a bob bell. And 120 of Grandsire Doubles. Friend from Huntspill, 1; J. Maddock (conductor), 2; F. Millard, 3; J. Burge, 4; W. Thorne, 5; G. Yendall, 6. Rung on the back six, and after it, the bells were lowered in peal.

CHESTERFIELD (Derbyshire).—On Sunday evening, January 28th, for Divine service, 1260 Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. A. Savage, 1; D. Farthing, 2; G. Toplis, 3; W. E. Tydeman, 4; W. J. Thyng (late of Stowmarket), 5; A. Knights, 6; G. Goodwin (conductor), 7; G. Mee, 8. Tenor 24½ cwt. This quarter-peal was composed by the Editor of "THE BELL NEWS," and contains the twenty-four 6-7s all the right way, and was rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

CHESHUNT (Herts).—On Sunday, January 21st, at the parish church for afternoon service, 720 Bob Minor (nine bobs and six singles), in 28

mins. G. Andrews, 1; W. Johnson, 2; C. Church, 3; H. S. Reeves, 4; G. Green, 5; G. Maxim (conductor), 6.

**EALING (Middlesex).**—On Sunday, December 24th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 43 mins. W. Ward, 1; J. Walton, 2; W. Foster, 3; J. Basden (conductor), 4; L. W. Copsey, 5; A. H. Tabor, 6; A. Fryer, 7; H. Stemp, 8. On Sunday, December 31st, for midnight service at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 42 mins. W. Ward, 1; J. Walton, 2; E. Harris, 3; J. Basden (conductor), 4; L. W. Copsey, 5; A. H. Tabor, 6; A. Fryer, 7; H. Stemp, 8. On Sunday, January 6th, for evening service at the parish church, 1330 of Holt's Original in 47 mins. W. Ward, 1; E. J. Walton, 2; W. Foster, 3; J. Basden (conductor), 4; L. W. Copsey, 5; F. Goddard, 6; A. H. Tabor, 7; T. Beadle, 8.

**EDMONTON (Middlesex).**—On Monday, January 29th, at All Saints' church for practice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. \*G. Fichtling, 1; R. Goodchild, 2; \*J. Lawson, 3; J. Crouch, 4; \*A. Darlington, 5; \*L. Darlington, 6; H. Barnett (conductor), 7; P. Darlington, 8. \*Longest touch.

**ISLEWORTH (Middlesex).**—On Sunday, January 6th, for men's service, 1260 of Holt's Original in 43 mins. T. Beadle, 1; E. J. Walton, 2; W. Foster, 3; J. Basden (conductor), 4; L. W. Copsey, 5; F. Goddard, 6; A. H. Tabor, 7; W. Ward, 8.

**MATHON (Worcestershire).**—On Tuesday, January 23rd, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor (four bobs and twelve singles), in 25 mins. C. Thomas, 1; E. S. Kings, 2; J. Thomas, 3; C. Watkins, 4; H. Pritchard, 5; C. Layton (conductor), 6.

**OTLEY (Suffolk).**—On Tuesday, January 23rd, at St. Mary's church, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles) in 26 mins. G. Durrant, 1; F. E. W. Meadows, 2; J. W. Miller, 3; W. W. Miller, 4; W. Whiting (conductor), 5; W. Shipp, 6. Tenor 11½ cwt.

**PRESTON (Suffolk).**—On Tuesday, January 23rd, at St. Mary's church, 720 Bob Minor (fourteen singles and six bobs). H. Symonds, 1; W. Hollocks, 2; A. Hollocks, 3; J. Moore, 4; A. Symonds (conductor), 5; J. Levitt, 6. Rung to celebrate the thirty-sixth birthday of the conductor. The rest of the evening was spent at the Six Bells inn, and touches of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and New London Pleasure were rung on the handbells, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

**SALISBURY (Wilts).**—On Sunday, January 21st, at St. Martin's church, 1008 Bob Major. W. W. Gifford, 1; J. Elcombe, 2; W. Greenleaf, 3; C. A. Clements, 4; S. Lawrence, 5; S. Macey, 6; R. W. J. Gollop, 7; A. W. Barkus (conductor), 8. J. Elcombe hails from Romsey, and this his first touch of Bob Major.

**STANSTED (Suffolk).**—*Handbell Ringing.*—On Tuesday, January 23rd, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs two singles), in 21 mins. R. Theobald, 1-2; A. Clarke, 3-4; R. Brett (conductor), 5-6.

\* \* 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.

### 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 notice in a recent issue, the report of a peal of Bob Major rung at St. Margaret's, Lynn, with a footnote stating that it "was 98 years since a peal had been rung there." This is very inaccurate, as a peal of Bob Major was rung there in the year 1824, in which the Brothers Hurry of Norwich took part, ringing the sixth and tenor bells, that is, if newspaper records are of any value. I am the more surprised at this mistake of our Lynn friends, as Mr. W. G. Cross, who formed one of the band, will probably recollect how sharply he took me up in July, 1889, over a trifling error of a month, when writing of peal boards 150 years old, and who finished one of his letters on the subject by advising me and ringers at large, "not to write footnotes unless we were certain of our facts."

P. SADLER.

Norwich.

### THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

SIR,—Your correspondent who signs himself "Robert Stringfellow," is a little wide of the mark. He refers, no doubt, to a passage in the

printed Report of the Committee appointed to deal with the question of legitimate calls. Dealing with even-bell, plain and Treble Bob methods, this Report says, "the position of a special call is no excuse for its occurrence. A peal is a 'round block,' and the employment of a special call on starting into changes or on coming round is not a whit better than would have been its employment anywhere in the course of the peal. From this it will be seen that the causing of the bells to 'go off' otherwise than by the rule of the method, or by any bells lying still on going off, or the use of a special call to bring the bells home, should all be regarded as instances of unlawful manipulation." The Report was referred back to the Committee for revision on certain specified points, and no further action was taken by the Council at its last meeting. No "canon" was laid down, nor was a peal thus "manipulated" proclaimed as "unworthy of record." It was proposed to use this latter phrase with reference to peals of Triples rung without a coverer, but it was withdrawn. May I point out to your correspondent that the function of the Council, and of the above-mentioned Committee especially, is to state what is *correct* in composition, and not what is *useful* or *convenient*? It will be generally admitted, I think, that an assembly of practical men, most of whom have considerable fame as composers, or conductors, or both, will be more likely to arrive at a just conclusion on such points as this, than one who views the question from the standpoint of utility and convenience only.

H. EARLE BULWER,

Hon. Secretary to the Council.

SIR,—Seeing in last week's issue a letter from Mr. Robert Stringfellow, with reference to the theory that peals and compositions with two bells lying still are unworthy of record, I beg permission to express an opinion on the subject. The time has now come when change-ringing is so advanced, that peals should be rung as strictly to the method as possible. Take for example Grandsire Caters: to let 6-7 lie still in the going-off is right away from the method; as internal place-making is 2nds and 3rds only; although it at once puts the bells in the tittums position. I venture to point out to Mr. Robert Stringfellow that in 3 leads only the tittums position can be obtained in the proper way. I know it is a little more difficult, but if a band cannot ring the first and last course in a peal, strictly to the method, they ought to get together and practice until they can, or else abandon it altogether. If the College Youths had had there attempted long peal of Stedman Cinques arranged with bells lying still, it could have been rung, as there need not have been any turning course, but illegitimate work would have been done. I have rung upwards of 170 peals, from 7 to 12 bells, and have never done one with two bells lying still in the going off (away from the method), nor do I ever intend to do so, for if peals are not worth ringing properly, they are not worth ringing at all. For instance, Holt's original one-part peal of Grandsire Triples can be made a peal of 5000 changes by letting the treble lie an extra whole pull, either at start or finish; but the effect would be to spoil that beautiful composition. I should like to know the opinion of some able ringer in this matter. A word with reference to the composition of date touches. In some cases it is impossible to get a touch of a certain number of changes without going away from the method; but the deviation should be as slight as possible, without jumping, and in one change only. I give here four divisions of four odd changes only two ways.

1.	2.	3.	4.
2135476	2135476	2135476	2135476
2134567	2134567	2153746	2153746
1235476 B.	1243657 P.L.	1257364 B.	1235476 P.L.
1324567	1426375	1523746	1324567

It will be seen that in 1 and 2 and also 3 and 4, the cutting changes are alike, but 1 and 3 follow with a bob, and 2 and 4 with a plain lead change. In last week's issue there appeared three date touches, two of Triples and one of Caters, these are visibly as far from the method as it is possible to be. In one case of the Triples the treble and second are lying in 1-2-4 changes at start, and in the other there is a dodging treble in a touch of Grandsire Triples and extreme place-making half way and end. The date touch of Grandsire Caters has also place-making in every place from lead to back.

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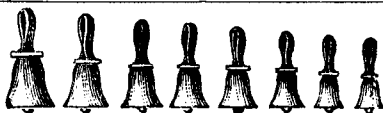
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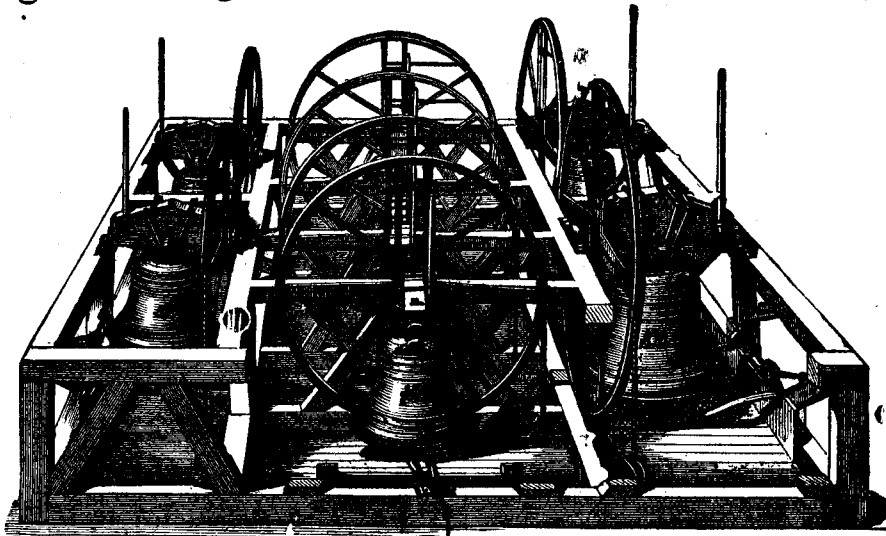
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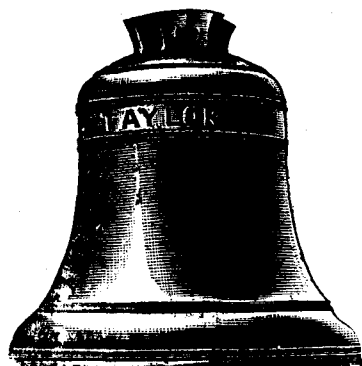
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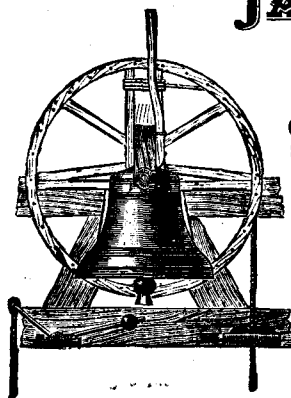
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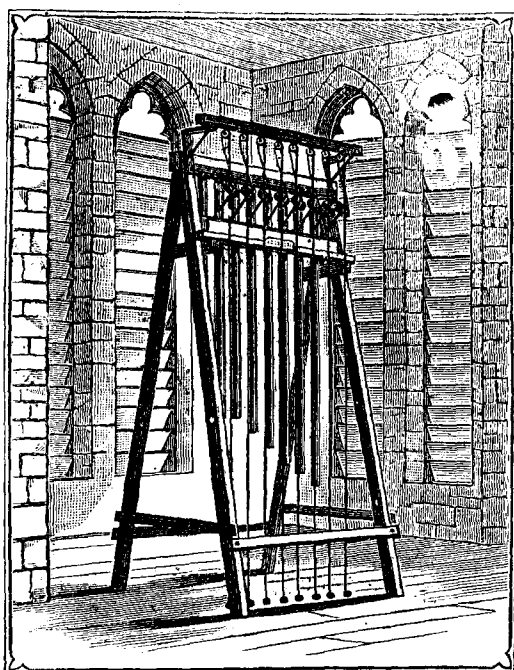
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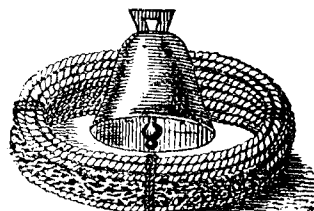
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## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AT BRIGHOUSE.

[BY ONE WHO WAS THERE.]

When I joined the members of this Association at its annual meeting in Sheffield last October and witnessed the unanimous vote by which it was resolved to hold the next general meeting at Brighouse, I could not help thinking how this seemed in accord with the "eternal fitness of things" that the scene of operations should flit from one of the largest and oldest of Yorkshire boroughs, to one of the newest incorporations of that county, although perhaps by no means the smallest. Brighouse, I might here remark, for the benefit of those of my readers who are not as well posted up as they might be in the geography of the county of the White Rose, up to recently was a village—or rather, perhaps, I should say, a local board district—a few miles distant from Huddersfield, of which town it was, in common with the neighbouring villages of Raistrick, Hove Edge, and Clifton, regarded as a sort of suburb, and to which at one time Fartown men ambitious of extending their borough, looked with covetous eyes in the way of destroying its individuality, and absorbing it under the name of Huddersfield. Even the railway companies seemed in times past to have either ignored the long narrow slip known in the map as Brighouse, or else fought shy of it, for when the L. and Y. ran its line that way and placed a station for the benefit of the hitherto benighted inhabitants (and of the shareholders' pockets, of course) they actually planked down the "Brighouse" station in the next parish of Raistrick; and when, later on, they made a shorter cut between Bradford and Manchester, they placed their new station on the other side of the place in the township of Clifton. Rather shabby treatment that seemed to me towards the good folk of Brighouse. But old Father Time, assisted by that spirit of independence and energy common to Yorkshiremen, eventually altered things. *Pourparlers* between the two townships of Brighouse and Raistrick resulted in the combination of both; then a charter of incorporation was applied for and ultimately obtained, and now Brighouse ranks amongst the Yorkshire boroughs with a real live Mayor and town council managing its affairs. Now it has set up as "Brighouse, Yorkshire," and neighbouring towns have got to make a note of it. When I arrived there on Saturday last a mixed band from Pontefract, Ossett and Denholme, were executing a touch of Kent Treble Bob very nicely, and on entering the headquarters of the local branch, I found the Brighouse committee men, distinguishable by their white rosettes, busily arranging for the comfort of their visitors. After a few words of friendly chat, I left them and turned up the steep incline known as Church Street. And there is no mistake about that incline either. I don't know what is the precise gradient, but before I reached the school gates I had begun to imagine it was somewhere about one in three, judging from my own puffing experience. It was quite a relief to get into the level school yard, from which I could view the extensive block of buildings which the generosity of past and present generations of faithful churchmen had erected as the educational adjunct to their church. And a credit to them it is. I then strolled further up and entered the churchyard, which I found, as the circulars of invitation had stated, newly renovated, and appeared just as "God's acre" should appear always. The church itself is of the Modern Gothic (or what is sometimes maliciously styled "millionite" Gothic) style of architecture, with square tower: nestling under the shadow of which is the comfortable and home-like Vicarage, the whole of which presents a most pleasing picture.

Retracing my steps, I entered the school again and found in one room tables laid covered with snow-white cloths; in another a large number of ladies were busily engaged in the multifarious arrangements for tea; while in a third, the President, senior vice-president, and secretary, were "up to eyes and ears" in business with members who were flocking in and out. I was sorry to see our dear old friend Howard looking anything but well. It is to be hoped, however, that ere these lines reach my readers, the cold from which he suffered will have disappeared, and he will, like a famous historic character, be "himself again." Leaving there, I returned down the declivity I have before mentioned, and reaching the local headquarters found a very considerable number of new arrivals. The joint train from Bradford and Leeds had conveyed a large contingent of visitors,

and the round of hand-shaking which I had to undergo was something to remember and be proud of. Indeed, when I took my place in the belfry on the following morning, I still retained (or fancied I did, which is much to the same effect) physical reminders of that welcome greeting. But then, all who have experienced it, know what a Yorkshire handshake is, and if it is at times, after long absence, a little boisterous, its spontaneous genuity amply recompenses all minor physical considerations.

At four o'clock I am back again at the schoolroom, where the official committee of the Association are assembling for the transaction of business. This includes the admission of about a score new members; a resolution to defray C. H. Hattersley's expenses to next Central Council meeting, the remaining three representatives on that body agreeing to look after themselves in this matter, so as to save the revenue account, which will this year be burdened with a bill of nearly £12 for new certificates. Quite a mass of other business was practically disposed of within the hour, when an adjournment was made into another room for tea.

A few minutes later, the large tea room was fully occupied, amongst the company present being representatives from Burnley, Bradford, Bolton, Halifax, Lightcliffe, Low Moor, Sheffield, Leeds, Liversedge, Hull, Stainland, Tong, Pontefract, Ossett, Keighley, Denholme, Wakefield, Kirkburton, Headingley, Rothwell, Huddersfield, York, Pudsey, Horbury, Cleckheaton, Armley, Mirfield, Batley Carr, Holbeck, and other places. Grace having been sung, the large company fell to with a will, the substantial viands and refreshing tea disappearing with marvellous rapidity. Grace having been sung at the conclusion of this pleasant portion of the day's proceedings,

Mr. W. Snowdon (President) moved, and Mr. W. H. Howard (senior vice-president) seconded a cordial vote of thanks to the Rev. R. P. Stedman, M.A., Vicar, for the use of the bells and schoolroom, and to the churchwardens for their kindly welcome. This was carried with loud cheers, which were renewed as the Vicar rose to reply.

In the course of an eminently interesting and thoughtful speech, the rev. gentleman, after cordially welcoming their visitors to Brighouse, spoke of the unity which should exist amongst all branches of church-workers. Their bells and the proper ringing of them, were, he said, a most important auxiliary of the Church. Many a sick parishioner unable to be present at public worship in church was comforted when they could hear from their sick bed the sound of the bells as they called the people to prayer and praise. He trusted the day would never come when their bells should be silent. Reverting back to his original theme of unity, he contended that there should be unanimity of thought amongst all branches of workers in the Church, and that this unanimity should be especially manifested by their regular meeting together in the House of God, and joining together in the services of the Church. He was pleased in being able to welcome the Yorkshire Association to Brighouse, because he thought its aim was a good one, and thus deserved the support of all faithful churchmen. Although himself bearing the name of one who had brought change-ringing to a science, he in a humorous manner avowed his ignorance of the principles which governed that science, but at the same time was no less hearty in his welcome to the exponents of it.

Mr. Boothroyd, churchwarden, also responded to the vote, assuring the visitors of the heartiness of their reception, and promising a repetition of the same should the Association at any time decide to again visit Brighouse.

Both these addresses were greeted with loud applause, whereupon a band under the conductorship of Mr. Tom Lockwood (Leeds) rang a well-struck course of Grandsire Caters on a splendid peal of handbells which had been sent for the occasion by Messrs. Shaw, Son, and Co., bellfounders, of Bradford. This was followed by a musical selection given in the same talented style, the performance of which elicited loud tokens of approval.

The company then adjourned into the adjoining schoolroom for the business meeting, which at once commenced under the presidency of Mr. W. Snowdon.

In opening the proceedings, the Chairman referred briefly, but warmly to the hearty welcome which they had received, and the generous arrangements made for their comfort and convenience. He then read the minutes of the previous meeting, which were unanimously adopted. No invitations for the place



where to hold the June meeting being forthcoming, arrangements for the same were left, according to rule, to the Committee. Amongst other business transacted was the adoption of a motion proposed by Mr. Snowdon, seconded by Mr. B. T. Copley (of which due notice had been given) to the effect that the official year should close on the 30th June instead of the 31st July, as heretofore; and a resolution, carried amid loud cheers, thanking the Brighthouse branch for their generous reception, and the ladies (including Mrs. Stedman) who had so efficiently provided the tea, and attended to the needs of the visitors.

Business over, the company left, some going to the tower, others to the local head-quarters, where the remainder of the evening was spent most pleasantly amid selections on the handbells and social chat; and where before leaving, a cordial vote of thanks was accorded to Messrs. Shaw, Son, and Co., for their kindness in bringing so excellent a peal of handbells for their use and enjoyment, to which Mr. William Shaw briefly replied.

Return train time came only too soon, and thus perforce, in company with a large number of others, I wended my way back to the station, while the sound of Treble Bob was resounding from the church tower, with feelings of satisfaction that the Yorkshire Association had for another time added to its long list of successful and pleasant meetings.

#### THE SOCIETY OF ST. MARY, STRATFORD-LE-BOW, MIDDLESEX.

The annual supper of this society took place on Thursday, January 25th, at The Blue Anchor inn, Bow. The company of members and friends, twenty-one in number, sat down to a substantial repast of good old English fare, which was placed on the table in a unique style. The cloth being removed, the usual "convivial" was entered upon, opened with a selection on the pianoforte by Mr. Ernest Richards, who acted as a very efficient accompanist throughout the evening. The senior member of the society (Mr. D. J. Sutton) was called to the chair, Mr. J. Bradley being the vice-chairman. The usual loyal toast, given by the chairman, was signalled by the whole company rising, and singing the first verse of The National Anthem. Other toasts followed, and the vocal talent of the company was constantly requisitioned with great success. Altogether a very pleasant and satisfactory evening was spent.

#### THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The Newcastle branch of the above association held their first annual dinner at the Royal Hotel, on Wednesday, January 24th. Several visitors put in an appearance from Tanfield, Whickham, Sunderland, etc. The hostess had supplied a most appetising and substantial repast, and about thirty good appetites succeeded in reducing it to an almost unknown quantity. The "celery and cheese" stage being over, a clearance was made, and glasses being filled, the chairman, Mr. W. G. Routledge, opened the toast list with that of "The Queen and Royal Family," which was received with that respectful heartiness so observable at all ringing gatherings. Then followed the health and prosperity of the association, proposed by the chairman, who complimented the members on the strides the association (of which he was a silent, but most interested member), had taken during the last year or two. He coupled with the toast the name of the vice-chairman, Mr. Lees. The latter, in responding, touched on the fact of the association now standing fourth on Mr. Attree's list and third in points. He thought this was a rare achievement, considering that the number of peal-ringing bands could be counted on the fingers of one hand, or even less.

Mr. Lees next proposed the prosperity of the Newcastle Cathedral Society. It was most gratifying he said, to see the good feeling that now existed between the various societies in the town. He called on Mr. John Simm to respond, and this the latter did in a most feeling manner.

Mr. Hudson, of Sunderland, in giving the "St. John's Guild," said it was a great pleasure for him to propose that toast, as he owed much to the kindness and consideration shown him in St. John's tower, where he had learned most of his eight-bell ringing.

He made special reference to Mr. L. Routledge, who in response, thanked the toasters on behalf of the guild generally. The toast of "The visitors" was most suitably replied to by Messrs. H. M. Tomkins and Hudson. The latter gentleman followed with a proposition to drink health and prosperity, with musical honours, to Mr. W. Holmes the energetic secretary and treasurer of the Newcastle branch, and this was received accordingly. Mr. Holmes heartily thanked the company for their high appreciation of his humble efforts.

These toasts were interlarded by songs, etc., by the following gentlemen: Mr. H. M. Tomkins sang "Ju Jah" and "Mrs. Enery 'Awkins," and also recited in grand style "Christmas Day at the Workhouse" and "A startling incident," which received the applause they richly deserved. Mr. T. Brewis, Tanfield, gave a most humorous recitation in the north country dialect. Mr. W. G. Routledge sang "Boys of the old School" and another. Mr. John Simm gave "The Old Oak Tree" and "Pawshop blazin." Messrs. F. Cooper, G. Stark, T. Greenley, and F. Harrison also "came up with their little lots," the latter giving a handbell solo in his usual neat style. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas, for their excellent catering, and also to the chairman, which was proposed by Mr. E. Wallis, and was given with musical honours. The evening's amusement closed most happily with all joining hands and singing "Auld Lang Syne."

#### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly general meeting was held at Coddendam, on Wednesday, January 31st, which was attended by about thirty members and friends. The visitors were very kindly welcomed by the Vicar and Dr. Gull (the Churchwarden), as well as by the local company, and their respected leader, Mr. English. The bells were kept merrily going during the day, and much interest was evinced in the quaint features of the picturesque church. At the dinner, which was served at 1.30, the President of the Association, the Rev. Dr. Raven, took the chair, and was supported by the Vicar of Coddendam, Dr. Gull, Rev. J. H. Pilkington, Dr. Meadows and his son, and the Honorary Secretary.

The Chairman, in addressing the company, after grace had been said, reminded them of the past history of Coddendam bells, which would ever be connected with the name of Eccleston, the gentleman who gave the bells, and was himself a good ringer, taking part in peals the record of which was still to be found on tablets in the tower. He also alluded to the fact that that day was the anniversary of the opening of the bells, and cordially thanked the Vicar and churchwarden for coming among them, and for the welcome the Association had received. The Vicar, in reply, expressed the pleasure it gave him to see the members of the Association there, and hoped that his own company would be cheered and encouraged by the visit; they had just taken a fresh start, and being about to join the Association that day, he trusted it would not be long before they gave a good account of themselves in the belfry. The Honorary Secretary gave some details of the progress of the Association, stating that the total of elections last year was not so large as in previous years, but there had been fewer defections, and on the whole he considered that they were well maintaining their usual position among other Societies, though he deplored the fact that the "point value" of the Association's performances was not equal to that of other Societies which rang fewer peals. They had an improved balance to their credit after the audit of the accounts, and were about to admit a goodly number of recruits, which he hoped augured well for their success during the year just begun. Four honorary and thirty-four performing members were then elected and eleven probationers admitted; several old members rejoined; the accessions to the Associations comprising the entire companies belonging to Norton Subcourse, Raveningham, Monk Soham, Attleborough, and Coddendam. The meeting was thus of a distinctly encouraging nature, and despite somewhat cold and gloomy weather, was enjoyed by all present.

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## THE CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL SOCIETY.

On Wednesday evening, January 24th, a company numbering between sixty and seventy assembled at the Eagle Hotel, West Street, Chichester, on the occasion of the annual dinner of the cathedral bellringers. The Ven. Archdeacon Mount occupied the chair, his principal supporters being the Rev. Canon Teulon, Alderman Greene, the Rev. Prebendary Bennett, the Rev. J. W. G. Loder Cother, Rev. C. D. P. Davies (North Marden), Rev. F. J. Birkett, Rev. J. Nicholletts, and Mr. F. B. Tompkins. The vice-chair was filled by Mr. R. Walters (leader of the bellringers). The dining-room had been appropriately decorated for the occasion.

After the removal of the cloth, the loyal toasts were given by the Chairman, and drunk with musical honours.

Alderman Greene followed with "The Bishop and Clergy of the Diocese," remarking that they were all ready to testify to the able manner in which the clergy discharged their duties in the old Cathedral city.

Prebendary Bennett, who was called upon to respond, said that the clergy all looked upon their venerable Bishop as a great example to them in the discharge of their duties, and he believed the clergy of the Diocese and city of Chichester performed their work very carefully and thoroughly. In their Chairman that evening they had a gentleman who was respected, deeply loved, and venerated by all of them. He felt it a great privilege that he was honoured with the friendship of the Archdeacon. He knew it was said by some people that a man never made friends after he was forty years of age. In his own case he could say there was a grand exception to that, because he felt that Archdeacon Mount was one of the best friends he ever had. He was glad to see a good representative of the city clergy present in the person of Mr. Birkett, who took great interest not only in the work of his two parishes, but in everything connected with the city generally.

Mr. F. B. Tompkins, in proposing "The Visitors," expressed the pleasure which the bellringers felt at being honoured by the presence of so many visitors that evening. They were also glad to see two members of the Chapter in attendance. The Dean and Chapter had done great things for the bellringers during the past year, inasmuch as they had not only had the bells tuned, but had put them into a thorough state of repair. That was certainly a thing for which they should be deeply thankful, especially when they thought of the number of bad words which would be saved. People living near could now sit and do their work and listen, he hoped, with pleasure, to the bells ringing. Mr. Tompkins then passed on to tell the company of a visit which the bellringers had paid to Bosham, and of their experiences with the bells in that happy fishing village. He was glad to say that notwithstanding difficulties they succeeded in pretty well astonishing the Boshamites, who had not heard such a treat with their bells for a long time.

Canon Teulon, whose name was associated with the toast, returned thanks. He considered that the Guild of Bellringers were great benefactors to the city and the diocese, not only because they performed with such skill the duties entrusted to them but because of the spirit in which they did their work. In that respect they set an example which every Guild of Bellringers throughout the country would do well to follow.

The Rev. C. D. P. Davies next submitted the toast of "The Sussex County Association of Change Ringers." To a certain extent, he said, he laboured under a disadvantage in asking them to drink the toast, because he himself happened to be a member of the Association. For some ten or twelve years past he had taken great interest in all the records of change-ringing, and he well remembered that some years ago the county of Sussex did not appear very prominently in the list. Anyone, however, who now took up the papers especially dealing with bell-ringing would find on perusing the analyses made from time to time of the different peals rung in various parts of the country, that the county of Sussex on several occasions had stood at the very head of the list, and not for some years past had Sussex been lower than second or third. That fact spoke much more strongly than any words he could utter in favour of the Association. It proved what a great work it had done, and was doing, in the county. The Association incited a friendly spirit of rivalry between different belfries, and that spirit of rivalry had engendered greater proficiency in the

science of change-ringing. They had some of the best change ringers in their Association, and he believed the Brighton Branch had rung every method worth ringing. He coupled with the toast the name of the Secretary of the Association (Rev. J. W. G. Loder Cother).

In the course of his response, the Rev. J. W. G. Loder Cother, who said he had only within the last seven or eight months assumed the duties of Secretary, congratulated Chichester on the improvement which had taken place in bell-ringing during the last year or so. He had made up his mind, since taking his new office, to pay a visit of inspection round the various belfries in the county, and he had allowed himself three years in which to complete the task. The speaker went on to refer to the improvement which, in recent years, had taken place in bell-ringing in many Sussex parishes, and instanced the case of Midhurst. The Association not only tried to make men ring properly, but also to look after their belfries, and suggested to them that they were Church people, and that their one aim should be to go to church, and make others go as well. He might, perhaps, let the company into a little secret—which they must say nothing about—when he told them that he heard the other day at Brighton a rumour to the effect that when the next analysis of change-ringing came out Sussex would figure near the head of the list. He looked upon bell-ringing as one of the highest arts of technical education, and he was pleased to testify to the promise of future excellence exhibited by the Chichester band of ringers.

The toast of the evening, that of "The Chichester Cathedral Bell-ringers," was next proposed by the Chairman, who said that the words of the last speaker were very encouraging in regard to the work done by bell-ringers in Sussex. He believed that in 1884 only seven peals were rung in the county, but in 1893 the number had increased to 65. That furnished abundant evidence of the progress made in bell-ringing in the county. He also wished to endorse Mr. Loder Cother's remarks as to the improvement of many of the Sussex belfries, for in the course of his duties as Archdeacon he always endeavoured to make a point of inspecting them. With respect to the Chichester belfry, they were well aware that for some time past it had been a perfect pattern to belfries in general. He also believed they had good ringers to work the bells. He knew from personal experience of several of them that they had the work at heart and meant to make the belfry at Chichester what it ought to be—the leading belfry in the diocese. Some time ago they succeeded in reaching one thousand changes, and he hoped in time they would be able to ring a full peal.

Mr. R. Walters (the leader of the ringers), in responding to the toast, said the words of the Chairman gave the ringers much encouragement, and he hoped they would go on striving to make themselves as efficient as possible. With regard to change-ringing, he could only say that Chichester was never in a more flourishing condition than at the present time. During the year they had rung several five hundreds, and smaller touches, whilst they finished up the old year by ringing 1,008 changes, which was the longest touch rung by the present band, and in fact, the best on record for a Chichester band of ringers. He was pleased to say they had four new members under 20 years of age, and they hoped to get a lot of change-ringing out of them.

The Rev. F. J. Birkett, in fitting terms, proposed "The health of the Chairman," a toast which was drunk with musical honours.

The Chairman, in acknowledging the compliment, took the opportunity of apologising for the absence of the Mayor and Prebendary Webb. He afterwards gave his hearers a few reminiscences concerning bells in some of the Sussex churches, where he had officiated before his appointment as Archdeacon.

The remaining toasts were "The Trade of the City," given by Mr. F. B. Tompkins (who took the chair after the departure of Archdeacon Mount), and responded to by Councillor H. H. Moore; and "The Press," proposed by the Rev. F. J. Birkett.

## Sixth.

On January 21st, at Hampstead, Middlesex, the wife of HENRY N. DOUGHTY, of a daughter.

## THE ST. NICHOLAS SOCIETY, BRIGHTON.

There was a most convivial gathering recently at The Unicorn hotel, North Street, Brighton of the above Society. About thirty members and friends gathered round the festive board, presided over by the vicar of St. Nicholas (the Rev. C. W. Bond), who was supported by Messrs. G. F. Attree (Master of the Association), M. Bacon (vice-chairman), Palmer (Master), H. Boniface (secretary), Awcock (treasurer), E. Jealous and others.

An excellent dinner was served by host Awcock assisted by Mr. H. Raymond, and after full justice had been done to the good things provided, the chairman announced that as he had to pay his respects to the Mayor and Mayoress that evening, he hoped they would excuse his proposing, at that early hour, the first toast of the evening, one that, wherever Englishmen were gathered together, was drunk with enthusiasm, namely, "The Queen and the Royal Family." The ringers of St. Nicholas were exceedingly loyal, and again and again it happened that a flag was seen flying from the tower of the church. He was often asked what it meant, but he invariably referred the enquirer to Mr. Hemsley, the vergier, who kept a diary of all the royal birthdays. They had loyal bell-ringers, a loyal vergier, and he hoped a loyal parson.

Mr. Palmer, proposed "The health of the vicar, clergy, and churchwardens of St. Nicholas," which was drunk with musical honours.

The Rev. C. W. Bond, in reply, thanked them for very many things: for the excellent dinner provided, and also for inviting him on that occasion to meet not only the ringers of St. Nicholas, but also those of St. Peter's. He hoped the harmony that had existed between the two sets of bell-ringers would strengthen more and more. It seemed to him a strange thing that in many places in England there were peals of bells to almost every church, and yet in Brighton they only had peals at St. Nicholas, St. Peter's and St. Paul's. They added greatly to the charm of the town. Referring to Edinburgh, he observed that one could hear bells ringing all over the place, and the effect was most delightful. He thanked the St. Nicholas ringers for the courtesy and attention they had given to their work, not only during the past year, but during the six years which he had been vicar of the old church.

Mr. T. Hemsley proposed "Success to the Sussex County Association." He observed that although he was, unfortunately, not a bell-ringer himself, there was something in their music which appealed to all true Englishman. He first heard the bells rung at Ditchling, and although one was cracked, they seemed musical to him. In India he had also heard the bells sound. He coupled with the toast the name of the Master of the Sussex Association (Mr. G. F. Attree). It did not require any words from him to recommend that name to them, as they all knew what that gentleman had done for St. Nicholas' bells and ringers. They owed him a deep debt of gratitude.

The toast having been drunk with musical honours, Mr. G. F. Attree, in responding, thanked Mr. Hemsley for the kind way in which he had introduced the toast and alluded to his name. On the last occasion on which he had the pleasure of meeting them he stood before them as an overworked and underpaid secretary of their Association, but that evening, although he was an official, his was rather an ornamental than a hard-working office. As regarded the work done by the Association, he was more than satisfied. The past had been as successful as any other in the country, and they commenced the present year with better hopes than any other year in the past. In their secretary, the Rev. J. W. G. Loder-Coother, they had a gentleman who would push the interests of the Association. They had three divisions, with a number of branches. With regard to the immediate past, they would be pleased to hear that the Sussex County Association had attained the first position in the whole country as regarded peal-ringing. Since a record had been kept they had been in that proud position more times than any other Association, and that was the fifth time they had stood at the top of the list. As to the methods of the Association, they were well to the front. When one of their branches forged ahead he was bound to say the others would not be satisfied until they came up to the same standard. He would ask them earnestly to do their utmost to improve everything they could with regard to the bell-ringing in Sussex. Whatever they did there was always something else to be accomplished. No

ringer ever mastered the art of ringing, or ever would, but the more they endeavoured to advance their own tower, the more they were advancing change-ringing throughout Sussex.

The Chairman submitted "Prosperity to the St. Nicholas' Band, and health and happiness to all its members." He said the St. Nicholas' ringers had been famous for very many years—for generations, he might say. He had before him a beautiful book, which Mr. Attree presented to the Association, and which contained the name of many of the old bell-ringers. There were names of men there who had become popular townsmen. One was their old friend Mr. Butler, who had pulled the bells for thirty-three years, and who always tolled the old year out and announced the birth of the new one. Another old member was Mr. Boniface, and he took that opportunity of saying they were all pleased to see him amongst them than evening. He met with a serious accident, which nearly proved fatal; but they sincerely hoped to see him in the belfry for many years to come.

Mr. H. Boniface, in reply, said it would interest them to hear a few remarks about the Society. He had been asked how old they were. Well, he could not answer that question. The Brighton Society of change-ringers held their club-gatherings for many years at The Hen and Chickens public house in King Street, and in one of the rooms there could have been seen some time since, two of the numerous tablets bearing records of grand peals in 1779 and 1823, and which formerly hung in the belfry of St. Nicholas. A century ago the bells of St. Nicholas were said to have been the most complete in the country. The bells were cast in 1777, by Thomas Rudhall, brother of a namesake in Brighthelmston. In 1818 two more bells were added; but were afterwards removed to St. Peter's. Taking into consideration that the landlord of The Hen and Chickens (Mr. J. Pocock) was parish clerk for forty years, and the ringers held meetings at his house, he thought they might reasonably infer that the society was formed somewhere between 1777 and 1779. That was the only record he could find relating to their society, and he thought they could take it for granted that a peal was rung on the 31st December, 1777. Of course, 116 years ago the old church was away in the country, and it was only natural to think that the ringers should have rung the old year out and the new one in. After that there were about six peals rung by the Cumberland Youths, who came from several places. The first peal the Brighton Society of change-ringers rang was in 1818. In 1823 the society purchased the first peal of handbells, and kept them for five or six years, when they were sold with the intention of getting a better set when they could afford it. A few years after that, when the bells were being hung at St. Peter's by Mr. Mears, that gentleman presented their Society with a handsome set, which they still had in their possession. A society like theirs had it changes. In 1844, they found two parties of bell ringers, and party feeling evidently ran high, for the clergy and churchwardens had to prepare an agreement stating when each party were to use the bells, and that one party was not to be interfered with by the other. Later on the Society held its meetings at the Royal Yacht, in Sussex Street, and it was then the landlord claimed the bells as his property. That ended in a law-suit, but a letter from the donor of the bells settled the matter in their favour. Coming to a later date, from the time he was connected with the Society, for the past seventeen years—eleven of which he had been secretary—they had rules and regulations for their members. During the past year they had made 1090 attendances for Sunday ringing alone, and that fact showed what an interest the members took in their work. The highest individual attendance was 107 for Sundays; and throughout the year, 504. Through the kindness of the vicar, they were allowed to solicit subscriptions from the parishioners, and the money was well used. If a surplus remained after paying expenses and having a dinner, they had a day in the country. That was a treat they enjoyed, but did not always get. Their church was the only ten-peal tower in the county, and he hoped the conduct of the ringers in the future would enable the vicar to bestow on them the same confidence he had hitherto placed in them.

Mr. Morris Bacon proposed "The St. Peter's Society of Change Ringers," and coupled with it the name of Mr. Weston.

Mr. H. Weston, in reply, hoped the same good feeling which existed between the two parties would continue. There was a

little difference with the ringers at St. Peter's at present, but that, he trusted, would soon be settled.

The remaining toasts were "The Host and Hostes," and "The Press."

During the evening songs were rendered by Messrs. Bleach, Palmer, Raymond, Ray, and Hoather. Mr. Fuller gave an excellent selection on the pianoforte; and Mr. Williams gave changes on the piano; while Messrs. Williams, Weston, Hart and King (of St. Peter's), were encored for the masterly manner in which they performed with the hand-bells.

#### THE BATTLE SOCIETY, SUSSEX.

Recently, the members of the Battle branch of the Sussex Association, with their friends, had their annual supper at The Chequers inn. Mr. C. J. Hyland presided, Mr. E. B. Austin occupying the vice-chair. Amongst those present were Messrs. Walter Franks, J. Mathis, T. Elliott, W. Thomas, Curtis, W. Eldridge, C. Eldridge, C. Langley, F. Sellman, J. Livermore, J. Curtis, T. Hutchings, W. Eastland, and Colour-Sergeant King. The loyal toasts having been honoured, the chairman submitted the "Army, Navy, and Reserve Forces," to which Colour-Sergeant King responded. Mr. Austin proposed "Success to the Battle branch of the Sussex Association." He would congratulate them on having allied themselves to that noted Association, as it would be an incentive to them not to be content with being mere dummy, or "round" ringers, but to put in the higher principles of change-ringing. He was pleased to see the progress they were making, for whereas last year they had only two methods in hand they had now six or seven, and they bade fair to be heard of favourably in the future in ringing circles. They were already as good a body of ringers as any for miles around. They were most assiduous in their practice, as a Tuesday night rarely went round without their meeting. They were also most regular in their attendance on Sundays; and all lovers of ringing, and church goers especially, ought to be obliged to them for the trouble they took. With the toast he would couple the name of Mr. Walter Franks (the conductor), to whom he considered the ringers were much indebted for instruction. They might go much farther and fare worse. Mr. Franks, in responding, mentioned that he had been affiliated with the society for ten years. He thanked them for the kind reception of the toast, and said what he had done had only been in the course of duty. During the past year they had done fairly well, considering that they had lost one of their best members, and that lately another, in the person of Mr. Frank Mathis, their hon. secretary, had been incapacitated from illness. There were other reasons why they had not done better in the way of change-ringing, one being the state of the bells. He had been much moved in reading in "THE BELL NEWS" of bands of ringers going out to various towns and villages and re-opening peals of bells, the going of the bells being all that could be desired. He would ask the ringers there if the going of the bells had been satisfactory since they were re-hung in 1890. It was a serious state of affairs, after the amount, nearly £200, had been spent upon them. The thought of standing for three hours, the limited time for a peal, was enough to take the pluck out of one. They were told that grit was in the bearings, but it would not always get into the same bell, as they had one they could do nothing with. He hoped someone would take action, so that the bells might be rendered ringable. The re-hanging might possibly not have been satisfactory. Other toasts followed.

#### THE HEAVY WOOLLEN DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION, YORKSHIRE.

The yearly meeting of the above Association was held at Ossett, members attending from Dewsbury, Batley, Batley Carr, Earlsheaton, Birstal, Mirfield, Sandal, Horbury, Ossett, and other places. After the minutes of the last meeting had been confirmed, the following officers were elected: Mr. J. Peacock, president; Mr. D. Stephenson, vice-president; Mr. J. Garford was re-elected treasurer, and Mr. G. H. Simon was re-elected secretary. The balance-sheet was then read, and after defraying all expenses for the last year, showed a balance of £4 8s. 1d.

and considering that this is the first annual meeting with a total of 110 members already enrolled, the Association appears to be in a prosperous condition, and by unity amongst its members in the future as in the past year, the objects which the Association was formed to carry out will be attained, *i.e.*, promoting good striking by offering prizes as in other counties. Mention was made of holding all future yearly meetings at the headquarters, but nothing definite was settled. After other business was transacted, the meeting terminated, and the remainder of the evening was spent in ringing. The next meeting will be held at Horbury.

#### 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."

##### OUR UNEMPLOYED.

SIR.—With your kind permission I should like to make a suggestion with regard to unemployed ringers. A good plan I think would be to have a kind of registry kept by some one well-known, for those out of work to enter their names and wants, and then those who required any workpeople, could communicate with the keeper of such registry. To simplify the arrangement, I think you, Mr. Editor, would be the best person to manage such a concern. Of course there would be no fees to be paid except necessary postage. I should like to hear other opinions upon this.

PROBATIONER.

##### REPLY TO MR. SADLER.

SIR.—As the sender of the report of the peal recently rung at St. Margaret's, Lynn, may I be allowed to say that our Norwich friend's statement that a peal was rung there in 1824 is entirely news to me, and to every one else, apparently, in Lynn. This being so, perhaps Mr. Sadler will favour us with a few further particulars as to who rang, who conducted, the method, actual date, etc., so that if possible, it may be verified. The only tablets at present in the belfry record peals in 1746 (wrongly given in Snowdon's *Grandsire* as 1740), 1776, and 1796. If the peal alleged by Mr. Sadler to have been rung in 1824 really was accomplished, I can't understand how it is that no tablet was erected, as it is so very unlike Norwich people to miss an opportunity of placing on record anything to their credit.

King's Lynn.

J. W. SEDGLEY.

##### AN APPEAL FOR EMPLOYMENT.

SIR.—I have the misfortune to be out of employment, and have (through no fault of my own), been out for nearly five months. My age is thirty-one, single. I am not particular what I do, but being a ringer, would like to be near to a tower of eight or ten bells. I shall be glad to call on any gentleman, or send any particulars he would like to know, and shall be very grateful to anyone helping me to obtain a situation.

H. S. REEVES.

Efingham Place, Cheshunt Street, Herts.

STREATHAM (Surrey).—On Tuesday, January 16th, at the parish church, 720 *Grandsire* Minor, in 26 mins. G. Barrington, 1; D. Springall, 2; H. Pates, 3; W. Shepherd, 4; R. Blanchard (conductor), 5; G. Pell, 6. On Monday, January 29th, 504 *Stedman* Triples. W. Shepherd, 1; S. Greenwood, 2; E. Moses, 3; W. Pell, 4; H. Daniels, 5; G. Pell, 6; R. Blanchard (conductor), 7; H. Pates, 8.

TRETON (Yorks).—On Wednesday, January 17th, for practice, 600 *Duke of York*. E. Sadler, 1; T. Sadler, 2; S. Walker, 3; W. Lambert, 4; J. H. Brothwell, 5; W. J. Nicholson, 6. And 600 *Violet*. E. Sadler, 1; J. H. Brothwell, 2; S. Walker, 3; T. Sadler, 4; A. Woffenden, 5; W. J. Nicholson, 6. On Sunday morning, January 21st, 240 *Oxford Treble Bob*. T. Sadler, 3; W. Lambert, 4. On Tuesday, January 23rd, for practice, 360 *Duke of York*, 240 each of *College Exercise*, *Violet*, *Woodbine*, *Oxford Delight*, and *Kent*, and 120 each of *London Scholars' Pleasure*, *City Delight*, and *College Pleasure*. E. Sadler, 1; J. H. Brothwell, 2; S. Walker, 3; W. Lambert, 4; W. J. Nicholson, 5; T. Whitworth, 6.

WILBURTON (Cambs).—On Monday, January 29th, for practice, 216 changes in three different methods in 1 hr. 10 mins., being 720 each of *Duke of York*, *Woodbine*, and *Kent Treble Bob*. Tenor 12½ cwt. in G. J. Markwell, 1; H. Markwell, 2; A. Markwell (conductor), 3; A. Hazel, 4; H. Sharp, 5; H. Markwell, 6. This is the longest touch ever rung on the bells, and was rung at the second attempt.

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 1894.

WITH all the authority, or prestige, or influence, which is supposed to be the attribute of a newspaper, we emphasize the earnest request made by the Honorary Secretary to the Central Council, which appears on the following page. More than a month ago Secretaries of ringing societies were informed that the usual necessary preliminaries should be attended to without delay, yet it would seem that the desired attention has not in some cases been given.

We are very much afraid that the importance of having such a body as the Central Council is not sufficiently regarded. If it commanded that interest and attention it ought to command, one publication of a notice from its recognised officer would be amply sufficient. It is to be hoped that the instruction to be found at the head of the next column may be at once obeyed by those whom it concerns, so that the Secretary may be enabled to prepare the necessary documents for the coming meeting without the inconvenience of haste at the last moment.



## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.—SPECIAL NOTICE.

Nominations for the offices of President and Secretary, in writing, and signed by two Members of Council, will be required; and must be forwarded to the Hon. Secretary before the 27th instant.

All notices of motion, and subjects for discussion, must also reach the Hon. Secretary by that date.

It is earnestly requested that Societies whose subscriptions have not been paid, will send them without further delay.

H. EARLE BULWER, *Hon. Secretary.*

Stanhoe Rectory, King's Lynn, February, 1894.

**The Metropolis.**

## THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Monday, February 5, 1894, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST, WATERLOO ROAD,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,  
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 20 cwt.

EDWIN HORREX* .. .. Treble.	CHALLIS F. WINNEY .. 5.
WILLIAM BURKIN .. .. 2.	*FREDERICK S. BAYLEY .. 6.
HENRY R. NEWTON .. .. 3.	WILLIAM T. COCKERILL .. 7.
WILLIAM E. GARRARD .. 4.	FREDERICK G. NEWMAN .. Tenor.

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

\*First peal in the method. The ringers wish through the medium of this paper to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells.

**The Provinces.**

## QUEDGELEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 30, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven 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.

Rung in honour of the wedding of Miss K. A. Curtis-Hayward, to Mr. R. J. Tidswell, of Haresfield Court, who were married at St. Mary Abbots, South Kensington, on that day.

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

On Wednesday, January 31, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.  
Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qrs. 22 lbs.

RICHARD WHITE .. .. Treble.	HARRY WALTERS .. .. 5.
FRANK BARRETT .. .. 2.	STEDMAN WHITE .. .. 6.
HARRY HOLIFIELD .. .. 3.	FREDERICK WHITE .. .. 7.
GEORGE HOLIFIELD .. .. 4.	RICHARD BENNETT .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by FREDERICK WHITE.

## BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 31, 1894, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
THURSTANS' COMPOSITION. Tenor 26 cwt.

WALTER CANNER .. .. Treble.	EDWARD I. STONE .. .. 5.
GEORGE PITT* .. .. 2.	THOMAS HOLMES .. .. 6.
ARTHUR WAKLEY .. .. 3.	WILLIAM WAKLEY .. .. 7.
GEORGE ROBINSON .. .. 4.	LEONARD BULLOCK .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM WAKLEY.

\*First peal of Stedman. Rung in honour of the marriage of the Hon. Nellie Bass, only child of Lord and Lady Burton, and granddaughter of the late Mr. M. T. Bass, with Mr. James E. S. Baillie, of Dechfour, Invernesshire.

## BUSHEY, HERTS.

## THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 1, 1894, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 13 cwt. in F sharp.

WILLIAM E. OAKLEY .. Treble.	FREDERICK EDWARDS .. 5.
GEORGE HUNT .. .. 2.	WILLIAM I. OAKLEY .. 6.
ALFRED J. PATE .. .. 3.	ERNEST E. HUNTLEY .. 7.
EDWARD P. DEBENHAM .. 4.	*AMOS MAYNARD .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by EDWARD P. DEBENHAM.

\*First peal. This is the first peal on the bells since the tenor has been rehung with new bearings.

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

On Thursday, February 1, 1894, in Two Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. TROLLOP, 52, ST. GEORGE'S MIDDLE ST.,

ON HANDBELLS RETAINED IN HAND,

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

J. ARMIGER TROLLOP .. 1-2.	GEORGE P. BURTON .. 5-6.
JOHN E. BURTON .. .. 3-4.	CHARLES E. BORRETT .. 7-8.

Conducted by CHARLES EDWARD BORRETT.

Umpire—Mr. E. Francis. First peal in the method by all, and the first peal in the method on handbells by the Association in Norfolk.

## MONEWDEN, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 1, 1894, in Two Hours and Thirty-two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

5040 CHANGES IN SEVEN DIFFERENT METHODS  
UPON SIX BELLS;

Being 720 each of the following:

Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court, College Single, and Bob Minor Tenor 6 cwt.

WILLIAM ARCHER .. .. Treble.	ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN .. 4.
JAMES DURRANT .. .. 2.	STEPHEN WIGHTMAN, JUN. 5.
EDGAR WIGHTMAN .. .. 3.	DAVID G. WIGHTMAN .. Tenor.

Conducted by DAVID G. WIGHTMAN.

## MOORSIDE, OLDHAM, LANCASHIRE.

On Saturday, February 3, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 18½ cwt.

ADAM BUTTERWORTH .. Treble.	JOSEPH TAYLOR .. .. 5.
SAMUEL TAYLOR* .. .. 2.	ISAAC SCHOFIELD .. .. 6.
WILLIAM PITMAN .. .. 3.	†LUKE HAMPSON .. .. 7.
THOMAS GREENWOOD .. 4.	*JOHN T. PRINCE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOSEPH TAYLOR.

This is the first peal rung by the local company without the aid of other ringing friends. \*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell.

## GLINTON, NORTHANTS.

THE SOUTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE  
ST. MARTIN'S SCHOLARS, STAMFORD.

On Saturday, February 3, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BENEDICT,

5040 CHANGES UPON SIX BELLS;  
Being a 720 of Grandsire Minor, and Six 720s of Bob Minor,  
each called differently. Tenor 16 cwt.

H. WEATHERINGTON* .. Treble.	*C. HARPER .. .. 4.
E. POPPLE* .. .. 2.	*F. DENNISON .. .. 5.
R. WYCHE* .. .. 3.	REV. H. LAW JAMES .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. H. LAW JAMES.

\*First 5040. This is the first 5040 by the St. Martin's Scholars; and the first on the bells for a great many years. Rung at the first attempt.

## WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 3, 1894, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S BOB-AND-SINGLE. Tenor 21 cwt.

JAMES HENRY RIDYARD .. Treble.	JOSEPH BAGULEY .. 5.
GEORGE ASTBURY* .. 2.	THOMAS DERBYSHIRE .. 6.
JOSEPH RIDYARD† .. 3.	FREDERIC DERBYSHIRE .. 7.
RICHARD RIDYARD .. 4.	*THOMAS RUSHTON .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES HENRY RIDYARD.

\*First peal. †First peal in the method. G. Astbury hails from Flixton, and was formerly a member of the Flixton company; Rushton hails from Pendlebury.

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

On Saturday, February 3, 1894, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

## 5040 CHANGES IN TWO DIFFERENT METHODS UPON SIX BELLS;

Being three 720s of Grandsire Minor, and Four 720s of Bob Minor, each 720 called differently. Tenor 9½ cwt. in G.

STEPHEN MOCKETT .. Treble.	GEORGE DENNE .. 4.
HENRY DENNE .. 2.	*WILLIAM ONGLEY .. 5.
C. HENRY SONE* .. 3.	HENRY CASTLE .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE DENNE.

\*First 5040.

## HANDSWORTH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, February 3, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

GEORGE H. WILLIAMS .. Treble.	GEOFFREY A. MARTINEAU .. 5.
THOMAS VERRY .. 2.	WILLIAM H. GODDEN .. 6.
HENRY BASTABLE .. 3.	WILLIAM VERRY .. 7.
THOMAS REYNOLDS .. 4.	WILLIAM JACKSON .. Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY BASTABLE.

Mr. Martineau is the Hon. Secretary of the Solihull Guild of Amateur bell-ringers, and this is his first peal.

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

On Saturday, February 3, 1894, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

HENRY GRICE .. Treble.	*THOMAS MAY .. 5.
WILLIAM FRENCH† .. 2.	EDGAR PERRIN .. 6.
WILLIAM WILSON .. 3.	ALFRED TUCKER .. 7.
GEORGE MAY* .. 4.	*PETER BROOK .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM FRENCH.

\*First peal. †First peal as conductor. T. May was elected a member of the Association before starting for the peal. Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Miss Evelyn Brassey and Mr. Leveson Gower.

## BEDFIELD, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 5, 1894, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

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

Being 720 each of the following:

Earl Soham Delight, Old Doubles, Plain Doubles, Morning Star, April Day, Evening Star, and Grandsire.

E. ABBOTT* .. Treble.	H. CLARKE .. 4.
W. ABBOTT* .. 2.	F. CLAYTON .. Tenor.
C. F. LING .. 3.	

Conducted by F. CLAYTON.

\*First 5040.

## HACKINGTON, CANTERBURY.

On Tuesday, February 6, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 14 cwt.

MORTON W. PIERCE .. Treble.	PHILIP H. PIERCE .. 5.
HENRY G. FAIRBRASS .. 2.	CHARLES LUERY .. 6.
FREDERICK CONSTANT† .. 3.	RICHARD GOODBOURN .. 7.
REV. F. J. O. HELMORE .. 4.	†ARTHUR SAXBY .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. J. O. HELMORE.

†First peal.

## BISHOPS STORTFORD.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 6, 1894, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

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

Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM RICKETT .. Treble.	WALTER PRIOR .. 5.
ALFRED TUCKER .. 2.	HENRY PRIOR .. 6.
GEORGE PRIOR .. 3.	HENRY JAMES TUCKER .. 7.
WALTER WM. TUCKER .. 4.	JOSEPH SAMPFORD .. Tenor.

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

The above is a two-part composition, and the first in the above method ever rung in the Eastern Counties, and by all the band.

## BROMLEY, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 6, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 19½ cwt.

WILLIAM E. TAYLOR .. Treble.	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE .. 5.
WILLIAM FRIGHT* .. 2.	WALTER INGHAM .. 6.
WILLIAM BEDWELL .. 3.	HERBERT P. HARMAN .. 7.
GEORGE CONYARD .. 4.	EDWIN BARNETT .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS and Conducted by H. P. HARMAN.

\*First peal of Treble Bob. Messrs. Harman and Fright belong to the local band; Groombridge and Ingham hail from Chislehurst; Taylor and Bedwell from Lewisham; Barnett and Conyard from Crayford.

## BRISTOL.

On Tuesday, February 6, 1894, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 17½ cwt.

JAMES E. PASSMORE* .. Treble.	*ROBERT E. CHICHESTER, Esq. 5.
HERBERT H. TUCKER .. 2.	GEORGE T. DALTRY .. 6.
STEPHEN THOMAS* .. 3.	HENRY PORCH .. 7.
WALTER W. PORCH .. 4.	*ALFRED HARRINGTON .. Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY PORCH.

\*First peal. Further reference to this peal will be found on another page.

## Date Touches.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BOCKING (Essex).—On Tuesday, January 30th, at St. Mary's church, a date touch, 1894 changes, in 1 hr. 8 mins., being 720 each of Oxford Treble Bob and Bob Minor, 384 Kent Treble Bob, and 70 Grandsire Doubles. F. Radley, 1; W. Moore, 2; W. Grimwade, 3; C. Bearman, 4; S. Sargent, 5; C. H. Howard (conductor), 6. Tenor 18½ cwt. in E flat.

BLYTH (Notts).—On Monday, January 29th, at the parish church, a date touch, 1894 changes, in 1 hr. 8 mins., being 454 Violet, 720 Kent Treble Bob, and 720 Oxford Treble Bob. J. Swinburn, 1; J. Hind, 2; W. Swinburn, 3; G. Clayton, 4; R. Beeston (composer and conductor), 5; T. Sewell, 6. First date touch by all except the conductor. This is the first date touch ever rung on these bells.

## Miscellaneous.

## THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

**BEDFORD.**—On Sunday, December 17th, at St. Paul's church, 504 Grandsire Triples. W. Lightfoot, 1; C. Chasty, 2; J. Sharman, 3; W. Hall, 4; H. Sharp (conductor), 5; I. Hills, 6; F. Keech, 7; R. Shimmans, 8. Also 504 Stedman Triples. C. Chasty, 1; F. Smith, 2; S. J. Cullip, 3; F. Keech, 4; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 5; I. Hills, 6; H. Sharp, 7; R. Shimmans, 8. On Monday, December 18th, 503 Grandsire Triples. T. Spencer, 1; C. Chasty, 2; W. Hall, 3; S. J. Cullip, 4; I. Hills, 5; H. Sharp, 6; F. Keech, 7; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 8. On Sunday, December 24th, 350 Grandsire Triples. F. Hull, 1; C. Chasty, 2; W. Lightfoot, 3; W. Hall (conductor), 4; J. N. Frossell, 5; I. Hills, 6; F. Keech, 7; R. Shimmans, 8. Also 434 Grandsire Triples. F. Hull, 1; C. Chasty, 2; W. Lightfoot, 3; W. Hall, 4; H. Sharp (conductor), 5; I. Hills, 6; F. Keech, 7; R. Shimmans, 8. And 224 Bob Major. On Monday, December 25th, 434 Grandsire Triples. W. Hall, 1; C. Chasty, 2; H. Cullip, 3; W. Lightfoot, 4; I. Hills, 5; J. N. Frossell, 6; H. Sharp (conductor), 7. On Sunday, December 31st, 503 Grandsire Triples. W. Hall, 1; C. Chasty, 2; W. Lightfoot, 3; F. Keech, 4; I. Hills, 5; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 6; J. N. Frossell, 7; R. Shimmans, 8. Also 216 Stedman Triples. P. Howard, 1; S. J. Cullip, 2; W. Hall, 3; F. Keech, 4; J. N. Frossell, 5; H. Sharp, 6; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 7; R. Shimmans, 8. Also 216 Stedman Triples. C. Chasty, 1; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 2; S. J. Cullip, 3; F. Keech, 4; I. Hills, 5; P. Howard, 6; H. Sharp, 7; R. Shimmans, 8. Also 252 Stedman Triples. W. Lightfoot (first touch of Stedman), 1; S. J. Cullip, 2; W. Davison (first touch of Stedman), 3; F. Keech, 4; H. Sharp, 5; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 6; W. Hall, 7; T. Harpin, 8. Also 288 Kent Treble Bob Major. W. Davison (first in the method), 1; F. Keech, 2; S. J. Cullip, 3; W. Hall, 4; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 5; I. Hills, 6; P. Howard, 7; J. N. Frossell, 8. On Thursday, January 3rd, 504 Stedman Triples. C. Chasty, 1; W. Shimmans, 2; W. Hall, 3; F. Keech, 4; I. Hills, 5; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 6; P. Howard, 7; R. Shimmans, 8. Also 216 Stedman Triples. On Sunday, January 7th, 265 and 336 Grandsire Triples. On Monday, January 8th, Brook's peal of Stedman Triples was attempted, but lost after ringing 1836 changes in 1 hr. 10 mins. F. Keech, 1; S. J. Cullip, 2; W. Hall, 3; W. Shimmans, 4; I. Hills, 5; S. Constant, 6; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 7; P. Howard, 8. Also 768 Kent Treble Bob Major. F. Keech, 1; S. J. Cullip, 2; W. Hall, 3; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 4; I. Hills, 5; W. Shimmans, 6; S. Constant, 7; P. Howard, 8. Recently, at St. Mary's church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs). F. Keech, 1; W. Hall, 2; I. Hills, 3; C. W. Clarke, 4; S. J. Cullip, 5; H. Sharp (conductor), 6. And a 6-score of Stedman Doubles. On Sunday, December 24th, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob (nine bobs). C. Chasty, 1; W. Hall, 2; F. Smith, 3; I. Hills, 4; S. J. Cullip, 5; H. Sharp (conductor), 6. On Sunday, December 31st, 720 Bob Minor (nine bobs and six singles). H. Cullip, 1; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 2; C. Chasty, 3; W. Shimmans, 4; H. Sharp, 5; F. Keech, 6. On Tuesday, January 9th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs). C. W. Clarke (conductor), 1; W. Hall, 2; C. Chasty (first 720 in the method with a bob bell), 3; I. Hills, 4; S. Constant, 5; W. Davison (first 720 in the method with a bob bell), 6. Also a 6-score of Stedman Doubles.

**BIDDENHAM (Beds).**—On Sunday, December 24th, 720 Bob Minor. W. West, 1; P. Howard, 2; A. Ingram, 3; H. Tysoe, 4; C. West, 5; H. King (conductor), 6.

**KEMPSTON (Beds).**—On Tuesday, December 26th, 720 Bob Minor. T. Harpin, 1; A. Ingram, 2; W. Davison, 3; C. West, 4; H. King, 5; P. Howard (conductor), 6. On Wednesday, December 27th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs). C. Chasty, 1; P. Howard, 2; H. Sharp, 3; F. Smith, 4; S. Constant, 5; J. N. Frossell (conductor), 6. Also 360 Bob Minor and a 6-score of Stedman Doubles.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

**STANSTED (Essex).**—On Sunday morning, January 7th, for Divine Service at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, 720 Durham Surprise in 25 mins. G. Jordan, 1; I. Hammond, 2; W. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. Also for afternoon service 720 Kent Treble Bob (fifteen bobs), taken from Snowdon's *Treatise on Treble Bob*, in 24 mins. J. Cavill, 1; G. Jordan, 2; I. Hammond, 3; G. Gray, 4; J. Luckey, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. This makes W. Watts' fiftieth 720 of Kent Treble Bob. On Wednesday, January 10th, for practice, 720 Wells Surprise in 25½ mins. J. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; W. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. Also 720 Canterbury Pleasure. T. Jordan (first 720 in the method), 1; G. Jordan (first 720 in the method with a bob bell), 2; G. Gray, 3; I. Hammond, 4; W. Watts, 5; T. J. Watts (first 720 in the method as conductor), 6. This makes G. Jordan's 200th 720. And 360 Oxford Bob, conducted by W. Watts. On Sunday morning,

January 14th, for Divine Service, 300 Bob Minor. T. Jordan, 1; I. Hammond, 2; W. Watts (conductor), 3; G. Gray, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; J. Luckey, 6. For afternoon service 720 Cambridge Surprise in 24 mins. J. Cavill, 1; G. Jordan, 2; G. Gray, 3; I. Hammond, 4; W. Watts, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. On Wednesday, January 17th, for practice, 720 Oxford Bob (twenty-six singles). T. Jordan, 1; G. Jordan, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. Also 720 College Single. W. Watts, 3; J. Luckey, 5; T. J. Watts (conductor), 6; the rest as before. On Sunday morning, January 21st, for Divine Service, 720 York Surprise in 24 mins. J. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; W. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. For afternoon service 720 Bob Minor (twenty-two singles and two bobs). Composed by N. Spindlow, of Ducklington. T. Jordan, 1; G. Jordan, 2; I. Hammond, 3; G. Gray, 4; J. Luckey, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6.

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

**BARNWOOD (Gloucestershire).**—Recently, at the parish church, by the local band, 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor (fourteen singles four bobs), in 26 mins. A. Howley, H. G. Gardner, A. A. Waite, R. A. Barrett, H. Mitchell (conductor), G. Miles. On Sunday morning, December 17th, for Divine Service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs), in 26 mins. A. A. Waite, D. J. Aston, G. Miles, R. A. Barrett, H. Mitchell (conductor), H. G. Gardner. On Tuesday, December 19th, 720 Plain Bob Minor (twelve singles nine bobs), in 25 mins. A. Rheam, H. Mitchell (conductor), D. J. Aston, G. Miles, A. A. Waite, R. A. Barrett. On Christmas morning for Divine Service, seven 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, each called differently. A. Howley, D. J. Aston, A. A. Waite, G. Miles, H. Mitchell (conductor), A. Rheam. On Sunday, December 31st, for evening service, 720 Plain Bob Minor (twelve singles nine bobs), in 25½ mins. A. Ream, D. J. Aston, A. A. Waite, R. A. Barrett, H. Mitchell (conductor), G. Miles. After service, three 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. A. Howley, D. J. Aston, A. A. Waite (conductor), R. A. Barrett, H. Mitchell, G. Miles. Afterwards they adjourned to Mr. A. A. Waite's house and partook of a light supper, and rung several courses of Grandsire Caters and Triples on the handbells, and a few sacred tunes. Time then being up to adjourn to the tower to ring the Old Year out, some touches of Minor, Stedman, and St. Dunstan's Doubles were rung before the Old Year expired, and when the final hour arrived, the tenor was pulled six whole pulls to denote the last hour of the Old Year. After 360 of Bob Minor, a few 6-scores were rung to welcome the New Year, and then the bells were fired down in peal. A. Rheam, D. J. Aston, G. Miles, R. A. Barrett, H. Mitchell, A. A. Waite (conductor). On Tuesday, January 16th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs) in 26 mins. A. A. Waite, W. Peglar (Hempstead), H. G. Gardner, C. Roles (Deerhurst), H. Mitchell, R. A. Barrett (conductor). On Tuesday, January 23rd, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor in 26 mins. A. A. Waite (conductor), W. Peglar, G. Miles, C. Roles, H. Mitchell, R. A. Barrett. On Sunday, January 28th, for evening service, 720 Plain Bob Minor (sixteen bobs two singles), in 29 mins. A. Rheam, A. Peglar, A. A. Waite, H. G. Gardner, H. Mitchell (conductor), R. A. Barrett.

**SANDHURST (Gloucestershire).**—On Sunday afternoon, January 14th, six members of the Barnwood Society, and two from Hempstead visited this place just in time to have a pull after Divine Service, when the bells were raised in peal, and after adjusting the ropes, 720 Plain Bob Minor was rung (nine bobs six singles), in 25½ mins. A. Howley, 1; H. G. Gardner, 2; G. Miles, 3; W. Pugh (local man, first 720 in the method), 4; H. Mitchell, 5; A. A. Waite (conductor), 6. And 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs), in 25 mins. A. A. Waite, 1; W. Peglar (Hempstead, first 720 in the method), 2; G. Miles, 3; R. A. Barrett, 4; H. Mitchell (conductor), 5; H. G. Gardner, 6. Tenor about 13 cwt. These bells have lately been rehung with a new oak frame and all new gearing by Mr. James Barwell, of Birmingham, and the workmanship and go of them are all that can be desired.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

**PORTSEA (Hants).**—On Monday, January 29th, at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 1260 changes, in 50 mins. C. Groves, 1; W. Carnish, 2; J. Harper, 3; S. Lawrence, 4; J. Symons, 5; W. J. Sevier (composer and conductor), 6; T. Groves, 7; R. Harman, 8. And 433 Grandsire Triples. T. J. Matthews, 1; C. Groves, 2; J. Harper, 3; J. Symons, 4; S. Lawrence (conductor), 5; W. J. Sevier, 6; Rev. R. C. M. Harvey, 7; T. Groves, 8. S. Lawrence and T. Groves hail from Salisbury, and W. Sevier from Eastleigh.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

**BROMLEY (Kent).**—On Tuesday, January 30th, for practice at the parish church, 640 Kent Treble Bob Major. W. E. Taylor, 1; T. Groombridge, 2; I. Emery, 3; H. Warnett, 4; W. Fright, 5; W. Ingham, 6; T. Harford, 7; H. P. Harman (conductor), 8. Also 252

Stedman Triples. H. P. Harman (conductor), 1; W. E. Taylor, 2; W. Fright, 3; W. Smith, 4; G. Durling, 5; H. Warnett, 6; T. Groombridge, 7; W. Ingham, 8.

#### THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

CROYDON (Surrey).—On Saturday, January 27th, at St. Peter's church, an attempt was made to ring Holt's Original peal of Grandsire Triples, which was unfortunately lost owing to a change-course when about 300 changes from the finish. F. Larbey, 1; H. Brooker (conductor), 2; A. J. Plowman, 3; A. Arnold, 4; G. Burt, 5; W. States, 6; J. Hermon, 7; C. Kitching, 8.

#### THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

OXHEY (Herts).—*Handbell Ringing*.—On Saturday, January 27th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, being ten 6-scores each called differently, and a 60. C. S. Heath, 1-2; G. N. Price (conductor), 3-4; H. R. French, 5-6.

#### STOKE-UPON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

WOLSTANTON (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, January 21st, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 47 mins. H. Bowers, 1; S. Holden, 2; T. Miller, 3; F. Grocott, 4; J. Goodhead, 5; H. Fitchford (conductor), 6; W. Fitchford, 7; C. Ollier, 8. On Tuesday, January 23rd, 504 of Stedman Triples. F. Grocott, 1; W. Fitchford, 2; T. Miller, 3; S. Holden, 4; C. Ollier, 5; H. Fitchford, 6; W. Miller (conductor), 7; W. Slater, 8. This is the longest length of Stedman by all except the conductor, and the first 504 in the method, on the bells.

KINGSLEY (Staffordshire).—On Monday, January 22nd, at the church of St. Werburgh, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs two singles), in 28 mins. E. Bradshaw, 1; I. Moreton, 2; J. Moreton, 3; J. Shenton, 4; H. Carnwell, 5; H. Booth (conductor), 6. This is the first 720 by all except Messrs. Shenton and Booth, and reflects great credit on the band, who have only received eleven lessons in the art of ringing.

#### THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

CAVERSHAM (Oxon).—On Sunday, January 21st, for morning service, 504 Stedman Triples. E. Woodley, 1; E. Munday, 2; J. Hands, 3; G. Essex, 4; H. Smith, 5; T. Newman, 6; A. W. Pike (conductor), 7; H. Simmonds, 8. On Sunday, January 28th, for morning service, 1008 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. H. Simmonds, 1; E. Munday, 2; H. Bridgeman, 3; E. W. Munday, 4; J. Hands, 5; G. Essex, 6; H. Smith, 7; T. Newman (conductor), 8. After service, to welcome the new year, 504 Stedman Triples. E. W. Munday, 1; E. Munday, 2; H. Bridgeman, 3; H. Smith, 4; J. Hands, 5; A. W. Pike, 6; T. Newman (conductor), 7; A. Simmonds, 8.

WOOBURN (Bucks).—*Handbell Ringing*.—On Monday, January 22nd, three courses of Grandsire Triples. J. Garrell, 1-2; F. Healey, 3-4; W. E. Yates, 5-6; J. West, 7-8. Also a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles. J. Garrell, 1-2; W. E. Yates (conductor), 3-4; J. West, 5-6.

#### THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

PENARTH.—On Sunday, December 31st, for Divine Service at the parish church, 720 Grandsire Minor. J. Vinnicombe, 1; W. Biss, 2; C. Smith, 3; F. Bartlett, 4; —, 5; D. Thomas (conductor), 6. For evening service 720 Bob Minor. J. Vinnicombe, 1; W. Biss, 2; D. Thomas, 3; F. Bartlett, 4; T. Northey, 5; C. Lloyd (conductor), 6. On Monday, January 1st, 720 Bob Minor. J. Vinnicombe, 1; W. Biss, 2; D. Thomas, 3; F. Bartlett, 4; T. Northey, 5; C. Smith (conductor), 6. On Sunday, January 14th, 720 Bob Minor (fourteen bobs and two singles). J. Vinnicombe, 1; L. N. Naysmith, 2; W. Biss, 3; F. Bartlett, 4; T. Northey, 5; D. Thomas (conductor), 6. L. N. Naysmith hails from Morriston, near Swansea. On Tuesday, January 16th, 720 Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles). J. Vinnicombe, 1; W. Biss, 2; D. Thomas, 3; F. Bartlett, 4; T. Northey, 5; C. Smith (conductor), 6.

BARROW GURNEY (Somersetshire).—On Sunday morning, January 28th, at the parish church, 720 Grandsire Doubles, in 30 mins., being six 6-scores, each called differently, with the bells half-muffled. C. Haynes, 1; F. Vowles, 2; G. Clements, 3; J. Young, 4; A. Waters (conductor), 5; A. Brown, 6. The above was rung as a last token of respect to the Rev. E. Lilley, who was vicar of this parish for many years, and who quietly passed away on January 22nd, at the advanced age of 86 years.

BATLEY (Yorks).—*Handbell Ringing*.—On Monday evening, January 29th, for practice at the parish church, 576 Kent Treble Bob Major in 20 mins. S. Gibson, 1-2; W. Stubley (conductor), 3-4; W. Waland (Ilkley), 5-6; J. S. Fozard, 7-8.

BORDEN (Kent).—On Sunday morning, January 28th, for Divine Service, 336 Grandsire Triples, in 14 mins. T. Eley Collard, 1; S. Hutson, 2; W. Tassell, 3; C. Millway, 4; C. Dutnall, 5; R. Staines, 6; C. Willshire (conductor), 7; H. Martin, 8. Tenor 23 cwt.

BOW (Middlesex).—On Sunday evening, February 4th, for Divine Service at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original. C. Dempsey, 1; H. Bottril (late of Hertford), 2; H. Springall (conductor), 3; Y. Green, 4; E. Hall, 5; W. Dallimore, 6; S. Hayes, 7; D. J. Sutton, 8.

DARLINGTON (Durham).—On Tuesday, December 19th, for practice at Holy Trinity church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor, and 720 Bob Minor. G. W. Park, 1; G. Park, 2; R. Wilson, 3; W. Kingdon, 4; J. W. Lynn, 5; G. J. Lungley (conductor), 6. On Sunday, December 24th, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor. G. Overton, 1; E. Cox, 2; T. Lungley, 3; G. J. Lungley, 4; R. B. Wilson (conductor), 5; G. W. Park, 6. For evening service 720 Grandsire Minor. On Christmas day, 720 Bob Minor. E. Cox, 1; R. B. Wilson, 2; T. Lungley, 3; G. J. Lungley, 4; A. Tully (North Shields), 5; G. W. Park (conductor), 6. On Sunday, December 31st, for evening service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. E. Cox, 1; G. W. Park, 2; G. J. Lungley, 3; T. Lungley, 4; R. B. Wilson, 5; G. Overton (conductor), 6. On New Year's Day, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. E. Cox, 1; R. B. Wilson, 2; G. J. Lungley, 3; T. Lungley, 4; G. Park (first 720 as conductor on tower bells), 5; G. W. Park, 6. On Friday, January 5th, on handbells, 720 Bob Minor. T. Lungley, 1-2; R. B. Wilson, 3; G. J. Lungley, 4; G. W. Park (conductor), 5-6.

HARBORNE (Staffordshire).—On Saturday, January 27th, at the parish church, 1260 Grandsire Triples, taken from the late T. Day's six-part-peal, in 47 mins. E. Grice, 1; J. Day, 2; H. Grosvenor, 3; W. Grice, 4; T. Gibbs, 5; T. Westwood (conductor), 6; E. Brian, 7; W. Painter, 8.

HARRIETSHAM (Kent).—On Saturday, January 20th, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles) in 28 mins., with 7-8 covering. T. Earl (conductor), 1; F. Hollands, 2; H. Hollands, 3; T. Russell, 4; W. Cheeseman, 5; J. Fermor, 6; W. Hadlow, 7; G. Hadlow, 8. Tenor 13½ cwt.

HENFIELD (Sussex).—On Tuesday, January 23rd, 504 Stedman Triples. W. Hillman, 1; A. Groves, 2; G. Holder, 3; G. Payne, 4; W. J. Alliss, 5; L. Payne, 6; A. W. Groves (conductor), 7; C. Tyler, 8. On Thursday, January 25th, a quarter-peal in the same method (taken from Thurstans' original), was rung in 45 mins. This is the longest touch by all except the conductor, and first quarter-peal of Triples by a local band. C. Tyler (conductor), 1; W. J. Alliss, 2; A. Groves, 3; G. Holder, 4; L. Payne, 5; W. Hillman, 6; A. W. Groves, 7; A. Hedges, 8. On Sunday, January 28th, for Divine Service, 504 Stedman Triples. C. Tyler, 1; W. J. Alliss, 2; A. Groves, 3; G. Holder, 4; G. Payne, 5; W. Hillman, 6; L. Payne (conductor), 7; A. Hodges, 8.

KING'S NORTON (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, January 28th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins., containing fourteen 4-6s, fourteen 7-4s, and fourteen 6-7s. F. Palmer, 1; G. Hands, 2; W. H. Sumner, 3; T. Pritchett, 4; W. S. Pritchett, 5; J. S. Pritchett, 6; A. Palmer (composer and conductor), 7; G. Cooper, 8.

LONDON.—On Wednesday, January 24th, for practice at St. James' church, Clerkenwell, several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, with the bells half-muffled, and with 4-6-8 covering. T. H. Taffender, 1; W. Langdon, 2; W. Truss, 3; C. Potheary, 4; W. F. Meads, 5; J. Bissmire, 6; J. Barry (conductor), 7; E. A. Young, 8. Tenor 28 cwt. in E flat.

NORWICH.—*Handbell Ringing*.—On Monday, January 15th, in a workshop belonging to Mr. Warnes, Elm Hill, 864 Grandsire Major. A. G. Warnes, 1-2; J. E. Burton, 3-4; G. P. Burton, 5-6; J. A. Trollop (conductor), 7-8. Longest length in the method by all.

RAWTENSTALL (Lancashire).—On Sunday, January 21st, at the parish church, 720 Plain Bob in 28 mins. G. H. Ashworth, 1; G. E. Rollerson, 2; J. Gratrix, 3; H. H. Nutter, 4; J. B. Taylor (conductor), 5; J. Ramsbottom, 6. J. Gratrix hails from Manchester; H. H. Nutter from Cloughfold; J. B. Taylor from Waterfoot; the rest belong to the local company.

STONY STRATFORD (Bucks).—On Friday, January 26th, 720 Kent Treble Bob in 25 mins. A. Gidman, 1; G. Cowley, 2; R. W. Valentine, 3; G. Valentine, 4; G. Valentine, sen., 5; Rev. J. H. Travers (conductor), 6. Tenor 12½ cwt. in F. This is the first 720 in the method on the bells rung by local ringers.

\*\* 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.

## Notices.

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**Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.**—The next meeting will take place at Balderstone, to-day, Saturday, February 10th. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Business meeting at 6.30. The Vicar will preside. Methods for practice—Kent Treble Bob and Bob Major.  
E. SCHOFIELD, Branch Sec.  
63, Clark Street, Rochdale.

**Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.**—The next monthly meeting will be held at Pendleton, to-day, Saturday, February 10th. 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.**—A meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Rawtenstall, to-day, Saturday, February 10th. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Meeting 6.30.  
J. B. TAYLOR, Branch Sec.  
7, Church Street, Waterfoot.

**The Heavy Woollen District Association, Yorkshire.**—The next meeting of the above will be held at Horbury, on Saturday, February 17th, at 5 p.m. Meeting house, King's Arms hotel.  
GEO. H. SIMON, Hon. Sec.  
19, Albert Street, Batley Carr.

**St. Martin's Guild of Birmingham.**—During Lent there will be no ringing at Aston parish church.  
W. H. GODDEN, Hon. Sec.  
61, Roland Road, Handsworth.

**St. James's Society, London.**—There will be the usual practice at St. Clement Danes on Monday next, the 12th inst. The tower of St. Mary, Lambeth, is also now open for practice, next meeting on the 19th.  
E. A. YOUNG, Hon. Sec.

**Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.—Bristol.**—The next meeting for practice will be held at St. Stephen's church, on Tuesday evening, the 13th inst., at 7.30.  
C. H. GORDON, Local Secretary.

**The Ancient Society of College Youths.**—The next meeting will be held at St. Michael's, Cornhill, on Tuesday, February 13th, at 8 p.m. Business afterwards at headquarters.  
W. T. COCKERILL.  
37, Tradesant Road, South Lambeth, S.W.

**Old East Derbyshire Association.—A Committee Meeting** will be held at The Crown inn, Killamarsh, on Saturday, February 17th, at 4 p.m. Bells open for ringing during the afternoon.  
E. JAMES, Hon. Sec.  
18, The Dale, Woodseats.

**The Surrey Association.**—Members who have conducted peals of this Association (commencing on January 1st, 1893, up to and including October 28th) are requested to forward particulars of the same to the undersigned without delay, so that they may be inserted in the Annual Report.  
R. B. BLANCHARD, Hon. Sec.  
13, Sunnyhill Road, Streatham, S.W.

**Kent County Association.—Maidstone District.**—The Annual Meeting will be held at Leeds, on March 3rd. Tower open at 3. Committee meeting at 5. At 5.30 a tea will be provided for those who have applied to the district

Secretary for tea tickets not later than March 1st. Travelling expenses allowed up to 2s.

A. L. BRINE, Hon. District Sec.

**The Henry Johnson Anniversary.**—The St. Martin's Guild of Birmingham intend arranging the usual commemoration dinner on Saturday, March 3rd, when a gentleman of eminence in the Science is expected to preside. Further particulars will be announced in later issues of this paper.

W. H. GODDEN, Hon. Sec.

61, Roland Road, Handsworth.

## THE THORP BENEFIT FUND.

	£	s.	d.
Amount already announced .. ..	164	9	4
Mr. W. Davies (Liverpool) .. ..	0	2	0
Mr. I. G. Shade (Greenwich) .. ..	0	2	6
Mr. W. H. Fussell (Slough) .. ..	0	2	6
Mr. T. J. Bratton (Welshpool) .. ..	0	2	6
"Southdown," Brighton .. ..	0	5	0
Total .. ..	165	3	10

## 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.

## PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR.

By HENRY DAINS, Royal Cumberland Youths.

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## A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR.

By HENRY DAINS, Royal Cumberland Youths.

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## DEDICATION AND RE-OPENING OF BELLS AT BESTHORPE, NORFOLK.

On Tuesday, January 23rd, an interesting service was held in this parish on the occasion of the re-dedication of the church bells, after a complete rehanging and recasting of two of them—tenor and 3rd—at a cost of £161 2s. 10d. At the service, which was held at three o'clock, an eloquent sermon was preached by the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of the diocese from Psalm xlv. v. 16. The church was thronged, and the clergy present besides the Bishop and the incumbent were the Revs. Utten Browne, J. F. Bateman, R.D., Canon De Chair, A. T. Crisford, R.D., J. S. Jackson, W. H. Partridge, T. W. Turner, W. E. Deane, F. C. Birch, and E. Alston. After the sermon a reception was held at the vicarage, at which the church-workers and other parishioners were presented to the Bishop. The work of rehanging has been carried out in an approved manner, the bells being hung in a combination frame of oak and iron, strongly bolted together with new headstocks, wheels, bearings, and new fittings of the latest improvements, and the "go" of them is simply perfection. They are a sweet musical peal of five in the key of G, tenor 10 cwt.; and a place is left to put in another bell. The arrangements for the opening were left in the hands of the Attleborough company, and under the leadership of Mr. R. Ettridge, some 6-scores of Grandsire and other methods were rung by mixed companies. Over a century had elapsed since these bells were rung in scientific changes, and on this occasion the parishioners congratulated the ringers on the bold and good striking of the bells, and well may they be proud of having such a beautiful ring.

In the evening a supper was given to the recently-formed company of ringers of Besthorpe and Attleborough by the vicar and churchwardens of Besthorpe, Mr. H. G. Foster, of Attleborough, and several Besthorpe gentlemen being present. The usual toasts were given and responded to.

**NOTE TO THE BRISTOL PEAL.**—This peal was rung at the second attempt, and is now rung for the second time in this city. Great credit is due to Mr. Porch for the masterly way he conducted the peal, the stay of the 7th having been broken, consequently a double responsibility was heaped upon him. Robert E. Chichester, Esq. hails from Barnstaple; the rest are local men.

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 2s. nett. The Larger Edition, Royal 4to, is limited to 80 copies, and will be subscribed at 4s. The prices will be raised on the day of issue should any copies remain unsold.

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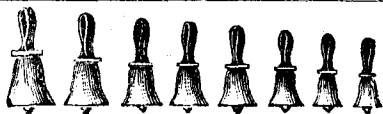
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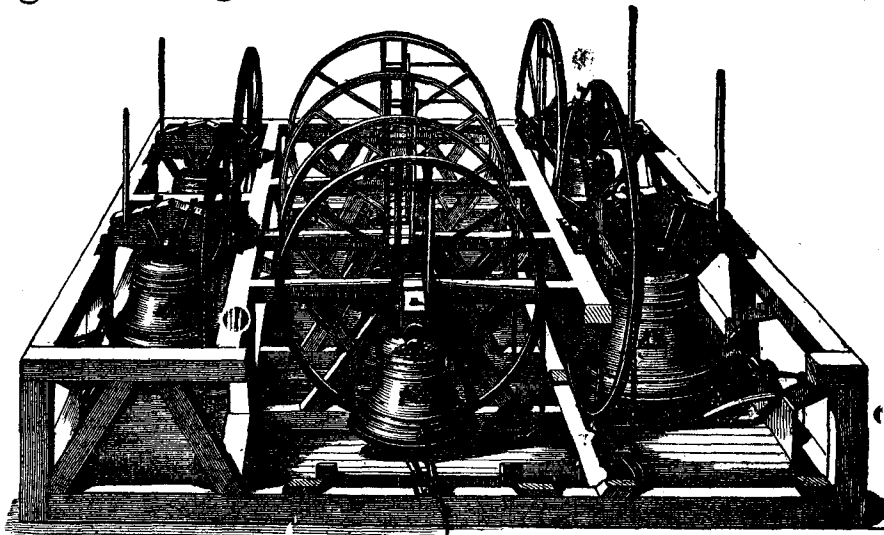
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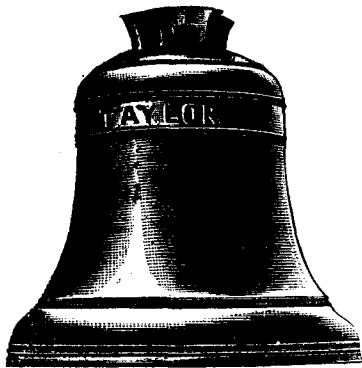
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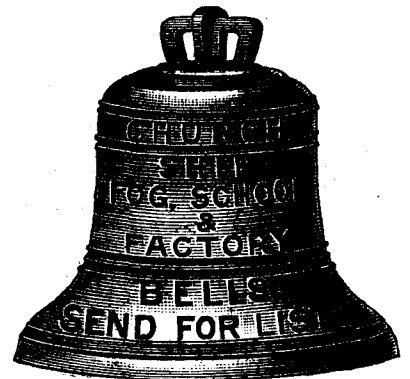
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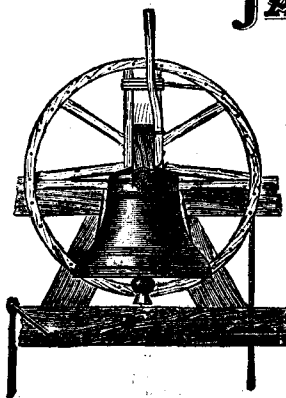
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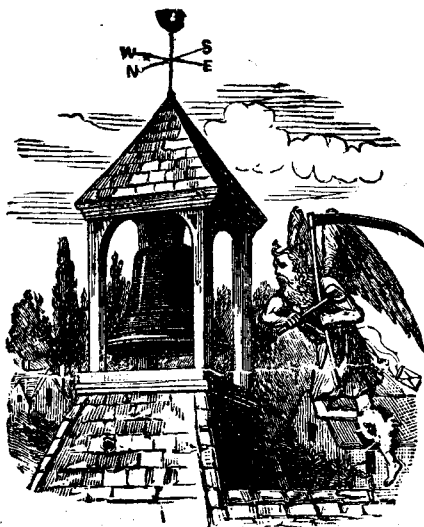
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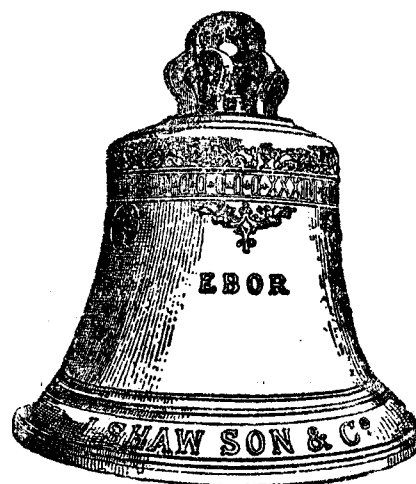
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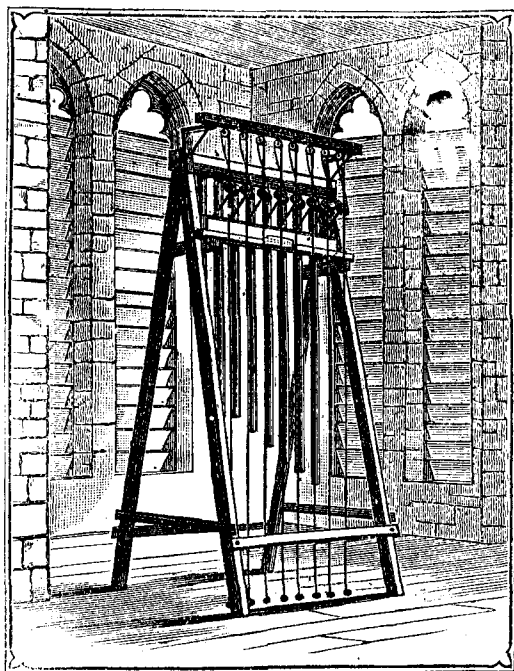
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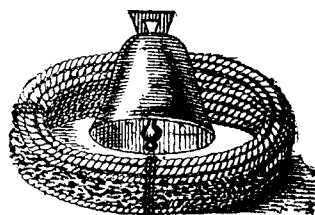
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## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

A committee and quarterly meeting of this Association was held on Saturday, February 3rd, at Cradley. The Rev. R. H. Edmondson, Vicar, presided, and was supported by the Rev. S. Phillips, Vicar of St. Mary's, Kidderminster. A good number of members were present from Birmingham, Cradley, Dudley, Hagley, King's Norton, Kidderminster, Netherton, Old Hill, Stourbridge, Woolaston, Worcester, etc. The rev. chairman, in opening the meeting, expressed the pleasure it gave him to meet them there and to preside over their meeting. The keeping of our belfries decent and in order was one of the objects the association had in view, and he felt a pleasure in stating that their belfry was so kept, and that the ringers took a pride in keeping it so. Another object aimed at was the elevation of bell-ringing, and he was pleased to know that the ringers themselves were endeavouring to bring this about by a more regular attention to their duties, doing the work in a more scientific manner, and he hoped in a loving spirit to God, in whose service they were engaged.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The draft annual report and the auditors' report were read and confirmed, and it was unanimously carried that the annual meeting be held at Worcester, on Easter Monday. The rev. chairman was elected an honorary member, and fourteen performing members were elected from Cradley, Cookley, Dudley, Netherton, Pershore, and Stourbridge. A vote of thanks to the Rev. S. Phillips for his presence, and to the Rev. R. H. Edmondson for presiding, and for the use of the schoolroom, tower, and bells, brought the meeting to a close.

An adjournment was made into another part of the school where tea had been provided, which reflects great credit upon the rev. gentleman and his band of ringers. Full justice being done to the good things provided, a hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar and his ringers for their kindness and hospitality in providing tea for the members of the association. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Major, were rung on the tower bells during the afternoon, and touches and courses on the handbells.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—MACCLESFIELD BRANCH.

The sixth annual meeting of the above was held at Macclesfield on Saturday, January 27th, and although the weather was not very inviting, twenty-eight members from the five towers (which comprises the number of towers in the branch) put in appearances. The tower bells were set in motion at 4 o'clock by mixed bands, and several touches of Grandsire Triples were brought round, including a 350 and 644, the ringing being more of a practice for some of the visiting members.

The usual good substantial tea was partaken of in the schoolroom at 5.45, which was heartily enjoyed by the members, presided over by the Revs. S. A. Boyd, vicar of Macclesfield, and J. T. Penrose, of Gawsworth. Tea being over, all adjourned to the vestry for the business meeting, the Vicar in the chair, and who was subsequently elected chairman of the branch. He gave all a hearty welcome, and in a short but interesting and instructive address, gave the members some good advice, respecting unity and brotherly love one to another, their position as Church officials, to work for the good of their guild, and not to forget its objects, but to raise their standard, and to go forward and still persevere with their noble art.

The Secretary, who was re-elected, read a statement of accounts, and also a report of the doings of the branch for the last twelve months. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, and Bollington was chosen for the next place of meeting on May 12th.

Other minor details were settled, and the meeting terminated with a hearty vote of thanks to the chairman for the use of the bells, school, and vestry, and the kind welcome he had given to all.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

QUARTERLY MEETING OF THE FYLDE BRANCH.—On Saturday, February 3rd, the quarterly meeting of the Fylde branch of this Association was held at Blackpool. Members were present Manchester, St. Anne's and Lytham, together with the local company. A visit was made to the belfry of St. John's church, and Grandsire Triples, Grandsire Doubles and Plain Bob Minor were satisfactorily gone through. The Rev. H. J. Elsee, of Manchester, President of the Association, and Mr. Gratrix of Manchester were also present. A meeting was afterwards held in the St. John's schoolroom, the Rev. J. Edwards, of Blackpool, presiding. The secretary (Mr. J. Fell) read his report, which stated that the branch had steadily increased since its foundation in 1891, now having a membership of forty-one, consisting of thirty-four performing, three life, and four honorary members. Reference was also made to the serious illness of one of the honorary members (the Rev. N. S. Jeffery), vicar of St. John's Church. It was to be hoped that the branch would continue to flourish, and not be content until the first 5040 was secured. There had been several 720's recorded. The report was adopted. The Rev. H. J. Elsee said that the working of a branch depended very much upon the secretary, and he was sure that the secretary of the Fylde branch took very much interest in the work. He thought Mr. Fell was deserving of the best thanks of that meeting for the trouble he had taken in the branch. The object of ringing was to bring the clergy and ringers more closely together. Ringers were not merely pullers of bells, but really church-workers. He thought that the branch meetings of the Association helped to bring members together, and make them more competent in the art of ringing. It was also a means of extending the number of methods rung, and it was most important to be good ringers in whatever method they adopted, but it was essential that one system should be thoroughly mastered before commencing another. In conclusion he said that they had got a capital ring of bells, and a good tower, and the only things that were wanting were a few record tablets. He wished every success to the Blackpool company, and hoped next time he visited Blackpool to see the tablets. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Poulton on the 21st of April. A vote of sympathy was passed to the Rev. N. S. Jeffery, and the meeting then concluded.

## WORFIELD, SALOP.

The Vicar and ringers of this parish have recently joined the Hereford Diocesan Guild. The church has a fine peal of six bells, tenor about 17 cwt., and a peal of handbells has been purchased by the Vicar for the use of the men, who have received a preliminary lesson from the district instructor, Mr. John Overton.

On a recent Thursday a band of Bridgnorth ringers visited the tower and rang some 6-scores of Doubles, conducted by J. Overton. Also 720 Grandsire Minor. T. Overton, 1; W. Maund, 2; J. W. Howard, 3; H. Jones, 4; J. Overton, 5; W. H. Fussell (conductor), 6.

Appended is a copy of the wording on a stone tablet in the belfry recording some ringing done in this tower nearly a hundred years ago, the peal then rang and the present one, probably being the only ones rang at Worfield.

"On Sunday, August 13th, 1796, was rung in this tower by six of the Pattingham Youths, a compleat peal of Plain Bob, being the first ever rung hear, in 30 minutes, by the following persons, viz.—Thos. Shelley, first; John Salter, 2nd; W. Law, 3rd; George Shelley, 4th; James Shelley, 5th; Thos. Wilmot, 6. Calld and Sculpt."

## LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—ROCHDALE BRANCH.

On Saturday, January 18th, a meeting of the above was held at Middleton, members being present from Rochdale, Manchester, Oldham, Shaw, Heywood, and the local company. The meeting was held in the schoolroom, presided over by the Rev. — Oliver, who was elected a life member, and one performing member was elected. During the afternoon and evening touches of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Bob Minor, Bob Major, and a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor was rung.

## THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 5th, a quarterly meeting was held at Whitley. The committee assembled at 12 noon at The Victoria hotel, and after the business in connection with the minutes of the last meeting and other important matters had been transacted, the members present, to the number of sixteen, sat down to dinner. The President, R. S. Story, Esq., took the chair, supported by the Rev. E. Smith, vicar of Whitley, and the Rev. C. Buston (Embleton), Hon. Secretary; Mr. F. Lees occupying the vice-chair.

After dinner the chairman gave the toast of "The Queen," and afterwards that of "The Bishops and Clergy of the two dioceses of Durham and Newcastle," coupling the latter with the name of Mr. Smith, who is also an Honorary member of the Association. Ten new members were then elected from the following places: Whitley, St. John's, Newcastle, Whickham, and Lanchester; after which Messrs. R. S. Story, F. Lees, C. L. Routledge, W. Holmes, and F. J. Harrison rang a course of Treble Bob Royal on the handbells.

The members then made their way to Whitley belfry, where several 720s were rung on the peal of six, at the conclusion of which the Association was hospitably entertained by the President to a knife and fork tea at the hotel. In the evening North Shields was visited, and a most successful meeting as far as performances and enjoyment were concerned, was brought to a conclusion by several touches on this beautiful peal of ten bells.

Though fewer members turned up than had been expected at this meeting, those who did avail themselves of the opportunity thus afforded were much pleased with their day, and felt themselves amply repaid by their visit to Whitley and North Shields. The visitors wish to express their thanks to Canon Brutton (North Shields), and the Rev. E. Smith (Whitley), for the use of their belfries, and to acknowledge their indebtedness to the authorities in charge of both belfries who arranged things so satisfactorily on this occasion.

## THE WATERLOO SOCIETY, LONDON.

The election of officers for the ensuing year took place on Wednesday, January 31st, when the following were elected: Mr. J. E. Davis, *Master*; Mr. C. E. Malim, *Treasurer*; Mr. A. Davis, *Steward*; Mr. F. G. Perrin, *Secretary* (re-elected).

The 26th anniversary dinner of this Society took place at the York Hotel, Waterloo road, on Saturday, February 3rd, when a good number sat down to a first-class spread, to which full justice was done, the course-ends coming up in fine style. The chair was taken by G. W. Wild; vice-chair by J. E. Davis. After the usual toasts were given, the evening was devoted to songs, change-ringing, and tunes on the handbells, which brought another most enjoyable evening to a close.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

HALESWORTH DISTRICT.—The third quarterly district meeting was held at Bramfield, on Saturday, January 20th, when sixteen members assembled from Peasenhall, Wenhaston, Wrentham, and the local company. The bells of the parish church were placed at the disposal of the members, and were kept going in various methods. At the meeting in the evening, three performing members and two probationers were elected. It was unanimously resolved to hold the next meeting at Wenhaston on Easter Monday. After other items of business had been disposed of, a vote of thanks was passed to the Rector for the use of the bells; also to the local company for having things in readiness.

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## THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

The January ringing meeting of this Society was held on Saturday, January 27th, at Woodlesford, a suburb pleasantly situated on the borders of Leeds. The bells are a capital little ring of six, and the go everything a ringer can wish for. Ringing commenced with a 720 of Oxford, and was kept fairly going up till 9.30 in various methods. The business meeting announced was held at The White Hart hotel, instead of the rendezvous advertised. There was only a moderate attendance; the football craze which is just now raging in this district can fairly be held accountable for this; nevertheless the following places were represented: Armley, Leeds, Calverley, Rothwell, Holbeck and Woodlesford. Other ringing friends were also present. The Vice-president, Mr. J. Thackray, presided. The minutes of previous ringing and committee meetings were read and passed. A fair amount of business was gone through, including two very important resolutions, one that the Society be represented on the Central Council, if not too late, by Mr. Tom Lockwood of Leeds. Another was that a dinner should take place at the yearly meeting; and members not in arrear be assisted in payment of the same from the funds of the Society. The usual votes of thanks to the vicar, churchwardens, and local company for the use of the bells and other kind arrangements concluded the business. Then followed a most interesting hour-and-half of handbell ringing and singing. The Woodlesford company rendered several popular airs in a masterly style. Mr. T. Lockwood then played two tunes single-handed, the manipulation of so many bells being much admired by all present. The remainder of the evening was spent in change ringing and songs by the brothers F. and W. Woodhead, G. Barraclough and others. Train time now having arrived for the bulk of visitors, they departed, the bells still going in some good striking by the Rothwell and local company, which was much admired by their parting friends.

## UNVEILING OF A PEAL-BOARD.

On Saturday, February 3rd, at Christchurch Priory, a peal-tablet was unveiled by Mrs. Bush, and which was presented by Mr. G. H. Plummer, of St. Peter's, Bournemouth, and on which is recorded a peal of Grandsire Triples rung by members of St. Peter's and Christchurch, it being Mr. Plummer's first peal. Mrs. Bush was accompanied by the vicar (Rev. F. H. Bush), and one of the curates, Miss Druitt, and Mrs. Plummer. The vicar gave a very interesting account of the rehanging of the bells, etc., and promised several improvements, and possibly the addition of two more bells to the existing peal of eight, perhaps the finest for tone and quality in the kingdom, some of them having been there five and six, or possibly more centuries. The ceremony over, a few short touches of Grandsire Triples were rung, after which the two bands passed a pleasant evening together.

On Tuesday, January 6th, the members of the St. Peter's band had the honour of partaking supper with His Worship the Mayor of Bournemouth (Alderman G. M. Hiron), at Stone's restaurant, the Corporation officials also being invited.

## SELLATTYN CHURCH, NEAR OSWESTRY.

On Saturday, February 3rd, Messrs. Whitfield, Edwards, Evans, Martin, and Davies, visited this church to try three bells recently rehung by Messrs. Carr, which, after a little adjustment of stays and sliders, were found to go very nicely, and several odd and even sixes were "successfully brought round." Some 6-scores and courses of Grandsire Triples were also tapped off on the handbells, and much appreciated by the rector, who afterwards very kindly refreshed the performers at the rectory. The rev. gentleman intends to learn to pull a bell.

LEE (Kent).—On Wednesday, January 31st, for practice at St. Margaret's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins. H. Skelt (first quarter-peal), 1; W. Taylor, 2; A. C. Bedwell, 3; A. Pheasant, 4; J. Crowder, 5; W. Bedwell (conductor), 6; H. Warnett, 7; W. Preece, 8.

## Ringers' Outing.

On Shrove Tuesday a mixed company of ringers chosen by Mr. Chas. Crawford (churchwarden), East Markham, comprising four from East Retford and two from Ordsall, visited Tuxford for the purpose of trying their skill in scoring the first 720 on the bells of the parish church. On their arrival the ringers were met by the Incumbent, Rev. A. P. Woodhouse, and the local ringers who greeted them with a friendly reception. The bells were soon in motion to the method of Plain Bob, and in 28 mins. the first 720 in that method, and the first ever rung on the bells, was neatly accomplished by the following: G. Swannack, 1; H. Haigh, 2; H. Blagg, 3; C. Crawford (conductor), 4; J. B. Joynes, 5; J. White, 6. After which some good struck touches of Grandsire and Plain Bob were rung with G. M. Farr on the 3rd, and G. Swannack on the 2nd, conducted by H. Haigh. The tower originally contained five bells, tenor 12 cwt., but were in such a wretched state that they were recently rehung, this work being completed by Messrs. John Taylor and Sons; Mr. Hewitt of Grimsby, then gave an additional bell, thus making a very nice peal of six, and it is sincerely hoped that the local ringers will by dint of assiduous perseverance master the art of change-ringing. If they will only join the North Notts. Association there is every reason to believe, that with a few lessons from an Instructor, a good band may be got together capable of ringing properly, instead of Stony Bob, Limbo, Pop goes the Weasel, etc., as at present. At nine o'clock the bells were lowered, and the ringers adjourned to the Sun inn, where the genial host, Mr. John Marshall, and the local ringers invited them to enjoy their hospitality. Mr. Crawford proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, which was seconded by Mr. Haigh, coupled with a desire that the Vicar will allow the same ringers the privilege on some future occasion to ring another 720 in a new method. Votes of thanks were also accorded to the local ringers and the worthy host. Mr. Marshall suitably responded. He said it had given him the greatest pleasure to entertain them, and also to listen to the beautiful touch they had rung that evening: it was what had never been performed in Tuxford before, and he hoped it would not be the last time he would have that pleasure. Mr. G. Featherstone in his usual talented style kept the ringers lively with his humorous speeches and ready wit, and a pleasant evening was brought to a close by giving three hearty cheers for the Vicar, churchwardens, local ringers, and last, but not least, the genial and popular host, John Marshall.

H. H.

THE GORING SOCIETY, OXON.—On Wednesday evening, January 31st, the Goring ringers paid a visit to Checkendon parish church to have a pull on the handy ring of six. It had been long talked about, and finally they asked their Vicar to be so kind as to obtain permission, which was readily granted. A letter forwarded a day or two before to say the day and what time they should be there settled everything so far as arrangements were concerned. Meeting a little before six o'clock they set out on a five-mile walk, reaching the church just after seven. No time was lost, and the bells being pulled up one at a time, 360 Bob Minor, 360 Oxford Treble Bob and 360 Kent Treble Bob was rung, a 360 of Oxford Bob being lost near the end. A 6-score each of Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles was also rung. The local ringers said they had never heard the bells rung like it before. The bells were lowered in peal, which seemed to please the local ringers even more than the changes; to hear the peal of six lowered without a bell getting out of place. The bells go very well, but certainly want some different made ropes, some of them being very clumsy, and not made by any of our leading bell-rope makers. The following comprised the band: Messrs. J. Carter, C. Tidbury, W. Aldridge, G. Wilson, J. Alexander, J. Bower, A. Spokes, and W. Barefoot. The Minor was conducted by J. Bower; the Doubles by G. Wilson. The party reached home at eleven o'clock, having thoroughly enjoyed their outing.

BOLTON, BRADFORD (Yorks).—On Sunday, February 4th, for morning service, 728 Bob Triples in 28 mins. W. Joyce, 1; A. Benson (first 720), 2; B. T. Copley (conductor), 3; S. Palframan, 4; H. Good, 5; W. Titterton, 6; J. Joyce, 7; C. Barker, 8.

## Ringers' Festivities.

THE BISHOPS STORTFORD ST. MICHAEL'S SOCIETY.—On Wednesday, January 31st, this society had their annual supper. Meeting at the church, a quarter-peal of Darlaston Bob Triples was rung in 46 mins. by T. Newman, 1; S. Tucker, 2; G. Prior, 3; W. W. Tucker, 4; C. Charge (first in the method), 5; H. Prior, 6; H. J. Tucker (conductor), 7; J. Sampford, 8. The bells being lowered an adjournment was made to the residence of Mr. H. J. Tucker, where the party were pleased to find that a good meal awaited them. The chair was taken by Mr. H. J. Tucker (Master of the society), and on the right sat G. E. Pritchett, Esq., F.S.A., and on the left, Mr. A. Tucker (secretary to the society). All being ready, go was called at 7.40 p.m., rounds coming up at 8.20 p.m., after which the usual toasts were given, that of the Vicar and Churchwardens, coupled with the names of the honorary members, being responded to by G. E. Pritchett, Esq., who also proposed "The Health of the worthy Master, Mr. H. J. Tucker," who briefly acknowledged the same. During the evening the peal of twelve handbells belonging to the society were re-opened, after having been put in thorough good order by Messrs. J. Warner and Sons. The rest of the evening was spent in singing, dancing, hand-bell ringing (double-handed and lapping), and tune playing, and everyone having expressed themselves thoroughly delighted, the party broke up at 3.45 a.m.

PONTEFRAC (Yorkshire).—On Friday, January 26th, the ringers of the Parish and All Saints' churches regaled themselves with a hearty supper at The King's Arms hostelry, a few friends being present. Councillor Pease took the chair in the convivial that followed; Dr. Bloomfield acting as vice. Songs were sung by Messrs Spurr, Lee, Gelder, Wilcock, and Watkinson. H. Spurr—our veteran—gave us an old Yorkshire yarn in the dialect. Several touches were rung during the evening, the *piece de resistance* being a course of Grandsire Triples, followed by a course of Major tapped by W. Pearson, the bells being suspended on the usual sticks. Our thanks are due to the Chairman, Rev. E. S. Hore, Dr. Bloomfield, Mr. Mallaby, and the landlord for subscribing to the funds.

T. W.

## Obituary.

## JESSE HAWKINS.

It is with deep regret we have to record the death of the above-named ringer, which took place on Sunday, January 28th, 1894, at the age of 59. Deceased began his ringing career when quite a boy, ringing his first peal of 5040 changes after four or five years' practice, on December 31st, 1851, at Charlwood; and his last at St. Mary's, Ewell, on December 27th, 1892. He had taken part in a good number of peals in various methods, but no correct account was kept. He was noted as being a safe ringer and an excellent striker, and a bell had to go very bad indeed if he could not ring it. He had been a member of the Surrey Association since its formation, and was attached to the St. Martin's, Epsom, branch, where his presence will be greatly missed, as he was a most regular attendant. The funeral took place on Friday, February 2nd, at Epsom Cemetery, but owing to the uncertainty of date, and time of burial, the ringers were unable to attend. In the evening the bells of St. Martin's church were deeply muffled, when the usual whole pull and stand, and a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples, 1260 changes in 46 mins., composed by deceased, was rung as a last token of respect. A. Gower, 1; H. Pederick, 2; A. E. Bassett, 3; H. Kenten, 4; J. Easton, 5; W. Sanders, 6; T. Miles (conductor), 7; T. Everett, 8. The bells were also rang muffled for practice, on Monday evening, January 29th.

MONEDWEN (Suffolk).—On Sunday morning, February 4th, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor in 23 mins. B. Moss, 1; R. H. Hayward, 2; H. Moss, 3; H. W. Baldry, 4; J. Hunt, 5; W. G. Archer (conductor), 6. Also a touch of Double Court and a touch of Oxford Treble Bob.

MORRISTON (Glamorganshire).—On Sunday evening, February 4th, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor (thirty-four bobs and two singles), in 25 mins. H. C. Gibson, 1; W. Jones, 2; R. C. Gibson, 3; D. J. Clark, 4; L. J. Naysmith, 5; W. Green (conductor), 6. Tenor 10 cwt.

## THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 27th, nine members of the above left Cardiff by the 3.35 p.m. train on a visit to Aberdare, for the purpose of trying the bells of the parish church, and also to assist the local band in the Art. On arriving at Aberdare at 4.50 p.m., the ringers were met at the station by the local band, who conducted them at once to the tower, where they found a nice peal of eight, by Mears and Stainbank, tenor about 19 cwt., in good going order, the only drawback to good ringing being a bad sight of the ropes, through a gas bracket being placed in the centre of the ringing-room on the level of the ringers' faces with three branches, which made it difficult to see the ropes when the gas was lighted (the person that had it placed in that position, never took change-ringing into consideration for certain). After raising the bells in peal, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was attempted, but was lost after ringing 40 mins. The next touch was a 630 in the same method, which was brought round, conducted by C. Lloyd. Also two short touches, one conducted by W. Coombes, and one by C. Smith, the latter conducting the attempt for the quarter-peal. A service being held at 7.30 p.m., the bells were then lowered in peal, and the visitors adjourned to the Queen's Hotel, where the local ringers had provided refreshments. After doing justice to the good things provided, the handbells were brought out, and a course of Grandsire Triples was rung. W. Coombes, 1-2; W. B. Biss, 3-4; C. Smith, 5-6; J. Clutterbuck, 7-8. And a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles. W. B. Biss, 1-2; C. Lloyd, 3-4; H. G. White (conductor), 5-6. Two of the local band then took a bell each, treble and tenor, and with the assistance of Messrs. Harris, Lloyd, Smith, and Biss, got through their first 6-score; then two more were got through in the same manner, which pleased them very much, it being their first attempt at change-ringing. Train time arriving all too soon, a vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. White to the local band for their kindness and hospitality, which was carried unanimously. Mr. R. Roberts, the local secretary, in responding, said how proud they were to think they were not forgotten, by the visit paid them that day, as promised some time ago, and he earnestly hoped that their friends would visit them again shortly; they had fully made up their minds to go in for change-ringing for the future. A few tunes were rung on the handbells by Messrs. White, Lloyd, Coombes, and Clutterbuck, to the delight of those present. A move was then made for the station, and after a hearty shake hands all round, the visitors left by the 9.50 train for Cardiff, the journey down being enlivened by courses of Kent Treble. Bob Minor, reaching Cardiff at 11.10 p.m., all having thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

## THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

The quarterly meeting of this Guild was held at Crossens, on Saturday, January 27th, and a good attendance of members were present from Aughton, Croston, Ormskirk, Southport, Upholland, besides the local company and several honorary members. Touches were rung on the bells until 4.30 p.m., when the company sat down to an excellent tea provided by Mrs. Bulpit, and to which ample justice was done. The meeting was afterwards held, at which the Rev. W. T. Bulpit presided, supported by the Rev. G. F. Gough, and Messrs. J. Martin, A. Smith, James, etc. The chairman gave the Guild a hearty welcome, and was glad to see so good a muster. Although the weather was so boisterous, the number present showed at once the interest that was taken in the Guild. The Rev. F. J. Gough, in a few well-chosen remarks, said he was very glad to hear the interest now being taken amongst the bell-ringers by the various clergymen in the different parts of the Diocese. This was the first occasion he had been at a meeting of change-ringers, and he hoped it would not be the last. Mr. J. Martin then read over the accounts, which showed a substantial increase. Three churchwardens from Ormskirk were elected members of the Guild. The usual vote of thanks brought a very pleasant meeting to a close.

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

## A MAYOR'S DINNER TO RINGERS.

The Mayor of Tewkesbury (Mr. Thomas Collins), entertained the Abbey bell-ringers to a dinner at The Bell hotel, on Tuesday evening, January 30th. His Worship was supported by the Rev. H. A. Sheringham (vicar), Messrs. Frederick Moore, Clement Moore, A. W. Allard, S. Bath, R. W. Fouracre, W. Pearce, W. Browett, and W. J. Gardner, Sergeant-Instructor Moss, &c. Mr. A. Rix was in the vice-chair.

After the sumptuous spread had been negotiated and the usual loyal toasts honoured, Mr. Clement Moore proposed the toast of "The Host—His Worship the Mayor of Tewkesbury." In doing this, Mr. Moore, as a Tewkesbury man, felt a difficulty in avoiding saying more than was desirable of one individual before a company. He almost wished he could induce his Worship to commit some small crime and retain him as his counsel for his defence, then he (the speaker) would be able, without restraint, to say all the good he could of him. Mr. Moore then gave a humorous description of his experience as an amateur, though not expert, bell-ringer, which embraced the recollection of a trying time with the tenor-bell in Tewkesbury Abbey tower. He understood that was the second occasion on which Mr. Collins had entertained the bell-ringers, and hoped that this one of the many good examples set by his Worship would be followed by his successors. He concluded by asking the company to drink to the health of that genial old gentleman, his Worship the Mayor of Tewkesbury.

The toast was enthusiastically received, and drunk with musical honours.

Mr. Collins, in the course of an eloquent and feeling reply, dwelt upon some interesting reminiscences of the Abbey and its bells, and related an amusing incident of Lord Calthorpe, whose testimonial to a bell founder was that he was a man who could produce the most sound at the least cost.

The other toasts on the list were "The Bishop and Clergy, and all other Christian ministers," proposed by Mr. Rix, responded to by the vicar.

"The Army, Navy, and Reserve Forces," proposed by Mr. A. W. Allard, responded to by Sergeant-Instructor Moss, "The Churchwardens and Officials of the Abbey," proposed by Mr. Pearce, responded to by Mr. Bath, and "The Abbey Bell-ringers," proposed by Mr. R. W. Fouracre, responded to by Mr. J. Wathen.

During the evening, performances on the handbells were given by the Abbey ringers, and songs were sung by several of the company.

## THE EAST LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 3rd, the quarterly meeting of the East Lincolnshire Society took place at Kirton. Ringers attended from Boston, Heckington, Sibsey, Frieston, Butterwick, Algarkirk, Frampton, Wigtoft and Kirton. The Frieston company calling at Frampton in the morning rung several 6-scores of Grandsire, Lincolnshire Singles, and Bob Doubles. At Kirton 350 Grandsire Triples was rung. T. Richardson, 1; J. Holmes, 2; J. Hilton, 3; A. Barber, 4; J. M. Rylatt (conductor), 5; E. Holden, 6; T. Boyers, 7; J. Flatters, 8. Also 504. W. F. Harwood, 1; E. Clayton, 8; rest as before. 720 Bob Minor, (eighteen bobs two singles) E. Clayton, 1; A. Barber, 2; W. F. Harwood, 3; J. Flatters, 4; E. Holden, 5; J. M. Rylatt, 6. Also 720 Bob Minor. A. Sellers, 1; T. Howard, 2; W. F. Harwood, 3; A. Barber, 4; T. Richardson, 5; E. Mason, 6. Several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, by T. Staffurth, J. Hilton, S. Medcalf, Clayton, Phillips and others.

At 2.30 dinner was provided at The King's Head inn, by host Sellars, which gave great satisfaction, presided over by the Rev. F. Besant, vicar of Sibsey, and was supported by Mr. Taylor, churchwarden, Mr. T. Hand (Algarkirk) and twenty-five ringers and friends. After dinner the usual business of the Society was gone through. The chairman thanked the vicar for the use of the bells, expressing regret that the President (the Rev. H. J. Cheales), was unable to be with them. The minutes of the last meeting were read by the secretary and confirmed. One honorary, three skilled and six probationers were elected. Mr. T. Hand proposed a vote of thanks to the Rev. F. Besant for presiding, and conducting the business, as he always does, in such a fair manner, always showing both sides of every question before the meeting.

## Notices.

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**The Heavy Woollen District Association, Yorkshire.**—The next meeting of the above will be held at Horbury, to-day, Saturday, February 17th, at 5 p.m. Meeting house, King's Arms hotel. **GEO. H. SIMON, Hon. Sec.**  
19, Albert Street, Batley Carr.

**St. Martin's Guild of Birmingham.**—During Lent there will be no ringing at Aston parish church. **W. H. GODDEN, Hon. Sec.**  
61, Roland Road, Handsworth.

**Old East Derbyshire Association.**—A Committee Meeting will be held at The Crown inn, Killamarsh, to-day, Saturday, February 17, at 4 p.m. Bells open for ringing during the afternoon. **E. JAMES, Hon. Sec.**  
18, The Dale, Woodseats.

**The Surrey Association.**—Members who have conducted peals of this Association (commencing on January 1st, 1893, up to and including October 28th) are requested to forward particulars of the same to the undersigned without delay, so that they may be inserted in the Annual Report.  
**R. B. BLANCHARD, Hon. Sec.**  
13, Sunnyside Road, Streatham, S.W.

**The Sussex County Association.**—Central Division.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, February 24th, at Steyning. Tower open 2.30. Tea at Norfolk Arms, 5.30.

**GEORGE WILLIAMS, Hon. Div. Sec.**  
49, Clifton Street, Brighton.

**Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.**—The next monthly ringing meeting of this Society will be held at St. Peter's, Leeds, on Saturday, January 24th. The peal of twelve open at 3 p.m. Business meeting at the Old Royal Oak, Kirkgate, 6 p.m. Nomination of officers for ensuing year. Contributions now due. All members are earnestly requested to attend.  
**R. BINNS, Hon. Sec.**  
43, Low Moor Side, Holbeck.

**Kent County Association.**—Maidstone District.—The Annual Meeting will be held at Leeds, on March 3rd. Tower open at 3. Committee meeting at 5. At 5.30 a tea will be provided for those who have applied to the district Secretary for tea tickets not later than March 1st. Travelling expenses allowed up to 2s.  
**A. L. BRINE, Hon. District Sec.**

**The Henry Johnson Anniversary.**—The St. Martin's Guild of Birmingham have arranged for the usual commemoration dinner to be held at the Tamworth Arms, Moor Street, on Saturday, March 3rd. Dinner will be served at 6.30 p.m., and tickets, 2s. 6d. each, may be obtained from the undersigned by application on or before Wednesday, February 28th. A ringer of eminence is expected to take the chair, and there will be ringing during the afternoon at St. Martin's church.  
**W. H. GODDEN, Hon. Sec.**  
61, Roland Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

**THE PEAL AT GOOLE, YORKSHIRE.**—This peal was rung in commemoration of the fourth anniversary of the dedication of the bells. First peal of Grandsire Triples on the bells, and the first peal by the ringers of the treble, 3rd, 4th, 6th, 7th and tenor, who belong to the local company. Messrs. C. Jackson and H. Jenkins hail from Hull, and were present at the dedi-

cation of the bells. The peal is now rung for the first time by the Yorkshire Association, and was taken from "THE BELL NEWS" of November 4th, 1893. The ringers wish, through the medium of this paper, to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells, and Messrs C. Jackson and H. Jenkins for coming to assist the local company in their first peal.

At the first meeting of the board of management of the United Patriots Benefit Society, elected in accordance with the decision of the Swansea Conference held last year, Mr. B. Keeble, of Romford, was elected chairman. The Society has 20,000 members grouped in twenty districts, each district electing a member of the board. Mr. Keeble represents the Stratford district, consisting of fifteen branches and having 1280 members.

## 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 E. BENNETT, Beddington, Surrey.

5291.

\*4 3 5 2 6 9 7 8

6 4 3 2 5 9th in 3 s

5 6 4 2 3 9th in 3 s

4 5 6 2 3 9th in 3

5 2 6 4 3 8th in 3

2 4 6 5 3 8th in 3

6 2 4 5 3 9th in 3

3 6 2 5 4 9th in 3 s

4 3 6 5 2 9th in 3 s

6 4 3 5 2 9th in 3

3 6 4 5 2 9th in 3

2 3 6 5 4 9th in 3 s

4 2 3 5 6 9th in 3 s

3 4 2 5 6 9th in 3

6 3 4 5 2 9th in 3 s

2 6 3 5 4 9th in 3 s

4 2 6 5 3 9th in 3 s

6 4 2 5 3 9th in 3

2 6 4 5 3 9th in 3

3 2 6 5 4 9th in 3 s

4 3 2 5 6 9th in 3 s

2 4 3 5 6 9th in 3

3 2 4 5 6 9th in 3

6 3 2 5 4 9th in 3 s

4 6 3 5 2 9th in 3 s

3 4 6 5 2 9th in 3

2 3 4 5 6 9th in 3 s

6 2 3 5 4 9th in 3 s

4 6 2 5 3 9th in 3 s

The last twenty-five courses repeated, produce

†4 2 5 6 3

2 6 5 4 3 8th in 3

6 4 5 2 3 8th in 3

†4 2 5 6 3 9th in 3 s

3 4 2 6 5 8th in 3 s

Round the lead before the course-end.

\*7th in three, single first call, 9th in three, single second call.

†Single first call of this 9th in three—8-7-9 course end.

†9th in and out at two reduces it to 5039.

Omitting the three courses bracketed, and calling 8th in 3 instead of 9th in 3 reduces it to 5021.

This peal has the 5th and 6th each twenty-four courses behind the 9th, and is arranged in five-lead courses with triple calls throughout.

Rung at Beddington as a 5039, on December 9th, 1893, Conducted by E. Bennett, time not permitting its completion.

### A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR.

By F. E. W. MEADOWS, Otley, Suffolk.

5680.

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

2 5 6 3 4 - -

6 2 5 3 4 - -

5 3 6 2 4 - -

6 5 3 2 4 - -

Four times repeated. The peal can be reduced to 5008 by calling the first part thus:—

2 3 4 5 6 W B H

5 2 3 6 5 - - -

3 6 5 2 4 - -

5 3 6 2 4 - -

6 5 3 2 4 - -

### A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR.

By J. ARMIGER TROLLOP, Norwich Scholars.

5056.

2 3 4 5 6 W B H

5 2 3 6 4 - - -

3 5 2 6 4 - -

2 3 5 6 4 - -

6 2 5 3 4 - -

3 6 2 4 5 - - -

2 3 6 4 5 - -

6 4 2 3 5 - -

2 6 4 3 5 - -

4 3 2 6 5 - -

2 4 3 6 5 - -

3 2 4 6 5 - -

Three times repeated. Single half-way and end. First rung on handbells at Norwich, on January 26th, 1894, conducted by A. W. Brighton

### ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

**W. BEDWELL.**—Your letter received. We prefer that the complaint you make be accurately defined.

**F. G. MEADOWS.**—The delay you complain of is sometimes unavoidable.

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

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1894.

THE vigorous language employed by the correspondent who objects to the resolutions of the Central Council with regard to what may be termed "artificialism" will not, we apprehend, commend itself to the majority of our readers. Brusqueness of manners, whether in language or demeanour, is apt to attach to itself the stigma of pedantry; and therefore while giving our correspondent all credit for the non-ambiguous manner in which he has dealt with the subject, we cannot help wishing that he had been a trifle more courteous in his references. But while we say this, we must award him some praise for the attempt to retain a very old and generally-recognised departure, one in fact sanctioned by the fathers of the science from remote ages, and which will never be totally abandoned by bob-callers of any degree. But it should be remembered that a representative Council of ringers, in considering the practice of deviating from a method—a practice now getting unpleasantly notorious—could not countenance the deviation in question and condemn every other. If the wretched date touch and other mutilations are to be condemned wholesale, we cannot reasonably hope that the one in question will be allowed to go scot-free. If the Council condemned the one, therefore, they certainly could not refrain from dealing with the other.

## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.—SPECIAL NOTICE.

Nominations for the offices of President and Secretary, in writing, and signed by two Members of Council, will be required; and must be forwarded to the Hon. Secretary before the 27th instant.

All notices of motion, and subjects for discussion, must also reach the Hon. Secretary by that date.

It is earnestly requested that Societies whose subscriptions have not been paid, will send them without further delay.

H. EARLE BULWER, *Hon. Secretary.*

*Stanhoe Rectory, King's Lynn, February, 1894.*

PORTRAIT NUMBER.—Next week the portrait of Mr. JOHN THORP will appear.

## The Metropolis.

## THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

*On Saturday, February 10, 1894, in Four Hours and Seven Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5040 CHANGES;  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 34 cwt.

HENRY DAINS .. .. Treble.	*ALBERT PITTMAN .. .. 7.
HENRY HOPKINS .. .. 2.	†ALFRED PITSTOW .. .. 8.
HARRY RANDALL .. .. 3.	WILLIAM DORAN .. .. 9.
CHARLES WILKINS† .. .. 4.	FREDERICK PITSTOW .. .. 10.
GEORGE SMITH† .. .. 5.	ARTHUR JACOB .. .. 11.
WILLIAM BEDWELL† .. .. 6.	GEORGE NEWSON .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by HENRY DAINS.

The composition, in seven courses, has the 6th the extent home. \*First peal of Maximus. †First peal on twelve bells. The ringers wish to thank the vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells, the "go" of which is excellent just now.

## THE WATERLOO SOCIETY, LONDON.

*On Saturday, February 10, 1894, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET, WESTMINSTER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES.  
Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

FREDERICK J. PITTS .. Treble.	HAROLD N. DAVIS .. .. 6.
ARTHUR R. DAVIS* .. .. 2.	*PERCY HOWARD .. .. 7.
WILLIAM TRUSS .. .. 3.	JAMES GEORGE .. .. 8.
WILLIAM TAYLOR* .. .. 4.	WALTER C. HASTED .. .. 9.
HARRY WARNETT .. .. 5.	ARTHUR DEAN .. .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN ROGERS and Conducted by FREDK. J. PITTS.

\*First peal on ten bells. This composition has the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th each eleven courses in 6ths place, with the bells in the titums throughout. All the above are members of the Royal Cumberland Society, with the exception of J. George, who hails from Rugby. This is the first peal of Caters rung by this society for many years.

## The Provinces.

## LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, February 10, 1894, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

GEORGE WILSON* .. Treble.	†GEORGE HARDY .. .. 5.
FREDERICK WATLING† .. 2.	†GEORGE THOMPSON .. .. 6.
STANFORD WOLFE† .. .. 3.	†WILLIAM DREW .. .. 7.
ALBERT J. LINCOLN .. .. 4.	HENRY J. BUTTON .. .. Tenor.

Composed by W. HARRISON and Conducted by G. WILSON.

†First peal in the method. †First peal. \*First peal as conductor, first in the method, and first attempt at a peal as conductor in the method. The above is a three-part peal, the calling of which will be found in Snowdon's *Treatise on Treble Bob*, Part II., page 23. Messrs. Hardy, Thompson, and Drew hail from Kelsale; Watling from Saxmundham; the others belong to the local company.

## HALESOWEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

*On Wednesday, December 27, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
HUBBARD'S TEN-PART.

W. COLEY* .. .. Treble.	E. WHITE .. .. 5.
W. MOTTRAM* .. .. 2.	G. COCKIN .. .. 6.
H. WILLIAMS* .. .. 3.	†E. HACKETT .. .. 7.
H. LEA .. .. 4.	M. HACKETT .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by E. HACKETT.

First peal in the method by all. †First peal as conductor. \*First peal in any method.

## FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Friday, February 9, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF CANTERBURY PLEASURE MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.  
Tenor 16 cwt.

DAVID G. WIGHTMAN .. Treble.	GEORGE WIGHTMAN .. .. 5.
JAMES DURRANT .. .. 2.	STEPHEN WIGHTMAN, JUN. 6.
HENRY W. BALDREY .. .. 3.	STEPHEN WIGHTMAN, SEN. 7.
EDGAR WIGHTMAN .. .. 4.	ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN .. Tenor.

Composed by C. H. MARTIN and Conducted by D. G. WIGHTMAN.

This is the first peal in the method in the county.

## HALEWOOD, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—LIVERPOOL BRANCH.

*On Saturday, February 10, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.  
Tenor 11½ cwt.

JOSEPH CRANE* .. .. Treble.	*JAMES HOUGHTON .. .. 5.
THOMAS GRIFFITHS* .. .. 2.	CHARLES WILLIAMS .. .. 6.
ALBERT GNACE* .. .. 3.	*JAMES DILLON .. .. 7.
GEORGE CALLAND* .. .. 4.	ROBERT WILLIAMS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by the late HENRY HUBBARD and Conducted by ROBERT WILLIAMS.

\*First peal of Major in any method. R. and C. Williams belong to Liverpool; J. Dillon to Bromborough, Cheshire. Rang as a compliment to the Rev. Henry Gibson Smith, M.A., Rector, who delights to hear his bells rung.

## STAVELEY, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.

*On Saturday, February 10, 1894, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 19 cwt.

SAMUEL PALMER .. Treble.	SAMUEL SMEDLEY .. .. 5.
WILLIAM PRICE .. .. 2.	HENRY MOTTERSHALL .. .. 6.
JAMES HUNT .. .. 3.	JOHN HARRIS .. .. 7.
ARTHUR WORTHINGTON .. 4.	HERBERT MADIN .. .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS and Conducted by HERBERT MADIN.

The above peal was rung in honour of the birthday of Messrs. Mottershall and Worthington, their brother-ringers wishing them many happy returns. W. Price hails from Eckington; J. Hunt from Chesterfield.

## HIGHAM FERRERS, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

## RAUNDS, WELLINGBOROUGH AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

*On Saturday, February 10, 1894, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 22 cwt. 3 qrs. 17 lbs.

JONATHAN SEAMARK .. Treble.	WILLIAM PETTET .. .. 5.
GEORGE RANDALL .. .. 2.	†WILLIAM PARKER .. .. 6.
WILLIAM A. HALL .. .. 3.	ALFRED H. MARTIN .. .. 7.
JOHN B. MARTIN .. .. 4.	*GEORGE BROWN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by ALFRED H. MARTIN.

The above is the first peal in the method on the bells. All the above are Higham Ferrers ringers except W. Hall, who belongs to Rushden. \*First 5040. †First 5040 in the method.

**PAINSWICK, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.**  
**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**  
 (THE PAINSWICK YOUTHS.)

On Saturday, February 10, 1894, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
 HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

THOMAS WRIGHT .. .. Treble.	FRANK KNIGHT .. .. 5.
GEORGE POPE .. .. 2.	STEPHEN KNIGHT .. .. 6.
WILLIAM RYLAND .. .. 3.	WILLIAM HALE .. .. 7.
CHARLES WEST .. .. 4.	THOMAS IRELAND .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by FRANK KNIGHT.

This peal has been attempted on these noted bells a great number of times with a very singular failure each time, sometimes nearly at the end, and is now rung for the first time on them.

**GOOLE, YORKSHIRE.**  
**THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, February 10, 1894, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
 Tenor 16½ cwt. in F sharp.

JOHN T. WALSH* .. .. Treble.	HENRY JENKINS .. .. 5.
CHARLES JACKSON .. .. 2.	*THOMAS WHITFIELD .. .. 6.
HERBERT FEATHERSTONE* .. .. 3.	*FREDERICK TATE .. .. 7.
ALBERT HAINES* .. .. 4.	*JOHN SWINGLER .. .. Tenor.

Composed by E. B. JAMES, of Gloucester, and Conducted by CHARLES JACKSON.

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

**ALDENHAM, HERTS.**  
**THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

On Monday, February 12, 1894, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
 HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

CHARLES S. HEATH* .. Treble.	FREDERICK EDWARDS .. 5.
GEORGE N. PRICE† .. 2.	EDWARD P. DEBENHAM .. 6.
HARRY J. WRIGHT .. 3.	ERNEST E. HUNTLEY .. 7.
WILLIAM HEWITT .. 4.	ARTHUR HALLETT .. Tenor.

Conducted by EDWARD P. DEBENHAM.

\*First peal. †First in the method.

**ARMLEY, LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.**  
**THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.**

On Monday, February 12, 1894, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. JOHN THACKRAY,

ON HANDBELLS RETAINED IN HAND,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
 REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' FIVE-PART, No. 2.

TOM LOCKWOOD* .. 1-2.	HARRY WILLIAMS' .. 5-6.
JOSEPH THACKRAY .. 3-4.	*ROBERT BINNS .. 7-8.

Conducted by HARRY WILLIAMS.

Umpires—Messrs. G. Barraclough and John Thackray. \*First peal on handbells and first attempt. The ringers wish through the medium of this paper to thank Mr. A. Craven for the use of the bells, and Mrs. John Thackray for kind preparations.

**UFFORD, SUFFOLK.**  
**THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS AND THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

On Monday, February 12, 1894, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

WILLIAM WARD .. .. Treble.	CHARLES MEE .. .. 5.
WILLIAM MOTTS .. .. 2.	FREDERICK MEE .. .. 6.
CHARLES WARD .. .. 3.	JAMES MOTTS .. .. 7.
ARTHUR S. BARRELL .. 4.	ALFRED WARD .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM WARD.

This is the first peal on the bells since they were augmented to eight.

**WITNEY, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Tuesday, February 13, 1894, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
 HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 21½ cwt.

HARRY SMITH .. .. Treble.	MARK WOODCOCK .. .. 5.
DAVID FRANCIS .. .. 2.	WALTER LARGE .. .. 6.
ALBERT E. LLOYD .. .. 3.	FRANK SMITH .. .. 7.
JAMES W. WASHBROOK .. 4.	JOHN MONK .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES W. WASHBROOK.

Messrs. H. Smith, Francis and Large hail from Burford; the rest are local men.

**Date Touches.**

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

STAVELEY (Derbyshire).—On Tuesday evening, February 6th, at the parish church, the local company rang a date touch of Kent Treble Bob Major, 1894 changes, in 1 hr. 5 mins. S. Palmer, 1; W. Worthington, 2; S. Price, 3; A. Worthington, 4; S. Smedley, 5; H. Mottershall, 6; J. Harris, 7; H. Madin, 8. Composed and conducted by H. Madin. Tenor 19 cwt.

**THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

ROMFORD (Essex).—On Thursday, February 1st, on handbells, retained in hand, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1894 changes, in 58 mins. G. R. Pye, 1-2; W. Pye, 3-4; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 5-6; W. Watson, 7-8. Composed by J. Carter of Birmingham, and contains Queens, Tittums, and Whittingtons, and the twenty-four 6-7s.

**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

FRAMLINGHAM (Suffolk).—On Thursday, February 1st, at the church of St. Michael, a date touch of Bob Minor, 1894 changes, in 1 hr. 11 mins. W. Ostler, 1; H. Howlett, 2; Rev. J. H. Pilkington (composer and conductor), 3; W. Norman, 4; W. Flory, 5; J. Self, 6. Tenor 19 cwt.

OTLEY (Suffolk).—On Friday, February 2nd, a date touch of 1894 changes in the Plain Bob Method, viz.: two 720s, one 360, one 72, one lead of Bob Minor, and one lead of Plain Doubles, in 1 hr. 8 mins. G. Durrant, 1; Dr. G. F. W. Meadows, 2; W. W. Miller, 3; F. E. W. Meadows, 4; W. Whiting (conductor), 5; W. Shipp, 6. Tenor 11½ cwt. Longest touch by the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 6th men.

**THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE LEEDS AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.**

FARNLEY (Yorks).—Handbell Ringing.—On Wednesday evening, January 31st, at the residence of Mr. H. Williams, C. Jackson's date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1894 changes (with singles), in 50 mins, containing eighteen 6-7s, nine 7-4s, and six 4-6s. A. Craven, 1-2; J. Thackray, 3-4; H. Williams (conductor), 5-6; Jno. Thackray, 7-8.

CHALFORD (Gloucestershire).—On Monday, January 22nd, at the parish church, a date touch of Grandsire Doubles, 1894 changes, in 1 hr. 2 mins. G. Pincott (conductor), 1; A. A. Cook, 2; G. F. Cook, 3; Sapper Chambers (R.E.), 4; A. F. Cook, 5; J. Hawkes, 6.

PUDSEY (Yorkshire).—On Sunday, February 4th, for evening service at St. Lawrence's church, a date touch of 1894 Bob Major, in 1 hr. 7 mins. R. Farrer, 1; W. Bateman, 2; S. Langstaffe, 3; J. Langstaffe, 4; W. Child, 5; F. Birks (conductor), 6; J. Smith, 7; S. Stott, 8. Tenor 16 cwt.

**Miscellaneous.**

**THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

ABINGDON (Berks).—At the church of St. Helen's, on Sunday, February 4th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 40 mins. F. Juggins, 1; A. Blay, 2; G. Staniland, 3; H. Holifield, 4; A. R. Bosley (conductor), 5; T. Short, 6; A. Burgess, 7; E. Aldworth, 8.

FARNHAM ROYAL (Bucks).—On Sunday morning, January 28th, for Divine Service, 720 Oxford Bob in 24 mins. J. Basden, 1; J. J. Parker (conductor), 2; G. Stanbrook, 3; G. Basden, 4; R. Flaxman,

5; C. Clarke, 6. For afternoon service 360 Grandsire Minor. H. Dunkin, 1. On Wednesday, January 31st, 720 Oxford Bob. J. Bovington, 1; J. Elderfield, 2; J. J. Parker, 3; G. Basden, 4; G. A. Newman, 5; C. Clarke, 6.

HILLINGDON (Middlesex).—On Monday, January 22nd, four 120s of Bob Doubles, conducted by A. Finch. Also 504 Grandsire Triples. On Monday, January 29th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 48 mins. S. Smith, 1; W. Joiner, 2; H. Hicks, 3; A. Finch, 4; J. J. Parker (conductor), 5; H. Wilkinson, 6; J. Pratt, 7; A. Dampier, 8. Longest length by all except the conductor.

WINKFIELD (Berks).—On Wednesday, February 7th, for practice, the local band succeeded in ringing their first 720 of Doubles in 29 mins., consisting of six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, each called differently, and conducted respectively by G. Worsfold and W. Bailey. G. Smeeth, 1; G. Bailey, 2; W. Bailey, 3; J. Wilkins, 4; G. Worsfold, 5; D. L. Watts, 6.

#### DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

WHITLEY.—The following ringing was done at the February meeting, 720 Bob Minor. A. Bell, 1; T. T. Gofton, 2; T. Reavley, 3; H. Dall, 4; R. Alcock, 5; C. L. Routledge (conductor), 6. And 720 Bob Minor. A. Bell, 1; R. S. Story, 2; W. Holmes, 3; F. Lees (conductor), 4; T. Hudson, sen., 5; W. Thompson, 6. Also 720 Double Court. R. Alcock, 1; F. Lees, 2; T. Hudson, sen., 3; R. S. Story, 4; W. Holmes, 5; F. J. Harrison (conductor), 6. And 720 Oxford Treble Bob. F. Lees (conductor), 1; R. Alcock, 2; J. Nicholson, 3; T. Hudson, sen., 4; W. Holmes, 5; F. J. Harrison, 6. Also 720 Bob Minor. C. L. Routledge, 1; T. Teasdale, 2; Rev. C. Buston, 3; H. Dall (conductor), 4; —, 5; W. Thompson, 6. And 720 Violet. W. Fraser, 1; C. L. Routledge, 2; R. S. Story, 3; F. Lees, 4; W. Holmes, 5; F. J. Harrison (conductor), 6. Tenor 18 cwt.

NORTH SHIELDS.—The members attending the meeting at Whitley visited this tower in the evening, and the following ringing was done: A course of Kent Treble Bob Royal. T. Teasdale, 1; G. Holmes, 2; J. W. Nicholson, 3; J. Keen, 4; F. J. Harrison, 5; H. Dall, 6; R. S. Story, 7; C. L. Routledge, 8; F. Lees, 9; W. Holmes, 10. And 336 Grandsire Triples. J. Barber, 1; J. H. Nicholson, 2; H. Dall, 3; R. S. Story, 4; F. J. Harrison, 5; T. Hudson, sen., 6; C. L. Routledge, 7; W. Thompson, 8. And 400 Double Norwich. W. Fraser, 1; T. Hudson, sen., 2; C. L. Routledge, 3; H. Dall, 4; R. S. Story, 5; F. Lees, 6; W. Holmes, 7; F. J. Harrison, 8. Also 252 Bob Triples. J. Rossiter, 1; J. Barber, 2; J. W. Nicholson, 3; C. L. Routledge, 4; T. Hudson, sen., 5; J. W. Dix, 6; H. Dall, 7; F. J. Harrison, 8. And 252 Stedman Triples. W. Holmes, 1; G. Holmes, 2; T. Hudson, sen., 3; J. Keen, 4; R. S. Story, 5; C. L. Routledge, 6; F. J. Harrison, 7; J. W. Dix, 8. Tenor 19 cwt. The ringing throughout the day was most satisfactory, the following ringers having rung their first touch of Royal:—Teasdale, G. Holmes, Nicholson, and Keen. First touch of eight-bell ringing by Barber and Thompson. First touch of Stedman by G. Holmes and Keen.

#### THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

BRIDGNORTH.—On Saturday evening, January 20th, for practice on handbells in St. Leonard's belfry, the first part of Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples. T. Overton, 1; W. H. Fussell (conductor), 2; F. Howard, 3; W. Maund, 4; J. Howard, 5; H. Jones, 6; J. Overton, 7; J. Maiden, 8. On Tuesday, January 23rd, 360 Grandsire Triples. T. Overton, 1; E. J. Hall, 2; F. Howard, 3; W. Maund, 4; J. Howard, 5; H. Jones, 6; J. Overton, 7; J. Maiden, 8. And 240 Grandsire Minor. Rev. J. Davies, 2. Recently, at St. Mary's church permission to ring being kindly given by the Rector, several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles and 360 of Minor were rung. T. Overton, 1; J. Overton, 2; J. Howard, 3; W. Maund, 4; H. Jones, 5; W. H. Fussell, 6. Tenor 12 cwt. The St. Leonard's ringers have been prevented the use of their tower bells owing to illness very near the church.

COALBROOKDALE.—On Saturday, January 29th, at Holy Trinity church, a general afternoon's practice by the Bridgnorth and Coalbrookdale members of the Guild. The expenses of the former were kindly borne by the Rev. A. W. Oldham. A touch of Bob Triples, 1008 changes. W. H. Hughes, 1; J. Howard, 2; R. Jones, 3; W. H. Fussell, 4; S. J. Hughes, 5; W. Price, 6; W. Morgan (conductor), 7; H. Jones, 8. Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qrs. 10 lbs. And the first part of Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples. R. Jones, 1; W. H. Fussell (conductor), 2; J. Howard, 3; T. Price, 4; S. J. Hughes, 5; H. Jones, 6; W. Morgan, 7; W. H. Hughes, 8. Also a 336 of Bob Major on the handbells by the above, excepting H. Jones, with W. H. Fussell, 7-8. Two touches of Grandsire Triples. T. Overton, 1; J. and F. Howard, 2; W. Morgan, 3; S. Hughes, 4; W. Maund, 5; H. Jones, 6; J. Overton (conductor), 7; T. Price, 8. And 300 Bob Triples. W. Maund, 1; J. Howard, 2; W. Morgan, 3; S. J. Hughes, 4; W. H. Fussell (conductor), 5; T. Price, 6; J. Overton, 7; H. Jones, 8. Permission to use the bells was kindly given by the Vicar, the Rev. H. Harries.

WOOLHOPE (Herefordshire).—On Tuesday, January 30th, 720 of St. Dunstan's Doubles, in 26 mins. E. Hodges, 1; G. Farmer (aged 12, Bosbury), 2; J. Edwards, 3; C. Williams, 4; C. Edwards (conductor), 5; R. Emery, 6. And several 6-scores of Bob Doubles, A. Emery and A. Swift taking part.

COLWALL (Herefordshire).—On Thursday, February 1st, 720 Grandsire Minor, in 25 mins. C. Greening, 1; M. Wagstaff, 2; T. Williams, 3; F. Voyce, 4; F. Summers, 5; C. Edwards (conductor), 6.

BOSBURY (Herefordshire).—On Saturday, February 3rd, 1260 of Grandsire Doubles, in 55 mins. H. Davies, 1; C. Edwards (conductor), 2; S. Turner, 3; F. Turner, 4; F. Philips, 5; W. Jones, 6. Rung as a farewell to C. Edwards, who is leaving the neighbourhood.

#### THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BATTLE.—On Sunday, January 28th, for Divine Service, 504 Grandsire Triples in 16½ mins. J. Curtis, 1; W. Thomas, 2; C. Hyland, 3; \*J. Muggridge, 4; R. Curtis, 5; W. Franks (conductor), 6; J. Mathis, 7; H. Elliott, 8. \*Hails from Tunbridge Wells. On Tuesday evening, January 30th, 720 Grandsire Minor in 26 mins. on the back six. \*C. Eldridge, 1; C. Hyland, 2; J. Mathis, 3; W. Thomas, 4; H. Elliott, 5; W. Franks (conductor), 6. \*First touch away from the tenor. On Sunday evening, February 4th, for service, 504 Grandsire Triples. C. Eldridge, 1; W. Thomas, 2; C. Hyland, 3; J. Curtis, 4; W. Franks (conductor), 5; J. Mathis, 6; H. Elliott, 7; T. Hutchings, 8.

#### THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

EAST RETFORD.—On Sunday, January 28th, for Divine Service, and on the occasion of a visit of Mr. J. F. Haigh, of Worksop, formerly of Retford, and also on the occasion of the birthday of G. M. Farr, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, 1259 changes, in 47 mins. G. Swannack, 1; G. M. Farr, 2; J. H. Bottomley, 3; H. Warburton, 4; W. Skelton, 5; J. F. Haigh, 6; T. Spurr, 7; H. Haigh, 8; J. B. Joynes (conductor), 9; S. Penney, 10. For evening service 504 in the same method. G. Swannack, 1; T. Spurr, 2; G. M. Farr, 3; H. Warburton (conductor), 4; J. H. Bottomley, 5; H. T. Denman, Esq., 6; W. Skelton, 7; J. Swannack, 8; J. B. Joynes, 9; W. Metcalfe, 10. First quarter-peal of Caters by Swannack and Bottomley; also the first by G. M. Farr away from the treble.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

LYMINGE (Kent).—On Saturday, February 3rd, 720 Grandsire Minor. J. Prebble, 1; A. Castle, 2; J. Andrews, 3; A. Tanton, 4; C. Laker, 5; A. Moorcraft (conductor), 6. And 204 Bob Minor. J. Prebble, 1; C. Laker, 2; A. Moorcraft, 3; A. Castle, 4; J. Andrews, 5; A. Tanton (conductor), 6.

HARTLIP (Kent).—On Monday evening, January 29th, at St. Michael's church, 720 Plain Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 26½ mins. H. Clout, 1; H. Shipp, 2; W. T. Hyland, 3; W. Laker, 4; G. Capeling, 5; G. A. Ransom (conductor), 6.

UPCHURCH (Kent).—On Sunday afternoon, January 28th, at St. Mary's church, 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-eight bobs and twenty-two singles), in 27 mins. G. Dennis, 1; E. Allen, 2; A. Hardy (first 720), 3; W. Laker, 4; W. T. Hyland, 5; G. A. Ransom (conductor), 6. Messrs. Allen and Hardy hail from Borden. On Sunday afternoon, February 4th, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 25 mins. G. Dennis, 1; W. T. Hyland, 2; F. Ockwell (first 720), 3; G. A. Ransom (conductor), 4; G. Capeling, 5; W. Laker, 6. F. Ockwell hails from Rainham, Kent. On Tuesday evening, February 6th, 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-eight bobs and twenty-two singles), in 26 mins. G. Dennis, 1; W. T. Hyland, 2; F. Ockwell (first 720 in the method), 3; W. Laker, 4; G. Capeling, 5; G. A. Ransom (conductor), 6.

#### THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SWINDON.—On Sunday, February 4th, at the parish church for morning service a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 41 mins. T. Lawrence, 1; H. F. Shepherd, 2; A. Lawrence, 3; O. W. Layng (conductor), 4; G. S. Brown, 5; T. Robinson, 6; T. Ricketts, 7; G. F. Grist, 8. Composed by N. Spindlow. And for evening service, the first half of Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples was nearly completed, but could not be brought round before the time for service had arrived. E. Bishop (conductor), 1; O. W. Layng, 2; A. Lawrence, 3; T. Ricketts, 4; G. S. Brown, 5; T. Robinson, 6; H. F. Shepherd, 7; G. F. Grist, 8.

#### THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ECKINGTON (Derbyshire).—On Monday, January 29th, at the parish church, with the bells muffled, 720 Duke of York and 720 Violet. F. Hancock, 1; G. Norman (conductor), 2; G. Marsden, 3; G. Burnham, 4; H. Turton, 5; T. Lunn, 6. Rung as a tribute of respect to the late rector, the Rev. E. H. B. Escourt, who had been

rector of Eckington for fifty years. The cortege proceeded on foot to the cemetery, the coffin being carried by the bearers the whole of the distance. The service at the graveside was impressively read by the Bishop of Southwell.

#### THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

DUFFIELD (Derbyshire).—On Thursday, February 1st, at the church of All Saints, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. S. Dawson, 1; G. Dawson, 2; W. Clarke, 3; H. W. Wilde, 4; J. Flower, 5; B. Sugden, 6; J. Howe (conductor), 7; J. Patchett, 8. Tenor 17 cwt. Rung in honour of the marriage of Mr. W. B. A. Tempest with Miss Eite, of Duffield.

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

FARNLEY (Yorks).—*Handbell Ringing*.—On Wednesday evening, January 31st, 960 Kent Treble Bob in 27 mins, being the longest touch on handbells in the method by all. J. Thackray, 1-2; Jno. Thackray, 3-4; H. Williams, 5-6; A. Craven (conductor), 7-8.

#### THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

GUILDFORD (Surrey).—On Saturday, January 27th, at the church of St. Nicholas, 2520 of Stedman Triples in 1 hr. 30 mins. F. Bennett, 1; K. Hart, 2; G. Williams (conductor), 3; G. Woodus, 4; T. Blackbourn, 5; H. Dains, 6; J. W. Whiting, 7; W. Grove, 8. And 224 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. On Sunday, January 28th, for Divine Service in the morning, 480 Kent Treble Bob Major. M. Brown, 1; F. Bennett (conductor), 2; F. W. J. Rees, 3; J. J. Jones, 4; T. Blackbourn, 5; K. Hart, 6; J. W. Whiting, 7; G. Williams, 8. In the evening, 252 Stedman Triples. G. Williams, 1; F. Bennett, 2; F. W. J. Rees, 3; J. J. Jones, 4; T. Blackbourn, 5; J. W. Whiting, 6; K. Hart (conductor), 7; A. Adsett, 8. And 384 Bob Major. F. Bennett, 1; J. W. Whiting, 2; F. W. J. Rees, 3; J. Heathorn, 4; J. J. Jones, 5; G. Williams (conductor), 6; K. Hart, 7; T. Blackbourn, 8.

#### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NORWICH.—On Monday, February 5th, at St. Gregory's church, 720 Double Court, in 24½ mins. \*F. M. Aldis, 1; W. Bales, 2; \*S. Smith, 3; J. Smith, 4; F. Knights (conductor), 5; G. Smith, 6. \*First 720 of Double Court. On Monday, January 29th, 2072 Grandsire Triples, in 55 mins, on handbells. J. A. Trollop, 1-2; J. E. Burton, 3-4; G. P. Burton, 5-6; C. E. Borrett (conductor), 7-8. Also 518 in 12 mins. A. W. Brighton, 1-2; the rest as before. On Thursday, February 1st, 360 Bob Royal. J. A. Trollop, 1-2; G. P. Barton, 3-4; J. E. Burton, 5-6; C. E. Borrett, 7-8; E. Francis (conductor), 9-10.

#### THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

LONDON.—On Sunday evening, February 4th, for Divine Service at St. Stephen's, Westminster, 504 Stedman Triples. J. Reed, 1; F. Buck, 2; W. Sorrell, 3; G. Langford, 4; E. Duff, 5; S. Andrews, 6; H. S. Ellis (conductor), 7; H. Wilson, 8. Also 252 in the same method. T. Harwood, 1; F. Buck, 2; W. Sorrell, 3; J. Willshire, 4; E. Duff, 5; J. M. Hayes, 6; J. N. Oxborrow (conductor), 7; H. Wilson, 8. And two courses of Bob Major. J. Reed, 1; F. Buck, 2; G. Langford, 3; S. Andrews, 4; E. Duff, 5; H. S. Ellis, 6; J. Willshire (conductor), 7; J. M. Hayes, 8. T. Harwood hails from Old Windsor.

#### THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

BIDSTON (Cheshire).—On Sunday morning, December 31st, 720 of Kent Treble Bob (fifteen bobs). J. Povall, 1; C. Rimmer, 2; J. Walter, 3; W. Wilcox, 4; G. Royden, 5; J. Griffiths, 6. On Monday, January 8th, for practice, 720 Kent Treble Bob (nine bobs). J. Povall, 1; C. Rimmer, 2; J. Walter, 3; W. Wilcox, 4; G. Royden, 5; T. Povall, 6. On Wednesday, January 10th, on the occasion of a wedding, 720 Canterbury (twenty bobs ten singles), the ringers standing as above. On Sunday, January 21st, 720 Grandsire (forty-four bobs four singles). C. Rimmer, 1; W. Wilcox, 2; J. Walter, 3; J. Griffiths, 4; G. Royden, 5; T. Povall, 6. On Wednesday, January 24th, for practice, 720 Canterbury (eighteen bobs two singles). J. Povall, 1; C. Rimmer, 2; J. Walter, 3; J. Griffiths, 4; G. Royden, 5; W. Wilcox, 6. On Wednesday, January 31st, for practice, 120 Violet Treble Bob. J. Povall, 1; C. Rimmer, 2; J. Walter, 3; J. Griffiths, 4; G. Royden, 5; W. Wilcox, 6. First in the method by all. The above were conducted by W. Wilcox.

POYNTON (Cheshire).—On Tuesday evening, January 30th, six members of the St. Michael's Youths' Society, Macclesfield, visited this place, and rang 360 of Minor in the following methods: Grandsire, Plain Bob and Canterbury Pleasure. W. Gayes, 1; F. Stoneley, 2; W. W. Steel, 3; J. Minshull, 4; J. Norbury, 5; W. Walmsley (conductor), 6. Tenor 13 cwt. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qrs. 17 lbs. in F sharp.

#### STOKE-UPON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

NORTON (Staffordshire).—On Friday, February 2nd, 720 Grandsire Minor, in 29 mins. A. Ryles, 1; J. H. Naylor, 2; E. Glover (conductor), 3; J. Gibson, 4; T. Johnson, 5; J. Brindley, 6. First 720 by all except the conductor.

BUCKNALL (Staffordshire).—On Sunday morning, January 21st, for Divine Service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. D. Preston, 1; W. Wheel-don, 2; R. W. Twigg, 3; C. Preston, 4; G. Hobbs, 5; W. Twigg (conductor), 6. For Divine Service in the evening 720 College Single. C. Preston, 1; D. Preston (first 720 with a bob bell), 2; J. R. Wheel-don, 4; R. W. Twigg, 5; the others as before. On Tuesday, January 23rd, for practice, 720 Westminster Treble Bob. D. Preston, 1; J. R. Wheel-don, 2; W. Wheel-don, 3; C. Preston, 4; R. W. Twigg, 5; W. Twigg (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method by all. On Sunday morning, January 28th, for Divine Service, 720 City Delight. And in the evening 720 College Exercise. R. W. Twigg, 3; G. Hobbs, 5; the rest as before.

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

STAVELEY (Derbyshire).—On Saturday, February 3rd, eight members of the above associations attempted a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major at the parish church, but after ringing 5056 changes in 3 hrs. 6½ mins. it came to grief, owing to a change-course. S. Palmer, 1; W. Price, 2; S. Smedley, 3; A. Worthington, 4; J. Hunt, 5; H. Mottershall, 6; J. Harris, 7; H. Madin (conductor), 8. W. Price hails from Eckington, and J. Hunt from Chesterfield.

#### THE WORCESTER CATHEDRAL GUILD.

WORCESTER.—On Thursday, February 1st, the members of the above Guild met at St. Helens church to attempt a peal of Grandsire Major, but owing to a meeting being held in the church house, an hour's ringing could only be obtained, when a touch of Major, 1218 changes, was rung in 44 mins. B. Hill, 1; G. Hinton, 2; W. Pudge, 3; W. H. Johnson, 4; W. Bradford, 5; R. Horton, 6; W. Page (conductor), 7; E. Davies, 8.

BEDDINGTON (Surrey).—On Sunday morning, February 4th, for Divine Service, 216 Stedman Triples. G. Welling (conductor), 1; E. Bennett, 2; J. Plowman, 3; J. Harding, 4; T. King, 5; W. Collinson, 6; J. W. Trappitt, 7; E. Grey, 8. And 252 Grandsire Triples. A. Trappitt, 1; E. Bennett (conductor), 2; — Langdon, 3; J. Plowman, 4; T. King, 5; J. W. Trappitt, 6; W. Collinson, 7; G. Welling, 8. For evening service, 576 Kent Treble Bob Major. F. Holder, 1; E. Bennett (conductor), 2; J. Plowman, 3; W. Sadler, 4; T. King, 5; C. Bance, 6; J. W. Trappitt, 7; C. Gordon, 8. W. Collinson hails from Crawley, and W. Sadler from Croydon.

CHIPPING, NEAR PRESTON (Lancashire).—On Sunday, January 14 at the parish church, 720 Grandsire Minor. R. Kenyon, 1; F. Timbrell, 2; J. Kenyon, 3; E. Timbrell (conductor), 4; T. Seed, 5; E. Seed, 6. And 720 Bob Minor (twelve singles and nine bobs). R. Kenyon, 1; E. Timbrell (conductor), 2; J. Kenyon, 3; F. Timbrell, 4; T. Seed, 5; E. Seed, 6. Composed by T. Millington. On Sunday, January 28th, 720 College Single, standing as in the first 720. On Sunday, February 4th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure and 720 of Grandsire Minor, standing as in the first 720, conducted by E. Timbrell.

GORING (Oxon).—On Friday evening, January 26th, for practice, a 960 in five methods. On Tuesday, January 30th, 1440 in four different methods, being 360 each of the following: Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Plain Bob, and Oxford Bob. This is the longest length we have rung going from one method into another. J. Carter, 1; C. Tidbury, 2; W. Aldridge, 3; G. Wilson, 4; J. Alexander, 5; J. Bower (conductor), 6.

BURNLEY (Lancashire).—On Sunday, February 4th, for Divine Service in the morning at the parish church, 504 Grandsire Triples, in 24 mins. For Divine Service in the evening, 504 in the same method, in 25 mins. T. Holden (conductor), 1; H. Tomlinson, 2; John Pollard, 3; E. Shackleton, 4; James Pollard, 5; James Pollard, 6; J. H. Pollard, 7; W. Booth (Ashton-under-Lyne), 8.

HUNSDON (Herts).—On Sunday, February 4th, a mixed band of ringers visited this tower, and attempted the Rev. C. D. P. Davies' five-part peal of Grandsire Triples, but "stand" was called after ringing 1008 changes, owing to a change-course. J. Crabb, 1; M. Ellesmore (conductor), 2; H. James, 3; H. Warner, 4; J. Puplett, 5; J. Warner, 6; H. S. Reeves, 7; F. Norwood, 8. J. Crabb belongs to the local band; Puplett and H. Warner hail from Hoddesdon; Ellesmore and J. Warner from Hertford; the rest from Cheshunt.



## Correspondence.

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

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

## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL AND PEAL COMPOSITION.

SIR,—Your correspondents have shown considerable ingenuity in the way they have avoided this question, and the few arguments they have favoured us with are far more remarkable for their sound than their soundness. This is unfortunate, as from their position in the Exercise one might have hoped to have heard something worth consideration. If this "assembly of practical men, most of whom have considerable fame as composers," etc., are really persuaded this way or that, by such arguments as are here adduced, I scarcely know who are most to be pitied, these "practical men," for their gullibility, or we whom they represent, for what they let us in for. When I wrote drawing attention to this matter, I could not lay my hand on the Report, and therefore quoted from memory, and if I am somewhat "wide of the mark," as to the actual wording, I am not very far off the impression conveyed to the Exercise in general, as to the interest and meaning of this portion of the report. It is all very well to assume the lofty position that the "function of the Council is to state what is correct," and to ignore what is merely "useful or convenient." If this is a specimen of the way the function is to be exercised in the future, we may well wonder whether the exchange of King Log for King Stork has much to recommend it. To be consistent, Holt's ten-part and six-part singles must henceforth be tabooed, though their "utility and convenience," is universally acknowledged, for, as your correspondent quotes—"the position of a special call is no excuse for its occurrence," and there can be no doubt but that these are "special calls," far more "special," than two bells lying still going off. Does the Council propose to expunge these special calls also? As your correspondent refers to peals of Triples rung without a coverer, may I ask him,—does ringing a coverer to a peal make the peal more "correct," or is it not recommended for its "utility and convenience," in rendering the peal more musical. Apropos of this matter, allow me to state that I understand that the "seven bell peal" rung in London, was not, as is generally supposed, rung without a Tenor, but without the 2nd, which is quite another thing from a musical point of view. Well now, after all this, what is the foundation of the argument against the practice in question, viz. two bells lying still going off. I quote from your correspondent's letter, who quotes from the Report itself "A peal is a 'round block'" etc. . . . From this it will be seen that causing the bells to 'go off' otherwise, etc. . . . Now this is the basis of an argument, which proposes to sweep away an old established custom which never yet did any harm, and has been productive of much good in producing musical position of the bells without loss of time. We might surely expect that reasonable care was taken to get a sound premise to start from, for this "assembly of practical men," whose fame as composers, etc., your correspondent sings so blithely. But what do we find? why the very first proposition of this beautiful syllogism is as unsound as the notion it was to support is ridiculous. A peal is not a "round block." "Round block" is not by any means the definition of a peal. A peal may under certain conditions be a "round block," but there are scores of peals that are not, nor were ever intended to be "round blocks." Take for example a peal of Stedman, home in a slow six, or a peal of Treble Bob home at a snapping lead, or a peal of Grandsire Caters home at hand, or many other examples. Where does the "round block" come in now? And what becomes of the beautiful argument, so carefully raised on this rotten basis, from the sublime summit of which, these famous "composers are so much more likely to arrive at a just conclusion on such points as these, than one who views the question from the standpoint of utility and convenience only." We might have expected something better than this from the Honorary Secretary of the Central Council. Your correspondent who modestly trots in with his "170 peals on from seven to twelve bells" (does he really ring seven bell peals?), is too much respected throughout the Exercise, and his ability both as a ringer and a composer are too well known and appreciated to warrant any fear that his reputation would be likely to suffer even if one or more of his 170 peals had commenced by two bells lying still; but his remark, implying that the College Youths were unable to ring the turning-course in their long peal of Stedman Cinques, is too ungenerous to call for further comment. For the information that the tittums position can be obtained in three leads by the "proper" way, I trust I shall feel sufficiently grateful. Having now replied to your two correspondents, and I trust to their satisfaction, I should like to make a few remarks to your readers generally, and to endeavour to enumerate some of the reasons why the practice in question should be retained; and it will facilitate my explanation, if your readers will kindly consider them as more particularly illustrative of Grandsire Caters in this instance. As most of your readers know, the two usual bells

selected for lying still are 6, 7, and by their omitting the dodge at the first change, the 7th takes the place of the 6th, and the 7, 8, 9, are at once in what is called the tittum position, with the 6th behind the 9th; or by a bob at 1, the 6th is called into the hunt, whence it can easily be placed in its most useful position, i.e. before the 7th; thus the "music" begins with the very first change, as soon as "go" is called. The tittums is of course the only position of the big bells allowable in a peal, where musical properties are taken into consideration, although from time to time compositions (save the mark) have appeared, and been rung in London, which did not contain a single musical change from start to finish. Yet according to this new theory of what is "correct," such a peal would be accepted, whilst another peal starting from the tittum position, and without an unmusical position throughout, would be rejected. Again by letting 8, 9, lie still, the bells are at once in the inverted tittums position, which gives the same position of the big bells whilst the treble is coming from behind, as the tittums position does with the treble going up; so that practically the two positions are the same. It will be said that all this can be done by using the proper bobs, in three or more leads;—quite so, but why be obliged to ring 60 or 70 or more unmusical changes, when there is no occasion. Again the number of peals of reasonable length, say 5040 and under, is very much restricted, if the tittums position is brought up soon as possible, and the plan of the construction of the peal is symmetrical; but by starting with two bells lying still, a pleasing as well as musical variety is obtained. Another point in favor of starting with two bells lying still is, that peals thus arranged, may come home at hand at a bob, which they could not otherwise do, thus giving a further pleasing variation. The importance of two bells lying still in short touches, is even greater than in peals, but if the practice is declared not to be "correct," it will doubtless fall into disuse, and thus the proportion of unmusical changes to musical ones will be largely increased, and the reputation of the science suffer accordingly. It has been suggested to me that 6, 7, might be changed, just before "go" is called, but I don't much care for the notion. Better by far, drop the suggested restriction, which is a needless one, and endeavour to encourage the production of musical peals, instead of hindering them. That our representatives on the Council may have their eyes opened, and their hearts hardened, and reject these absurd theories, founded on a rotten hypothesis, is the earnest prayer of

ROBERT STRINGFELLOW.

## WHAT IS A PEAL?

SIR,—One of the principal results of the deliberations of our first Parliament was the definition of what constitutes a valid peal. With reference to eight, ten, and twelve-bell peals, little or nothing was decided that has not been generally recognised by the Exercise at large since the days of Garthorn and Annable, except perhaps the addition moved by the Honorary Secretary. But as regards five and six bell peals the standard of excellence has been materially raised. That this is a step in the right direction I acknowledge, but the resolution is not worth the paper it is written on if its terms are not complied with. I admit of course that the Central Council has no powers other than deliberative, and cannot enforce the laws it lays down; but I do think much good could be done in this direction if those ringers who believe in the utility of the Council would not only keep the strict letter of its laws themselves but induce others to conform also; also I think that those Associations who are represented at the Council should accept only as valid what the Council says is valid; even though they may disagree with some point or other in its enactments. But there is one way by which the laws with regard to five bell peals may be, and are evaded. The number of five and six bell methods is like the sand on the sea shore; but the difference between some of them is hardly distinguishable, and sometimes not at all. What difference is there between Gog Magog Doubles and Grandsire Doubles? or Plain Bob and Old Bob? and so on. The antiquity of the names is no argument in their favour, though Gog Magog is found in Annable's Note Book. Bearing these facts in mind, I consider the definitions of five and six bell peals to be incomplete without some enactment to the effect that, "The Council recognises as separate methods only those whose plain courses are different and that the substitution of different calls in no way changes the nature of the method." In conclusion I venture to express a hope that the plan you adopted some little while ago, but since seem to have dropped, of having a separate place for those performances not fulfilling the Council's requirements, may be still continued.

J. A. TROLLOP.

[We are quite unaware of the laches referred to by our correspondent.—Ed.]

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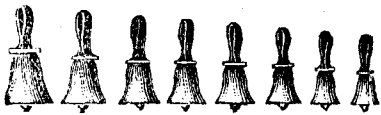
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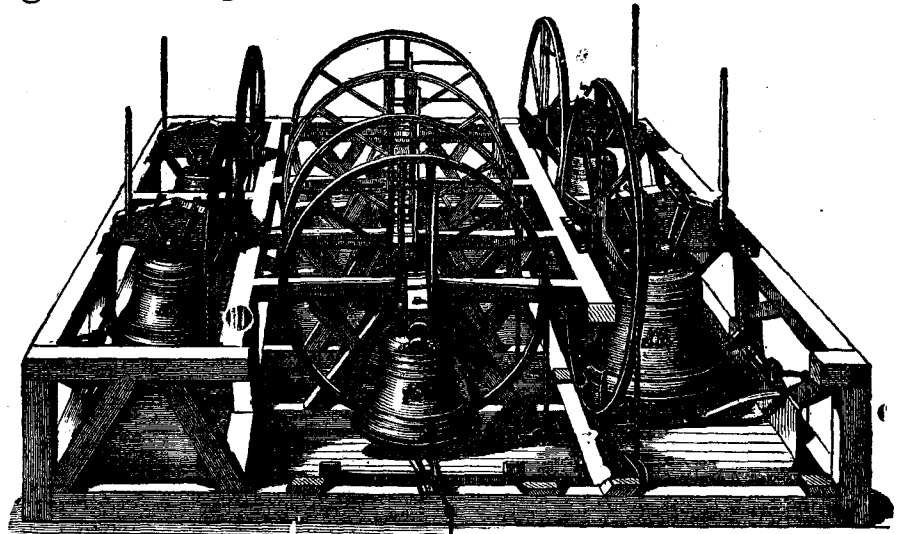
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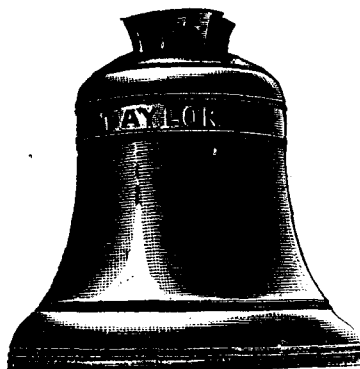
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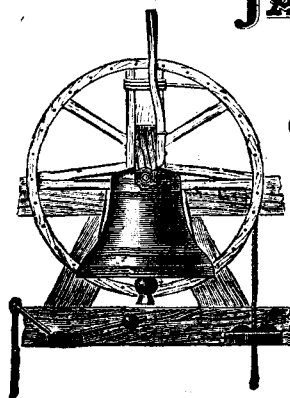
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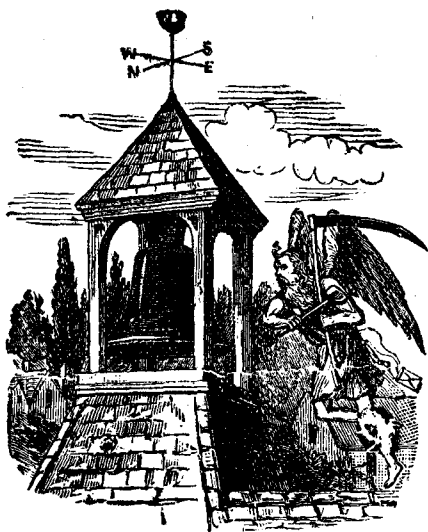
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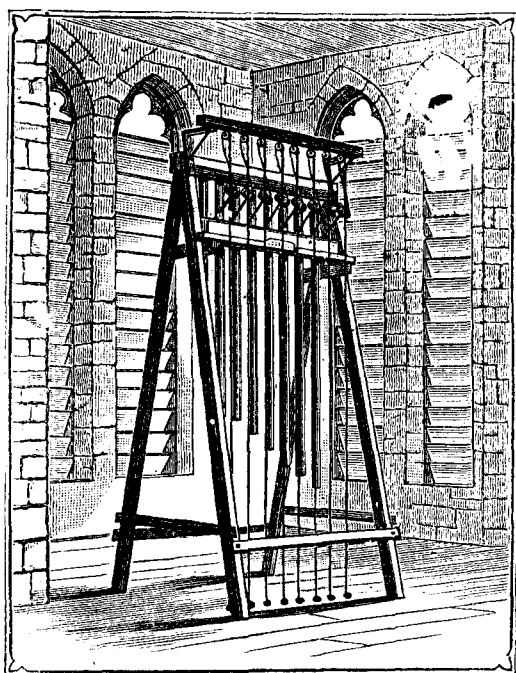
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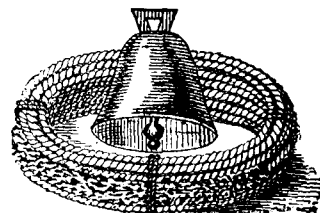
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## MR. JOHN THORP AS A COMPOSER.

A short time ago an interesting article appeared in this paper from the pen of "Roving Ringer," on the career of the above gentleman as a ringer and conductor, and in nearing its conclusion the writer stated that the subject of his compositions would be dealt with on a future occasion. It would entail a very large amount of time and labour to describe the whole of his works, however, if we summarily detail his most notable productions in Plain Bob, Grandsire and Treble Bob methods, there may perhaps, be sufficient material to enable our readers to form an estimate of his profound research in the science of composition. Therefore, we will proceed at once to give these details in such form as we conceive to be consistent with clearness and brevity.

## PLAIN BOB.

*Triples.*—Six peals in various forms and parts.

*Major.*—Peals in one, two, three, five, six, and twelve parts. Peals containing the fifth and sixth their extent each way in 5-6; with the fourth and sixth ditto; with the fourth and sixth each twenty-four times in sixths place; with the sixth twenty-four times each way in 5-6; peals ranging in number of changes from 5008 to the whole extent obtainable, viz., 40,320, of which number he possesses thirteen.

*Caters, Royal, Cinques, and Maximus.*—A very large quantity of peals, every one of which is more or less distinguished by musical extents.

## GRANDSIRE.

*Triples.*—Three peals.

*Major.*—An extensive number of peals which for the most part are characteristic of the qualities described in Bob Major. In addition, he has produced nine peals of 9600 changes each, which call for notice as representing the longest length obtainable in this method with the tenors together without recourse being had to the tenors bob-making. Taking advantage, however, of placing the tenors amongst the bob-making bells, he has produced many peals exceeding this number of changes, and ultimately succeeded in producing the longest peal ever produced in this method with the tenors together, of the extraordinary number of 11,600 changes, which as yet has never been performed. In this method he has also a very large quantity of peals on the higher number of bells.

## TREBLE BOB.

Many of our readers will remember the remarks of an eminent member of the London Exercise, made in a controversy through the columns of this paper some few years ago, wherein the subject of this notice was described as "the greatest of living composers in Treble Bob," and perhaps it is chiefly owing to his great achievements in this method, more than in any other, by which he has gained the distinction that has fallen to him.

*Five-parts.*—His peals in this number of parts, comprise a very long list in themselves, and range in number of changes from 5120 to 8160. No less than seventeen of these contain the 120 course-ends.

*Three-parts.*—These peals are even more interesting and greater in number than his five-part peals, though his productions on this plan which contain the 120 course-ends come down to the modest number of four. Notwithstanding the limited sphere of operations in producing the sixth its extent at home at nine course-ends on this plan, he possesses a goodly number of this class, and his consummate ability may be further noticed in a few peals where, in addition to these very musical qualities, he contrives to work the fifth its extent at home as well. His two peals of 8544 changes on the ordinary three-part plan, press for more than a passing allusion, and will be referred to later in an extract which we have taken the liberty of reproducing from Mr. Snowdon's treatise on this method.

*Two-parts.*—Although his peals of this class are considerably less in quantity than in the foregoing, they are scarcely less in variety, inasmuch as they embrace six peals with the sixth its extent in all positions, five peals with the sixth its extent at home at eight course-ends, which also contain all the 8-6s, and many other peals of lesser importance, though full of musical extents.

*One-part peals.*—The following amongst others may be instanced for their exceptional merit. Seven peals with the sixth its extent at home at ten course-ends. Peals with the sixth its extent at five, and at six course-ends each way in 5-6. Peals

with the sixth its extent at home at seven course-ends right, and at four, and five, course-ends wrong. Peals with the sixth its extent in 5-6, at four courses wrong, and eight courses right. Peals with the sixth its extent in all positions. Peals with the fifth and sixth their extent at four course-ends each way, and also at more than four course-ends each way in 5-6. Peals in the least number of courses, also in the greatest number of courses. His peal of 8864, which at the time of its performance represented the longest length with the tenors together in this method, is produced in the latter number of courses. Although this peal has since been augmented by one treble lead, bringing the number of changes up to 8896, by the late W. Harrison of Mottram, it may be remarked that it still retains the distinction of being the longest peal ever obtained with the tenors together in thirty courses.

## TREBLE BOB ROYAL.

*Five-part.*—In this list is included thirty-six exact 5000s, which number represents the whole of the exact 5000s that can be obtained on this plan. It must be understood that to a many of these our friend lays no claim, and of course a good many of the others are variations of each other. His numerous other peals on this plan, and also those on the three and two-part systems do not call for special comment.

*One-part.*—It is now an established fact that he was first in the field with a peal containing the sixth seven course-ends at home. Also, he has a number of peals with the sixth its extent at eight course-ends home, their practical value are, however, minimised to some extent, owing to their exceeding the conventional 5000 by several hundred changes. He possesses a very large amount of peals of all kinds in one-part, and particularly interesting are those in the tittum position. In taking leave of Treble Bob, we may say he has a varied assortment of peals of *Caters, Cinques and Maximus*, in addition to what we have given.

He has also produced peals of more or less quantities and qualities in the following methods: *Stedman Caters*, and *Cinques, Superlative, London, Oxford, Halifax, Saddleworth, Albion, and Merchant's Return Surprise Major, Cumberland Exercise, Violet Treble Bob, Double Norwich, Double London Court Bob, Oxford Bob, Daffield*, etc. The total number of his peals of all kinds exceed 1000. We will now conclude by giving the extract spoken of, and which may be found in Snowdon's *Treatise on Treble Bob*, part I, pages 3 and 4. Commenting on the gradual increase in the number of changes, Mr. Snowdon goes on to say, "I shall therefore pass on at once to the clever production of 8448 by J. Reeves, concerning which Shipway states in his work:—'This peal was rung in the Kent variation of Treble Bob, by the Society of Junior Cumberlands, in 1787, at St. Mary's Whitechapel, being the first time it was ever performed.' . . . At the time of its production the 8448 of Reeves' was pronounced by him to be the extent capable of being produced without parting the tenors. Shipway, however, with more caution remarks that it 'is considered to be the extent with the tenors together.'"

"Although for many years it seemed probable that the length of Reeves' peal could not be surpassed, yet in May 1869, Mr. John Thorp of Ashton-under-Lyne, produced two peals three treble leads greater in extent; their number being, therefore, 8544. Neither of these peals was, however, rung until November 15th, 1873, when one of them was rung at Christ Church, Liversedge, by the Huddersfield and Liversedge ringers, the production of the peal being then ascribed to Mr. W. Sottanstill." Here follow the particulars of the performance.

"As the calling of the Liversedge peal was precisely similar to that of one of the peals by Mr. Thorp, the matter naturally gave rise to some controversy, more especially as Mr. Thorp had not made any great secret of his compositions. In 1874, however, Mr. Thorp set the matter at rest, as he then produced a peal with the tenors together of the extraordinary number of 8864 changes, which he conducted on the occasion of its performance at Ashton-under-Lyne.

"From the foregoing dates it will be seen that Reeves' 8448, which was rung in 1787, continued to be the longest length obtained with the tenors together for more than eighty years, as it was not exceeded until Mr. Thorp's lengths of 8544 were produced in 1869. This number, as previously explained, Mr. Thorp himself exceeded in 1874 with his peal of 8864 changes."



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## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—READING BRANCH.

The Annual Meeting was held on Wednesday, January 31st, when thirty-two members and friends sat down to supper at the Lower Ship, under the presidency of Mr. J. Martin Routh.

The chairman having given "The Queen," the Hon. Secretary read the report and balance-sheet, the former showing a total number of eighty-seven, with eleven peals to their credit during the year; the latter £3 2s. 9d. in hand.

The Master of the Guild, the Rev. F. E. Robinson, then proposed "The Guild," which, he said, shewed fair and steady progress; he would like himself a peal every Saturday, as the best preparation for Sunday's work.

The Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis, in speaking, said that fifty-two peals had been rung during the year, in which 417 members had taken part, the total number of members being 1104. £31 had been paid for instruction; 106 change-ringers admitted, and seventy probationers, while eighty-seven towers were in union with the Guild.

The officers of the branch were then all re-elected, Mr. C. Chapman being proposed as an additional representative on the general committee.

The chairman then proposed the annual toast of the branch—"The tribute of the children to their father," Mr. W. Newell, than whom a kinder friend or more genially disposed gentleman never existed.

Mr. Newell, in reply, stated that though he was proud to be their father, he should have been more pleased if double the number of his children had been present, the prevailing slackness of trade being doubtless an important factor in affecting the attendance. He urged promptness in attendance at practice, at the services of the church, and in paying up subscriptions immediately they fell due.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the chairman.

Songs were contributed by Messrs. Newell, Truss, Sweetzer, Williams, Routh, Paice, Hibbert, Foxell, and J. Reeves; and a recitation by the Rev. G. F. Coleridge.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

A committee meeting was held at the Church Club, Chester, on Saturday, February 10th, at 3 p.m., present:—the Master (Archdeacon Barber) in the chair, Messrs. Hatt Cook, Bolton, Holding, Langford, Forster, Walmsley, Wilcox, Wright, Luce, Johnson, Fletcher, and H. A. Heywood (Hon. Secretary).

From the Treasurer's statement of accounts for 1893, it appears that grants of £5 each had been given to Acton, and Alsager churches, towards the Belfry Improvement Fund, and there was a balance in hand on Dec. 31st of £55 8s. 9d.

Mr. H. A. Heywood resigned the office of Hon. Secretary and Treasurer of the Guild; and the Rev. Richard Greenall, Rector of Grappenhall, was elected in his place. Mr. Heywood was warmly thanked for his services to the Guild.

The Annual Festival will be held at Macclesfield, all being well, on Monday, August 6th.

## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.—SPECIAL NOTICE.

Nominations for the offices of President and Secretary, in writing, and signed by two Members of Council, will be required; and must be forwarded to the Hon. Secretary before the 27th instant.

All notices of motion, and subjects for discussion, must also reach the Hon. Secretary by that date.

It is earnestly requested that Societies whose subscriptions have not been paid, will send them without further delay.

H. EARLE BULWER, Hon. Secretary.

Stanhoe Rectory, King's Lynn, February, 1894.

The Rev. J. Erskine Binney, vicar of Morebath, has been re-elected Rural Dean of Tiverton West.

The new vicar of Barlby, the Rev. R. J. C. Parker, late curate of the parish church, Brighton, was instituted on Friday last by the Archbishop of York in the presence of a large congregation.

## WILBY, NORTHANTS.

RAUNDS, WELLINGBOROUGH, AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—By kind invitation of the Rev. W. St. George Coldwell, a quarterly meeting of the above Association took place at Wilby, on Saturday, February 3rd. The pretty little ring of five bells (recently increased from four to five by the addition of a new treble) were at liberty for ringing from 2 to 8 p.m. About seventy ringers were present during the afternoon and evening from Wellingborough, Kettering, Rushden, Higham Ferrers, Finedon, Irchester, Warkton, Desborough, Wollaston, Northampton, Earls Barton, Mears Ashby, Wilby, Doddington, and Weekley. There was a business meeting in the schoolroom at four o'clock. The hon. secretary thanked the company who had recently rung a 5000 at Irthlingborough, for securing the first peal on these bells for their Association. Reference was made to the re-hanging of "Great Paul." A suggestion that a quarterly meeting should be held at Northampton some time next year met with approval. Hearty votes of thanks were passed to the rector of Wilby for the use of bells and schoolroom, and to the local ringers for making them so welcome. At five o'clock a capital tea was provided in Mr. Jarrett's large room. At the conclusion of the repast the rector addressed some kindly words to those present relative to the position, responsibilities, and duties of ringers as church-workers. He also warmly thanked the Society for the interest it had taken in the bells at Wilby; and expressed his appreciation of the advice and assistance rendered in the matter of their new bell by their hon. secretary, Mr. E. Dennes. Later in the evening representatives of most of the belfries attending the meeting rang tunes and changes on a large peal of handbells brought over by the Wellingborough ringers. The Rev. E. C. Channer, Vicar of Ravenshorpe, and the Rev. C. J. Gordon, Rector of Rushden, were present during the afternoon.

The church of St. Mary, Wilby, is situated on an eminence. The tower with its beautiful octagonal lantern, flying buttresses, and graceful spire was much admired by many of the ringers who saw it for the first time. The church is of various styles, dating from A.D. 1200 (Early English), to A.D. 1400 (Perpendicular). The chancel was re-built 1853, and the church restored 1879. The belfry at Wilby is in good order, and the rector spoke very highly of the satisfactory manner in which the ringers carried out their duties.

## THE HEAVY WOOLLEN DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 17th, the monthly meeting of the above was held at Horbury, and although the day was so boisterous, a good number of ringers were present from Dewsbury, Batley, Batley Carr, Birstall, Earlsheaton, Ossett, Mirfield, and Horbury. The meeting for business took place at the King's inn, and after the minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed, and other honorary members enrolled (amounting to £2 from Ossett, and 10s. from Mirfield), some discussion took place with regard to the purchase of the cups, when it was ultimately resolved to hold a committee meeting at the headquarters on Saturday, March 3rd, and come to a settlement with regard to the first contest. After other business was transacted, the meeting was brought to a close. During the afternoon the tower bells and handbells were rung in various methods, which brought to an end another successful gathering. The next meeting will be held at Sandal.

## LEEDS.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

During the year 1893, the following has been done by members of the above Association: Nineteen 720s and twenty-three 18-scores, and two muffled 720s. On Sunday, January 31st, a 720 Bob Minor (muffled), in memory of the late Mrs. Marten, of Leeds Castle. Also on May 28th, a 720 Bob Minor (muffled), in memory of the late Mr. Frederick Gibbons, an old and respected member of the Leeds Youths. The following were the ringers: Thomas Earll; Alfred Knight; Horace Hollands; George Tassell; John Fermor; Frederick Hollands; Thomas Russell; William Cheesman. Conductors, Horace Hollands and Thomas Earll.

**"STEEPLEJACKS" IN SHREWSBURY.**

St. Mary's (Shrewsbury) Church steeple has lately been undergoing repairs, and for some weeks past the rather risky operations of the "steeplejacks" have been watched from time to time by groups of wondering spectators. Certainly the spectacle of a number of busy men, suspended on ropes, exercising their functions at the top of a steeple whose summit seems to touch the clouds, was one that has not been witnessed in Shrewsbury for many years, and one which, by the hazardous nature of the way it has to be performed, becomes exceptionally attractive to those who like enterprises marked by an element of danger. St. Alkmund's Church steeple has also been ascended, and thoroughly examined, as fears have been entertained that it has been in need of similar restoration. Speaking of this particular work, it may not be out of place to refer to some of the early chronicles of Shrewsbury, for these quaint stories contain nothing more delightful in their way than two or three references to the church steeples now the subject of remark. The first of these references is the most amusing of them all, although the veracious gentleman who penned it might have considered it anything but a mirth-provoking item. It has relation to a personal visit from the devil, who, from the earliest days of its existence, always seems to have had evil designs on Shrewsbury. Everybody knows the devil's intention to bury the town beneath the Wrekin's broad base, but, being cajoled by a wily Wellingtonian, the devil gave up the task, and the impending disaster was happily averted. The intense religiousness of the town is the only motive that can be ascribed for such satanic hate, and this theory is well borne out by the personal visit in question. It occurred (as the chronicler solemnly avows) in the year 1533. On the "12th daye the devil appeared in St. Alkmund's Church when the priest was at high mass." He was accompanied with "great tempest and darkness" and various other characteristics of his infernal abode. He passed right through the church, scaring both saints and sinners out of their wits, and then he "mounted up the steeple." With diabolic indifference to the architectural necessities of the sacred edifice, he tore away the wire of the church clock, put the "print of his claws"—that is an important physiological point—"on the fourth bell," stopped all the bells in this church and the other churches from ringing, and finished up a visitation marked by the most villainous effrontery by "taking away one of the pinnacles" of St. Alkmund's! He never had the honesty to return it. It must be presumed that the damage done was immediately repaired, but another singular reference is made to St. Alkmund's steeple in 1535. During the month of February it was newly pointed by George Arthur (of "St. Talbon's, by Loundon"), who, while not so bad as Satan himself, seems to have been a veritable imp of the father of lies. He was a "very simple man." He was "somewhat lame, and had his shoes clouted with iron." He could drink beer to an extent that made him the envy of all the most notorious toppers in the community, and while in a drunken condition on four or five different occasions climbed St. Alkmund's steeple. When at the top he amused himself by turning round the weathercock, shooting arrows from a bow, beating a drum, and whooping and crying, to the admiration of all beholders. "He went up drunk (says the chronicler), but always came down sober." Here, then, is a splendid antidote for inebriation! The next that is related on this subject is about St. Mary's, and is a very matter-of-fact announcement indeed; but goes to show a marvellous change in the opinions of the people as to the cause of such disasters as the first alluded to. It was on March 21st, 1593, when a terrific storm swept over the town. Among other damage it displaced the upper part of St. Mary's steeple. Divine service was going on at the time, but happily none of the worshippers received any injury, and the chronicler does not omit to express his thanks to God for the miraculous escape. Such are some of the old traditions called up by the present operations. They are interesting in many ways, and from various standpoints, from which they must be viewed as readers themselves choose.—*The Wellington Journal and Shrewsbury News.*

The Bishop of Norwich has licensed Mr. John Abbey to preach in the churches of the diocese when invited to do so by the clergy. Mr. Abbey is the secretary of the Church of England Temperance Society for the diocese of Norwich.

**Ringers' Outing.**

THE ST. NICHOLAS SOCIETY, THORNE, YORKS.—On Shrove Tuesday, the members of this society, with J. F. Mallaby, of Barnby Don, had their annual outing, the place selected being Scunthorpe, Lincolnshire, where there has recently been a new peal of eight bells erected by Messrs. Taylor and Co. The party arrived about 1.30 p.m., and were met by the steeple-keeper, who conducted them to the vicarage, where selections on the handbells were rung in the entrance hall, which was very much appreciated by the Vicar and his little daughter. Permission being obtained to ring, the party repaired to the tower. After looking round the interior of the fine church, a start was made for the belfry and touches of Bob Major and Grandsire Triples were rung. The party then made their way to Clarke's Restaurant, and sat down to an excellent meat tea provided by the Vicar, to which ample justice was done. After the usual talk and smoke, enlivened by touches and tunes on the handbells, eight of the company again went to the tower and rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (taken from Holt's Original). T. Chester, 1; F. Sanderson, 2; W. H. Sanderson, 3; A. Hemmingway, 4; W. Sanderson, 5; F. Clarke, 6; J. F. Mallaby (conductor), 7; E. Walker, 8. This brought round the time for departure. 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 Vicar for his hospitality and granting permission to ring; also to the steeplekeeper for having everything in readiness for them.

**Correspondence.**

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

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

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL AND PEAL COMPOSITION.

SIR,—In support of his very able and temperate statement of the case for the alleged practice of starting peals of Grandsire Caters with 6-7 or 8-9 lying still, it would be interesting if your correspondent "Robert Stringfellow"—I think he called himself something else when I used to know him—could give us a few statistics;—say as to the per centage of peals actually selected for performance with each of these peculiarities, in each of the last five years. We should then be able to judge how far the opinion of the Council is in conflict with that of the ringers they represent. I do not think any decision has been come to, or suggested, on the subject of touches; but until it is shown to be otherwise, I claim that the ruling of the Council as regards peals is based upon the general opinion and practice of the Exercise.

EDWARD F. STRANGE.

SIR,—Now Mr. Stringfellow says exactly what he means. I have no doubt Mr. Carter will be able to convince him that 6-7 lying still at the go-off is not Grandsire at all, and if made at a plain lead, should be made a very plain lead, the method would then be something else. So long as a desired position can be obtained by legitimate calling, there is no necessity to use wooden legs for people who have two sound ones to walk with. With regard to the round block, I am afraid the dazzling brightness of Mr. Thompson's elucidation is somewhat wasted upon him. His charity no doubt begins at home, and while sympathising with the College Youths in their misfortune, he does not forget to insult the worthy secretary of the Council, and all other people who have not the same aims as himself. In conclusion, I would call his special attention of the following comment by Dean Swift. "The vacuum of the philosopher is to be found in the critic's head, they are but best the drones of the learned world, who devour the honey, and will not work themselves, and a worker need no more regard them than the moon does the barking of a little senseless cur. For, in spite of their terrible roaring, you may, with half an eye, discover the ass under the lion's skin."

AN ADMIRER OF THE SECRETARY AND COUNCIL.

A memorial window in the south transept of Carlisle cathedral was destroyed during the boisterous weather. It was opposite the vestry and above the Runic inscription, and was put in about twenty years ago as a memorial of the late Canon Vansittart.

## Ringers' Festivities.

**THE NUNEATON SOCIETY.**—The members of the parish church Society held their annual supper on Thursday, February 8th, at The Heart in Hand inn, when nearly twenty sat down to a sumptuous repast prepared by Mrs. Ratcliffe. Mr. T. W. Chapman, vice-president of the Nuneaton branch of the Midland Counties' Association, occupied the chair, and was ably assisted in the duties of the evening by Mr. H. Horwood in the vice-chair. Mr. T. Randle and other friends were present from Bedworth, and also Mr. J. George, of Rugby. After the cloth had been removed the evening was enjoyably passed away with songs by Messrs. Randle, Chapman and Mawby, while tunes and touches on the handbells were performed by various members of the company. The hour for going home came all too soon, and a very pleasant gathering was brought to a close by the singing of "Auld Lang Syne," with hands crossed in the usual style.

**ST. STEPHEN'S SOCIETY, WESTMINSTER.**—The eighth annual dinner of this society took place on Saturday, February 3rd, at Cloots' Restaurant, Victoria street. Twenty members and friends sat down at 7 p.m. to an excellent six-course method composed by Host Cloots, the president of the society, the Rev. W. H. G. Twining, Vicar of St. Stephen's, occupying the chair. Having brought round this part of the proceedings to the satisfaction of all, attention was paid to the lighting of cigars, etc., and then came the second part, viz.:—songs, toasts, and recitations, by various members of the company. The president had to retire early, owing to Sunday duties, but the remainder of the company kept the ball rolling for an hour or so longer, songs, recitations, and speeches, following each other in rapid succession, till all too soon the clock pointed out the hour for retiring, and the party separated, having spent a most enjoyable evening. Messrs. H. R. Newton (Master), and J. N. Oxborrow (Secretary), were entrusted with the duties of stewards for the evening, and received a vote of thanks for the admirable manner in which everything was carried out.

**THE YORK MINSTER GUILD.**—On Friday, February 2nd, Candlemas Day, being the year-day of this Society, the members met at the cathedral at mid-day to ring, and in the evening at six o'clock at Mr. G. Breed's, Lowther hotel, for their annual supper. The meal was served up in good style and received the attention it deserved from the ringers, the courses being got through in capital time, and good striking was observed throughout. After the cloth had been removed, the chair was taken by the President, Mr. T. Haigh, the vice-chair being occupied by Mr. G. Breed. The Chairman proposed the usual loyal toast, which was received in right royal style. "The Army, Navy and Auxillary Forces" was next submitted. Mr. G. Breed proposed "The Health of the Dean and Chapter of York Minster," and Mr. W. H. Howard, in responding, remarked that the company were fortunate in having such a good friend as the Dean at the head of affairs, who was always willing to meet them as far as possible in anything that was required. "The Press and their own special organ, 'THE BELL NEWS,'" was submitted by Mr. G. Worth, and responded to by Mr. W. Morrell. Other toasts followed, including "the City Members and donors, host and hostess, etc." Between the toasts change-ringing on handbells, songs comic and sentimental were rendered by Messrs. G. Breed, Worth, Earnshaw, T. Hodgson, and a most enjoyable evening was brought to a close at eleven o'clock.

**NEWCHURCH-IN-ROSSENDALE.**—On Monday, January 8th, the ringers of St. Nicholas Church were asked by the Rector, the Rev. H. Barry, to supper at the Rectory; the Rev. T. B. Eddrup, assistant-priest, was also present. A splendid repast was placed on the table at 7 o'clock, and ample justice was done to all the good things provided. Afterwards the evening was spent with the handbells, several tunes were rung and a touch of Grandsire Triples. The remainder of the evening was spent in talking over certain improvements required in the tower and other parish matters of interest, and the whole evening was most enjoyable and successful throughout.

**THE ST. PAUL'S SOCIETY, FULNEY, SPALDING.**—On Thursday, February 1st, this company, by kind invitation of the Vicar, the Rev. R. G. Ash, were entertained at supper at the Vicarage. The Rev. R. G. Ash presided, and was supported on the right by the Rev. W. Kirby, and on the left by Mr. W. Chatterton, churchwarden. The vice-chair was occupied by Mrs. Ash, supported on the right by Mr. R. Creasey and on the left by Mr. R. Westmorland, churchwarden. Altogether fourteen sat down to a bountiful repast. "Go" being called, changes were soon in full swing, the course-ends coming up correctly. On the cloth being removed other enjoyments were indulged in, and Mr. G. Skeef, on behalf of the company, in suitable terms presented to Mr. R. Creasey, their Instructor, as a small token of esteem in which he is held by them, and for the pains he has taken to teach them the art, a beautiful gold cross with compass set in centre, as an appendage for watch-guard. The Rev. R. G. Ash also spoke of the untiring zeal of the recipient, and his punctuality in attending to instruct them, and referred to other presents he had received, and wished him many years of health to wear them. The rev. gentleman having an engagement, an adjournment was made to the school room, where nuts, oranges, tobacco, etc. were provided and enjoyed. On the return of the Vicar and Mrs. Ash and company, several courses of Grandsire Triples, Caters, and Treble Bob Major, were rung on the handbells, after which Mr. R. Creasey thanked the Vicar and Mrs. Ash for their liberality, and proposed their healths, which was heartily drank with musical honours. Mr. R. Creasey then thanked the company for their unexpected and beautiful present; he also congratulated them on the progress they had made during the year. Thus ended the 13th anniversary of the above company.

**THE BLACKBURN PARISH CHURCH SOCIETY.**—On Saturday, February 3rd, the ringers of this Society had their annual supper at the Old Bull hotel, Church Street, Blackburn, where a first-class spread was got up in Mrs. Mitchell's best style. Ample justice having been done to the good things provided, an adjournment was made to the Masonic Lodge Room. The Right Rev. Bishop Cramer Roberts presided, and there were also present the Rev. Crookshank, Curate, Messrs. C. A. Saunderson, R. Lund and Mr. Rooks, the organist. The Chairman, in his remarks, congratulated the ringers on their good ringing during the past twelve months. Singing, reciting and a few courses of Grandsire Minor and Triples on the handbells caused a pleasant evening to be spent. A vote of thanks to the Vicar and wardens for their kindness was unanimously carried.

**THE ST. MARY'S SOCIETY, WOOLWICH.**—On Wednesday evening, February 9th, a very pleasant evening was spent by the ringers of St. Mary's, Woolwich, at the residence of Mr. Woodford, churchwarden, who had kindly invited them to supper. After doing justice to the good things provided, Mr. W. Woodford proposed "Church and State," adding that no matter what befell them in sickness, or in health, or differences of opinion on any subject, their first duty was to support their Church in all things. "The health of the worthy host," was next proposed by J. E. Beaven, Hon. Sec., which was responded to in a few kindly words. The next business was the most important item of the evening, which consisted of a presentation to Mr. E. O. Masters, who had worked so hard in connection with the rehanging of St. Mary's bells. The presentation took the form of a silver-mounted briar pipe, and Mr. W. Woodford, in asking Mr. E. O. Masters' acceptance of the same, spoke of the energetic and able manner in which he had worked to get the bells into working order again. Mr. E. O. Masters responded in a few words, thanking all those present who had shown such kindness to him, hoping at the same time he would be spared to have many an hour with his pipe and those who had kindly presented it to him. The rest of the evening was spent in a very enjoyable manner until shortly after midnight, when the company wished one another good night.

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## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN BRANCH.—The usual monthly meeting was held at St. Mary's church, Prescott, on Saturday, February 3rd, the various towers represented being Warrington, Farnworth, Garston, Huyton, and the local company. The tower was open for ringing at 3 o'clock, and the business meeting was held in the parish room at 6 o'clock, at which Mr. Gough, of Garston, presided. The minutes of the last meeting held at Walton were read and confirmed. Mr. Gough then said he was very sorry to hear of Mr. Wilson, the late secretary, resigning, and it gave him very great pleasure to propose a vote of thanks to Mr. Wilson for the kind and courteous manner in which he had carried out his duties, and he thought that Mr. Moore would try and do his best to fill the office. It was then proposed by Mr. Rimmer, and seconded by Mr. Moston, that it should be brought before the next quarterly meeting, that the secretary's railway fare be paid to the places where the meetings were held. Mr. Moore then said he would not like this to be brought up while he was the secretary, as Mr. Wilson had done it for the love of ringing, and he did not see why he should not do it for the same as Mr. Wilson. After a short discussion Mr. F. Byron said he would bring the matter up at the next quarterly election of new members. It was proposed by T. Byron, and seconded by E. Rimmer, that F. Davidson, of Prescott, be elected a member of the Association. It was proposed by W. Byron, and seconded by W. Meredith, that the next meeting be held at St. Michael's, Huyton. A vote of thanks to the chairman, and to the clergy for the use of the bells, and to the local company for having everything in readiness, terminated the meeting.

ROCHDALE BRANCH.—The monthly meeting of this branch was held at St. Mary's, Balderstone, on Saturday, February 10th, members being present from Oldham, Shaw, and Rochdale. Ringing began early in the afternoon, and touches of Bob Major, Grandsire Triples, and Kent Treble Bob Minor were rung. The meeting was held in the schoolroom, presided over by the vicar. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Glodwick on Saturday, March 10th. A vote of thanks to the vicar for the use of the bells and for presiding, brought the meeting to a close. The belfry was again visited, and 720 Kent Treble Minor was rung. H. Barlow, 1; J. Crossley, 2. J. W. Travis, 3; S. Stett (conductor), 4; E. Schofield, 5; J. Everington, 6. Afterwards touches of Oxford and Violet Treble Bob were rung.

BLACKBURN BRANCH.—On Saturday, February 17th, a meeting of this branch was held at Whalley. Ringers were present from Blackburn, Church, Darwen, Oswaldtwistle, Mytton, Padiham, and Whalley. Ringing was commenced at 3 o'clock, and kept up by the various companies until 9.30. At 6 o'clock a substantial potato pie supper was partaken of at the Dog inn. After ample justice had been done to the good things provided, the business meeting was held, presided over by R. Green, Esq., assisted by Mr. J. Walker, president of the branch, and Mr. J. Horrocks, secretary. The routine of business being disposed of, the remainder of the evening was spent in a convivial manner, selections of music being given at intervals by the Church handbell ringers. Great praise is due to the Whalley ringers for the admirable arrangements made for the visiting ringers. At the close votes of thanks were accorded to the vicar, wardens, and ringers for their kindness, which was responded to by R. Green, Esq., and Mr. L. Preston.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

LEWISHAM DISTRICT.—A quarterly meeting of this district was held at St. Mary's, Woolwich, on Saturday, February 3rd, and was well attended by members from Woolwich, Greenwich, Lewisham, Lee, Crayford, and Hayes. Ringing in various methods were brought round. It was decided to hold the next meeting at St. Mary's, Lewisham, on April 21st.

The Bishop of St. Asaph has served a monition on the Rev. W. Venables-Williams, vicar of Llanrillo-yn-Rhos, and upon his churchwardens, that he must on every Sunday and holyday throughout the year hold a full Welsh service and sermon in the parish church of Llanrillo.

## SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

The meeting in connection with this society was held on Saturday, February 3rd, at All Saints church, West Bromwich, in which members from the following centres in the archdeaconry took part: Tipton, Darlaston, Wolverhampton, Wombourn, Cannock, Tettenhall, and West Bromwich. The bells were kept going during the afternoon and evening with touches in the various methods. A service was held in the church at 5 p.m., and a very excellent address given by the Rev. G. P. T. Johnson, curate of All Saints, after which a committee meeting was held in the vestry, the chair being taken by the vicar, the Rev. M. M. Connor, who had entered the church during the service. Three new members were elected, and a vote of thanks was passed to the vicar for presiding, and to the Rev. G. P. T. Johnson for his address. It was also decided to hold the next meeting at Penkridge if the bells were in ringing order, and if not to carry it to Stafford on Saturday, April 10th. An adjournment being made to the school-room, twenty-six members sat down to tea which had been got ready for them, and after the good things provided had been thoroughly enjoyed, the handbells were brought into requisition, and some very good courses rang on them.

## A DATE TOUCH OF STEDMAN TRIPLES.

## A CORRECTION.

SIR,—An error has been pointed out to me in my date touch of Stedman Triples, of which I append a corrected pricking. Such an oversight is unpardonable in one who pretends to be a composer, and I can only attribute it to the impaired faculties of advancing age.

A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD.

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Round at 2nd change of last six.

\* 2, 7, 9, 12, 15, 16, 21, 23, 24, 26, 28.

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First Course: Wrong, Home.

Wrong, First whole turn, Last whole turn with a double.

Out quick with a single, Home with a double.

Wrong, In quick.

Last Course: Wrong, Out quick.

In the body of the touch: Last whole turn at 7; In quick at 12.

PEAL CORRECTIONS.—The peal of Bob Major rang at Halewood, Lancashire, on February 10th, should read Joseph Grace, Treble, not Joseph Crane.—The peal rung at St. Stephen's, Hackington, on February 6th, should have been ascribed to the Kent County Association.

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

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 1894.

**The Metropolis.**

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, February 10, 1894, in Three Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-BOW, CHEAPSIDE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES.

Tenor 53 cwt. in B.

JAMES PETTIT .. .. .	Treble.	GEORGE DORRINGTON .. .. .	7.
CHALLIS F. WINNEY .. .. .	2.	EDWIN HORREX .. .. .	8.
FRANK M. BUTLER .. .. .	3.	SAMUEL E. JOYCE .. .. .	9.
GEORGE T. McLAUGHLIN .. .. .	4.	WILLIAM D. SMITH .. .. .	10.
WILLIAM BURKIN .. .. .	5.	WILLIAM T. COCKERILL .. .. .	11.
FRANCIS E. DAWE .. .. .	6.	WALTER PRIME .. .. .	Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by FRANCIS EDWARD DAWE.

The above is only the second peal as yet accomplished on these famous, melodious, and grand bells since they were augmented in 1880 to a ring of twelve.

**The Provinces.**

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 15, 1894, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S VARIATION.

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

CHARLES MILLARD* .. .. .	Treble.	CHARLES GOODENOUGH .. .. .	5.
JAMES YORK .. .. .	2.	CHARLES BELL .. .. .	6.
GEORGE H. COLSTON .. .. .	3.	HENRY W. BROWN .. .. .	7.
W. JAMES HINTON .. .. .	4.	WILLIAM COLSTON .. .. .	Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES BELL.

\*First peal.

## BUCKNALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## THE STOKE-ON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 15, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Being a 720 each of the following:

Superlative and Cambridge Surprise, London Scholars' Pleasure, College Exercise, College Pleasure, Westminster and London Treble Bob. Tenor 11½ cwt.

DANIEL PRESTON .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM WHELDON .. 4.
JOHN E. WHELDON .. .. 2.	ROBERT WM. TWIGG .. 5.
CHARLES PRESTON .. .. 3.	WILLIAM TWIGG .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM TWIGG.

## BACUP.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, February 16, 1894, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REEVES'S VARIATION.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

FRED HOWORTH* .. .. Treble.	*THOMAS LORD .. .. 5.
JOHN A. BROWN* .. .. 2.	JOSEPH SUTCLIFFE .. .. 6.
JAMES PICKUP .. .. 3.	JOHN SHEPPARD .. .. 7.
JAMES T. STANDRING .. 4.	*WILFRED LAW .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN SHEPPARD.

\*First peal.

## LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, February 16, 1894, in Three Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES.

Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

J. F. BARRETT* .. .. Treble.	W. H. INGLESANT .. .. 6.
J. HARDY* .. .. 2.	E. W. CARTWRIGHT .. .. 7.
G. HARDY .. .. 3.	C. HARRIMAN† .. .. 8.
T. H. COLBURN .. .. 4.	J. W. TAYLOR, JUN. .. 9.
W. WILLSON .. .. 5.	A. W. MATTHEWS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER and Conducted by JOHN W. TAYLOR, JUN.

\*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. This peal has not been previously rung.

## RAWTENSTALL.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Feb. 17, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven and ½ Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 14 cwt.

GEORGE H. ASHWORTH* .. Treble.	*JOSHUA RAMSBOTTOM .. 5.
JAMES GRATRICK .. .. 2.	JAMES B. TAYLOR .. .. 6.
JAMES ROLLERSON* .. .. 3.	A. EDWARD WREAKS .. .. 7.
HENRY H. NUTTER* .. .. 4.	JOHN EACHUS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by GEORGE LONGDEN and Conducted by A. EDWARD WREAKS.

\*First peal in the method.

## IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

## THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 17, 1894, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor about 10½ cwt.

JAMES HOUGHTON, SEN.* .. Treble.	ISAAC HILLS .. .. 5.
GEORGE BURTON† .. .. 2.	CHARLES WM. CLARKE .. 6.
FREDERICK KEECH† .. .. 3.	**HERBERT SHARP .. .. 7.
ALFRED H. MARTIN .. .. 4.	*JAMES HOUGHTON, JUN. .. Tenor.

Conducted by HERBERT SHARP.

\*First peal. †First peal on eight bells. ‡First peal in the method with a bob bell.  
 \*\*First peal in method as conductor. The ringers wish to thank the Rev. E. Biscoe, for the use of the bells, and also Mr. Strane for having everything in readiness. J. Houghton, sen. and jun. belong to the local company, and were elected members of the above Association before starting. Burton hails from Rushden; Martin from Higham Ferrers; the remainder belong to Bedford.

## PUDSEY, YORKSHIRE.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 17, 1894, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 16 cwt.

F. HARGREAVES .. .. Treble.	E. WHEATER .. .. 5.
T. SIMPSON .. .. 2.	A. WILKINSON .. .. 6.
F. WOOD* .. .. 3.	J. W. EMMETT .. .. 7.
D. NEWTON .. .. 4.	C. DRACUP .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES DRACUP.

\*First peal. Messrs. Hargreaves and Newton hail from Drighlington; Simpson Wood, Wilkinson, Emmett, and Dracup, from Low Moor; Wheeler from Tong.

## HAWLEY, HANTS.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 17, 1894, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' TEN-PART, No. 1.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

W. H. BOYLES .. .. Treble.	SIDNEY RIDDLE .. .. 5.
GEORGE HAWKINS .. .. 2.	JAMES BUNCH .. .. 6.
FREDERICK FRANCIS .. 3.	*EDGAR COLLINS .. .. 7.
BARZILLAI HAWKINS .. 4.	JOHN BUTLER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE HAWKINS.

\*First peal in the method. Messrs. Hawkins (2), Bunch, and Riddle hail from Yateley; Francis and Collins from Bagshot. The ringers wish to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells, and also Mr. Butler for having every thing in readiness.

## BIRMINGHAM.—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 17, 1894, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES.

Tenor 29 cwt.

JOHN JENNINGS* .. .. Treble.	*CHARLES SPARKES .. .. 6.
GEORGE WALKER .. .. 2.	*GEORGE HITCHMAN .. .. 7.
ROBERT BOWKETT* .. .. 3.	*JOHN T. PERRY .. .. 8.
JOHN PRICKETT† .. .. 4.	JOHN CARTER .. .. 9.
JAMES JONES .. .. 5.	*FRANK MUMFORD .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JOHN CARTER.

\*First peal of Stedman Caters. †First peal with a bob bell. This peal contains the 6th nine times in 4th place, eleven times right, and twenty-three times behind the 9th; and is now rung for the first time.

## SHEFFIELD, YORKSHIRE.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, February 17, 1894, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 14 cwt.

CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY Treble.	S. H. LONDON .. .. 5.
JOHN HOLMAN .. .. 2.	THOMAS HAIGH .. .. 6.
DAVID BREARLEY .. .. 3.	W. H. HOWARD .. .. 7.
WILLIAM BURGAR .. .. 4.	THOMAS HATTERSLEY .. Tenor.

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY and Conducted by THOMAS HATTERSLEY.

Messrs. Haigh and Howard belong to the York Minster society.

## BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 17, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S VARIATION.

Tenor 16 cwt.

H. W. JACKSON .. .. Treble.	*JOSEPH PARKINSON .. .. 5.
JAMES H. JACKSON .. .. 2.	THOMAS E. TURNER .. .. 6.
J. WILSON .. .. 3.	WILLIAM HAMER .. .. 7.
JOEL REDFORD .. .. 4.	RICHARD LINDLEY .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by H. W. JACKSON.

\*First peal.

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

On Monday, February 19, 1894, in Two Hours and Thirteen Minutes,  
AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. TROLLOP, 52, ST. GEORGE'S MIDDLE ST.  
ON HANDBELLS RETAINED IN HAND,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

J. ARMIGER TROLLOP .. 1-2. | JOHN E. BURTON .. 5-6.  
GEORGE P. BURTON .. 3-4. | CHARLES E. BORRETT .. 7-8.

Composed by JOHN CARTER and Conducted by CHARLES E. BORRETT.

First peal in the method ever rung by the Association, or in the county, and by all the band. Rung at the first attempt and after but one practice. The composition contains the 5th eighteen times, and the 6th twenty-four times right.  
Umpire—Mr. Albert G. Warnes.

# SOUTHOVER, LEWES.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 21, 1894, in Three Hours and One Minute,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qrs. 27 lbs.

KEITH HART .. .. Treble. | JAMES BOTTS .. .. 5.  
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH\* .. 2. | †ALFRED JOHN TURNER .. 6.  
GEORGE BAKER .. .. 3. | GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. 7.  
ROBERT J. DAWE .. .. 4. | EDWARD BUTLER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by A. J. TURNER.

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

# Date Touches.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HULL.—On Saturday, February 3rd, at Holy Trinity church, a date touch of 1894 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 10 mins. C. Jackson, (composer and conductor), 1; W. Verity, 2; G. Marshall, 3; F. Merri-son, 4; G. Miller, 5; S. Stockdale, 6; D. W. Brown, 7; J. Dale, 8. This touch is in four parts, and contains the twenty-four 6-7s, and was rang on the occasion of the marriage of the Rev. Alfred Curtis Vicar of St. Luke's, Hull), to Jennie Weldridge, at the parish church (St. Dunstan's), Stepney, London.

## THE NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SCOTTHORNE (Lincolnshire).—On Saturday, February 10th, at the church of St. Germain, a date touch, 1894 changes, being 720 Oxford Treble Bob, 720 Kent Treble Bob, and 454 Plain Bob. J. W. Ash, 1; J. B. Fenton, 2; C. Wells, 3; G. Lindoff, 4; G. Chester, 5; C. W. P. Clifton, 6. Arranged and conducted by G. Lindoff. This is the first date touch ever rung upon the bells.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BURNLEY (Lancashire).—On Saturday, February 10th, at Holy Trinity church, a date touch of Kent Treble Bob Major, in 1 hr. 5 mins. T. Baldwin, 1; H. Heyworth, 2; J. Wilkinson, 3; T. Porter, 4; J. W. Stirk, 5; M. Wood, 6; R. Ashworth, 7; T. Redman (conductor), 8. Composed by A. Sykes, Huddersfield.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

STANSTED (Essex).—On Saturday, February 3rd, at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, a date touch, 1894 changes, in 1 hr. 10 mins., in the following methods: 94 Plain Bob Minor, 360 College Single, 720 Oxford Treble Bob, and 720 York Surprise. G. Jordan, 1; I. Hammond, 2; T. J. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; J. Luckey, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. This was rang after an unsuccessful attempt for a 5040. Tenor 13 cwt.

## BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BATH.—On Sunday, February 10th, at St. Saviour's church, a date touch of 1894 Bob Triples, in 1 hr. 4 mins. R. Lewis, 1; C. Gordon, 2; A. Wilcox, 3; C. Goodenough, 4; J. Hinton, 5; C. W. Bell (conductor), 6; H. W. Brown (composer), 7; J. Fussell, 8. C. Gordon and J. Hinton hail from Bristol. Rung in honour of J. Fussell's birthday, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

# Miscellaneous.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BROMLEY (Kent).—On Sunday, February 4th, at the parish church,

504 Stedman Triples. W. Fright, 1; I. Emery, 2; W. Bedwell, 3; T. Groombridge, 4; G. Durling, 5; H. Warnett, 6; H. P. Harman (conductor), 7; A. Bedwell, 8. Messrs. Warnett and Bedwell (2) hail from Lewisham.

MAIDSTONE (Kent).—On Sunday morning, February 4th, for Divine Service at All Saints' church, 1012 Stedman Triples, taken from Thurstan's composition. T. Mannering, 1; W. Mannering, 2; A. H. Woolley, 3; A. Tawney, 4; G. Pawley, 5; R. Richards, 6; A. Palmer (conductor), 7; W. Barnes, 8. Longest length of Stedman by the local company.

SEAL CHART (Kent).—On Friday, February 9th, at the church of St. Lawrence, 720 Bob Minor (fourteen singles four bobs), in 25 mins. J. Kettle (first 720 in the method), 1; C. Seager, 2; S. Cole, 3; J. P. Cox, 4; F. Kettle, 5; G. P. Burr (conductor), 6.

ELHAM (Kent).—On Saturday, February 10th, a quarter-peal and 350 of Grandsire Triples. E. Smith, 1; E. Bush, 2; A. Castle, 3; E. Potter, 4; J. Andrews, 5; A. Tanton, 6; A. Moorcraft (conductor), 7; J. Prebble, 8.

HAYES (Kent).—On Monday, January 29th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor. H. Reader, 1; H. Brown, 2; G. Harwood, 3; G. Durling, 3; T. Harford, 5; J. Hack (conductor), 6. Also 120 Grandsire Doubles. F. Lacy, 1; J. Hack, 2; G. Harwood (conductor), 3; T. Harford, 4; G. Durling, 5; H. Reader, 6. And several 120s. F. Lacy, 1; H. Reader, 2; G. Harwood, 3; J. Hack, 4; T. Harford (conductor), 5; G. Durling, 6. Also 180 Canterbury Pleasure Minor. F. Lacey, 1; T. Harford, 2; G. Harwood, 3; H. Reader, 4; G. Durling, 5; J. Hack (conductor), 6. On Sunday morning, February 4th, for Divine Service, 360 Canterbury Pleasure. F. Lacy, 1; H. Brown, 2; H. Reader, 3; G. Harwood, 4; E. Stone, 5; J. Hack (conductor), 6. On Monday, February 5th, for practice, 120 Grandsire Doubles. F. Lacey, 1; H. Reader, 2; G. Harwood, 3; J. Hack, 4; E. Stone (conductor), 5; E. Boxall, 6.

## SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

TAMWORTH (Staffordshire).—On Monday, February 5th, at the church of St. Editha, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 43 mins. J. Windridge, 1; C. Chapman, 2; W. Chapman, 3; J. Pratt, 4; J. George (composer and conductor), 5; J. W. Timms, 6; R. Brindley, 7; A. Dain, 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to W. Chapman, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns. On Monday, February 12th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 44 mins. J. Windridge, 1; J. W. Timms, 2; J. George (conductor), 3; C. Chapman, 4; J. Pratt, 5; R. Brindley, 6; W. Chapman, 7; W. Lago, 8. Composed by John Carter of Birmingham. First quarter-peal and longest length by W. Lago.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

WELLS (Norfolk).—On Thursday, February 1st, at the parish church, for practice, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs two singles), both parts called different. J. Woodrow, 1; W. Flaxman, 2; W. Savory, 3; C. Alderton, 4; T. W. Wright, 5; J. Skinner (conductor), 6. Great credit is due to J. Woodrow who rang the treble, as he only began change-ringing about six months ago, and is 58 years old. Tenor 18 cwt.

WOODBIDGE (Suffolk).—On Monday, February 12th, eight members attempted to ring 6272 changes of Kent Treble Bob, the longest on the bells, but after ringing 5700 in 3 hrs. 35 mins. it came to grief through the heavy going of the bells. C. Mee (conductor), 1; A. E. Achfeld, 2; W. Motts, 3; A. S. Barrell, 4; F. Mee, 5; W. A. Arnott, 6; W. Ward, 7; C. Ward, 8. Tenor 28 cwt. Before these bells will go as they ought, they must be hung up a great deal more in the stocks.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

WOOLHOPE.—On Sunday, February 11th, the Eastnor ringers paid a visit to this place to try the easy going and musical ring of six. Before the afternoon service several 6-scores of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles were rung, and a 720 of Grandsire Minor was attempted, but "stand" was called when upwards of 600 changes had been rung, owing to a change-course. After service two more 6-scores of Stedman were rung, and a 720 of Grandsire Minor was brought round in 26 mins. F. Johnson, 1; M. Wagstaff, 2; T. Williams, 3; F. Voyce, 4; F. Summers, 5; C. Edwards (conductor), 6. Tenor 17 cwt. This is the Eastnor ringers' farewell touch with Mr. C. Edwards, District Instructor, who to the regret of all is now leaving Bosbury for Croft Castle, Kingsland, R.S.O., his brother-ringers wishing him every success.

## NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LINCOLN.—On Wednesday, February 7th, at the church of St. Peter-at-Arches, for practice, 960 Kent Treble Bob Major in 35 mins. W. A. Hedson, 1; R. E. Clarke, 2; J. B. Fenton, 3; R. Dawson, 4; F. W. Walker, 5; G. Lindoff, 6; G. Chester, 7; C. W. P. Clifton (conductor), 8.

**NETTLEHAM.**—On Saturday, February 3rd, at the church of All Saints, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. R. E. Clarke, 1; C. W. P. Clifton, 2; C. Wells, 3; G. Lindoff, 4; I. Vickers, 5; G. Chester (conductor), 6.

**SCOTHORNE.**—On Saturday, February 10th, 720 Plain Bob Minor. J. Wells (first attempt at Minor) 1; J. B. Fenton, 2; G. Chester, 3; C. Wells, 4; C. W. P. Clifton, 5; G. Lindoff (conductor), 6.

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

**KILLMARSH (Derbyshire).**—On Sunday, January 7th, 720 New London Pleasure. H. Taylor, 1; T. Bettison (conductor), 2; J. Emsen, 3; G. Burnham, 4; H. Turton, 5; C. Severn, 6. On Sunday, January 14th, for morning service, 600 Lichfield Surprise. For evening service, 720 Bristol Surprise, standing as before. On Saturday, January 13th, 720 Cambridge Surprise and 360 College Trebles. \*T. Bettison, 1; J. H. Brothwell, 2; J. Emsen, 3; \*W. Lambert, 4; H. Turton, 5; C. Severn (conductor), 6. \*First 720 in the method, and hails from Treeton. On Monday, January 22nd, for practice, 720 Carlisle Surprise. On Sunday, January 28th, for morning service, 720 College Pleasure. For evening service, 720 City Delight. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the memory of the late Rev. E. H. B. Estcourt, M.A., of Eckington, who died at the advanced age of 90 years on January 25th. For practice on Monday, January 29th, 240 each of Superlative Surprise and Oxford, standing as before.

#### THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

**COGGESHALL (Essex).**—On Monday, February 5th, at the church of St. Peter-ad-Vincula, 1500 of Minor, being 240 each of New London, Kent, Oxford, Double Court, Yorkshire Court, Plain Bob, and 60 College Single. C. Norfolk, 1; W. Dyer, 2; J. Sadler, 3; D. Elliot, sen., 4; E. W. Beckwith, 5; D. Elliott, jun. (conductor), 6. Longest length of Minor by all. Rung in 58 mins. Tenor 22 cwt. in F.

#### THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

**WARRINGTON (Lancashire).**—On Sunday, January 14th, at the church of St. Paul, 720 Plain Bob Minor (eighteen bobs two singles, 2nd the observation). J. J. Marriott, 1; F. Stout (first 720 as conductor), 2; A. Oxley, 3; G. Bebbington, 4; W. Brammer, 5; E. Edwardson, 6. On Sunday, January 21st, 720 Plain Bob Minor (eight bobs six singles), in 24½ mins. J. R. Hill (first 720), 1; the rest as before. Conductor E. Edwardson. On Thursday, January 24th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor in 24 mins. W. Brammer (conductor), 3; A. Oxley, 5. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

#### THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

**CHESTER.**—On Saturday, February 10th, at St. Mary's, Hanbridge, a mixed band attempted Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples, but it came to grief after 2 hrs. and 20 mins. ringing through a change-course. A. Griffiths (Chester), 1; R. Langford (Crewe), 2; J. Minshall (Macclesfield), 3; J. Wright (Crewe), 4; W. Walmsley (Macclesfield), 5; T. Johnson (Sandbach), 6; J. Moulton (conductor, Chester), 7; R. T. Holding (Crewe), 8. Messrs. Walmsley and Minshall returned to Crewe with the Crewe men, and stayed over Sunday with their Crewe friends. The following ringing was done in the morning for Divine Service: 420 Grandsire Triples. J. Wright, 1; A. Harding, 2; W. Walmsley, 3; R. Langford, 4; J. Minshall, 5; G. Harding, 6; R. T. Holding (conductor), 7; J. Davies, 8. And for Divine Service in the evening, 1260 Grandsire Triples in 47 mins. A. Dudley, 1; A. Harding, 2; J. Wright, 3; R. Langford, 4; W. Walmsley, 5; J. Minshall, 6; R. T. Holding (conductor), 7; G. Harding, 8.

#### THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

**LONDON.**—On Sunday, February 4th, at the church of St. Giles-in-the-Fields, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Major (nine bobs and six singles) in 25 mins. W. C. Hasted, 1; W. Truss, 2; A. R. Davis, 3; J. E. Davis, 4; F. J. Pitts, 5; H. N. Davis (conductor), 6.

#### THE YORKSHIRE AND HEAVY WOOLLEN DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS.

**HORBURY (Yorks).**—On Sunday, January 14th, at the parish church, 720 Horbury Delight. On Sunday, January 21st, 720 Cambridge Surprise. On Sunday, February 4th, 720 Wells Surprise. A. Yelland, 1; E. Brooke, 2; G. Hunt, 3; H. Rowley (conductor), 4; G. F. Pickles, 5; R. Thickett, 6. Tenor 10½ cwt.

#### THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

**EPSOM (Surrey).**—On Monday, February 12th, for practice at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 42 mins. \*F. Grove, 1; H. Federick, 2; A. E. Bassett, 3; T. Miles (conductor), 4; J. Easton, 5; \*W. Canning, 6; H. Kenten, 7; T. Everett, 8. \*First quarter-peal on the treble. †First quarter-peal.

**ARELEY KINGS (Worcestershire).**—On Sunday evening, February 4th, for Divine Service, 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor (four bobs) in 23 mins. H. Martin, 1; W. Martin, 2; T. Elcox, 3; J. Reynolds, 4; J. Johnson, 5; C. Beaman (conductor), 6. On Monday, February 5th, for practice, 720 College Single in 23 mins. J. Reynolds, 3; T. Elcox, 4; the rest as above. First in the method by all except T. Elcox. On Monday, February 12th, for practice, 720 College Single in 23 mins. J. Johnson, 1; W. Martin, 2; J. Reynolds, 3; T. Salter (conductor), 4; E. Hunt, 5; C. Beaman, 6. Also 360 Oxford Bob. W. Martin, 1; T. Salter, 2; T. Elcox, 3; E. Hunt, 4; J. Johnson, 5; J. Reynolds, 6. Messrs. Salter and Hunt hail from Kidderminster.

**BATLEY (Yorks).**—*Handbell Ringing.*—On Thursday, February 8th for practice, 720 Kent Treble Bob in 25 mins. S. Gibson (conductor), 1-2; J. S. Fozard, 3-4; W. Stubley, 5-6. On Friday, February 9th, 720 Kent Treble Bob in 26 mins. W. Stubley (conductor), 1-2; J. S. Fozard, 3-4; S. Gibson, 5-6. And 240 in the same method. W. Stubley (conductor), 1-5; J. S. Fozard, 2-4; S. Gibson, 3-6.

**BILLINGSHURST (Sussex).**—On Sunday, February 4th, at the parish church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor in 24 mins. P. Wood, 1; W. Chantler, 2; W. Wadey, 3; M. Ireland, 4; J. Voice, 5; C. Smart (first 720 in the method as conductor), 6. C. Smart belongs to the Steyning branch. Also 360 Canterbury Pleasure. P. Wood, 1; J. Newman, 2; M. Ireland, 3; W. Wadey, 4; T. Chantler, 5; W. Chantler (conductor), 6.

**HARBORNE (Staffordshire).**—On Saturday, February 10th, at the parish church, 1260 Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. E. Grice, 1; J. Day, 2; H. Grovenen, 3; W. Grice, 4; T. Gibbs, 5; T. Westwood (conductor), 6; E. Brian, 7; W. Painter, 8. Composed by H. Johnson.

**HURWORTH-ON-TEES (Durham).**—On Saturday, February 3rd, six members of the Holy Trinity society, Darlington, paid a visit to the above village and rang on the bells of All Saints' church 720 Grandsire Minor in 30 mins. E. Cox, 1; J. W. Lynn, 2; T. Lungley, 3; R. B. Wilson, 4; G. W. Park, 5; G. Park, sen. (conductor), 6. Also 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. T. Cox, 1; J. W. Lynn, 2; R. B. Wilson, 3; T. Lungley, 4; G. Park (conductor), 5; G. W. Park, 6. On the arrival of Mr. G. J. Lungley, 360 Bob Minor was rung. E. Cox, 1; R. B. Wilson, 2; G. J. Lungley, 3; T. Lungley, 4; G. Park, 5; G. W. Park (conductor), 6. The bells are a grand ring of six, tenor 17 cwt.

**HENFIELD (Sussex).**—On Sunday, February 4th, for Divine Service in the morning, a 504 Stedman Triples. C. Tyler, 1; W. J. Allis, 2; A. Groves, 3; G. Holder, 4; L. Payne, 5; W. Hillman, 6; A. W. Groves (conductor), 7; A. Heasman, 8. For service in the evening, a quarter-peal in the same method was rung in 43 mins., all standing as before, with the exception of G. Payne, 5; taken from Thurstans' Original, conducted by C. Tyler. On Tuesday, February 6th, for practice, a 504 in the same method. C. Tyler (conductor), 1; W. J. Allis, 2; A. Groves, 3; G. Holder, 4; G. Payne, 5; L. Payne, 6; W. Hillman, 7; A. W. Groves, 8. On Tuesday, February 13th, for practice, 504 in the same method. L. Payne, 1; W. Hillman, 2; A. Groves, 3; G. Holder, 4; W. J. Allis, 5; G. Payne, 6; A. W. Groves (conductor), 7; A. Hodges, 8. This is the first 504 and longest touch rung by the society without the instructor, C. Tyler. On Sunday, February 18th, for Divine Service in the morning, 504 in the same method. C. Tyler, 1; W. J. Allis, 2; A. Groves, 3; G. Holder, 4; G. Payne, 5; A. W. Groves, 6; L. Payne (conductor), 7; A. Hodges, 8. In the evening, 504 in the same method. C. Tyler, 1; W. J. Allis, 2; G. Holder, 3; G. Payne, 4; L. Payne, 5; A. W. Groves, 6; W. Hillman (conductor), 7; A. Hodges, 8.

**LLANGOLLEN (North Wales).**—On Thursday, January 31st, at the parish church, an attempt was made to ring the first half of Taylor's bob-and single peal of Grandsire Triples, which unfortunately came to grief after ringing 1680 changes. W. Williams (longest length), 1; A. R. James, 2; J. W. Davies (conductor), 3; T. Williams, 4; R. A. Horspool, 5; J. Davies, 6; T. Davies, 7; J. W. Bailey, 8. On Thursday, February 8th, 377 Grandsire Triples. H. Jones, 1; A. R. James, 2; R. A. Horspool, 3; W. H. Fussell (Slough), 4; J. W. Davies, 5; J. Davies, 6; T. J. Bratton (Welshpool, conductor), 7; J. W. Roberts, 8. And a 6-score of Stedman Doubles. A. James, 1; R. Horspool, 2; J. W. Davies, 3; T. J. Bratton, 4; W. H. Fussell (conductor), 5; J. W. Roberts, 6. And a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles with H. Jones, 1; the rest as in the touch of Stedman.

**MAIDSTONE (Kent).**—On Thursday, February 9th, at St. Michael's church, 720 Grandsire Minor. J. Bonny (first 720), 1; T. Mannering, 2; W. Mannering, 3; A. Tawney, 4; R. Richards, 5; A. Palmer (conductor), 6.

**OSWESTRY (Salop).**—On Wednesday, January 31st, for practice, 740 Grandsire Triples. R. Edwards, 1; G. Whitfield, 2; R. Martin, 3; D. Davies (conductor), 4; W. H. Jones, 5; R. Evans, 6; T. Rogers, 7; J. R. Wellings, 8. On Sunday morning, February 4th, for Divine Service, 700 Grandsire Triples. R. Edwards, 1; G. Whitfield, 2; R. Martin, 3; D. Davies (conductor), 4; E. Jones, 5; W. H. Jones, 6; R. Evans, 7; T. Rogers, 8.

**OTLEY (Suffolk).**—On Wednesday, January 31st, at St. Mary's church, 720 Bob Minor in 24 mins. R. H. Hayward, 1; Dr. G. F. W. Meadows, 2; Rev. J. H. Pilkington (conductor), 3; F. E. W. Meadows, 4; C. Harper, 5; W. Norman, 6. Hayward hails from Monewden; Rev. J. H. Pilkington, Harper, and Norman from Framlingham.

**PRITTLEWELL (Essex).**—On Monday, January 1st, at St. Mary's church, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). J. Perry, 1; W. Dudley, 2; W. Dowsett, 3; W. Bedwell, 4; C. Anderson, 5; J. Smith (conductor), 6. On Monday, January 22nd, 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-four bobs and two singles). W. Hunt, 1; W. Dowsett, 2; J. Prior, 3; J. Smith, 4; C. Anderson, 5; W. Bedwell (conductor), 6. On Monday, January 29th, 720 Bob Minor (twenty-two singles). J. Perry, 1; W. Dowsett, 2; J. Prior, 3; W. Bedwell, 4; C. Anderson, 5; W. H. Judd (conductor), 6. On Friday, February 2nd, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. J. Perry, 1; W. Dowsett, 2; W. Bedwell, 3; J. Smith, 4; C. Anderson, 5; W. H. Judd (conductor), 6. On Friday, February 9th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. J. Perry, 1; F. Haslam, 2; W. Dowsett, 3; J. Smith, 4; C. Anderson, 5; W. Bedwell (conductor), 6.

**ROCHDALE (Lancashire).**—On Thursday, November 30th, at All Saint's church, Hamer, 720 Bob Minor (sixteen bobs two singles), in 26 mins. J. Lingard, 1; R. E. Hoyle, 2; J. Crossley, 3; R. Whittles, 4; J. S. Marshall, 5; E. Schofield, 6. On Christmas-Day, 720 Bob Minor. R. E. Hoyle, 1; J. W. Crossley, 2; J. Crossley, 3; R. Whittles, 4; J. S. Marshall, 5; E. Schofield, 6. On Sunday, December 31st, 720 Bob Minor (twenty-one bobs twelve singles). R. E. Hoyle, 1; J. W. Crossley, 2; J. Crossley, 3; R. Whittles, 4; J. S. Marshall, 5; E. Schofield, 6. On Sunday, January 7th, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor. J. Lingard, 1; J. W. Crossley, 2; J. Crossley, 3; R. Whittles, 4; E. Schofield, 5; J. S. Marshall, 6. And for evening service, 720 College Single (eighteen bobs two singles), in 27 mins. J. W. Crossley, 1; J. Lingard, 2; J. Crossley, 3; R. Whittles, 4; E. Schofield, 5; J. S. Marshall, 6. First 720 in this method by J. S. Marshall. On Sunday morning, January 14th, for Divine service, 720 Bob Minor. J. Lingard, 1; J. W. Crossley, 2; J. Crossley, 3; R. Whittles, 4; E. Schofield, 5; J. S. Marshall, 6. On Sunday morning, January 21st, for Divine Service, 720 College Single (eighteen bobs two singles). J. W. Crossley, 1; J. Lingard, 2; J. Crossley, 3; R. Whittles, 4; E. Schofield, 5; R. E. Hoyle, 6. And for Divine Service in the evening, 720 College Single. J. Lingard, 1; J. W. Travis, 2; J. Crossley, 3; R. Whittles, 4; E. Schofield, 5; J. W. Cockroft, 6. First 720 in the method by J. W. Travis and J. W. Cockroft who hail from East Crompton. On Monday evening, January 22nd, for practice, 720 Grandsire Minor in 27 mins. J. Lingard, 1; R. E. Hoyle, 2; J. Crossley, 3; R. Whittles, 4; E. Schofield, 5; J. S. Marshall, 6. First 720 in the method by R. E. Hoyle and J. S. Marshall. Also 720 Bob Minor. E. Schofield, 1; J. W. Crossley, 2; J. Crossley, 3; C. Holt, 4; R. E. Hoyle, 5; J. S. Marshall, 6. C. Holt was elected a member of the Lancashire Association the same night. On Sunday morning, January 28th, for Divine Service, 720 College Single. J. W. Crossley, 1; J. Lingard, 2; J. Crossley, 3; R. Whittles, 4; E. Schofield, 5; J. S. Marshall, 6. All the above were conducted by J. Crossley. On Thursday evening, January 25th, for practice, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs), in 27 mins. R. E. Hoyle, 1; J. Harrison, 2; J. Crossley, 3; R. Whittles, 4; E. Schofield, 5; G. Hoyle (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method by R. Whittles.

**STANSTEAD (Suffolk).**—*Handbell Ringing.*—On Thursday, February 1st, at the house of Mr. R. Gowers, an attempt was made for a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, 5088 changes, but it came to grief after ringing 1100 changes. R. Theobald, 1-2; R. Brett, 3-4; S. Slater, 5-6; R. Gowers (conductor), 7-8.

**STEYNING (Sussex).**—On Tuesday, January 16th, for practice, 504 Stedman Triples. E. Rapley, 1; J. Matthews, 2; T. Searle, 3; W. Woolgar, 4; J. Smart, 5; G. Gatland, 6; C. Smart (conductor), 7; C. Budd (first touch on eight bells), 8. C. Budd hails from Upper Beeding. On Thursday, January 18th, for practice, 504 Stedman Triples. T. Searle, 1; W. Woolgar, 2; G. Gatland, 3; E. Rapley, 4; C. Chambers, 5; H. Meetens, 6; J. Smart, 7; C. Smart (conductor), 8. On Sunday, January 21st, for morning service, 504 Stedman Triples. G. Smart (conductor), 1; C. Smart, 2; W. Woolgar, 3; J. Smart, 4; H. Meetens, 5; C. Chambers, 6; J. Matthews, 7; A. Gatland, 8. On Sunday, January 28th, for morning service, 504 Stedman Triples. G. Gatland, 1; E. Rapley, 2; C. Smart (conductor), 3; J. Matthews, 4;

C. Chambers, 5; W. Woolgar, 6; W. Collison, 7; J. Smart, 8. And for evening service, 504 in the same method. A. Gatland, 1; W. Woolgar, 2; E. Rapley, 3; J. Smart, 4; H. Meetens, 5; J. Matthews, 6; G. Smart (conductor), 7; E. Turrell, 8. On Sunday, February 4th, for morning Service, 504 Grandsire Triples. E. Rapley, 1; W. Woolgar, 2; J. Matthews, 3; G. Gatland (conductor), 4; H. Meetens, 5; C. Chambers, 6; J. Smart, 7; A. Gatland, 8. For afternoon service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 43 mins. H. Meetens, 1; A. Gatland, 2; E. Rapley, 3; W. Woolgar, 4; J. Smart, 5; C. Chambers, 6; G. Smart (conductor), 7; G. Gatland, 8. First quarter-peal in the method by the four first ringers, and their ages are seventeen years respectively. And for evening service, 504 in the same method. G. Smart (conductor), 1; J. Woolgar, 2; A. Gatland, 3; E. Rapley, 4; H. Meetens, 5; C. Chambers, 6; J. Smart, 7; W. Woolgar, 8. On Thursday, February 8th, 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Matthews, 1; J. Woolgar, 2; G. Gatland, 3; C. Chambers, 4; H. Meetens, 5; W. Woolgar (first 504 as conductor), 6; J. Smart, 7; E. Hughes, 8. On Sunday, February 11th, for morning service, 504 Stedman Triples. E. Rapley, 1; W. Woolgar, 2; H. Meetens, 3; A. Gatland, 4; C. Chambers, 5; C. Smart (conductor), 6; J. Smart, 7; J. Woolgar, 8. And for evening service, 504 in the same method. E. Rapley, 1; J. Smart, 2; C. Smart (conductor), 3; J. Woolgar, 4; A. Gatland, 5; G. Gatland, 6; W. Woolgar, 7; H. Meetens, 8.

**TAUNTON (Somerset).**—On Saturday, February 3rd, at the church of St. Mary, for practice, 360 Grandsire Minor. J. Joyce, 1; S. Radford, 2; W. Vickary, 3; T. Doble, 4; T. W. Radford (conductor), 5; W. Thorne, 6. This is the longest touch of Minor by Messrs. Vickary and Joyce.

**THIRSK (Yorkshire).**—On Friday evening, February 2nd, four of the Ripon cathedral ringers visited this place, and were met by a few of the local company, and very soon made their way to the belfry, and as time would not permit of a peal they rang a half-peal of Grandsire Triples (2520 changes), in 1 hr. 30 mins. F. Molineux, 1; J. W. Long (conductor), 2; J. Baines, 3; W. Pick, 4; J. Wrightson, 5; G. Neesam, 6; D. Burton, 7; T. Metcalfe, 8. Molineux, Baines, Pick and Metcalfe belong to Ripon.

**TONBRIDGE (Kent).**—On Monday, February 5th, on the occasion of the District meeting at Tunbridge Wells, 504 Grandsire Triples. A. Laurence, 1; G. H. Stonestreet, 2; G. B. Selby, 3; — Bashford, 4; G. Steer, 5; H. J. Selby (conductor), 6; W. Steed, 7; J. Smith, 8. Mr. Bashford hails from Bletchingley, Messrs. G. B. and H. J. Selby, and G. Steer from Westerham, the others are Tonbridge ringers. First 504 by the ringers of the treble and tenor. On Tuesday, February 13th, 720 Bob Minor, with 6-8 covering. A. Laurence, 1; G. H. Stonestreet, 2; J. Cox, 3; F. W. Kettle, 4; W. Steed, 5; G. Rabbitt, 6; G. P. Burr (conductor), 7; J. Smith, 8. Time 27½ mins. Messrs. J. Cox, F. W. Kettle, and G. P. Burr hail from Seal Chart. First 720 by the ringers of treble, sixth, and tenor.

**TREETON (Yorks).**—On Saturday, February 10th, 360 City Delight, 240 College Pleasure, 120 each of College Exercise, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Oxford Delight, Violet, Woodbine, Tanner's Pleasure, Killamarsh Treble Bob, Arnold's Victory, and Plain Bob. On Sunday, February 11th, 720 City Delight, 240 Duke of York, and 120 Morning Pleasure. T. Sadler, 1; J. H. Brothwell, 3; S. Walker, 3; W. Lambert, 4; W. J. Nicholson, 5; T. Whitworth, 6.

**UPPER BEEDING (Sussex).**—On Friday, January 22nd, for practice, 720 Grandsire Doubles, being six 6-scores each called differently. G. Searle (first 720), 1; H. Meetens, 2; T. Searle, 3; W. Woolgar, 4; C. Smart (conductor), 5; C. Budd (first 720), 6. First 720 in the method on the bells. On Monday, February 5th, for practice, 480 Stedman Doubles. E. Rapley, 1; H. Meetens, 2; W. Woolgar, 3; F. Searle, 4; C. Smart (conductor), 5; A. Gatland, 6.

**WORTH (Sussex).**—On Sunday, February 4th, 720 College Exercise. F. Streeter, 1; J. Rice, 2; J. Parker, 3; F. Dench, 4; G. Illman, 5; E. Streeter (conductor), 6. And 360 Oxford Treble Bob. A. Feist, 1; B. Payne, 2; C. Holman, 3; A. Cripps, 4; J. Wedge, 5; E. Streeter (conductor), 6. Also 240 College Exercise. F. Rice (conductor), 1; E. Streeter, 2; C. Holman, 3; J. Gasson, 4; J. Wedge, 4; F. Dench, 6. And 360 Kent Treble Bob. F. Rice (conductor), 1; J. Wedge, 2; A. Feist, 3; A. Cripps, 4; F. Dench, 5; G. Illman, 6. Also 360 Violet. J. Wedge, 1; A. Cripps, 2; F. Streeter, 3; F. Rice, 4; J. Gasson, 5; E. Streeter (conductor), 6. Messrs. Gasson, Wedge, Streeter (2) hail from Balcombe; Feist and Cripps from Lower Beeding; Parker and J. Rice from Crawley; the rest belong to Worth.

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## Notices.

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**The Sussex County Association.—Central Division.**—A meeting will be held to-day, Saturday, February 24th, at Steyning. Tower open 2.30. Tea at Norfolk Arms, 5.30.

GEORGE WILLIAMS, *Hon. Div. Sec.*  
49, Clifton Street, Brighton.

**Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.**—The next monthly ringing meeting of this Society will be held at St. Peter's, Leeds, to-day, Saturday, Feb. 24th. The peal of twelve open at 3 p.m. Business meeting at the Old Royal Oak, Kirkgate, 6 p.m. Nomination of officers for ensuing year. Contributions now due. All members are earnestly requested to attend.

R. BINNS, *Hon. Sec.*  
43, Low Moor Side, Holbeck.

**St. James' Society, London.**—There will be the usual fortnightly meeting at St. Clements Danes, Strand, on Monday next, the 26th inst.

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

**Kent County Association.**—Maidstone District.—The Annual Meeting will be held at Leeds, on March 3rd. Tower open at 3. Committee meeting at 5. At 5.30 a tea will be provided for those who have applied to the district Secretary for tea tickets not later than March 1st. Travelling expenses allowed up to 2s.

A. L. BRINE, *Hon. District Sec.*

**The Henry Johnson Anniversary.**—The St. Martin's Guild of Birmingham have arranged for the usual commemoration dinner to be held at the Tamworth Arms, Moor Street, on Saturday, March 3rd. Dinner will be served at 6.30 p.m., and tickets, 2s. 6d. each, may be obtained from the undersigned by application on or before Wednesday, February 28th. A ringer of eminence is expected to take the chair, and there will be ringing during the afternoon at St. Martin's church.

W. H. GODDEN, *Hon. Sec.*

61, Roland Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

**The Midlands Counties' Association.**—Nottingham District.—There will be a ringing meeting at Bulwell, on Saturday, March 3rd. Belfry open at 5 o'clock.

W. E. WHITE, *Hon. Sec.*

43, Southey Street, Nottingham.

**Stoke Archidiaconal Association.**—The next Monthly meeting will be held at Bucknall, on Saturday next, March 3rd. Tea at 5.30 (free). Members who intend to be present are requested to send notice not later than Wednesday, 28th inst. to

W. TWIGG, *Hon. Sec.*

97, High Street, Bucknall.

**The Sussex County Association.**—Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, March 10th, at Hailsham. Tower open 2.30 p.m. Tea and Meeting 4.45. Contributions now due. All who can attend to inform

ALFRED E. NYE, *District Hon. Sec.*

15, Commercial Road, Eastbourne.

**The Kent County Association.**—Rochester District.—A District meeting will be held at Rainham, on Saturday, March 10th. Tower open from 3 p.m. Hartlip (six) will also be open. Business meeting at 4.30 p.m. to elect a District Secretary in place of W. A. Cooke resigned.

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

**The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Diocesan Branch.**—The meeting proposed for Huyton will be postponed to April the 7th.

J. J. M. MOORE, *Hon. Sec.*

9, Mill Street, Warrington.

## Compositions.

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By JAMES GEORGE, *Rugby.*

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By J. FISHER, *Ducklington, Oxon.*

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By A. SYKES, *Huddersfield.*

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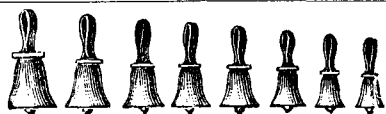
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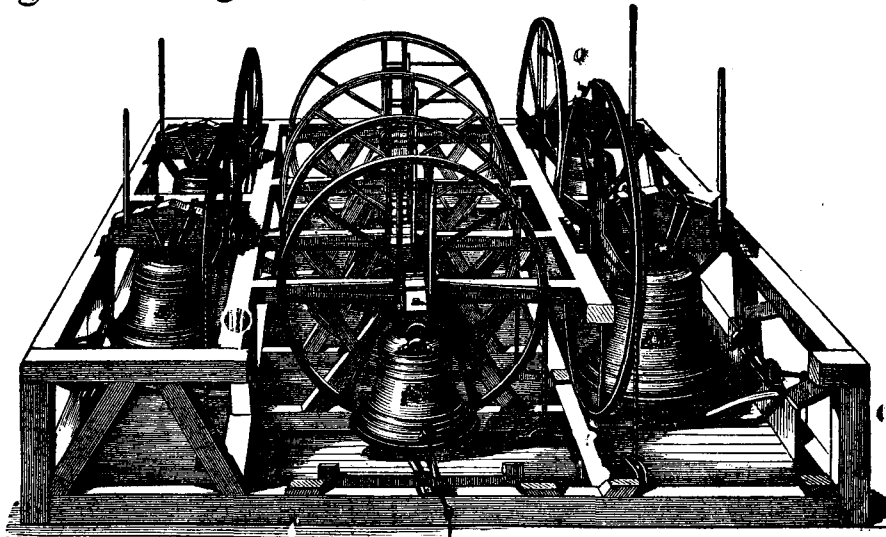
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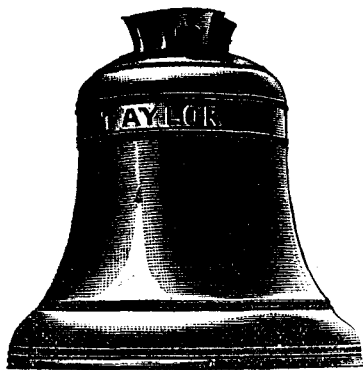
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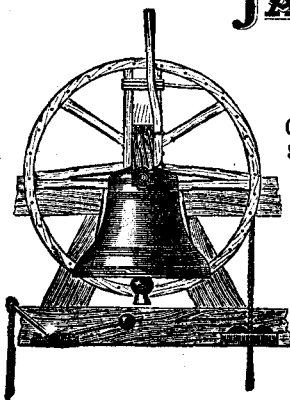
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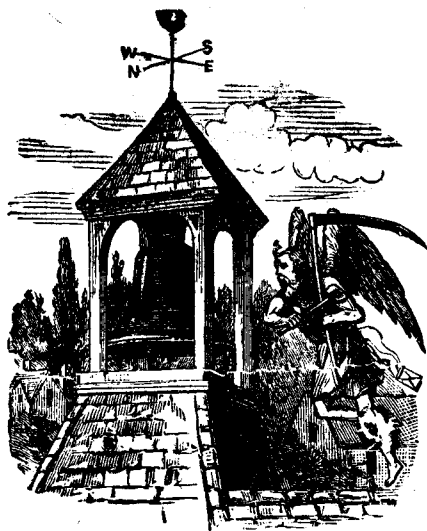
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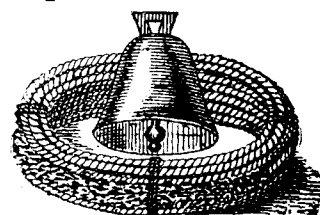
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## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

WIRRAL BRANCH.—The annual meeting of the above branch was held on Saturday, January 27th, at Bromborough. About forty-two members sat down to tea, the following towers being represented: Bebington, Bidston, Bromborough, Heswall, Neston, Rock Ferry (St. Peter's), West Kirby, and Woodchurch.

The Rev. Canon Blencowe, chairman of the branch, presided at the meeting. The Secretary reported that there was a slight increase this year in the number of both honorary and ringing members, and that two new towers had joined the Guild, and one had rejoined. The Secretary also mentioned in his report what a great help it would be to the work of the Guild if the honorary members would try to attend the annual branch meetings and the annual diocesan meetings in larger numbers, and show some real interest in the work that is being done.

The accounts showed a balance in hand of £3 15s. 9d., after handing over to the diocesan fund £6 7s. 0d., and paying all the branch expenses. The Rev. Canon Blencowe was re-elected chairman of the branch, and Mr. F. R. T. Bolton, Hon. Secretary and Treasurer.

The chairman, in reply, expressed the satisfaction he felt at the progress which had been made during the past few years in the branch. The increased interest which had been manifested was in every way satisfactory, and he trusted the honorary members would in the ensuing year give further support by attending the annual meeting. He thought ringers ought to remember that they were always considered part of the church. It was not so in old days. The staircase of the belfry frequently led out of the churchyard, and the attendance of the ringers was confined to the belfry, and not to the church. The bells must always be thought of as instruments of sacred music. He hoped the ringers would always remember they were all church workers, and that this work entailed serious responsibilities. Not the least of these was punctuality. In conclusion, he remarked that the great object of the Guild would be to promote due and proper reverence in the House of God.

Mr. James Dillon proposed a resolution, which was carried with much enthusiasm, viz.: "That a meeting should be held each month at the various towers in the branch, taking them in succession, and that a certain method should be decided on at each meeting to be practised for the following meeting."

The Secretary added that he hoped a free tea would be provided for the ringers at these meetings, as it was the custom in many places to do this; and he hoped that that day four weeks they would meet at West Kirby, and give him the pleasure of entertaining them.

The tower was open, by the kind permission of the Rector, from 3 o'clock, and several touches were rung by mixed bands both before and after the meeting.

The Secretary announced that two peals had been rung in the Wirral Branch during the past year, both of which have been previously published in "THE BELL NEWS."

The first of the monthly meetings mentioned above was held at West Kirby, on Saturday, February 24th. The chairman of the Branch, the Rev. Canon Blencowe, Rector of West Kirby, two honorary members, and thirty-four ringing members from the following towers: Bebington, Bidston, Bromborough, Heswall, Liscard, Rock Ferry, Wallasey, West Kirby, and Woodchurch, accepted the Secretary's invitation to tea. After full justice had been done to the meal, and thanks had been given to the Secretary for his hospitality, a short meeting was held to arrange the place for the next meeting. It was decided to meet at Bebington, on April 7th, where it was understood a free tea was promised. By the kind permission of the Rector the tower was open for ringing till 9.30, when many present availed themselves of practising their favourite art; and so ended the first of many more, we hope, similar happy gatherings.

## BAINTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

The top of the steeple of this church was struck off by lightning last summer, the foliated heads of two windows being also broken in the fall, to which the late gales added a third. The spire has now been completely restored, and a new weathercock given by the rector (the Rev. W. S. Wood); also lightning conductors have been affixed both to this and to Ufford Church, in the same parish.

## LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

The February ringing and business meeting of this Society was held at Leeds on Saturday, February 24th, when over forty members attended from churches connected with the Society, viz.: Birstall, Armley, St. Michael's and St. Chad's Headingley, Ossett, Woodlesford, Rothwell, Holbeck, Guiseley, Calverley, and Hull. There was no tower ringing before the meeting, which was held at the Old Royal Oak, Kirkgate, the President, Mr. J. Whitaker, presiding. The minutes of the last meeting were read, and a rather lengthy discussion took place respecting how the funds should be dealt with, but eventually all was passed as read. The nominations for the various offices was next proceeded with, and arrangements made for the annual dinner. An appeal was again made by collection for funds to cover expenses connected with the Hubbard (jun.) memorial stone, which realized the amount required, and the committee beg to thank each and all for their liberal response. The statement of accounts connected with this movement will be read at the next meeting. The usual vote of thanks to the Vicar (the Rev. Dr. Talbot), churchwardens and local company for use of the bells and other arrangements was unanimously carried. An adjournment was then made to the tower, and Stedman Caters only fairly commenced when an accident occurred which should not have happened had proper care been exercised, and this stopped further ringing in this direction, a great disappointment to visitors for which the local ringers tender their apology. The handbells were then brought into use at the meeting house, and courses of Grandsire Triples, Grandsire Caters and Treble Bob Minor were rung. Altogether a most enjoyable evening was spent with new and old friends up to 10 p.m.

## THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A committee meeting of the above was held at Killamarsh, on Saturday, February 17th, when the books of the Association were audited and found correct by Messrs. C. Severn and T. Bettison. Arrangements were also made for the annual dinner, which will be held at The Elm Tree inn, Staveley, on Easter Monday, due notice of which will appear in "THE BELL NEWS" of March 10th, and all local companies will also receive notice. The following ringing was done during the day: 720 Duke of York, 120 Oxford, 240 Cambridge Surprise, 720 Violet, 720 Tulip, 720 Primrose, and 720 Kent, the following taking part: H. Madin, W. Worthington, A. Worthington, and W. Daffin, Staveley; G. Marsden, T. Lunn, and F. Hancock, Eckington; J. P. Tarlton, Wingfield; W. Lambert, Treeton; E. James, Norton; and Messrs. J. Emsen, T. Bettison, H. Turton, and C. Severn, Killamarsh. This was W. Daffin's first 120 away from home.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

RUNCORN BRANCH.—This branch held its half-yearly meeting at Frodsham, on Saturday, February 17th. After raising the bells in peal and ringing a few touches of Grandsire Doubles, the members adjourned for tea, which the Frodsham ringers had kindly provided for them. Tea being over and the business of the branch settled, they returned to the tower and concluded their visit with a few more touches and a fall in peal. They wish to thank the vicar for the use of the bells; and the Frodsham ringers for their kind welcome and attention.

## EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.

An event occurred in the tower of the parish church of St. Mary, on Monday, February 12th, being the practice night of the St. Mary's society. A band of eight, all of the same surname, and all related, made up of five brothers, two sons, one cousin, the eldest being fifty-nine, and the youngest eighteen, rung a well-struck 6-score of Grandsire Doubles with 7-6-8 behind. Amos Lewis, 1; Thomas Lewis, 2; Charles Lewis, 3; Joseph Lewis, 4; Alfred Lewis, 5; Ernest Lewis, 6; Samuel Lewis, 7; William Lewis, 8. Six of the above are members of the St. Mary's society.

# NEW CLOCK FOR ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL, MADE BY JOHN SMITH AND SONS, MIDLAND CLOCK WORKS, DERBY.

(Commenced January 1st, 1892; completed December 21st, 1893.)

In the latter part of the year 1891 it was decided by the Dean and Chapter of St. Paul's to have a new clock to replace the old one which had done duty since the year 1709, and it was intended also at the same time that the "Great Paul" bell which weighs nearly seventeen tons should be utilised as the hour's striking bell. 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 they considered suitable for the place, based on the general plan of the Houses of Parliament clock, which Lord Grimthorpe had himself designed and personally supervised during its manufacture now nearly forty years ago. After careful consideration the plans of 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 clock itself was about ready for fixing in the autumn of 1892. Then it would seem that a misunderstanding had been existing as to the great bell. 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 outside, which is usual. The hammer was to be 680 lbs., and the clock itself is strong enough to lift a hammer of this size. It seems, however, that the authorities of the cathedral were not aware of this arrangement, and thought the bell would swing as it did beforetime. It was not considered safe to hang the bell to swing in the upper lantern, and therefore many alterations had to be made in the general plans to allow of it 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 high up in the room to make a space for the clock machinery. The clock had to be altered and readapted to strike the hours and ding-dong quarters upon the bells which were formerly used. These three bells have now been raised in the lantern and heavier hammers strike them, so it is expected the bells will be better heard than formerly.

The old dials are much as they were, the rim with the figures being of stone is unaltered, but the central parts have been filled with white opal glass for illumination at night. The old hands have also been repaired and used again. On the East a new dial has been placed facing down Cannon Street, which is of course a copy of the other two. The hands for this dial are made of copper, hollow, convex front and back to unite stiffness with lightness, and present less resistance to wind or snow. The minute-hands of all three dials are partly balanced outside and partly by adjustable weights inside the tower. The hour hands are balanced altogether inside.

The general frame of the clock is made of cast iron 19 feet 6 inches long, with the top surface planed perfectly flat. This frame is laid on two wrought iron girders which are built into the East and West walls, the clock movement lying with its front to the South. The whole of the wheels and working parts are so arranged upon the frame with the bushes screwed to it, that any part may be readily got at for repairs or cleaning. The chiming part of the machinery is planted at the East end of the frame, the striking part at the West end, and the going part between the two. The fan flies which regulate the speed of the striking and chiming parts are carried to the upper part of the room on upright spindles so as to be out of the way. The weights which form the motive power, fall down the centre of the tower immediately below the clock and are carried by steel wire ropes working over grooved iron barrels and pulleys. The principal feature of this clock is its great size, but there are also many specialities which are not used or wanted in smaller clocks. The pendulum and its fittings are very important in a clock of this character, as on it depends the timekeeping. Its weight altogether is about 7 cwt. It is compensated for variations in the temperature by zinc and iron tubes. There is an ordinary screw regulator and also a number of small weights by which to make delicate adjustments. The spring by which it is suspended is three inches wide, and is screwed fast in strong jaws.

The escapement is a Lord Grimthorpe's double three-legged gravity, as invented by him for the Houses of Parliament clock.

The stops of the pallets are jewelled and the lifting pins are cut out of the solid steel.

There is special apparatus for keeping the clock going during 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 he should happen to be winding. The winding of the clock will occupy a considerable time, so this arrangement is very necessary. There is also special apparatus to stop the winder when the weights reach the top, a lever moving which prevents him turning the winch.

On the clock frame are two dials, one indicating the minutes and the other the seconds, by these the clock is adjusted and by these also can be seen and understood the value of the precision letting off apparatus which has been used both in the striking and chiming parts. 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-quarter-past.

The main wheels of the clock are three feet diameter, with steel faced cams upon them for lifting the hammers, and the chiming part is so arranged that chimes on four bells may be readily put in at a future time.

## THE DEAN OF LLANDAFF.

Dr. Vaughan, Dean of Llandaff and Master of the Temple, has been seriously ill. He preached in the Temple Church on Sunday week and was taken ill on the following day, suffering from bronchial pneumonia. On Thursday evening it was reported that his condition had not improved during the day, although he had enjoyed some sleep in the afternoon. On Saturday a reassuring bulletin was issued, but on Sunday it was reported that the Dean had passed a very restless night and was very weak and prostrate. In the afternoon it was stated that the Dean had had some slight sleep during the day, but that his condition was much the same. On Monday he passed a fairly quiet night, but his prostration continues to cause much anxiety.

## THE NEW CANON OF WESTMINSTER.

A representative of the *Hampshire Independent* had an "Interview" with Canon Wilberforce, in which the latter, after speaking on his recent dangerous illness, said it was not yet known whether the acceptance of his new canonry and the living attached thereto voided the living of St. Mary's; the position was surrounded by legal questions, and he was then expecting an opinion upon it from one of the chief law officers of the Crown. Unless anything should happen to the Chapter, or another stall should become vacant, he did not anticipate that it would be necessary to leave St. Mary's until the middle of the summer.

## NOTE TO THE PEAL AT CHIDDINGSTONE, KENT.

As the ringers left the tower after ringing the above peal they were heartily cheered by a number of the inhabitants who had assembled outside to hear the peal, it being nearly forty-five years since a peal was rung on the bells, change-ringing having almost died out in this place.

The local band have now started to learn the mysteries of the Art, and it is to be hoped they will soon score a peal, as two peals have previously been rang by a local band which are recorded on tablets in the belfry as follows:—

March 7, 1848, eight ringers of this parish rang in this tower, Holt's ten-course peal of Grandsire Triples containing 5040 changes in three hours, the ringers, viz.: Chas. Carpenter, treble; Jas. Payne, jun., 2; Jas. Payne, sen., 3; Geo. Payne, 4; Richd. Best, 5; Heny. Leigh, 6; Willm. Moyce, 7; W. Carpenter, tenor. Conducted by Chas. Carpenter. Hy. Streatfield, Rt. Hale, churchwardens.

February 27th, 1849. Eight ringers of this parish rang in this tower a peal of Grandsire Triples containing 5040 changes with 108 bobs and 2 singles in 2 hours 59 minutes; the ringers were stationed as follows, viz.:—Chas. Carpenter, treble; Jas. Payne, jun., 2; Jas. Payne, sen., 3; Geo. Payne, 4; Richd. Best, 5; Henry Leigh, 6; Thos. Hollamby, 7; W. Carpenter, tenor. Conducted by Jas. Payne, jun. Hy. Streatfield, Rt. Hale churchwardens.

Mr. Payne, who conducted the second peal, is the only survivor of the band.

The ringers wish, through the medium of this paper, to thank the Rector for so kindly granting the use of the bells.

Messrs. Latter and Mankelaw hail from Tunbridge Wells; the Cards from Southborough; the rest from Speldhurst.

## Notices.

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

**Kent County Association.**—Maidstone District.—The Annual Meeting will be held at Leeds, to-day, Saturday, March 3rd. Tower open at 3. Committee meeting at 5. At 5.30 a tea will be provided. Travelling expenses allowed up to 2s.

A. L. BRINE, *Hon. District Sec.*

**The Henry Johnson Anniversary.**—The St. Martin's Guild of Birmingham have arranged for the usual commemoration dinner to be held at the Tamworth Arms, Moor Street, to-day, Saturday, March 3rd. Dinner will be served at 6.30 p.m. A ringer of eminence is expected to take the chair, and there will be ringing during the afternoon at St. Martin's church.

W. H. GODDEN, *Hon. Sec.*

61, Roland Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

**The Midland Counties' Association.**—Nottingham District.—There will be a ringing meeting at Bulwell, to-day, Saturday, March 3rd. Belfry open at 5 o'clock.

W. E. WHITE, *Hon. Sec.*

43, Southey Street, Nottingham.

**Stoke Archidiaconal Association.**—The next Monthly meeting will be held at Bucknall, to-day, Saturday, March 3rd. Tea at 5.30 (free).

W. TWIGG, *Hon. Sec.*

97, High Street, Bucknall.

**The Sussex County Association.**—Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, March 10th, at Hailsham. Tower open 2.30 p.m. Tea and Meeting 4.45. Contributions now due. All who can attend to inform. ALFRED E. NYE, *District Hon. Sec.*

15, Commercial Road, Eastbourne.

**The Kent County Association.**—Rochester District.—A District meeting will be held at Rainham, on Saturday, March 10th. Tower open from 3 p.m. Hartlip (six) will also be open. Business meeting at 4.30 p.m. to elect a District Secretary in place of W. A. Cooke resigned. FREDK. J. O. HELMORE, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Lancashire Association.**—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mark's, Glodwick, on Saturday, March 10th. Bells ready at 4 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30. Methods for practice: Kent Treble Bob and Bob Major. E. SCHOFIELD, *Branch Sec.*

**The Lancashire Association.**—Manchester Branch.—The next ringing meeting will be held at Christ Church, Pendlebury, on Saturday, March 10th. Methods for practice are Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob, Treble Bob, and Double Norwich Court Bob Major. Ringing from 4 p.m. with interval for business meeting at 7 p.m. W. BROWN, *Branch Sec.*

54 Wenlock Street, Hulme, Manchester.

**The Heavy Woollen District Association,** Yorkshire.—The next monthly meeting will take place at Sandal, on Saturday, March 17th, at 6 p.m.; meeting house, Castle Inn.

GEO. H. SIMON, *Hon. Sec.*

19, Albert Street, Batley Carr.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Liverpool Diocesan Branch.—The meeting proposed for Huyton will be postponed to April the 7th.

J. J. M. MOORE, *Hon. Sec.*

9, Mill Street, Warrington.

## Compositions.

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

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS.

By E. ANDREWS, Wakefield.

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## A 720 OF COLLEGE SINGLE MINOR.

By JOSEPH CROSSLEY, 26 Buckley Mill, Rochdale, Lancashire.

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This 720 contains forty-two singles.

## ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

**PERPLEXED.**—The lines of figures puzzling you are the bob-changes, or the back-stroke lead of the treble when the bob is made. The small figures to the right denote the number of plain leads from one bob to the next. The course-end of the plain course is the round. If you will send a stamped addressed envelope, we will endeavour to further enlighten you, but you must await your turn.

## Ringers Wanting Situations.

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**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. Stahlschmidt, 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. Stahlschmidt 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 2s. nett. The Larger Edition, Royal 4to, is limited to 80 copies, and will be subscribed at 4s. The prices will be raised on the day of issue should any copies remain unsold.

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## CURRENT TOPICS.

Directly I entered the printing office this (Thursday) morning, my attention was directed to a piece of "copy" in the care of a young compositor, which was headed "The Central Council." I took the liberty of looking over the young man's shoulder, while he was setting up the type, and was very sorry indeed to read what I did. "No Return!" "No Return!" repeated I don't know how many times. If I speak plain now and then I am very chary of giving offence, but I really cannot help saying on this occasion I felt simply disgusted. The subject was in my mind for hours after, and the two words quoted above I kept almost unconsciously repeating to myself. Whatever is the meaning of it? thought I; but no solution at all consoling presented itself to my mind.

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After a long self-debate, it struck me that the societies who presented no return, were those who have seen fit merely to decline joining (by their representatives) the Council this year. But "no return" would hardly interpret such a course correctly, for the secretaries of such societies would be sure to inform the Central Council's officer of such a determination, and then he would not allude to their communications as "no return." Then what does it mean? Can it be that the various notices issued by the Secretary of the Council have in these cases been treated with contumely? Has that article known as "ringer's apathy" laid firm hold of the various secretaries concerned. I can hardly believe it to be so. But if such is the case, if I say the officers of these societies have neglected to respond in some way or other to the invitation conveyed to them by the Rev. H. EARLE BULWER, they have, to put it mildly, been guilty of discourtesy to that gentleman. I will say no more on this subject lest I be led myself to speak discourteously.

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A brief reference had better be made here to my last "topics." It will be recollected I asked of the Secretaries of the London Societies a question having reference to the custody of their minute-books. I received most polite letters from the Secretary and another member of the Royal Cumberland Youths, for which I thank them. But I am commanded not to refer any further to the matter, being told, in the words of the immortal Mr. Toots, "it's really of no consequence."

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Then again there is that peal-board at Greenwich—recording the "revolutions" of stoney. On this, one of the band sends me the following letter:—

In answer to Mr. PLAIN SPEAKER of a week or so ago in "THE BELL NEWS," about a peal being rung in commemoration of Miss Burdett Coutts, there was not a peal rung, neither has there been any peal of revolutions since I have been in the steeple. As regards the tablet and what is on it, being in the steeple is correct, as far as board and writing is concerned. I did not know anything about a board till I saw it brought into the steeple, and then I said it was a falsehood and that I would paint my name out, I only just being able to pull a rope, and some of them being old men, I against my will was forced to let it be. Every time I notice the said board it annoys me.

Greenwich.

W. FOREMAN.

On this subject I have no more to say.

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Another friendly correspondent—and they seem to increase—sends me a cutting from one of Cassell's publications, called *Old and New London*. My friend thinks it will be interesting to

the junior readers of THE BELL NEWS. Well I don't mind obliging him. It is upon the church of St. Bride, Fleet Street, in the city of London.

William Venor, a warden of the Fleet Prison, added a body and side-aisles in 1480 (Edward IV.) At the Reformation there were orchards between the parsonage gardens and the Thames. In 1637, a document in the Record Office, quoted by Mr. Noble, mentions that Mr. Palmer, vicar of St. Bride's, at the service at seven a.m., sometimes omitted the prayer for the bishop, and, being generally lax as to forms, often read the service without surplice, gown, or even his cloak. This worthy man, whose living was sequestered in 1642, is recorded, in order to save money for the poor, to have lived in a bed-chamber in St. Bride's steeple. He founded an almshouse in Westminster, upon which Fuller remarks, in his quaint way, "It giveth the best light when one carrieth his lantern before him." The brother of Pepys was buried here in 1664 under his mother's pew. The old church was swallowed up by the Great Fire, and the present building erected in 1680, at a cost of £11,430 5s. 11d. The tower and spire were considered master-pieces of Wren. The spire, originally 234 feet high, was struck by lightning in 1754, and it is now only 226 feet high. It was again struck in 1803. The illuminated dial (the second erected in London) was set up permanently in 1827. The Spital sermons, now preached in Christ Church, Newgate Street, were preached in St. Bride's from the Restoration till 1797. They were originally all preached in the yard of the hospital of St. Mary Spital, Bishopsgate. Mr. Noble has ransacked the records relating to St. Bride's with the patience of old Stow. St. Bride's, he says, was renowned for its tithe-rate contests; but after many lawsuits and great expense, a final settlement of the question was come to in the years 1705-6. An Act was passed in 1706, by which Thomas Townley, who had rented the tithes for twenty-one years, was to be paid £1200 within two years, by quarterly payments and £400 a year afterwards. In 1869 the inappropriate rectory of St. Bridget and the tithes thereof, except the advowson, the parsonage house, and Easter-dues offerings, were sold by auction for £2700. It may be here worthy to note, says Mr. Noble, that in 1705 the number of rateable houses in the parish of St. Bride was 1016, and the rental £18,374; in 1868 the rental was £205,407 gross, £168,996 rateable. Mr. Noble also records pleasantly sundry musical feats accomplished on the bells of St. Bride's. In 1710 ten bells were cast for this church by Abraham Rudhall, of Gloucester, and on the 11th of January, 1717, it is recorded that the first complete peal of 5040 Grandsire Caters ever rung was effected by the "London Scholars." In 1718 two treble bells were added; and on the 9th of January, 1724, the first peal ever completed in this kingdom upon twelve bells was rung by the College Youths; and in 1726 the first peal of Bob Maximus, one of the ringers being Mr. Francis (afterwards Admiral) Geary. It was reported by the ancient ringers, says our trustworthy authority, that every one who rang in the last-mentioned peal left the church in his own carriage. Such was the dignity of the "campanularian" in those days. When St. Bride's bells were first put up, Fleet Street used to be thronged with carriages full of gentry, who had come far and near to hear the pleasant music float aloft. During the terrible Gordon Riots, in 1780, Brasbridge, the silversmith, who wrote an autobiography, says he went up to the top of St. Bride's steeple to see the awful spectacle of the conflagration of the Fleet Prison, but the flakes of fire even at that great height, fell so thickly, as to render the situation untenable. Many great people lie in and around St. Bride's; and Mr. Noble gives several curious extracts from the registers. Among the names we find Wynkyn de Worde, the second printer in London; Baker, the chronicler; Lovelace, the Cavalier poet, who died of want in Gunpowder Alley, Shoe Lane; Ogilby, the translator of Homer; the Countess of Orrery (1710); Elizabeth Thomas, a lady immortalised by Pope; and John Hardham, the Fleet Street tobacconist. The entrance to the vault of Mr. Holden (a friend of Pepys), on the north side of the church, is a relic of the older building. Inside St. Bride's are monuments to Richardson, the novelist; Nichols, the historian of Leicestershire; and Alderman Waithman. Among the clergy of St. Bride's Mr. Noble notes John Cardmaker, who was burnt at Smithfield for heresy in 1555; Fuller, the Church historian and author of the "Worthies," who was lecturer here; Dr. Isaac

Madox, originally an apprentice to a pastry-cook, and who died Bishop of Winchester in 1759; and Dr. John Thomas, vicar, who died in 1793. There were two John Thomases among the City clergy of that time. They were both chaplains to the king, both good preachers, both squinted, and both died bishops. The present approach to St. Bride's, designed by J. P. Papworth in 1824, cost £10,000, and was urged forward by Mr. Blades, a Tory tradesman of Ludgate Hill, and a great opponent of Alderman Waithman. A fire that had destroyed some rickety old houses, gave the requisite opportunity for letting air and light round poor, smothered up St. Bride's."

The foregoing is very interesting, if old. Fancy the ringers of St. Bride's after ringing a peal, leaving the church in their own carriages. At the period in question, I suppose it will be said that ringing was in the proper hands. Some other interesting, original, and perfectly true information could be written about St. Bride's, which would amaze the readers of this paper. Perhaps it may some day appear.

PLAIN SPEAKER.

### THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

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(So far as known.)

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Waterloo Society ... ..	No Return.
Trinity Youths Society ... ..	No Return.
Bath and Wells Diocesan Association ... ..	No Return.
Bedfordshire Association ... ..	No Return.
Birmingham and District Amalgamated Society ... ..	John Carter.
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do. (South) do. ... ..	No Return.
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### Ringers' Festivities.

THE SYSTON SOCIETY, LEICESTERSHIRE.—On Tuesday evening, February 13th, the members and friends of this Society met at supper around the hospitable board of The Bell inn to celebrate the first peal rung by the Society on January 27th last. Under the chairmanship of Mr. Churchwarden Ardron, the company speedily executed the courses now known as "ringer's delight." After the cloth was removed the chairman gave "The Queen and Royal Family" in appropriate terms, which was heartily responded to. Mr. John Freeman then proposed "The Vicar and Churchwardens," in reply to which Mr. Ardron (and his colleague who was also present) said that he must return the compliment and say he was proud of his ringers. They were a respectable body of men, and he would do all he could to assist them. Mr. Barker then interspersed the proceedings with a capital song and chorus, as did also Mr. T. Briggs. "The Visitors" was then given by Mr. J. Hall, coupled with the name of Mr. William Willson, of Leicester, conductor of the peal. This was drunk with musical honours, and in reply, Mr. Willson expressed his satisfaction that the peal was now an accomplished fact. After many failures they had scored, and he trusted their first peal would only be the forerunner of many more, and that their Society would grow, for he could discern material among the younger ringers for forming a good band. Mr. Geo. Cleal, who also rang in the peal, heartily concurred in what the first speaker had said, as also did Mr. John O. Lancashire, who was present from Leicester. Mr. Frank Talbot then favoured the company with a song, after which Mr. W. Willson recited G. R. Sims' dramatic poems "Sal Grogan's Face" and "The Man Hunt." Time was now drawing near for the visitors to catch the last train home, so a vote of thanks was passed for their presence, after which a touch of Grandsire Triples was brought round by W. Willson, 1-2; J. O. Lancashire, 3-4; G. Cleal (conductor), 5-6; J. Hall, 7-8. Songs and speeches were the order of the evening until the close, when "The host and hostess" was given, and was responded to, and the enjoyable time will be long remembered.

THE PARISH CHURCH SOCIETY, FOLKESTONE.—On Tuesday, February 6th, the ringers of the parish church had their tenth annual dinner, when a few ringing friends from neighbouring churches met them in the belfry, and after a touch or two of Grandsire Triples they adjourned to The Harbour inn, where host Barker had provided an excellent spread, Colonel Penfold's leg of mutton (which he always gives) being accompanied with roast beef, etc., given by numerous ladies and gentlemen in the town. All having done justice to a good old English feed, the evening was spent in harmony, tunes and touches on the handbells by Mr. Barker, songs by Messrs. Ames, Newman, Croucher, Petts, Finn, and Pilcher, Miss Day accompanying with the piano. "Health and long life to Colonel Penfold and all supporters of change-ringing," was heartily toasted, and everyone present thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

### CHESTER CATHEDRAL.

The damage done to Chester Cathedral by the recent gale is more serious than was anticipated. The Dean and Chapter called in Sir A. Blomfield, and, acting on his advice, have decided to make the groining of the inner roof of the chapter house, on which the dislodged pinnacle fell, more secure, and also to complete the western gable and roof as Sir Gilbert Scott advised. The necessary work will entail an expenditure of about £1000, and as there is no fabric fund to meet such expenditure the Chapter will have to appeal to the generosity of the public.

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

SATURDAY, MARCH 3, 1894.

THAT the Central Council is steadily and progressively becoming a more important body in the estimation of the Exercise at large is distinctly apparent. The constant references, both in our columns and elsewhere, to its action, whether favourable or the reverse, are an unerring indication of a growing interest in its deliberations. Nor is this to be wondered at. When it is remembered that up to a few years ago a brotherhood of men, variously estimated at from forty to sixty thousand, who had already found it advantageous in the prosecution of a peculiar art to form themselves into numerous local associations, were entirely without the means of compassing united action either in defence of their rights or for the settlement of technical difficulties, it is scarcely surprising that a Council representing the collective interests of the whole body should come into existence. Indeed ringers were about the only fraternity in the kingdom without such an organisation. A practically universal support has now been extended to the movement, and that it fills an acknowledged want is manifested not only by the election as delegates of nearly all the most prominent men in the science, but also by the regular and painstaking attendance at the annual meetings, and the vigour with which the various Committees have prosecuted their labours.

It will thus be seen that we are well assured of the



value and indeed the necessity of a Central Council. When we come, however, to examine the practical working of that body, we are compelled to say that there remains considerable room for improvement. We have no desire to find fault with the various decisions recorded on the minutes during the past three years. These, passed always by a majority of two to one, if they do not invariably win our approval, at all events command our high respect; a respect not in the least shaken by the strictures of irresponsible individuals who protrude the opinions of a select coterie as those of the whole Exercise.

Our complaint is not of the Council in its corporate capacity, but of the want of co-operation between the various members and the societies they represent. A few associations, and amongst them notably Yorkshire, seem to impress their wishes on the delegates they send, with the result that these gentlemen are persistent in endeavouring to carry motions embodying the views of their constituents and in opposing such resolutions as are likely to prove distasteful to them. This is as it should be, for only by all concerned acting on similar lines can the decisions of the Council carry the weight that it is eminently desirable they should. The majority of societies, it appears to us, elect their delegates in a somewhat haphazard way, charge them with no defined policy, and take no interest in their subsequent action, or inaction. And, farther, such lack of interest among the electing societies gives the cue to the secretaries, who on their part are in many cases very remiss in making the necessary returns; else why the repeated appeals to them in our columns from the honorary secretary to the Council, a gentleman whose labours in its interest should in themselves beget a desire to ease him to the utmost.

There are hundreds of thoughtful but silent ringers among the members of our now numerous societies whose matured opinions are worthy of consideration. Through their representatives on the Council these valuable allies may offer their views for discussion. Thus not only would the deliberations of the Central body be rendered more comprehensive, but the ringing public would have a more personal and consequently more attentive interest in the proceedings. The machinery is complete; nay more, has already been working smoothly and not ineffectively for three years. It lies with the Exercise so to mould that infant power that it shall act for the general good of this and succeeding generations of ringers, in purifying and advancing the science and in obtaining at the hands of the English public a higher and a juster recognition of its merits.

Applications are frequently being made relative to our charges for the insertion of advertisements from ringers desiring situations. It has been determined that in the future no charge whatever shall be made to our ringing brethren for such advertisements. We again express a hope that those of our friends who are able to put something in the way of ringers out of employment, will do their very best.

## The Metropolis.

WALWORTH, SURREY.—THE WATERLOO SOCIETY AND THE ST. PETER'S, WALWORTH SOCIETY.

On Tuesday, February 27, 1894, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S VARIATION.

Tenor 15 cwt.

WILLIAM F. MEADS .. .. Treble.	ARTHUR R. DAVIS .. .. 5.
HAROLD N. DAVIS .. .. 2.	*EDWARD P. O'MEARA .. .. 6.
EDWARD E. RICHARDS .. .. 3.	JAMES E. DAVIS .. .. 7.
THOMAS LANGDON .. .. 4.	THOMAS H. TAFFENDER .. Tenor.

Conducted by EDWARD PERCIVAL O'MEARA.

\*First peal as conductor. This peal was rung as a compliment to the Rev. J. W. Horsley, M.A., who has recently been appointed Rector of the above church. The ringers hope soon with his influence to get the bells restored, which is greatly needed.

## The Provinces.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, February 23, 1894, in Three Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, — CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

J. F. BARRETT .. .. Treble,	A. W. MATTHEWS .. .. 5.
E. W. CARTWRIGHT .. .. 2.	S. SMITH .. .. 6.
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Composed by HENRY DAINS and Conducted by J. W. TAYLOR, JUN.

First peal in the method by Messrs. Barrett and White. E. W. White hails from Nottingham.

CHIDDINGSTONE, KENT.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, February 24, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

WILLIAM LATTER .. .. Treble.	GEORGE A. CARD .. .. 5.
JAMES BAKER .. .. 2.	JAMES MAYNARD .. .. 6.
EDWARD MANKELOW .. .. 3.	THOMAS CARD .. .. 7.
GEORGE TURLEY .. .. 4.	ALBERT E. EDWARDS .. Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS CARD.

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

SWINDON, WILTS.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 24, 1894, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

THOMAS LAWRENCE .. .. Treble.	THOMAS RICKETTS .. .. 5.
OWEN W. LAYNG .. .. 2.	THOMAS ROBINSON .. .. 6.
ALFRED LAWRENCE .. .. 3.	ERNEST BISHOP .. .. 7.
GEORGE C. ILES .. .. 4.	GEORGE F. GRIST .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by ERNEST BISHOP.

The above is the first peal ever accomplished by the local company, and is also the first by all the band with the exception of Messrs. Iles and Bishop.

SHEFFIELD.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 24, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 15 cwt.

W. HAMMOND .. .. Treble.	SAM SEED .. .. 5.
W. GARDINER .. .. 2.	J. REW .. .. 6.
F. H. BOWER .. .. 3.	W. SMITHSON .. .. 7.
F. WILLEY .. .. 4.	J. LLOYD .. .. Tenor.

Composed by J. J. PARKER and Conducted by W. GARDINER.

## KINGSTON, SURREY.

## THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, February 24, 1894, in Three Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES.

Tenor 33 cwt.

HARRY BARTON* .. .. Treble.	JAMES E. DAVIS .. .. 6.
CHARLES E. MALIM .. .. 2.	HAROLD N. DAVIS .. .. 7.
FREDERICK J. PITTS .. .. 3.	WALTER C. HASTED .. .. 8.
ARTHUR R. DAVIS .. .. 4.	PERCY HOWARD .. .. 9.
FREDERICK G. PERRIN .. .. 5.	ARTHUR DEAN .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by HAROLD N. DAVIS.

\*First peal and first attempt. First peal of Caters as conductor. This composition has the 3rd nine courses, and the 4th, 5th, and 6th each twelve courses behind the 9th, with the bells in the tittums throughout, and is now rung for the first time; the figures of which will appear in due course.

## TILEHURST, BERKS.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 24, 1894, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

ANNABLE'S THREE-PART.

H. TUCKER* .. .. Treble.	F. HOPGOOD .. .. 5.
C. CHAPMAN .. .. 2.	H. GOODYEAR .. .. 6.
C. GILES .. .. 3.	J. M. ROUTH, ESQ. .. .. 7.
J. HANDS .. .. 4.	R. T. HIBBERT .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by R. T. HIBBERT.

\*First peal. First peal of Major by H. Goodyear.

## WELLINGTON, SALOP.

On Saturday, February 24, 1894, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qrs.

JOHN ROWLEY .. .. Treble.	HARRY STEVENTON .. .. 5.
JOHN EVASON .. .. 2.	ELISHA CHILDS .. .. 6.
RICHARD NICHOLLS .. .. 3.	TIMOTHY PRITCHARD .. .. 7.
RICHARD ROWLEY .. .. 4.	GEORGE MOORE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN ROWLEY.

This is the first peal rung by local men.

## SEDGLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

On Saturday, February 24, 1894, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

VICARS' SIX-PART.

Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qrs. in F.

JOHN GOODMAN, SEN. .. Treble.	JOHN GOODMAN, JUN. .. 5.
WILLIAM MILLS .. .. 2.	JOSEPH DEVENPORT .. .. 6.
WILLIAM JOHNSON .. .. 3.	ROBERT SCHOFIELD .. .. 7.
DAVID BRUCE .. .. 4.	BEN FULLWOOD .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by ROBERT SCHOFIELD.

This peal was rung at the first attempt. The bells were rung muffled as a last token of respect for the late Mr. Charles Johnson, who was conductor of the Sedgley society over forty years. W. Johnson hails from St. Giles, Willenhall; and J. Goodman, jun., from Dudley; the rest belong to the local band.

## ERITH, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, February 25, 1894, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM BEDWELL .. Treble.	JAMES E. DAVIS .. .. 5.
WILLIAM J. ALDRIDGE* .. 2.	ARTHUR J. NEALE .. .. 6.
WILLIAM G. GROVE† .. 3.	HERBERT P. HARMAN .. .. 7.
HAROLD N. DAVIS .. .. 4.	RICHARD LANE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAIN and Conducted by W. BEDWELL.

\*First peal in the method. †First peal with a bob bell. Rung for evening service, and is now rung for the first time.

## STAVELEY, DERBYSHIRE.

## YORKSHIRE AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS;

On Saturday, February 24, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

## 5040 CHANGES IN SEVEN TREBLE BOB MINOR METHODS UPON SIX BELLS;

Being a 720 each of the following:

College Pleasure, Arnold's Victory, Duke of York, New London Pleasure, Kent, Violet, and Oxford. Tenor 10 cwt.

FREDERICK HANCOCK .. Treble.	HERBERT MADIN .. .. 4.
THOMAS BETTISON .. .. 2.	W. H. TURTON .. .. 5.
JAMES EMSN .. .. 3.	THOMAS LUNN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS BETTISON.

Messrs. Hancock and Lunn belong to the Eckington Society; Turton, Emsen, and Bettison to Killamarsh; and Madin to Staveley.

## ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.

On Sunday, February 25, 1894, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 20 cwt.

SAMUEL TAYLOR .. Treble.	JOHN CRABTREE .. .. 5.
THOMAS JAKEMAN .. .. 2.	JOSEPH GILLOTT .. .. 6.
JOHN H. BRIERLEY .. .. 3.	LUKE BROADBENT .. .. 7.
WILLIAM JAKEMAN .. .. 4.	JOHN HARRISON .. .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN THORP and Conducted by WILLIAM JAKEMAN.

John H. Brierley hails from Haughton; Luke Broadbent from Saddleworth; the rest belong to the local company.

## EALING, MIDDLESEX.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, February 26, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

J. J. PARKER'S SIX-PART (No 13).

Tenor 19½ cwt.

REUBEN FLAXMAN .. Treble.	EDWARD HARRIS .. .. 5.
EVERED JAMES WALSON .. 2.	FREDERICK GODDARD .. .. 6.
JOHN BASDEN .. .. 3.	ALLEN H. TABER .. .. 7.
WILLIAM FOSTER* .. .. 4.	THOMAS BEADLE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN BASDEN.

\*First peal. Rung as a birthday peal for A. H. Taber, the band wishing him many happy returns of the day. This is the first peal in the method on the bells, also by all the band, with the exception of Messrs. Flaxman, Basden, and Taber.

## DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 27, 1894, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 17 cwt.

G. DAWSON .. Treble.	W. CLARKE .. .. 5.
J. HOWE .. .. 2.	B. SUGDEN .. .. 6.
A. P. HEYWOOD .. .. 3.	J. FLOWER .. .. 7.
H. W. WILDE .. .. 4.	W. HICKLING .. .. Tenor.

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW and Conducted by A. P. HEYWOOD.

## TAMWORTH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Wednesday, February 28, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDITHA,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 22½ cwt.

JOSEPH WINDRIDGE .. Treble.	WILLIAM CHAPMAN .. .. 5.
JOSEPH W. TIMMS .. .. 2.	ROBERT P. BRINDLEY .. .. 6.
JAMES GEORGE* .. .. 3.	CHARLES CHAPMAN .. .. 7.
JAMES PRATT .. .. 4.	ALBERT J. DAIN .. .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER and Conducted by JAMES GEORGE.

\*First peal as conductor. This is Dain's first peal, and great credit is due to him for the masterly manner in which he struck the tenor.

## Date Touches.

## STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

BUCKNALL.—On Tuesday, February 13th, at the parish church, a date touch, 1894 changes, in nine different methods, being 240 each of Superlative and Cambridge Surprise, London Scholars' Pleasure, College Exercise, College Pleasure, Westminster and London Treble Bob, 120 City Delight, and 94 Woodbine Treble Bob. D. Preston, 1; J. E. Wheeldon, 2; C. Preston, 3; W. Wheeldon, 4; R. W. Twigg, 5; W. Twigg (conductor), 6.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

OTLEY (Yorkshire).—On Thursday evening, for practice at the parish church, a date touch of Bob Major, 1894 changes, in 1 hr. 9 mins. A. Holmes, 1; L. Cawood, 2; C. Ralph, 3; A. Snowball, 4; J. Horner, 5; J. Nelson, 6; F. Maston (conductor), 7; W. Waddington, 8. Composed by Mr. T. Lockwood of Leeds. Tenor 16 cwt.

HULL (Yorks).—On Wednesday, February 21st, at the church of the Holy Trinity, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 7 mins. F. Merrison, 1; W. T. Verity, 2; G. Marshall, 3; C. Jackson (conductor), 4; G. T. Miller, 5; J. Dixey (conductor), 6; D. W. Brown, 7; J. W. Dale, 8. This touch is in three parts, and contains twenty-three 4-6s. On Thursday, February 22nd, for Confirmation Service by the Bishop of Hull, a date touch of Grandsire Triples in 1 hr. 5 mins. T. Stockdale, 1; J. W. Stickney, 2; G. T. Miller, 3; F. Merrison, 4; D. W. Brown, 5; C. Jackson (composer and conductor), 6; J. Dixey, 7; J. W. Dale, 8. This touch is in two parts, and contains the twenty-four 6-7s all at back-stroke.

## THE WORCESTER CATHEDRAL GUILD.

WORCESTER.—On Wednesday evening, February 21st, at the church of St. Helen, after the funeral of the late Mr. Owen, the following members rang with the bells half-muffled, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1894 changes. B. S. Hill, 1; G. Hinton, 2; W. Pudge, 3; W. H. Johnson, 4; E. Davis, 5; W. Bradford, 6; W. Page (conductor), 7; T. Penny, 8. Time 1 hr. 9 mins. This is T. Penny's longest touch with the tenor.

GLEMSFORD (Suffolk).—On Saturday, February 17th, a date touch, 1894 changes, in 1 hr. 12 mins. in the following methods: 240 College Single, 360 Woodbine, 360 Yorkshire Court, 120 Court Bob, 72 Oxford, 102 Kent, and 240 Plain Bob. R. Theobald, 1; S. Slater, 2; G. Smith, 3; A. Clarke, 4; R. Brett, 5; R. Gowers (composer and conductor), 6.

STEYNING (Sussex).—On Tuesday, February 20th, at the parish church, a date touch of Stedman Triples in 1 hr. 9 mins. E. Rapley (longest length in the method), 1; A. Gatland (longest length in the method), 2; H. Meetens (longest length in the method), 3; W. Woolgar (longest length in the method), 4; J. Smart, 5; G. Smart, 6; C. Smart (conductor), 7; E. Hughes (longest length), 8. This composition is by A. P. Heywood, Esq., and replaces the one published by him in "THE BELL NEWS" of December 2nd, 1893, which proved to be false.

## Miscellaneous.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

WELSHPOOL.—On Saturday, February 3rd, an attempt was made for a peal of Grandsire Triples, which after 2½ hrs. good ringing came to grief through a change-course. D. Williams, 1; W. Maddox, 2; W. H. Fussell, 3; Rev. T. Hughes, 4; W. Jones, 5; T. Barnes, 6; T. J. Bratton (conductor), 7; T. S. Davies, 8. Great credit is due to T. S. Davies for the way he struck his bell, it being his first attempt on eight bells. On Sunday, February 4th, for evening service, 518 Grandsire Triples. C. F. Tallis, 4; L. Gittins, 8; the rest of the band standing as above; this is Mr. Tallis's longest length with a bob bell. On Saturday, February 10th, for practice, 518 Grandsire Triples. T. S. Davies, 1; D. Williams, 2; W. Maddox, 3; T. J. Bratton (conductor), 4; W. Jones, 4; W. H. Fussell, 6; T. Barnes, 7; A. Grice, 8. This is the first attempt by T. S. Davies in the method, also longest length by D. Williams with a bob bell, and longest length by A. Grice. Several touches of Bob and Grandsire Minor, Major, and Stedman Doubles have been rung during the week with the assistance of Mr. W. H. Fussell, instructor to the Guild.

CRADLEY (Herefordshire).—On Sunday, February 25th, before evening service, a 720 of Canterbury Pleasure Minor, in 25 mins. J. Hales, 1; E. S. Kings, 2; H. Pritchard, 3; C. Watkins, 4; C. Layton, 5; A. Layton (conductor), 6.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

HORNCHURCH (Essex).—On Saturday evening, February 17th, for practice at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor. W. Hall, 1; A. Deards, 2; E. Lucas, 3; J. Dear, 4; G. Dear, 5; J. Dale (conductor), 6. Afterwards several touches in various methods, including Kent Treble Bob, Double Court Bob, and 120 Stedman Doubles. A. Deards, A. J. Perkins, M. Myhill, J. Dale, E. Lucas, J. Dear, G. Dear, and H. Bore.

WEST HAM (Essex).—On Sunday evening, February 18th, for Divine Service at Holy Trinity church, 720 Bob Minor in 22 mins. J. Waite, 1; A. Deards, 2; E. Lucas, 3; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 4; G. Pye, 5; E. Pye, 6. And after evening service, 720 Double Court Bob. A. Deards, 1; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 2; E. Pye, 3; E. Lucas (first 720 in the method on the bells), 5; W. Pye, 6. And 720 Oxford Treble Bob. A. Deards, 1; G. Pye, 2; E. Lucas (first 720 in the method), 3; W. Doran, 4; E. Pye, 5; H. Randall (conductor), 6.

STANSTED (Essex).—On Wednesday, January 24th, at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, for practice, 720 London Surprise, in 26 mins. J. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; W. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. Also 720 Canterbury Pleasure. T. Jordan, 1; G. Jordan, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; W. Watts, 5; T. J. Watts (conductor), 6. On Wednesday, January 31st, for practice, 720 Lincoln Surprise (nine bobs), in 25½ mins. G. Jordan, 1; I. Hammond, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. This is the first 720 in the method by all the band, and first 720 in the method on the bells. Also 720 Worcester Surprise, in 24 mins. J. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; G. Gray, 3; W. Watts, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. On Wednesday, February 7th, for practice, 720 Chichester Surprise, 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 Double Oxford Bob. T. Jordan (first 720 in the method), 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 (first 720 in the method as conductor), 6. On Sunday, February 11th, for morning service, 720 London Surprise, in 25 mins. J. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. On Wednesday, February 14th, for practice, 720 Superlative Surprise, in 25 mins. J. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; W. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. Also a 720 Double Oxford Bob. T. Jordan, 1; G. Jordan, 2; G. Gray, 3; J. Luckey, 4; W. Watts, 5; T. J. Watts (conductor), 6. And 720 Bocking Treble Bob, in 25 mins. J. Cavill, 1; G. Jordan (first 720 in the method), 2; T. J. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; J. Luckey, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. On Sunday, February 18th, for morning service, 720 College Exercise, in 24 mins. J. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; W. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. Tenor 13 cwt.

## THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BEDFORD.—On Sunday, January 14th, at the church of St. Paul, 462 Grandsire Triples. W. Lightfoot, 1; J. Sharman, 2; C. Chasty, 3; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 4; F. Keech, 5; I. Hills, 6; S. Constant, 7; R. Shimmans, 8. Also 588 Stedman Triples. F. Keech, 1; S. J. Cullip, 2; W. Hall, 3; P. Howard, 4; I. Hills, 5; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 6; H. Sharp, 7; R. Shimmans, 8. And 336 Bob Major. J. Spencer, 1; S. J. Cullip, 2; C. Chasty, 3; W. Davison, 4; I. Hills, 5; S. Constant, 6; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 7; H. Sharp, 8. And 224 Grandsire Triples. On Sunday, January 21st, 518 Grandsire Triples. J. Spencer, 1; C. Chasty, 2; W. Lightfoot, 3; W. Hall, 4; J. Sharman, 5; F. Keech, 6; I. Hills, 7; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 8. Also 216 Stedman Triples. W. Lightfoot, 1; W. Hall, 2; C. Chasty, 3; F. Keech, 4; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 5; I. Hills, 6; H. Sharp, 7; J. Spencer, 8. And 408 Stedman Triples. W. Hall, 1; S. J. Cullip, 2; C. Chasty, 3; F. Keech, 4; I. Hills, 5; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 6; H. Sharp, 7; W. Lightfoot, 8. Also 265, 168, and 97 Grandsire Triples. On Thursday, January 25th, 503 Grandsire Triples. J. Spencer, 1; C. Chasty, 2; W. Lightfoot, 3; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 4; J. Sharman, 5; W. Shimmans, 6; I. Hills, 7; R. Shimmans, 8. Also 504 Stedman Triples. C. Chasty, 1; S. J. Cullip, 2; W. Lightfoot (first 500 in the method), 3; F. Keech, 4; I. Hills, 5; W. Shimmans, 6; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 7; R. Shimmans, 8. On Tuesday, January 16th, at the church of St. Mary, 720 Kent Treble Bob. W. Lightfoot (first 720 in the method), 1; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 2; C. Chasty, 3; I. Hills, 4; S. J. Cullip, 5; F. Keech, 6. On Tuesday January 23rd, 720 Bob Minor, eighteen bobs and two singles. C. Chasty, 1; W. Hall, 2; J. Sharman (first 720), 3; I. Hills, 4; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 5; W. Lightfoot, 6.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

READING (Berks).—On Sunday evening, February 18th, for Divine Service at St. Giles' church, 546 Grandsire Triples. A. Ernest Reeves (aged 15, first 500), 1; H. Coffee, 2; C. Giles, 3; H. Tucker, 4; A. W. Reeves, 5; F. Hopgood, 6; A. E. Reeves (conductor), 7; H. Smart, 8. Also 420 Plain Bob Triples. G. Boddington, 1; H.

Coffee, 2; C. Giles, 3; A. H. Evans, 4; A. W. Reeves, 5; F. Hopgood, 6; A. E. Reeves (conductor), 7; T. Barkus, 8. Tenor 15 cwt.

WOODBURN (Bucks).—On Sunday, February 18th, for evening service, the local company succeeded in ringing 350 Grandsire Triples. W. Weatley, 1; F. Healey, 2; J. West, 3; J. Garrell, 4; J. Howard, 5; F. Cousins, 6; V. Coleman, 7; G. Whiteman, 8. This is the first touch without outside help. On Monday, February 19th, with their instructor, Mr. W. E. Yates, of Marlow, they rang 336 in the same method. W. E. Yates, 3; the rest as above, and another of 97 changes. W. House, 8; conducted by W. E. Yates.

WARGRAVE (Berks).—On Saturday, February 3rd, in 3 hrs. 25 mins., at St. Mary's church, 5040 changes of Grandsire Doubles in various ways of calling. W. Elsley, 1; A. Gay, 2; W. N. Easterling, 3; S. C. Nash, 4; W. J. Fuller (conductor), 5; J. Neighbour, 6. [This performance is reported in this manner in accordance with the decision of the C. C.]

#### THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

NORTH WINGFIELD (Derbyshire).—On Tuesday, February 6th, for practice, 720 Canterbury Pleasure (eighteen bobs two singles), composed and conducted by J. Tarlton. G. Burton, 1; W. Butler, 2; F. Knowles, 3; J. Butler, 4; W. Hopkinson, 5; J. Tarlton, 6. On Sunday, February 18th, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs eighteen singles). F. Knowles, 1; H. Mottershall (Staveley), 2; W. Butler, 3; J. Butler, 4; W. Hopkinson, 5; J. Tarlton (conductor), 6. Tenor 18½ cwt.

#### THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BATTLE (Sussex).—On Tuesday evening, February 20th, for practice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins. J. Curtis, 1; J. Mathis, 2; W. Thomas, 3; R. Curtis, 4; C. Hyland, 5; W. Franks, 6; H. Elliott, 7; T. Hutchings, 8. Composed by H. Franks and Conducted by W. Franks.

#### THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

CAMBRIDGE.—Handbell Ringing.—On Friday, February 23rd, at the President's Rooms, Trinity College, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor, consisting of a 720, 360, and three courses, called differently, in 31 mins. Rev. A. H. F. Boughiey (Trinity), 1-2; C. E. Earle Bulwer (Selwyn), 3-4; G. F. Woodhouse (Caius, conductor), 5-6.

#### THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

COOKLEY (Worcestershire).—On Tuesday, January 23rd, 720 Bob Minor. G. Davis, 1; T. J. Salter (conductor), 2; N. Davis, 3; W. Smith, 4; J. Bennett, 5; E. C. Hunt (first 720 with a bob bell), 6. On Friday, February 2nd, 360 each of College Single and Oxford Bob Minor. W. H. Barber, 1; G. Davis, 2; N. Davis, 3; T. J. Salter (conductor), 4; W. Smith, 5; E. C. Hunt, 6. And 720 Kent Treble Bob. G. Davis, 1; J. Bennett, 2; N. Davis, 3; W. H. Barber, 4; T. J. Salter (conductor), 5; E. C. Hunt, 6. On Tuesday, February 13th, 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Minor. E. C. Hunt, 1; G. Davis, 2; N. Davis, 3; W. H. Barber, 4; W. Smith, 5; T. J. Salter (conductor), 6.

KIDDERMINSTER (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, January 7th, 420 Oxford Bob Triples. G. Salter, 1; E. C. Hunt, 2; J. Bennett, 3; N. Davis, 4; T. J. Salter (conductor), 5; J. Crane, 6; W. H. Smith, 7; T. Walters, 8. On Sunday, January 14th, 540 Stedman Triples. G. Salter, 1; W. H. Smith, 2; W. H. Barber, 3; E. C. Hunt, 4; N. Davis, 5; T. J. Salter (conductor), 6; J. Crane, 7; T. Walters, 8. On Sunday, January 21st, for Divine Service in the evening, a short touch of Double Norwich Court Bob Major and 192 Stedman Triples. G. Salter, 1; E. C. Hunt, 2; J. Bennett, 3; T. J. Salter, 4; W. H. Barber, 5; N. Davis, 6; J. Crane, 7; W. H. Smith (conductor), 8. On Sunday, January 28th, 504 Stedman Triples. G. Salter, 1; E. C. Hunt, 2; J. Bennett, 3; N. Davis, 4; W. H. Barber, 5; T. J. Salter (conductor), 6; J. Crane, 7; T. Walters, 8. On Sunday, February 4th, 516 Stedman Triples. G. Salter, 1; W. H. Smith, 2; J. Bennett (conductor), 3; E. C. Hunt, 4; W. H. Barber, 5; T. J. Salter, 6; J. Crane, 7; T. Walters, 8. On Saturday, February 17th, 360 each of College Single and Oxford Bob Minor. J. Hickman (first in the method), 1; G. Davis, 2; N. Davis, 3; W. H. Barber, 4; E. C. Hunt, 5; T. J. Salter (conductor), 6.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

DEAL (Kent).—On Sunday evening, February 11th, for Divine Service at St. Leonard's church, 720 Bob Minor (thirty-two bobs two singles), in 24 mins. H. Castle, 1; H. Denne, 2; C. H. Sone (conductor), 3; G. Denne, 4; W. Ongley, 5; F. Capp, 6. Tenor 9½ cwt. in G.

CHISLEHURST (Kent).—On Sunday evening, January 28th, for Divine Service at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples in 40 mins. G. Simpson, 1; T. Durling, 2; E. Dunn, 3; G. Durling (composer), 4; H. P. Harman, 5; T. Groombridge (conductor), 6; T. Harford, 7; T. Phillips (first quarter-peal in the method), 8. Messrs. Simpson, Dunn, G. Dunn, Harman, and Harford hail from Bromley. This is the first quarter-peal in the method on the bells.

RAINHAM (Kent).—On Friday, February 16th, at St. Margaret's church, 720 Bob Minor in 30 mins. H. Clout, 1; F. Ockwell, 2; W. Laker, 3; W. Hyland, 4; E. Dunster, 5; G. A. Ransom (conductor), 6. And 120 Bob Minor. H. Clout, 1; F. Ockwell, 2; J. Champion (first 120), 3; W. Hyland, 4; E. Dunster, 5; G. A. Ransom (conductor), 6. Also another 120. F. Baxter, 1; F. Ockwell, 2; G. Capeling, 3; E. Dunster, 4; W. Seamer, 5; P. Taffs, 6. Tenor 24 cwt. 3 qrs. Messrs. Baxter and Taffs hail from Gillingham; Capeling, Seamer, Clout, Hyland, and Laker from Upchurch; the rest belong to the local band.

UPCHURCH (Kent).—On Sunday morning, February 11th, at St. Mary's church, 720 Bob Minor (forty-two singles), in 25 mins. G. Dennis, 1; H. Shipp, 2; W. T. Hyland, 3; W. Laker, 4; G. Capeling, 5; G. A. Ransom (conductor), 6. On Tuesday evening, February 13th, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs two singles), in 25 mins. G. Dennis, 1; W. Seamer, 2; W. T. Hyland, 3; W. Laker, 4; A. Dunster (first 720 with a bob bell), 5; G. A. Ransom (conductor), 6. A. Dunster hails from Rainham. On Tuesday evening, February 13th, 720 Court Bob Minor (thirty-four bobs two singles), in 30 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.

#### THE ST. STEPHEN'S SOCIETY, WESTMINSTER.

LONDON.—On Sunday, February 10th, for Divine Service in the morning at the church of St. Stephen, a 288 of Oxford Treble Bob Major. G. Langford, 1; J. Willshire, 2; J. N. Oxborrow, 3; W. Sorrell, 4; F. Buck, 5; S. Andrews, 6; H. S. Ellis, 7; H. R. Newton (conductor), 8. Also 336 of Stedman Triples. F. Buck, 1; W. Sorrell, 2; J. N. Oxborrow, 3; G. Langford, 4; J. Willshire, 5; S. Andrews, 6; H. S. Ellis (conductor), 7; W. Lamb, 8. And for evening service, a plain course of Oxford Treble Bob Major. G. Langford, 1; H. R. Newton, 2; J. N. Oxborrow, 3; F. Buck, 4; T. R. Bell, 5; S. Andrews, 6; H. S. Ellis, 7; J. Willshire, 8. Also 210 Grandsire Triples. R. A. Wilson, 1; H. R. Newton, 2; J. M. Hayes, 3; G. Langford, 4; J. Willshire (conductor), 5; T. R. Bell, 6; S. Andrews, 7; F. Buck, 8. And 504 of Stedman Triples. F. Buck, 1; H. R. Newton, 2; T. R. Bell, 3; G. Langford, 4; H. S. Ellis, 5; S. Andrews, 6; J. Willshire (conductor), 7; R. A. Wilson, 8. On Sunday, February 18th, for morning service, a 288 of Oxford Treble Bob Major. G. Langford, 1; W. Sorrell, 2; S. Andrews, 3; F. Buck, 4; W. Smith, 5; C. Brice, 6; J. Willshire, 7; J. M. Hayes (conductor), 8. And a plain course of Kent. W. Sorrell, 1; F. Buck, 2; S. Andrews, 3; G. Langford, 4; W. Smith, 5; C. Brice, 6; H. S. Ellis, 7; J. Willshire, 8. Also 224 of Grandsire Triples. W. G. Ellis, 1; S. Andrews, 2; G. Langford, 3; H. R. Newton, 4; W. Smith, 5; C. Brice, 6; H. S. Ellis, 7; W. Lamb, 8.

#### DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BISHOPWEARMOUTH.—On Sunday evening, February 18th, for Divine Service, a 720 of Double Court (eighteen 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 in the method by Messrs. Dawson, Robson, Field, and T. Hudson, jun. The tenor was the observation-bell.

#### THE WORCESTER CATHEDRAL GUILD.

On Sunday evening, February 18th, for service at St. John's church, the following members rang 720 Grandsire Minor with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late F. Owen, a Worcester ringer for many years. T. Penny, 1; B. Hill, 2; W. Bradford, 3; W. Page (conductor), 4; R. Horton, 5; E. Davies, 6. On Monday, February 19th, for practice at the Cathedral, with the bells half-muffled, 701 Grandsire Caters. B. Hill, 1; G. Hinton, 2; W. Powell, 3; W. H. Johnson, 4; W. Pudge, 5; W. Page, 6; W. Bradford (conductor), 7; R. Horton, 8; E. Davies, 9; T. Malin, 10. On Tuesday, February 20th, for practice at St. John's church, with the bells half-muffled, 420 Bob Minor. W. Cotton, 1; B. S. Hill, 2; E. Davies, 3; W. Page (conductor), 4; R. Horton, 5; W. Bradford, 6. On Sunday morning, February 25th, for service at the Cathedral, 701 Grandsire Caters. B. S. Hill, 1; W. Powell, 2; G. Hinton, 3; W. H. Johnson, 4; W. Pudge, 5; L. Longney, 6; W. Bradford (conductor), 7; R. Horton,

8; E. Davis, 9; W. Stone, 10. And three courses of Grandsire Major. W. Cotton, 1; W. H. Johnson, 2; W. Powell, 3; G. Hinton, 4; L. Longney, 5; N. Horton, 6; W. Bradford, 7; E. Davis, 8. Tenor 50 cwt.

APPLETON (Berks).—On Tuesday, February 20th, at St. Lawrence's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. E. Dandridge, 1; F. Barrett, 2; H. Woodwards, 3; H. Tubb, 4; H. Holifield, 5; S. White, 6; G. Holifield (conductor), 7; R. Bennett, 8.

ARUNDEL (Sussex).—On Monday, February 19th, at Holy Trinity church, 504 Grandsire Triples. G. Treagus, 1; D. Baker, 2; C. Blackman, 3; H. Lee, 4; G. Balchin, 5; F. Luxford (conductor), 6; F. Hendy, 7; A. Mills, 8.

BORDEN (Kent).—On Sunday morning, February 11th, for Divine Service, 672 Grandsire Triples. T. Eley Collard, 1; E. Allen, 2; W. Tassell, 3; C. Millway, 4; C. Duttall, 5; R. Staines, 6; C. Willshire (conductor), 7; H. Martin, 8. Tenor 23 cwt.

BOSTON (Lincolnshire).—On Sunday morning, February 11th, for Divine Service at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 51 mins. J. Goodwin, 1; F. Devoto, 2; E. Mason, 3; W. F. Harwood, 4; J. M. Rylatt (conductor), 5; W. Woodthorpe, 6; T. Boyer, 7; L. Goodwin, 8. Rang as a compliment to J. M. Rylatt on the occasion of his birthday, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

BRISTOL.—On Monday, February 19th, at St. Matthew's, Kingsdown, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, with the bells deeply muffled. G. Staddon, 1; W. J. Hinton (conductor), 2; H. Howell, 3; P. Caine, 4; J. York, 5; C. E. D. Boutflower, 6; W. Emery, 7; G. Stallard, 8. Rung on the occasion of the seventh anniversary of the death of Mr. W. Huish, who was steeplekeeper at St. Peter's (city) for fifty-two years.

GLEMSFORD (Suffolk).—On Saturday evening, February 10th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. Z. Slater, 1; R. Theobald, 2; G. Smith, 3; A. Clarke, 4; R. Brett, 5; R. Gowers (conductor), 6. And 720 Woodbine Treble Bob. A. Clarke (conductor), 1; Z. Slater, 2; R. Brett, 3; S. Slater, 4; R. Theobald, 5; G. Smith, 6. Also 360 Yorkshire Court. J. Slater, 1; S. Slater, 2; R. Brett, 3; A. Clarke, 4; R. Theobald, 5; R. Gowers (conductor), 6. Rung in honour of the 31st birthday of G. Smith. On Saturday, February 17th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. R. Gowers, 1; C. Adams, 2; G. Smith, 3; A. Clarke, 4; R. Brett, 5; R. Theobald (first 720 in the method as conductor), 6. Messrs. Smith, Gowers, Clarke, Theobald, and Brett belong to Stanstead, the rest are local men.

HANNEY (Berks).—Handbell Ringing.—On Thursday, February 15th, 120 Grandsire Doubles. Mrs. J. Tombs, 1; F. Barrett, 2; G. Holifield, 3-4; E. Dandridge, 5-6. Also another 120. E. Dandridge, 1; G. Booker, 2; G. Holifield (conductor), 3-4; F. Barrett, 5-6.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND (Kent).—On Tuesday, April 20th, at the church of SS. Peter and Paul, 720 Grandsire Minor in 26 mins. G. Butler, 1; \*H. Bonner, 2; W. H. Royston, 3; R. Munn, 4; B. Spinner, 5; F. Hayes (conductor), 6. \*First 720 with a bob bell. And 720 Kent Treble Bob in 27 mins. H. D. Davis, 1; C. Waterman (Shorne, conductor), 2; S. E. Romans, 3; B. Spinner, 4; R. Munn, 5; R. Hayes, 6.

OXHEY (Herts).—On Sunday, February 12th, 720 Grandsire Minor in 22 mins. S. French, 1; R. Bodminton, 2; J. E. Whitnall, 3; H. R. French, 4; C. S. Heath, 5; G. N. Price (conductor), 6; F. E. Bodimeade, 7. This is the first 720 ever rung by a local band of Oxhey ringers.

STEYNING (Sussex).—On Sunday, February 4th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. \*H. Meetens, 1; \*A. Gatland, 2; \*E. Rapley, 3; \*W. Woolgar, 4; J. Smart, 5; C. Chambers, 6; G. Smart (conductor), 7; G. Gatland, 8. \*First quarter-peal in the method.

SWINDON (Wilts).—On Monday, February 12th, the members of the local company met C. E. D. Boutflower, Esq., of Bristol, at the parish church, and rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. T. Lawrence, 1; A. Lawrence, 2; C. E. D. Boutflower, 3; G. Iles, 4; T. Ricketts, 5; O. W. Layng (conductor), 6; T. Robinson, 7; G. F. Grist, 8. Tenor about 16 cwt.

STANSTEAD (Suffolk).—On Sunday, February 11th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. R. Brett (conductor), 1; H. Thompson, 2; C. Honeybell, 3; A. Ives, 4; J. Bradham, 5; G. Maxim, 6. And a touch of Kent Treble Bob. R. Gowers, 1; R. Theobald, 4. And touches of Kent Treble Bob Major on the handbells. R. Theobald, 1-2; R. Brett, 3-4; A. Clarke, 5-6; R. Gowers, 7-8. And a course of Bob Royal. R. Theobald, 1-2; R. Brett, 3-4; C. Honeybell, 5; H. Thompson, 6; A. Clarke, 7-8; R. Gowers, 9-10. Messrs. Thompson,

Maxim, and Ives hail from Cavendish. On Tuesday, February 13th, 720 Yorkshire Court. R. Theobald, 1; R. Brett, 2; G. Smith, 3; A. Clarke, 4; S. Slater, 5; R. Gowers (conductor), 6. And a touch of Court Bob, and 360 College Single, standing as before. Messrs. Slater, Honeybell, and Bradham hail from Glemsford, the rest are local men.

## Obituary.

### FREDERICK OWEN.

We regret to have to record the decease, at the age of sixty-nine, of the above-named ringer, who was a native of the village of Feckenham, in Worcestershire, though for the greater part of his life he resided in the city of Worcester. About thirty-five years ago he became connected with the principal belfry of Worcester, but some time elapsed before he was a practical change-ringer. His principal forte was that of an organiser, or leader of men, and it is in some degree owing to his persistent and unwearied efforts in the cause of ringing, that the Art is beginning to flourish again in the "faithful city." Whenever promising young men appeared who were anxious of becoming scientific ringers Frederick Owen was sure to be their friend, and introduce them to quarters where practical information could be gained. Such were his endeavours in this direction that he earned among the young men of his day the title of "Father;" and perhaps the death of no ringer of the above city has ever been more sincerely regretted than his. The establishment of the Worcester Cathedral Guild was to him a source of the utmost satisfaction, and he adhered to it with all his might. He was a member of the County Association, in the fortunes of which he also took a deep interest. For forty years he was a close friend and neighbour of the family of the Editor of this paper, and it is not surprising, therefore, that in the well-being of the latter and all connected therewith he was most solicitous. The Cathedral Guild lose by his death an honored member, and the Editor an old friend who was always among the first to welcome him when visiting his native city.

### HENRY ROSTRON, OF HYDE.

With deep regret we record the death of the above named, which took place suddenly and unexpectedly about 12.30 a.m. on Monday, February 19th. He rang for Divine Service the night previous, and parted with his brother-ringers about 9 p.m., being then apparently in his usual good health and spirits. On the 22nd he was borne to his last resting place by four members of his company, followed by his relatives, friends, and the rest of the Hyde company, headed by Dr. Beecroft, one of the Churchwardens, and by the Vicar of St. George's, Hyde, the Rev. W. G. Bridges, M.A., and was interred beneath the shadow of the tower of St. George's church, where he had been a service ringer for forty years. Immediately after the interment, whilst the funeral cortege was wending its way back, the members of St. George's Society rang with the bells deeply muffled 688 of Bob Major and 576 of Kent Treble Bob Major. Subsequently an attempt for a muffled peal of Bob Major was abandoned owing to the rough weather interfering so much with the comforts of the ringers. Mr. Rostron began his ringing career at a very early age under the tuition of the late celebrated William Harrison, at Mottram, of which place he was a native. In 1854 he migrated to Hyde, since which time he had been a regular service ringer at St. George's, and the present generation of St. George's ringers practically owe all their earliest instruction in the Art to his patience and perseverance. Although he kept no record of the peals he took part in there is reliable information that he took part in over 100 peals of 5000 changes and upwards. Two tablets in St. George's belfry bear testimony to the fact that he took part in a peal of 9600 changes of Grandsire Major, and in a peal of Setdman Triples. He was a very accomplished ringer both in the tower and on handbells, an expert conductor, and of more than average ability as a composer. His last noteworthy performance was with the Hyde company, at St. Paul's, Staleywood, on May 6th last, when for the third time he assisted his company to win the coveted United Counties' Association Eight Bell Cup, the Cup thus becoming the property of the Hyde ringers. It will be seen that the Hyde men have sustained a severe loss by his death. Deceased, who leaves a widow and six children, was of a genial and very courteous disposition, and consequently much respected by all with whom he came in contact. He was in the first year of his age. By the kind forethought of the Vicar of St. George's, the choir sang during Divine Service last Sunday morning, "Now the Labourer's task is o'er." W.

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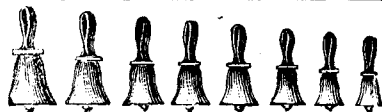
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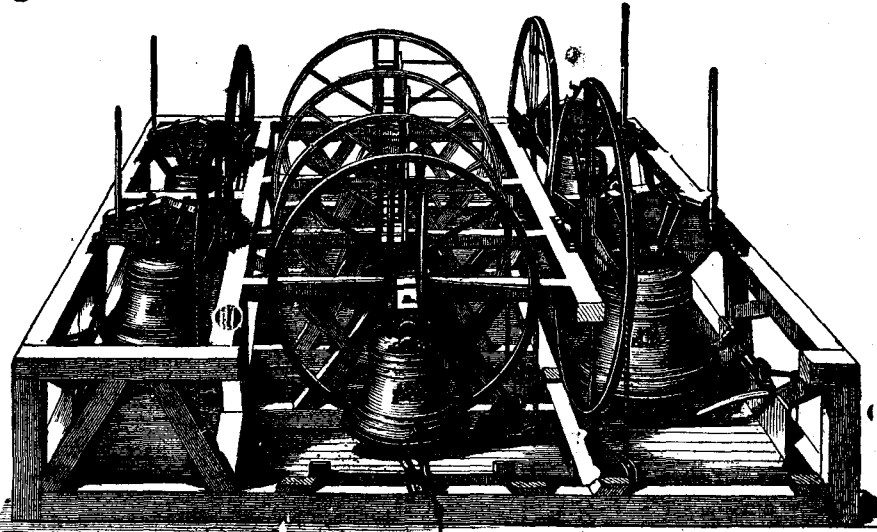
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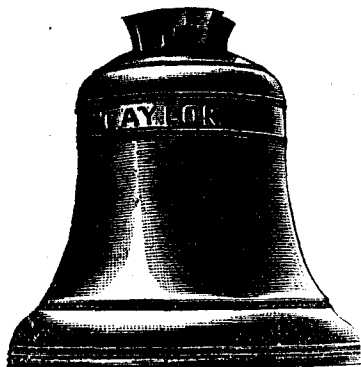
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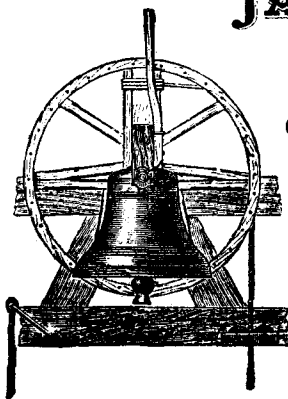
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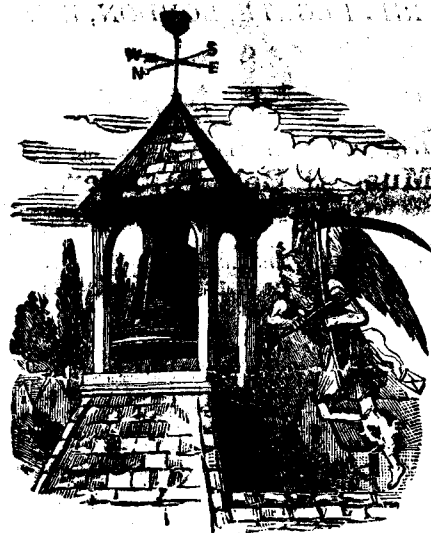
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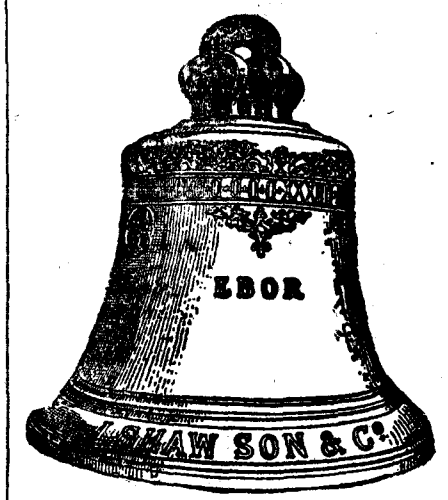
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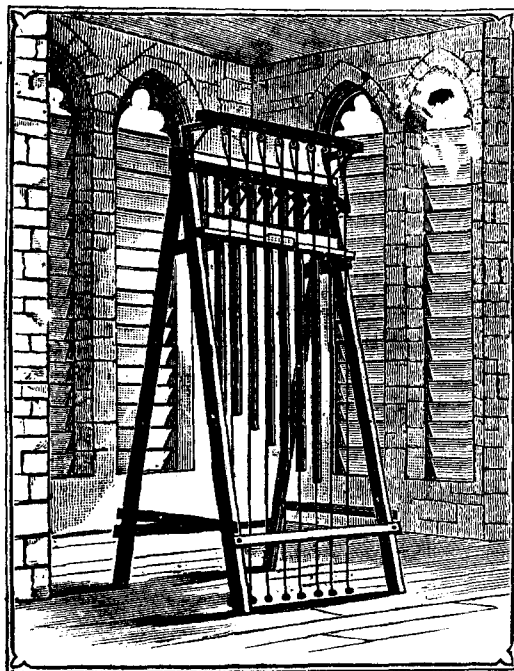
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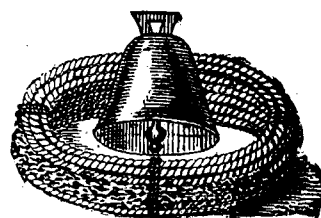
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## THE HENRY JOHNSON COMMEMORATION.

This, which has come to be looked upon as one of the events in the ringing world, was held under the auspices of the St. Martin's Guild on Saturday, the 3rd inst.

Several of the ringers, assembled to do honour to the occasion, were concerned in an attempt for a peal on the ring of ten at St. Philip's, while others were soon in competition with the market din at the Bull Ring by touches on the noble ring of twelve at St. Martin's.

It cannot but be gratifying to ringers generally to know even at this early stage of the proceedings, how manifest it was that the interest in these gatherings—an underlying gratitude for a life-lasting devotion to the advancement of their science—shewed no diminution.

Punctually at the advertised time (6.30) the assembled company met at the Guild's meeting house, The Tamworth Arms, and were soon seated in the capacious dining-room of that hostelry. Here it was obvious that the new host had laid himself out to add to the reputation of his house by providing a really sumptuous dinner served "hot and sharp." Glancing around the room, one discovered besides those most intimately connected with Birmingham ringing, such well known figures as Messrs. Phillott and Pates of Cheltenham, John Fowler and J. E. Groves of Wolverhampton, the Master and Secretary of the Worcester and adjoining districts Association—Messrs. Spittle and John Smith; Messrs. J. Lawton of Walsall, George of Rugby, etc., etc.

Letters expressing regret for non-attendance had been received by the Hon. Secretary from the Rev. Earle Bulwer, who referred to his deep "veneration for the memory of the late Henry Johnson;" from Mr. A. Percival Heywood, who had been "looking forward to being present at one of the pleasantest meetings of the year;" from the Rev. F. E. Robinson, who expressed the hope that he might shortly meet his Birmingham friends on a future occasion; from Mr. G. F. Attree, of Brighton, who hoped that on some future occasion he might be able "to take part in keeping alive the memory of so worthy a ringer;" from Mr. H. A. Walker (Churchwarden of Aston), and others.

Dinner having received its due meed of justice, the chair was taken by J. S. Pritchett, Esq. (barrister-at-law), supported by W. Jones Esq. (churchwarden of St. Martin's), and Mr. J. Day, presiding ringing master of St. Martin's Guild, and the after dinner proceedings were opened by the Chairman proposing the toast of "Queen, Church, and State," alluding in a graceful way to the absorbing topic of the hour, the retirement of the grand old man—Mr. W. E. Gladstone. This having received a hearty acknowledgment, he afterwards gave the toast of the evening, "The late Henry Johnson, may his memory be ever with us." Again referring to the retirement of Mr. Gladstone, the speaker stated that the ringing Exercise, too, had lost its grand old man by the passing away of the late Henry Johnson some four years ago, at a good ripe old age. Eulogising him as an upright, honourable, honest, and amiable man, of rare wit, and marvellous ability so seldom coupled with such true simplicity of character, he went on to speak of his geniality in his bearing to all who were in any way connected with ringing, and the willingness he displayed in imparting the knowledge he had acquired in so long an experience—respects in which he afforded a model for all time to other ringers. He asked them to honour this toast earnestly, but in silence.

This toast was followed by a course of Stedman Caters in hand, given by Messrs H. Bastable, 1-2; J. Carter, 3-4; T. Russam, 5-6; B. Witchell, 7-8; and H. Johnson, 9-10.

"The Rector and Wardens of St. Martin's—coupled with the name of Mr. Jones" was given by Mr. Spittle, who referred to the readiness with which the authorities at St. Martin's always met an application for the use of the bells.

Mr. Jones, in responding, explained why his fellow-warden and the Rector were not present; and followed on by giving "Success to the St. Martin's Guild, coupled with the health of Mr. John Day," again reminding them as on former occasions of the reputation which had already been achieved for them by former ringers, and urging them to use every means in their power to keep up such a high standard.

Mr. Day, in reply, incidentally mentioned the length of his ringing career, and emphasised the physical and moral benefit to be derived from ringing, attributing his presence among them

that evening in such good health as one of the benefits he had secured. He referred to a remark he had heard on several occasions recently of the necessity for new blood in the St. Martin's Guild, and advised his hearers to join him in carefully considering that question.

"Success to the ringing papers" was given with a few interesting remarks by Mr. W. R. Small, and duly honoured.

Mr. Day, in proposing "The Visitors," coupled with his toast the health of his veteran friend Mr. John Fowler, of Wolverhampton; and Mr. Fowler in replying informed his hearers that he had rung in his first peal over fifty years ago, that he had known the late Henry Johnson almost as long as he (the speaker) had been a ringer, and that he in his long experience had ever found Mr. Johnson the kind and true friend described by other speakers.

The health of the Chairman—Mr. Pritchett—was then given by the Hon. Sec., Mr. W. H. Godden, who stated that he hoped much for the welfare not only of the St. Martin's Guild, but of Birmingham ringing in the future, from such enthusiasm and energy in the Exercise as had been shewn by their Chairman. As exemplifying this, he could mention that he knew their Chairman to be attending there that evening at considerable personal inconvenience, inconvenience, however, which he had swept aside with his usual determination. This was honoured in a way which spoke highly for the popularity of the Chairman.

The Chairman, in reply, again alluded to the necessity for training young ringers, and most strongly urged upon all his hearers to extend the same advantage to young men wishing to join their exercise as they had themselves received—nay more—instancing his own sensitiveness to anything like slight when he was himself a young ringer.

Votes of thanks were then moved by Mr. Russam to the Host for the way in which he had catered for them that evening, and to Mrs. Painter for again presiding at the piano, a service she was always so ready to do them.

A vote of thanks on the motion of the Chairman was passed to the dinner committee and the Secretary for the trouble they had taken in carrying out the arrangements for that evening, and the Secretary in reply stated that he and his fellows on the committee felt far more than repaid by the success of that meeting, because after all was said, the object of that meeting was one which was dear to every individual ringer—to honour the memory of the late Henry Johnson.

During the evening the proceedings were enlivened by various selections on the piano by Mrs. Painter, songs by Messrs Spittle, Fowler, and Witchell, and a reading by Mr. F. Smith.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—MAIDSTONE DISTRICT.

The annual meeting of this district was held by kind permission of the Vicar at Leeds, on Saturday, March 3rd, under the most favourable circumstances. It was the most successful gathering of this district yet held since its formation. Fifty-five ringers in all were present from Maidstone, Town Malling, Leeds, Aylesford, Bearsted, and Harrietsham, in the district, and also from Staplehurst, Seal Chart, Willesboro', Headcorn, and London. The ringing throughout the meeting was characterised by unusually good striking. Touches of Grand-sire Triples, Bob Major, and Bob Minor, were successfully brought round, and a fair start was made for Bob Royal, but this was brought to an untimely conclusion by the treble bell becoming unmanageable. The best items of the ringing, however, were a 576 of Kent Treble Bob Major by A. C. West, 1; W. E. Pope, 2; A. H. Woolley, 3; T. Mannering, 4; J. Waghorn, sen., 5; J. W. Leonard, 6; E. Pope, 7; A. Palmer (conductor), 8. And a 484 of Stedman Triples by R. Walter, 1; T. Mannering, 2; A. Tawney, 3; A. C. West, 4; J. Waghorn, sen., 5; A. Palmer (conductor), 6; E. Pope, 7; W. Hadlow, 8.

At the committee meeting five new members and four probationers were elected.

A capital knife and fork tea was provided by Mr. Woolley, mine host of The George, at which the Rev. A. P. Morris, the Vicar, took the chair, and the Rev. H. R. Hughes, the Curate, the vice-chair, and fifty-one ringers sat down. Thanks are also due to Mr. Hollands, the steeple-keeper, for having everything in readiness, and the bells in good going order.



## THE STEEPLE OF ST. MARY, SHREWSBURY.

[From the *Shrewsbury Chronicle*]

The disaster which has befallen the most beautiful, if not the most ancient, of our Shrewsbury churches, naturally has called forth expressions of regret from every part of the kingdom, and we are glad to say that subscriptions towards the immediate restoration of the stately edifice are being sent in so freely that there is little, if any, danger that the Vicar will be embarrassed through want of funds. This is as it should be. It is only right that we vie with one another in supporting appeals of this description. Everybody admits that the social and material well-being of the country depends in no small measure on the splendid work which the Christian Church is performing, and when unruly elements overturn a steeple, or some other kind of misfortune overtakes a congregation, men of all sorts and conditions will at once step forward to assist in repairing the loss. It is very gratifying to us to perceive that there is in this matter so much unanimity in Shrewsbury. With scarcely an exception, the Churches of all denominations have made special pulpit reference to the disaster, and there is no doubt that in most of them there will be collections to aid in raising the £6,000 necessary to restore St. Mary's to something like its former condition. Even the Romanists, who boast of a "Cathedral" in Shrewsbury, have made the occasion one for shewing that, in essentials, at any rate, they are in full sympathy with the rest of the Christian Church. We learn that their evening service on Sunday last was one of thanksgiving "for the preservation of the lives of so many of their fellow-townpeople." As might have been expected at such a time, there has been no lack of explanations why so prominent a landmark as St. Mary's succumbed before the gale of the 11th. The following day was the anniversary of the birth of Charles Darwin, and one gentleman (or was it a lady who wrote to us on the subject?) says it is clear that the CREATOR overturned the spire to evince His displeasure at the proposal to erect a memorial of the famous scientist! The Vicar of St. Mary's, preaching in the wrecked sanctuary on Sunday evening, and surrounded by countless signs of the fearful havoc wrought by the storm, took up the same parable, and made pointed reference to the recent meeting held in the Guildhall: "Could any one," said Mr. Poyntz, "in the future doubt the providence of God? Not one soul was lost. Could they, therefore, doubt that God's hand was present throughout all, and that He was guiding and ruling all? The fall of the spire should stop for ever, in their mouths at least, the jargon about natural laws, natural forces, and the like, so common in the present day. . . . One day this month—this month—a certain event occurred in Shrewsbury, and a few days afterwards the spire was blown down by the act of God. Was there any connection between the two events? He thought it likely, on account of a similarity of subject matter between the two. If he was right, it was at least possible that many had received a warning. Let them act upon it. If they pondered well over his remarks, and digested them, they ought to bring in during the week sufficient funds to restore the church twice over." Thus the Vicar of St. Mary's identifies himself with the belief that God, disapproving of the erection of a Darwin memorial in Shrewsbury, shattered the spire as a solemn warning to us not to proceed further in that project. The builders of Shrewsbury have also entered the field with a theory as to the cause of the misfortune, and in our "Letters to the Editor" still further explanations may be found, including the suggestion of a London Vicar, a native of Shrewsbury, who seems to corroborate that of our local experts. Where so many valuable opinions have been expressed, it is not for us to say who are right; nor are we sufficiently concerned to venture on the assertion that any particular opinion is erroneous. What we are anxious about is not the cause of the disaster to our magnificent old church, the finest and the most beautiful that we possessed, but the restoration of the structure. Instead of theory let us have practice. Now is the time, not for talk, but for benevolence; and there is no higher kind of benevolence than that which upholds the Christian religion.

## HENDON, MIDDLESEX.

The Guild of ringers connected with the parish church of St. Mary the Virgin, have revised their rules owing to sundry circumstances, and made them more workable. The society consists of nine performing members, and although the tower contains but six bells, and honorary members are elected by paying a subscription of 2s. 6d., which the Secretary will be pleased to receive from any person desirous of becoming a honorary member. The ringers of St. Mary's, Hendon, according to custom, have enjoyed the liberality of the Vicar and Churchwardens, and sat down to an excellent supper, presided over by Mr. Martin. The courtesy of the Hendon ringers is patent to all who visit their tower, and the writer was surprised to hear of the progress of several young men in their "teens" who are capable of ringing lengthy touches of Doubles or Minor, thus reflecting credit on the members of the Guild of St. Mary's for advancing the Art, and teaching those who may in years to come be prominent members of the Exercise at large. Hendon may also be called the headquarters of the Middlesex Association. The ringing at the parish church, Hendon, on Sunday evening was as follows: 120 Grandsire Doubles, and 180 Bob Minor, the following taking part: H. Martin, H. J. Martin, C. H. Martin, C. Crampton, F. Pratt, E. Pratchett, and A. J. J. Giddings. After service, 240 Grandsire Doubles. H. Martin (conductor), 1; C. Crampton, 2; C. H. Martin, 3; F. Pratt, 4; E. Pratchett, 5; A. J. J. Giddings, 6. Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qrs. 11 lbs.

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

## THE RECENT PEAL AT ST. MARGARET'S, LYNN.

SIR,—It ought hardly to be necessary to remind Mr. Sadler that he has not up to the present substantiated the charge of inaccuracy made against us in reference to a note to the above peal. What are we to understand by his silence in the matter? I may say that meanwhile we have not been idle in research, and that now we believe the note to the peal to be absolutely correct; but still we are naturally anxious to hear what our Norwich friend has to produce in support of his previous statement, and we hope that he will now see his way clear to make a further explanation.

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J. W. SEDGLEY.

## A SUGGESTION.

SIR,—I would like to say a word respecting some of our brother-strings advertising for situations. I have often thought how well it would be if some of them could only afford to take a trip west, if only on spec, as we term it. I am sure they would find employment somewhere down this way. A young man was applying the other day for a place as groom and gardener, or handy man: I might mention there are such places as this to be had in Swansea every day almost, but during the time I might be sending the brother-applicant a local paper containing the advertisement he would require, the situation would have been taken, therefore I think if we as ringers could club together sufficient to pay the train fare to a certain place, I don't think any brother would be out of work very long. We as a band in Swansea always take an interest in any good ringer, and so far have succeeded in obtaining employment for such. Our churchwardens are employers of labour, therefore, where change-ringing is in its infancy they would be only too pleased to help a change-ringer. Now Sir, there are several peals of eight around Swansea: Aberavon, Aberdare, Merthyr (in course of erection), Lan Stephan, Sketty, etc., all of which want our help, and I am sure we at St. Mary's, Swansea, could do very well with one or two. I think those brethren who have helped us, namely, Mr. T. Hattersley (Sheffield), G. H. Gardner (Gloucester), and C. Smith (now of Penarth), will bear me out as regards the truth of what I say.

Moriah Terrace, Mount Pleasant, Swansea,

HENRY WEST.

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**'Ringers' Festivities.**

ST. MICHAEL'S JUNIOR SOCIETY, GLOUCESTER.—The annual dinner of this society took place on Thursday, March 1st, at the New Inn hotel, Northgate Street. Owing to the very boisterous weather the attendance was not so large as was expected. Prior to the dinner short touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples, and a plain course of Cambridge Surprise Major were rung on St. Michael's bells. At 7.30 thirteen members sat down to an excellently served repast, served in host Berry's well-known style. After the cloth had been removed, a short toast list was gone through. The Master (Mr. J. Austin) having proposed the toast, "Church and Queen," Mr. E. Bankes James, in the unavoidable absence of his respected father, the Rev. G. James, President of the society, responded in an appropriate speech. Mr. E. Hayward then proposed "The President and Vice-Presidents," to which Mr. D. G. Gough suitably replied. The next toast by Mr. F. E. Ward, namely, "The St. Michael's Junior Society," was the toast of the evening. Mr. Ward having referred to his earliest experiences with the society, contrasted the state of ringing which existed in Gloucester six years ago when the only method rang was Grandsire, and the present time. He sincerely hoped the Junior Society would still continue on its upward career, and eventually take its place as one of the premier ringing societies in the country. After speaking of the good work done by the Master, of whom he was sure all the members were proud, he said he trusted they would long continue to hold their annual social gathering. Mr. Austin, in a very interesting speech, thanked Mr. Ward for the many kind things he had said in reference to the society and himself. After urging the members to give him their support as accorded to his predecessors, he said he had no fear as to the ultimate result. Mr. G. L. Brunsdon then proposed "The health of our absent members." He briefly sketched out the good work done by members who had been obliged to remove the sphere of their operations. Mr. W. C. Jones having replied on their behalf, Mr. A. T. Brunsdon proposed "Success to the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association." He congratulated the Junior Society on the honour of having one of its members Master of such an important association, and was sure the election of Mr. James gave the greatest satisfaction to a large number of ringers at the Gloucester end of the diocese. He sincerely trusted that under the leadership of Mr. James the society would not be content to be the eleventh or twelfth on Mr. Attree's list. Mr. E. Bankes James, in reply, said he would only be too delighted to hear from any band of ringers in the diocese who were in need of help or advice. He intended to make a tour of all the towers in union, and in this way help on the good work they all had so much at heart. Mr. W. Dawe then proposed the toast of "Our Visitors," coupled with the names of Mr. R. Brunsdon and Mr. F. E. Ward. These gentlemen having suitably replied, the concluding toast of "Our Host" was proposed by Mr. A. Roberts. The rest of the evening was devoted to handbell ringing, songs, and a very humorous stump speech by Mr. E. Hayward. The following gentlemen contributed songs: Messrs. E. B. James, R. Brunsdon, W. Dawe, A. T. Brunsdon, B. Gough, F. E. Ward, and E. Hayward. The singing of "Auld Lang Syne" and the National Anthem brought a very enjoyable evening to a close.

CHRIST CHURCH SOCIETY, WEST BROMWICH.—The Christ Church, West Bromwich bellringers, and a few friends met at The Hop inn, on Monday evening, the 26th., to celebrate the wedding of Mr. Enoch Jones, who is also one of their members. A very good supper having been got ready by the host, ample justice was done to the good things provided by all present. The cloth having been drawn, Mr. S. Reeves was voted to the chair, and after having explained the cause of the meeting, at once proposed "The health of the wedded pair," which was drunk with much applause. A plain course of Grandsire Caters was next rung on the handbells by Messrs. Hall, Carter, Bastable, Smith and Reeves. Several songs were given during the evening by Messrs. Frisby, Jones, Walker, Bastable and others. The health of "The visitors," was proposed by Mr. Frisby, to which Mr. Godden replied, and said it gave him much pleasure and also the other visitors to be present on that

occasion, as he had always enjoyed himself when in the company of the West Bromwich ringers. A touch of Grandsire Triples and a plain course of Stedman Triples, and a vote of thanks to the chairman for presiding brought the evening to a close.

THE YORKSHIRE AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.—On Saturday evening, March 3rd, the members of the Staveley Society, with a few invited friends, including Mr. W. Price, of Eckington, sat down to an excellent rabbit supper, provided by host W. Crofts, Elm Tree Inn, High Street, to commemorate the birthday of Messrs. H. Mottershall and A. Worthington. The meal was served up in good style and received the attention it deserved from the ringers, etc., the courses being got through in capital time, and good striking was observed throughout. On the removal of the cloth Mr. H. Madin was voted to the chair, and Mr. S. Price to the vice-chair. The chairman said he was very pleased to congratulate his brother-ringers on their birthday, and hoped they would be as willing to join in a peal for the remainder of the Society as they had done for them on the present occasion. The chairman proposed the usual loyal toasts, which were received in right royal style. "THE BELL NEWS" and other toasts were submitted; and the health of "the host and hostess" was proposed by the chairman, and drank with musical honours. Mr. Crofts, in responding, said it gave him great pleasure to know that he had given satisfaction to all present, and as he had said on previous occasions, he hoped these little meetings would continue for year to come, as he was always ready and willing to oblige and do his best for the welfare of the Staveley society. He concluded by thanking the society for drinking the health of himself and family with musical honours. During the evening several courses of Grandsire Triples were rung on the handbells by Messrs. J. Harris, W. Worthington and sons, A. and J. Worthington, which enlivened the company. Songs, comic and sentimental, were rendered by Messrs. Palmer, Mottershall, Smedley, and Daffin, and a most enjoyable evening was brought to a close at eleven o'clock.

**THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

CENTRAL DIVISION.—A district meeting was held at Steyning on Saturday, February 24th. About forty members were present representing the following towers: Brighton (St. Peter and St. Nicolas), Crawley, Henfield, Horley, Lower Beeding, and Angmering, with a goodly muster of the local company. Ringing commenced about 3 o'clock, and at 5.30 thirty-six members sat down to tea at the Norfolk Arms. The Master, Mr. G. Attree, presided, and among the company present was the Hon. Secretary (Rev. J. G. L. Cother, Yapton), and Mr. H. Dains (London). Thirty-four new members were elected. An appeal on behalf of Alfred D. Mills, of Crawley, who met with a serious accident whilst following his employment on February 9th, and who is now in the Sussex County Hospital, was made at this meeting, resulting in £2 1s. 0d. being collected in the room. The meeting terminated with a vote of thanks to the vicar, the Rev. A. Pridgeon, for the use of the bells, and to the local band for making all arrangements for the tea, etc. The remainder of the evening was spent in practising touches on the tower bells in various methods.

**THE HEAVY WOOLLEN DISTRICT ASSOCIATION, YORKSHIRE.**

A committee of the above Association met at headquarters, The Wakefield Arms, Dewsbury, on Saturday, March 3rd, and discussed the cup competition rules, which will take place at an early date. Mr. Stainthorpe brought a most magnificent cup for a sample, and it was ultimately agreed to order one of a similar stamp to be ready for inspection at the Sandal meeting, when it is expected a goodly number of ringers will be present to arrange a ballot being drawn for the contest taking place. Subscriptions were handed in to the meeting by the Mirfield company, 15s., Liversedge, 10s. Three new members were made from Birstal, and one honorary member from Mirfield. Other business having been transacted the meeting closed with about £11 in hand.

## Notices.

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**The Sussex County Association.—Eastern Division.**—A meeting will be held to-day, Saturday, March 10th, at Hailsham. Tower open 2.30 p.m. Tea and Meeting 4.45. Contributions now due.

ALFRED E. NYE, *District Hon. Sec.*  
15, Commercial Road, Eastbourne.

**The Kent County Association.—Rochester District.**—A District meeting will be held at Rainham, to-day, Saturday, March 10th. Tower open from 3 p.m. Hartlip (six) will also be open. Business meeting at 4.30 p.m. to elect a District Secretary in place of W. A. Cooke resigned. FREDK. J. O. HELMORE, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.**—The next meeting will be held at St. Mark's, Glodwick, to-day, Saturday, March 10th. Bells ready at 4 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30. Methods for practice: Kent Treble Bob and Bob Major. E. SCHOFIELD, *Branch Sec.*

**The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.**—The next ringing meeting will be held at Christ Church, Pendlebury, to-day, Saturday, March 10th. Methods for practice are Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob, Treble Bob, and Double Norwich Court Bob Major. Ringing from 4 p.m. with interval for business meeting at 7 p.m. W. BROWN, *Branch Sec.*  
54 Wenlock Street, Hulme, Manchester.

**The Heavy Woollen District Association, Yorkshire.**—The next monthly meeting will take place at Sandal, on Saturday, March 17th, at 6 p.m.; meeting house, Castle Inn.

Geo. H. SIMON, *Hon. Sec.*  
19, Albert Street, Bailey Carr.

**The Ancient Society of College Youths.**—There will be no ringing at St. Paul's on Tuesday, the 14th inst. A special and very important business meeting will be held that evening at headquarters at 8.30, and all members who can possibly attend, are earnestly requested to do so.

W. T. COCKERILL, *Hon. Sec.*  
37, Tradesant Road, South Lambeth.

**The East Derbyshire Association.**—The annual meeting will be held at Clay Cross, on Easter Monday, March 19th. Tower open for ringing from 10 a.m. A service will be held in St. Bartholomew's church at 4.30 p.m. Tea on the tables at 5.0 p.m.

JNO. J. COOK, *Secretary.*

**The Worcestershire and Districts Association.**—The annual meeting of this Association will take place at Worcester, on Easter Monday, March 26th. A special service will be held in St. Andrew's church at 12.15 prompt, to which all members are earnestly invited. The meeting will follow at 2 p.m. prompt in the Chapter House, Worcester Cathedral, at which the Rev. Canon Knox Little will preside. Tea will be provided for all members sending in their names to me not later than Tuesday, March 20th, in accordance with rules 6 and 10. The tower and bells at the Cathedral will be at the disposal of the members from 5 p.m. All outstanding contributions should be paid at this meeting.

JOHN SMITH, *Hon. Sec.*  
36, Simms Lane, Netherton, Dudley.

**Midland Counties' Association.**—The annual meeting will be held at Burton-on-

Trent, on Easter Monday, March 26th, when the following towers will be open for ringing from 11.30 a.m.: St. Paul's, 8 bells; St. Modwen's, 8 bells; Horninglow, 6 bells; Winshill, 6 bells. The parish room, St. Paul's Institute, will be open all day, and visitors may here obtain any further particulars. Committee meeting at 4.15 p.m. Tea, followed by general meeting at 5 p.m., both at St. Margaret's Schools. A free tea will be provided for all visiting members who have paid their subscriptions for the current year and send their names to the local hon. secretary, Mr. W. J. Smith, 33, Ordish Street, Burton-on-Trent, not later than Wednesday, March 21st. Members whose current subscriptions have not been paid or attending without notice will be charged 1s. each for their tea. Parties of eight or more can obtain fare and a quarter tickets by giving three days' notice at any station.

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

**Norwich Diocesan Association.—Saxmundham District.**—Notice.—The sixteenth quarterly district meeting will be held at Leiston, on Easter Monday. The tower will be open for ringing all day. Business meeting at 4.30 p.m. in the schoolroom. The Rector will preside. All members and ringing friends cordially welcome.

WILLIAM TAYLOR, *Hon. District Sec.*  
Leiston.

**The Essex Association.**—A district meeting of the above will be held at Sudbury, Suffolk, on Saturday, March 31st. A brake will start from the Green Dragon at 1 p.m. for Foxearth and Walter Belchamp. Tea will be provided at the Green Dragon at 5 p.m., to be followed by a business meeting. Members intending to be present must signify the same to me not later than Easter Monday, and the station they intend to proceed from.

HENRY T. W. EYRE, *Assistant Secretary.*  
Great Totham Vicarage, Witham.

**The Surrey Association.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Sutton and Cheam, on Easter Monday. Tea at the Shaftesbury Coffee Tavern at 6 p.m. Representatives are requested to send the number of members intending to be present at tea to Mr. J. Trendell, Rock Villa, Bushey Road, Sutton, not later than Thursday, the 22nd. Further details later.

R. B. BLANCHARD, *Hon. Sec.*  
13, Sunnyside Road, Streatham, S.W.

**Hertfordshire Association.**—Annual meeting at St. Albans on Easter Monday. Further particulars next week.

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

**Royal Cumberland Society.**—The 110th anniversary of the long peal of 12,000 Treble Bob Royal rung by this Society at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, will be celebrated on Saturday, April 7th, 1894, by a Dinner, followed by a Smoking Concert to be held at the Bedford Hotel, Maiden Lane, Strand. Tickets, 3s. 6d. each, can be obtained from the following members of the committee: Mr. B. Foskett, 40, New Buildings, Hampstead, N.W.; Mr. H. Dains, 147, Barnsbury Road, Islington, N.; Mr. W. Hasted, 84, Dean Street, Soho, W.C.; Mr. P. Howard, South House, Albion Road, Stoke Newington, N.; Mr. G. Newson, 13a, Gardner Road, Hampstead, N.W.; Mr. G. Harvey, 30, Dickinson Street, Kentish Town, N.W.; Mr. J. Barry, 27, Arlington Street, Islington, N.; Mr. H. Davis, 419, Old Kent Road; Mr. J. Davis, Westdown Terrace, Camden Street, Peckham; Mr. H. Swain, 29, Bramerton Street, King's Road, Chelsea; Mr. Meads, 89, Diggon Street, Stepney; Mr. W. Wilder,

Slough; Mr. H. S. Thomas, 71, Bridge Road, Old Battersea; or of A. JACOB, *Hon. Sec.*  
10, St. Anne's Road, Hornsey, N.

**The Bedfordshire Association.**—The annual meeting will be held at Bedford on Easter Monday. Special service and sermon at St. Paul's church at 3 o'clock. Tea at All Hallows' Mission Room at 4 o'clock. Local Secretaries are requested to send numbers proposing to attend from their branches to Mr. I. Hills, Pumping Station, Bedford, on or before March 20th. W. W. C. BAKER, *Hon. Sec.*  
Milton Bryant Rectory, Woburn.

**The Old East Derbyshire Association.**—The annual meeting will be held at Staveley on Easter Monday, March 26th. Dinner will be provided at the Elm Tree inn at 2 o'clock. Members intending to be present are requested to send their names to the Hon. Secretary not later than Monday, March 19th. Peal of eight bells open for ringing during the day. Staveley town station close to church. Business meeting at 3.30. Election of officers, etc.

E. JAMES, *Hon. Sec.*  
18, The Dale, Woodseats, near Sheffield.

## THE THORP FUND.

The committee propose to commemorate the establishment of this fund on Easter Monday next, at Ashton-under-Lyne. Dinner will be provided at a moderate charge at the Old Church inn, where the proceedings will take place. The bells of St. Michael's (12) and probably St. Peter's (8), will be placed at the disposal of visitors from early morning till night. Further particulars next week. All ringing friends invited.

JAMES S. WILDE, *Hon. Sec.*

## 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 BOB TRIPLES.

By F. E. W. MEADOWS, *Otley, Suffolk.*

2 3 4 5 6 M W H

6 4 2 3 5 - - -

5 2 4 3 6 - - -

6 4 5 2 3 - - -

3 5 6 4 2 - - -

6 4 3 5 2 - - -

2 3 6 4 5 - - -

5 6 2 3 4 - - -

4 2 5 6 3 - - -

3 5 4 2 6 - - -

4 2 3 5 6 - - -

Five times repeated. Single instead of bob at end of third and sixth parts.

The last-named composer (Mr. Meadows) writes: Sir,—Seeing a peal of Bob Major by me published in "THE BELL NEWS" of February 17th, I beg to state that the reduction to 5008 is false, a repetition occurring at the w between the first course as reduced, and at the 5th course of the last part. It can still be reduced to 5008 by calling the first part thus:—

2 3 4 5 6 W B H

2 3 5 6 4 - - -

6 2 5 3 4 - - -

5 3 6 2 4 - - -

6 5 3 2 4 - - -

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR.

By ROBERT E. CHICHESTER, *Bristol.*5376.  
2 3 4 5 6 W M H

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## A DATE TOUCH OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

By W. DICKINSON, *Heckington, Lincolnshire.*

2 1 3 4 5 6 7	
1 2 4 3 5 6 7	
2 1 3 4 5 7 6	odd changes.
1 2 3 4 5 7 6	

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

Four times repeated.

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR.

By H. N. DAVIS, *Camberwell.*

5088.

2 3 4 5 6 I 5 6

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

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

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

Twice repeated.

This composition contains the 4th, 5th and 6th their extent in-course in 6ths place.

First rung by the Kent County Association at the church of St. John the Baptist, Erith, Kent, on November 12th, 1893, conducted by Gabriel Lindoff.

## TWO PEALS OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR.

By ARTHUR CRAVEN, *Headingley, Yorks.*

5376.

2 3 4 5 6 I 4 6

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

Five times repeated.

\*Single for bob in the third and sixth parts. This peal contains the full combination with 4-5-6 in 5-6. By omitting the three bobs braced in any part the peal is reduced to 5152.

5376.

2 3 4 5 6 I 4 6

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

Five times repeated, substituting single for bob at 6 in the fifth course of the third and sixth parts. This peal, which has the 4th, 5th and 6th only in 6ths place, also contains these three bells their extent together in 5-6. By omitting the three bobs braced in any part the peal is reduced to 5152.

## A 1-PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

By HARRY FRANKS, *London.*

1260.

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

Twice repeated.

## A NEW METHOD—BRAINTREE TREBLE BOB.

By A. HUCKSON, *Braintree, Essex.*

1 2 3 4 5 6

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

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

Twice repeated.

## ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

E. J. WALSON.—Proof shall be sent you in a day or two.

G. DENNE.—We have sent your letter to "Plain Speaker."

## Ringers Wanting Situations.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, MARCH 10, 1894.

On the next page will be found the agenda, or programme of subjects to be considered at the meeting of the Central Council on Easter Tuesday next. This being the first meeting after the election of members, it is necessary to appoint officers, and accordingly we find that the late President and Hon. Secretary are again proposed to fill those positions. If we say that those gentlemen have hitherto been most admirable and excellent officers, we say really but very little. And their re-election, therefore, is very desirable.

There is no lack of subjects, apparently, for consideration, and any one may very well doubt the ability of this or any other Council to get through the whole of the business. A great deal of interest will be exhibited in the Report of the Committee appointed to negotiate with the authorities of the Church Congress; and the proposal to establish a Benevolent Fund for veteran ringers will certainly be dealt with by many men of known ability and experience in provident societies. We see that Mr. BULWER puts forward an earnest request to members of the Standing Committee of the Council to put in a punctual attendance, and we may close our remarks by emphasizing this request upon the attention of those whom it may concern.

## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The first meeting of the Second Council will be held on Easter Tuesday, March 27th, 1894, at the "Inns of Court" hotel, Holborn (Lincoln's Inn Fields entrance), at one o'clock punctually. Dinner will be provided at 2s. 6d. each immediately after the meeting. Such towers as may be open for ringing during the evening will be announced at the dinner.

The Standing Committee will meet at the same place at 11 a.m. Members of this Committee are earnestly requested to attend.

## AGENDA.

1.—To elect a President and Hon. Secretary to serve for three years, in accordance with Rule vii.

## NOMINATIONS:—

For the office of President: A. P. HEYWOOD.

For the office of Hon. Secretary: REV. H. EARLE BULWER.

2.—To elect Hon. members to replace those retiring after this Meeting, in accordance with Rules ii. and iv.

3.—To receive the Report of the Committee appointed to negotiate with the authorities of the Church Congress.

4.—To receive the Report on the preparation of a Bibliography.

5.—To receive and consider the Report of the Committee on Calls and Classification of compositions.

6.—To receive the Report of the Committee on Railway Fares.

7.—To consider the following motions:—

(1) That a Committee be appointed to consider the propriety of establishing a Benevolent Fund for the benefit of veteran ringers in poor circumstances, and, if deemed advisable, to report upon the best means of carrying such a scheme into effect.

(2) That a Committee be appointed to revise the technical terms used in connection with the Art of Ringing, to suggest such corrections as may seem desirable, and to prepare a Glossary for the use of learners.

(3) That an addition be made to the definition of a peal on six bells allowing of fourteen 360s, or any greater number of true portions of true Minor Methods, no two being the same, each portion to exceed a plain course, and the whole to reach a total of 5000 changes, or more.

(4) That no peal rung upon handbells shall be considered worthy of record, unless vouched for by a competent umpire present throughout the performance.

(5) That with a view to thorough ventilation of current questions and such subjects as are likely to be brought before the Council, it is desirable that (a) some special channel should be provided for the interchange of opinions by the Members of the Council between one meeting and another; and that (b) to that end the Editor of "THE BELL NEWS" be requested by the Council kindly to grant the privilege of a column set apart solely for the correspondence of Members of Council. No letters to be published except above the actual name of the writer, to which must be annexed the name of the Society he represents. The President and Hon. Secretary to be empowered to regulate correspondence, if found necessary.

## MOTIONS AFFECTING THE PROCEDURE OF THE COUNCIL.

(6) To add the following clause to Rule viii. "At the Annual meeting next after a Triennial Election, members of any Committee who have not been re-elected to the Council shall (when such a Committee has a Report to present), have the right to attend and vote upon any motion arising exclusively out of that Report."

(7) To extend Rule xi. so as to provide "that a member of any one Association, in the absence of his fellow Representatives, whose proxies on a given question or questions are produced in writing, may record their votes."

The following notices not having been given in conformity with the first clause of Rule ix., matters to which they refer can only be brought forward by leave of the Meeting:—

(1) To move "that owing to the very unsatisfactory manner in which members are now permitted to be elected by

the majority of Associations, it is desirable that the election of members for the future be only carried out at some recognised annual, general, district, or committee meeting, duly called by such Association."

(2) To call attention to the fact "that Associations affiliated to the Central Council continue to send for publication as complete peals, performances such as do not come within the definition of a peal as adopted by the Council; also that other affiliated Associations ignore various other resolutions adopted by the Council for the better regulation of ringing matters."

## The Metropolis.

## THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Thursday, March 1, 1894, in Three Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT DANES, STRAND,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES.

Tenor 24 cwt.

EDWIN HORREX .. .. . Treble.	EDWARD E. RICHARDS .. 6.
CHALLIS F. WINNEY .. .. 2.	FREDERICK E. BAYLEY .. 7.
WILLIAM E. GARRARD .. 3.	WILLIAM T. COCKERILL .. 8.
HENRY R. NEWTON .. .. 4.	FREDERICK W. THORNTON .. 9.
WALTER J. SORRELL .. .. 5.	EDWARD H. ADAMS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY and Conducted by C. F. WINNEY.

First peal of Stedman Caters by Messrs. Sorrell and Bayley; first peal in the method by F. W. Thornton. A note to this peal will be found on another page.

## THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, March 3, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, BATTERSEA, SURREY,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

WILLIAM G. BULL† .. .. Treble.	PERCY HOWARD .. .. 5.
HENRY A. HOPKINS .. .. 2.	*ARTHUR DEAN .. .. 6.
ARTHUR R. DAVIS .. .. 3.	HAROLD N. DAVIS .. .. 7.
JOHN TAYLOR .. .. 4.	WALTER HASTED .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM G. BULL.

\*First peal away from the tenor. †First peal as conductor. Mr. Taylor was elected a member of the above Society previous to starting the peal.

## THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS AND THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 3, 1894, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL, SHADWELL,

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

Tenor 16 cwt.

SAMUEL HAYES .. .. Treble.	EMANUEL HALL .. .. 5.
SAMUEL JOYCE .. .. 2.	WILLIAM DALLIMORE .. 6.
EDWARD LUCAS .. .. 3.	YORK GREEN .. .. 7.
HENRY SPRINGALL .. .. 4.	*HENRY BOAR .. .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON and Conducted by H. SPRINGALL.

\*First peal. This is the first peal in the method on the bells. The above are all members of the Bow Society.

## The Provinces.

## REDENHALL, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 24, 1894, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

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

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION.

EDWARD SMITH .. .. Treble.	*E. POPPY .. .. 5.
R. WHITING .. .. 2.	A. J. TANN .. .. 6.
J. BOUGHTON* .. .. 3.	F. SMITH .. .. 7.
F. R. BORRETT* .. .. 4.	J. SOUTER .. .. Tenor.

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW and Conducted by EDWARD SMITH.

\*First peal.

WEST BROMWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.  
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.  
On Saturday, February 24, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,  
AT CHRIST CHURCH.

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

J. CARTER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 23 cwt.  
HENRY HIPKISS .. .. Treble. | WILLIAM SMITH .. .. 5.  
SAMUEL REEVES .. .. 2. | JAMES HALL .. .. 6.  
JOHN R. FRISBY .. .. 3. | REUBEN HALL .. .. 7.  
THOMAS HORTON .. .. 4. | \*JAMES HARES .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES HALL.

\*First peal.

**KELSALE, SUFFOLK.**

On Thursday, March 1, 1894, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 16½ cwt.  
ISAAC COLEMAN\* .. .. Treble. | \*FENTON THOMPSON .. .. 5.  
ARTHUR KERRIDGE\* .. .. 2. | GEORGE THOMPSON .. .. 6.  
FRED. WATLING .. .. 3. | WILLIAM DREW .. .. 7.  
FRED. PAGE\* .. .. 4. | GEORGE HARDY .. .. Tenor.

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW and Conducted by W. DREW.

\*First peal of Kent Treble Bob Major; and first on the bells.

**HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.**

**THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Friday, March 2, 1894, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

THURSTANS' ORIGINAL.

RALPH BIGGS .. .. Treble. | SYDNEY GOODCHILD .. .. 5.  
FRANK BOREHAM .. .. 2. | JOHN EVANS .. .. 6.  
HARRY STRATFORD .. .. 3. | \*FRED BIGGS .. .. 7.  
FRANK BIGGS .. .. 4. | RHYNS HAWES .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by FRED BIGGS.

\*First attempt to call a peal. All the ringers in this peal are members of the Hughenden band.

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

On Saturday, March 3, 1894, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 20 cwt.  
ARTHUR STOKOE .. .. Treble. | ARTHUR CRAVEN .. .. 5.  
ALFRED NAYLOR† .. .. 2. | GEORGE NOBLE .. .. 6.  
WILLIAM CHILD .. .. 3. | JOHN WHITAKER .. .. 7.  
LEONARD STOKOE\* .. .. 4. | ALBERT HASTE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS and Conducted by A. CRAVEN.

†First peal. \*First peal with a bob bell. This composition, which is in fifteen courses, contains the 5th and 6th their extent each way in 5-6, with the 6th at home at five course-ends, and is now rung for the first time.

**TONBRIDGE, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, March 3, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

**A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

J. J. PARKER'S SIX-PART (NO. II). Tenor 21 cwt.  
FREDERICK J. LAMBERT .. Treble. | THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE .. 5.  
THOMAS DURLING .. .. 2. | EDWARD MANKLOW .. 6.  
GEORGE SMITHERS .. .. 3. | GEORGE H. STONESTREET .. 7.  
WILLIAM STEED .. .. 4. | GEORGE RABBITT .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE.

Lambert hails from Horsmonden; Durling and Groombridge from Chislehurst; Smithers and Manklow from Tunbridge Wells; Steed, Stonestreet and Rabbitt belong to the local band. This is the first peal in the method on the bells and by all the band.

**BURY, LANCASHIRE.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, March 3, 1894, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;**

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 13 cwt.

JOE MORGAN\* .. .. Treble. | GEORGE E. TURNER .. .. 5.  
JOHN HARRISON .. .. 2. | HARRY CHAPMAN .. .. 6.  
WALTER BROWN .. .. 3. | FRED DERBYSHIRE .. .. 7.  
JAMES BARRATT .. .. 4. | RICHARD RIDYARD .. .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN THORP and Conducted by RICHARD RIDYARD.

\*First peal in the method; also the first peal in the method rang on these bells since they were re-hung. Messrs. Chapman, Turner, Brown and Morgan hail from Manchester; Ridyard and Derbyshire from Worsley; Barratt from Eccles; and John Harrison from Heywood.

**LOWER BEEDING, SUSSEX.**

**THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, March 3, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

H. JOHNSON'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 10 cwt.

THOMAS CHEAL\* .. .. Treble. | HENRY BURSTOW .. .. 5.  
ALFRED CRIPPS .. .. 2. | †EDWARD COMBER .. .. 6.  
JOHN W. CHEAL† .. .. 3. | FREDERICK W. CRIPPS .. 7.  
ALBERT FEIST† .. .. 4. | \*JOSEPH MARTIN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by F. W. CRIPPS.

†First peal in the method. \*First peal. This is the first peal in the method on the bells. H. Burstow belongs to Horsham, the rest to the local band.

**UPTON ST. LEONARDS, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.**

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, March 3, 1894, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

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

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor about 17 cwt. in F.

ADOLPHUS ROBERTS .. Treble. | HENRY MITCHELL .. .. 5.  
ERNEST MIDDLECOTE .. 2. | HENRY J. GARDINER .. 6.  
JOHN AUSTIN .. .. 3. | WILLIAM SMITH .. .. 7.  
JOE MORRIS .. .. 4. | ROBERT A. BARRETT .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

Austin and Roberts belong to the St. Michael's Juniors, Gloucester.

**WILLENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.**

On Saturday, March 3, 1894, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.**

GODFREY GOODCHILD .. Treble. | SAMUEL ALLPORT .. .. 5.  
GEORGE ASTON .. .. 2. | WILLIAM JOHNSON .. .. 6.  
BEN. HODSON .. .. 3. | JOHN APPLEBY .. .. 7.  
JAMES ADAMS .. .. 4. | NEHEMIAH KIBBLE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM JOHNSON.

This peal is in six parts, and contains 190 bobs and fifty singles; composer unknown. Rung with the bells muffled in memory of the Rev. G. H. Fisher, who had been vicar of the above church for fifty-eight years.

**APPLETON, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Monday, March 5, 1894, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

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

R. WHITE .. .. Treble. | H. TUBBS .. .. 6.  
G. H. PHILLOTT, ESQ. .. 2. | REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.  
G. HOLIFIELD .. .. 3. | F. WHITE .. .. 8.  
F. BARRETT .. .. 4. | J. W. WASHBROOK .. .. 9.  
C. HOUNSLOW .. .. 5. | R. BENNETT .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Rung on the seventy-sixth anniversary of the opening of the bells.



## APPLETON, BERKS.

On Tuesday, March 6, 1894, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

E. DANDRIDGE, Esq.* ..Treble.	H. HOLIFIELD .. .. . 5.
F. BARRETT .. .. . 2.	S. WHITE .. .. . 6.
H. WOODWARDS .. .. . 3.	G. HOLIFIELD .. .. . 7.
F. WHITE .. .. . 4.	R. BENNETT .. .. .Tenor.

Conducted by G. HOLIFIELD.

\*First peal.

## DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, March 6, 1894, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,  
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 17 cwt.

GEORGE DAWSON .. ..Treble.	WILLIAM CLARKE .. .. 5.
JOHN HOWE .. .. . 2.	BENJAMIN SUGDEN .. .. 6.
A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD .. 3.	JOHN FLOWER .. .. . 7.
HENRY W. WILDE .. .. . 4.	WILLIAM HICKLING .. ..Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD.

This peal contains twenty-nine out of the thirty course-ends, the figures of which appeared in "THE BELL NEWS" a short time back.

NOTE TO THE PEAL AT ST. CLEMENT DANES, STRAND.—This peal was rung in honour of the birthday of Mr. W. H. Twining, one of the churchwardens, who hospitably entertained the ringers after the performance, as he has done on similar occasions, for which the ringers have to thank him most heartily; also for his kindness in coming up into the belfry, and taking such an interest in everything connected with the bells of St. Clement's. The previous peal of Stedman Caters rung on these bells was false, composed by F. Coates, of Rotherham. The bob-caller of this peal, C. F. Winney, with W. H. L. Buckingham, adjourned after the ringing to St. Paul's meeting-house, where they saw Mr. C. H. Hattersley, who very kindly pricked out and shewed them where it was false. The conductor wrote to Mr. Coates asking him to point out to the readers of "THE BELL NEWS" that his peal of 5069 changes, published in 1882 or 1885, was false, but he did not answer the letter. Mr. Hattersley kindly gave the bob-caller a similar peal, which is the one now rung. This was Mr. Garrard's 100th peal, made up of the following: Grandsire Triples, 23, conducted 7; Grandsire Caters, 14, conducted 2; Stedman Triples, 36; Stedman Caters, 12; Stedman Cinques, 1; Treble Bob Major, 1; Treble Bob Royal, 6; Treble Bob Maximus, 1; Bob Major, 3, conducted 1; Bob Royal, 1; Superlative Surprise Major, 2, Mr. Garrard has also rung in three false peals, viz., Stedman Caters, Stedman Triples, and Grandsire Caters.

## Date Touches.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

MIDDLESBROUGH-ON-TEES.—On Sunday, February 25th, at St. Hilda's church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples in 1 hr. 3 mins. R. Fenwick, 1; J. W. Passman, 2; J. H. Jones (conductor), 3; R. Borrow, 4; A. McFarlane, 5; A. Mellanby, 6; J. H. Blakiston, 7; S. Walker, 8. Tenor 12 cwt. Composed by C. Jackson, of Hull.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HORBURY (Yorks).—On Sunday, February 25th, at St. Peter's church, a date touch, 1894 changes, in 1 hr. 6 mins., comprising 454 Oxford Treble Bob, and 360 each of Kent and Violet Treble Bob, New London Pleasure, and Duke of York. A. Yelland, 1; E. Brook, 2; G. Hunt, 3; H. Rowley (conductor), 4; G. F. Pickles, 5; R. Thickett, 6. Rung with the bells deeply muffled, as a token of respect to the late Rev. J. H. Ward, Vicar of Earlsheaton, who began his ministry at Horbury. Tenor 10 cwt. 0 qrs. 12 lbs.

HULL (Yorks).—On Tuesday, February 27th, at St. James' church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1894 changes, in 1 hr. 6 mins. F. Moulson, 1; J. W. Stickney, 2; G. M. Brownrigg, 3; G. T. Marshall, 4; H. Jenkins, 5; W. Southwick, 6; H. W. Needham (composer and conductor), 7; W. Marshall, 8. Tenor 15 cwt.

## EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SOUTH NORMANTON.—On Saturday, February 10th, at the parish

church, a date touch, 1894 changes, in 1 hr. 10 mins., consisting of five 6-scores of Manchester, six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, and five 6-scores of Gog. G. Hill, jun., 1; J. Hill, 2; F. Hill and E. Hill, jun., 3; S. Hill, 4; E. Hill, sen. and G. Hill, sen., 5. The two men on the third, and two on the fifth bells, rang eight 6-scores each.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

MONK SOHAM (Suffolk).—On Tuesday evening, at the church of St. Peter, a date touch, 1894 changes, being 454 Grandsire, and 360 each of Evening and Morning Star, April Day, and Plain Doubles, in 1 hr. 3 mins. A. Abbott, 1; W. Abbott, 2; E. Abbott, 3; F. Ling, 4; F. Clayton (conductor), 5. Tenor 14½ cwt. Ling hails from Bedfield, and Clayton from Worlingworth.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HEYWOOD (Lancashire).—On Monday, February 26th, at St. Luke's church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples in 1 hr. 5 mins. A. Watkinson, 1; A. Chadwick, 2; H. Walmsley, 3; D. Wild, 4; J. Partington, 5; W. H. Walmsley, 6; Jno. Millett (composer and conductor), 7; James Millett, 8. The above was rung on the occasion of the Confirmation Service.

## Miscellaneous.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SEAL CHART (Kent).—On Tuesday, February 20th, for practice at St. Lawrence's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles in 45 mins., being ten 6-scores and a half, each called differently. J. Kettel, 1; S. Cole, 2; G. P. Burr, 3; D. J. Goldsmith (conductor), 4; J. P. Cox, 5; D. Kettel, 6.

MERSHAM (Kent).—On Saturday, February 24th, for practice, 1056 Bob Major. F. Paine, 1; E. Ruck, sen. (conductor), 2; S. Paine, 3; R. Paine, 4; A. Gower, 5; E. Ruck, jun., 6; D. Paine, 7; G. Paine, 8.

UPCHURCH (Kent).—On Tuesday evening, February 20th, at St. Mary's church, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs two singles), in 25 mins. A. T. Hyland, 1; G. A. Ransom, 2; W. Laker, 3; H. Clout, 4; A. Dunster, 5; W. Seamer (first 720 as conductor), 6. On Tuesday evening, February 20th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor (eighteen bobs two singles), in thirty mins. G. Dennis, 1; G. Capeling, 2; W. Laker, 3; H. Clout (first 720 in the method), 4; G. A. Ransom, 5; W. Seamer (conductor), 6. And 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-eight bobs twenty-two singles), in 24 mins. G. Dennis, 1; G. Capeling, 2; W. Laker, 3; W. Seamer, 4; A. Dunster (first 720 in the method), 5; G. A. Ransom (conductor), 6. On Sunday morning, February 25th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor (twenty-two singles), in 25 mins. G. Dennis, 1; G. Capeling, 2; F. Ockwell (first 720 in the method), 3; W. Laker, 4; W. T. Hyland, 5; G. A. Ransom (conductor), 6. And in the evening, 720 Bob Minor (fourteen singles four bobs), in 25 mins. A. T. Hyland, 1; W. Laker, 2; W. T. Hyland, 3; G. Capeling, 4; G. Dennis, 5; G. A. Ransom (conductor), 6.

HACKINGTON, CANTERBURY (Kent).—On Thursday, February 15th, at St. Stephen's church, 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Balaam, 1; F. Constant, 2; F. Marriott, 3; M. W. Pierce, 4; G. Llewellyn, 5; E. Beney, 6; P. H. Pierce (conductor), 7; A. Saxby, 8. This is the longest length by the local company.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS.—On Wednesday, January 31st, for practice, 720 Plain Bob Minor (thirty-four bobs two singles), in 26 mins. R. W. Burrows (first 720), 1; T. Watson, 2; C. J. A. Cushing, 3; A. E. Sheppard, 4; T. R. Jackson (conductor), 5; T. Suart, 6. And 720 Plain Bob Minor (thirty-four bobs twenty-six singles), in 26 mins. R. W. Burrows, 1; T. Watson, 2; C. J. A. Cushing, 3; T. Suart, 4; T. R. Jackson, 5; A. E. Sheppard (conductor), 6. On Sunday, February 4th, for morning service, 720 Plain Bob Minor (thirty-eight singles two bobs), in 26 mins. T. Watson (conductor), 1; T. Suart, 2; T. P. Jackson, 3; A. E. Sheppard, 4; T. R. Jackson, 5; J. Burrows, 6. And for evening service, 720 Plain Bob Minor. T. R. Jackson, 1; T. Watson (conductor), 2; J. Spencer, 3; T. Suart, 4; A. E. Sheppard, 5; J. Burrows, 6. On Sunday, February 11th, for morning service, 720 Plain Bob Minor (fourteen bobs two singles), in 26 mins. T. Watson (conductor), 1; T. Townson, 2; T. P. Jackson, 3; A. E. Sheppard, 4; T. Suart, 5; J. Burrows, 6. On Wednesday, February 14th, 720 Plain Bob Minor (twenty bobs twenty-six singles), in 26 mins. T. Watson (conductor), 1; T. Townson, 2; T. Suart, 3; A. E. Sheppard, 4; T. R. Jackson, 5; J. Burrows, 6. And 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-eight bobs twenty-two singles), in 24 mins. J. Spencer, 1; T. Townson, 2; T. Watson (conductor), 3; A. E. Sheppard, 4; T. R.

Jackson, 5; J. Burrows, 6. On Sunday, February 18th, for morning service, 720 Grandsire Minor (fourty-four bobs four singles), in 25 mins. T. Watson, 1; T. Townson, 2; J. Spencer, 3; A. E. Sheppard, 4; T. R. Jackson, 5; J. Burrows (conductor), 6. On Sunday, February 25th, for morning service, 720 Plain Bob Minor (twenty-six singles), in 24½ mins. J. Spencer, 1; T. Suart, 2; T. P. Jackson, 3; A. E. Sheppard, 4; T. Townson, 5; J. Burrows (conductor), 6. And for evening service, 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-eight bobs twenty-two singles), in 25 mins. J. Gibson, 1; T. P. Jackson, 2; J. Spencer, 3; A. E. Sheppard, 4; T. Suart, 5; J. Burrows (conductor), 6.

#### THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

HOLME LACY (Herefordshire).—On Sunday, January 21st, a party of Withington ringers, members of the above Guild, paid a visit to this place, when, after attending Divine Service, they, by kind permission of the vicar of the parish, rang several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles on the back six. A. Bowers, 1; W. Davies, 2; A. Brace, 3; A. Matthews, 4; C. Jenkins, 5; L. Harris (conductor), 6. The splendid "go" of the bells afforded much pleasure to the members of the party.

CODDINGTON (Herefordshire).—Recently at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles in 45 mins. G. Farmer (aged 12), 1; C. Greening, 2; C. Edwards (conductor), 3; S. Turner, 4; F. Turner, 5; J. Farmer, 6. G. Farmer is undoubtedly the youngest change-ringing member in the Hereford Guild. Rung as a farewell touch to C. Edwards.

#### THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

GREENWICH (Kent).—On Sunday evening, February 25th, for Divine Service at the church of St. Alphege, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 46 mins. F. G. Newman (conductor), 1; F. S. Bayley, 2; J. Lamb, 3; F. French, 4; I. G. Shade, 5; E. Richards, 6; F. Thornton, 7; W. Foreman, 8. The above was rung after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal of Stedman Triples, which was arranged to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the first peal rung on the ten bells, viz., a 5040 Oxford Treble Bob Royal on February 25th, 1794.

#### WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

STOUREBRIDGE.—On Wednesday, February 28th, for practice, at St. Thomas' church, a quarter-peal of Plain Bob Triples, 1260 changes. J. B. Pearson, 1; N. Hollyoak, 2; G. H. Pagett, 3; W. A. Pugh, 4; H. Deakin, 5; W. Fryer, 6; J. Pagett (conductor), 7; R. Richards, 8. Messrs. Pearson and Richards hail from Lye; Deakin and Fryer from Wollaston; J. Pagett from Dudley; the rest are local men.

#### STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

TUNSTALL.—On Sunday, January 17th, at Christ Church, 720 Oxford Bob (twenty-eight bobs fourteen singles). J. Whitmore, 1; G. Smith, 2; J. Foden, 3; W. Harratt, 4; E. Horne, 5; J. Johnson (conductor), 6. On Thursday, January 14th, 720 Violet Treble Bob. W. Rigby, 4; the others as before. On Monday, January 18th, for practice, 720 Violet. J. Johnson, 4; W. Rigby (conductor), 6. On Sunday, February 4th, for evening service, 720 Kent Treble Bob. J. Whitmore, 1; W. Rigby, 2; J. Foden, 3; E. Horne, 4; W. Harratt, 5; J. Johnson (conductor), 6. And 720 Oxford Treble Bob, standing as before.

BURSLEM.—On Sunday, February 11th, for evening service at St. John's church, 720 Kent Treble Bob. J. Whitmore, 1; G. Smith, 2; J. Foden, 3; W. Harratt, 4; W. Rigby (conductor), 5; J. Johnson, 6.

#### THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

GOSPORT (Hants).—On Sunday evening, February 25th, at Holy Trinity church, 630 Grandsire Triples. E. Reynolds, 1; F. Burnett, 2; H. Reynolds, 3; A. Peckham, 4; H. Westbrook, 5; R. Gardner, 6; \*A. E. Tomlins (conductor), 7; R. Davies, 8. Longest length by all except Burnett and Tomlins. Longest length by the local band. \*Longest length as conductor. Rung in honour of the nineteenth birthday of H. Reynolds and A. Peckham.

#### THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BARKING (Essex).—On Sunday morning, February 25th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original, in 45 mins. W. Watson, 1; A. J. Perkins, 2; T. Faulkner (first quarter-peal), 3; E. Pye, 4; G. R. Pye, 5; W. Pye (conductor), 6; A. Whight, 7; E. A. Davies, 8.

WEST HAM (Essex).—On Tuesday, February 20th, for practice at the parish church, 575 Grandsire Caters. C. Dempsey, 1; H. Randall, 2; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 3; G. R. Pye, 4; E. Lucas,

5; W. H. Dallimore, 6; W. H. Doran, 7; J. Bradley, 8; W. Pye, 9; A. Deards, 10. Also 420 Stedman Caters. A. Deards, 1; A. J. Perkins, 2; J. P. Bradley, 3; G. R. Pye, 4; E. Lucas, 5; W. H. Dallimore, 6; W. H. Doran, 7; W. Pye, 8; H. Randall (conductor), 9; F. Searle, 10. Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

WRITTLE (Essex).—On Tuesday, February 27th, for practice, 504 Oxford Bob Triples. A. Head, 1; W. Emery, 2; G. Sorrell, 3; W. Lincoln (conductor), 4; T. Lincoln, 5; Rev. T. L. Papillon, 6; R. Wood, 7; F. Edwards, 8. And 504 Grandsire Triples. G. Sorrell, 1; W. Emery, 2; A. Davis, 3; W. Lincoln (conductor), 4; Rev. T. L. Papillon, 5; T. Lincoln, 6; R. Wood, 7; F. Edwards, 8. This company now numbers thirteen members, nine of whom can ring a bob bell in Grandsire Triples. Practice night Wednesday at 7.30 (during Lent, Tuesday).

#### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BEDFIELD (Suffolk).—*Handbell Ringing*.—Recently, at the house of Mr. Ling, on handbells retained in hand, 360 and 180 Bob Minor. J. Read, 1; F. Ling, 2; F. Clayton (conductor), 3-4; G. Stannard, 5; H. Clarke, 6. And 120 Stedman Slow Course. G. Stannard, 1; F. Ling, 2; F. Clayton, 3-4; H. Clarke, 5-6. Also 120 Grandsire and Bob Doubles. On Saturday, February 10th, at Mr. G. Stannard's, 120 each of the following: Stedman Slow Course, Canterbury Pleasure, Evening and Morning Star, Old Doubles, Earl Soham, Primrose, London Pleasure, Antelope, St. Simons, April Day, Grandsire, Plain, and Collège Doubles. F. Clayton, 1-2; G. Stannard, 3; H. Clarke, 4; F. Ling, 5-6. Conducted by F. Clayton.

CAWSTON (Norfolk).—On Tuesday, February 27th, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor in 29 mins. C. Neale, 1; J. Rought, 2; J. Moy, 3; W. Rought, 4; A. Rought, 5; G. Moy (conductor), 6. C. Neale belongs to Cawston, all the rest hail from Aylsham. And some short touches with the rest of the local men. The ringers as usual were entertained at the vicarage by the rector, the Rev. T. H. Marsh.

#### THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

BINFIELD (Berks).—For practice on Tuesday, February 20th, three 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. J. W. Wilkins (conductor), 1; C. Pithers, 2; H. Ison, 3; H. Aldridge, 4; T. Gearing, 5; H. Haines, 6. On Thursday, February 22nd, at the rectory, on handbells, two 6-scores. J. W. Wilkins, 1-2-3-4; H. Ison, 5; Miss Savory, 6. This band is being taught by J. W. Wilkins, of Maidenhead.

FARNHAM ROYAL (Bucks).—On Wednesday, February 7th, 720 Grandsire Minor. H. Dunkin (first 720), 1; J. Elderfield, 2; J. J. Parker (conductor), 3; A. Crook, 4; J. Bovington, 5; G. Basden, 6. On Wednesday, February 14th, 360 each of Plain Bob, Grandsire, and Oxford Bob. On Saturday, February 24th, on the occasion of the dedication of the new organ for the parish church, four 120s of Grandsire Doubles, conducted by C. Clarke. And 720 Oxford Bob. J. Elderfield, 1; J. J. Parker (conductor), 2; R. Flaxman, 3; G. Basden, 4; G. Stanbrook, 5; C. Clarke, 6. Also 720 Plain Bob, conducted by R. Flaxman. And 720 Canterbury Pleasure, conducted by J. J. Parker. Also 720 Grandsire. J. Bovington, 1; J. Elderfield, 2; G. Stanbrook (conductor), 3; G. Basden, 4; C. Clarke, 5; R. Flaxman, 6.

CAVERSHAM (Oxon).—On Sunday, February 4th, for morning service, 1260 Stedman Triples. H. Smith, 1; E. Menday, 2; H. Bridgeman, 3; E. W. Menday, 4; F. Hopgood, 5; A. W. Pike, 6; T. Newman (conductor), 7; H. Simmonds, 8. And for evening service, 518 Grandsire Triples. E. Woodley, 1; H. Simmonds, 2; E. Menday, 3; E. W. Menday (conductor), 4; G. Essex, 5; A. W. Pike, 6; H. Smith, 7; T. Newman, 8. After service, 504 Stedman Triples. E. Woodley, 1; H. Smith, 2; J. F. Tarrant, 3; J. Hands, 4; G. Essex, 5; A. W. Pike, 6; T. Newman (conductor), 7; H. Simmonds, 8. On Sunday, February 18th, for morning service, 1260 Grandsire Triples. H. Simmonds, 1; J. Hands, 2; H. Bridgeman, 3; E. W. Menday, 4; H. Smith, 5; A. W. Pike (composer and conductor), 6; G. Essex, 7; T. Newman, 8. And for evening service, 504 Stedman Triples. J. Hands, 1; G. Essex, 2; J. F. Tarrant, 3; R. T. Hibbert, 4; E. W. Menday, 5; A. W. Pike, 6; T. Newman (conductor), 7; H. Simmonds, 8. Messrs. Hopgood, Tarrant, and Hibbert, belong to Reading. On Sunday, February 25th, for morning service, 672 Superlative Surprise. H. Simmonds, 1; J. Hands, 2; H. Bridgeman, 3; H. Smith, 4; W. Menday, 5; A. W. Pike, 6; G. Essex, 7; T. Newman (conductor), 8.

READING (Berks).—On Monday, February 19th, at the church of St. Mary, 560 Bob Major. A. Osborne, 1; H. Tucker, 2; J. F. Tarrant, 3; C. Giles, 4; J. E. Hern, 5; F. Hopgood, 6; A. W. Pike (conductor), 7; R. T. Hibbert, 8. Tenor 28 cwt. On Thursday, February 22nd, at 50 Connaught road, on handbells, 518 Grandsire Triples. C. Giles,

1-2; A. W. Pike, 3-4; R. T. Hibbert (conductor), 5-6; F. Hopgood, 7-8. On Wednesday, February 28th, at St. Lawrence's church, 720 Kent Treble Bob. A. W. Pike, 1; J. Potter, 2; C. Giles, 3; W. Williams, 4; W. Newell, 5; R. T. Hibbert (conductor), 6. Tenor 24 cwt.

## THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

HENDON.—On Wednesday, January 3rd, at St. Mary's church, 360 Plain Bob. H. Martin, 1; H. N. Doughty, 2; H. J. Martin, 3; F. Pratt, 4; C. H. Martin, 5; C. Crampton, 6. On Wednesday, January 17th, 500 Grandsire Doubles. W. Church, 1; H. J. Martin, 2; F. Pratt, 3; J. Barrett, 4; C. H. Martin, 5; F. Kirby, 6. On Sunday, January 31st, for evening service, 240 Plain Bob and a course of Canterbury Pleasure. F. Jones, 1; H. J. Martin, 2; C. H. Martin, 3; F. Pratt, 4; G. Newson, 5; C. Crampton, 6. On Wednesday, January 31st, 720 Plain Bob. F. Jones, 1; F. Pratt, 2; B. C. Pratchett, 3; J. Barrett, 4; C. H. Martin (conductor), 5; C. Crampton, 6. On Sunday, February 4th, 360 Plain Bob. H. Martin, 1; W. Webb, 2; W. Tubb, 3; J. Cornell, 4; F. Pratt (conductor), 5; C. Crampton, 6. On Sunday, February 18th, 360 Plain Bob. H. Martin, 1; C. H. Martin, 2; E. Pratchett, 3; F. Pratt, 4; C. Crampton, 5; P. Howard (conductor), 6. On Wednesday, February 21st, 400 Grandsire Doubles. C. H. Martin (conductor), 1; F. Pratt, 2; J. Matthews, 3; E. Pratchett, 4; F. Blondell, 5; F. Kirby, 6. And 720 Plain Bob. F. Blondell (first attempt at Minor), 1; F. Pratt, 2; E. Pratchett, 3; H. J. Martin, 4; C. Crampton, 5; C. H. Martin (conductor), 6. On Friday, February 16th, on handbells, retained in hand, 360 Plain Bob. F. Jones, 1-2; C. H. Martin, 3-4; F. Pratt, 5; C. Crampton, 6; first 360 on handbells by all except C. Martin. On Sunday, February 18th, 168 Grandsire Triples. H. J. Martin, 1-2; P. Howard, 3-4; C. H. Martin, 5-6; F. Jones, 7-8; and a course of Treble Bob Minor. H. J. Martin, 1-2; C. H. Martin, 3-4; P. Howard, 5-6. On Friday, February 23rd, 420 Bob Triples. F. Jones, 1; F. Pratt, 2; H. J. Martin, 3-4; C. H. Martin, 5-6; C. Crampton, 7; W. Church, 8. And 720 Plain Bob (nine bobs six singles). F. Jones (first 720 on handbells), 1-2; C. H. Martin (conductor), 3-4; H. J. Martin, 5-6. And 200 Grandsire Doubles with W. Church, 5-6. Messrs. Doughty and Newson hail from Hampstead; Webb, Tubb, and Cornell, from Finchley; Matthews and Blondell from Barnet; and P. Howard from Stoke Newington.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—BLACKBURN BRANCH.

WHALLEY (Lancashire).—On Saturday, February 17th, 720 Plain Bob Minor (sixteen bobs two singles), in 29 mins. F. Calvert, 1; J. Littlefair, 2; J. Horrocks, 3; H. Hayes (conductor), 4; W. Pattinson, 5; T. Horrocks, 6. Tenor 15 cwt.

CHURCH (Lancashire).—On Monday, February 26th, 720 Plain Bob Minor. F. Calvert, 1; C. J. Rigby, 2; J. Horrocks, 3; H. Hayes (conductor), 4; J. Bentley, 5; T. Horrocks, 6. Tenor 15 cwt.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

MIDDLESBROUGH-ON-TEES.—On Sunday evening, February 18th, for Divine Service at St. Hilda's church, 640 Kent Treble Bob Major. R. Alcock, 1; J. J. Nicholson, 2; J. W. Passman, 3; J. H. Jones, 4; R. Borrowes, 5; A. Mellanby, 6; A. McFarlane, 7; J. H. Blakiston, 8. Tenor 12 cwt.

TANFIELD (Durham).—On Sunday, February 25th, at St. Margaret's church, for Divine Service in the morning, 720 Kent Treble Bob. W. R. Brewis (first in the method), 1; W. Holmes (Newcastle-on-Tyne), 2; T. Brewis, 3; W. Brewis, 4; F. Lowe, 5; F. J. Harrison (Jarrow on Tyne, conductor), 6. For evening service, 720 Double Court. F. Lowe, 1; H. Tyson, 2; W. Holmes, 3; T. Brewis, 4; W. Brewis (first in the method with a bob bell), 5; F. J. Harrison (conductor), 6.

## THE EAST LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HECKINGTON (Lincolnshire).—On Sunday morning, February 18th, for Divine Service at St. Andrew's church, 360 Plain Bob Minor. J. H. Clark, 1; T. Hilton, 3; S. C. Skinner, 4; W. Dickinson, 5; J. T. Holmes, 6; E. Houlden (conductor), 7; F. Warrington, 8. For evening service 360 Plain Bob Minor standing as before. Longest length in the method by all except the conductor.

## THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

LONDON.—On Sunday, February 18th, for Divine Service at the church of St. Giles-in-the-Fields, 756 Stedman Triples. H. N. Davis, (conductor), 1; W. Truss, 2; W. Taylor, 3; A. R. Davis, 4; F. G. Perrin, 5; J. E. Davis, 6; ———, 7; F. Davis, 8.

WEST HAM (Essex).—On Saturday, February 24th, at the parish

church, after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal of Stedman Caters which was lost through some individual turning the gas off at the meter, 720 Double Norwich Court Bob Royal. J. Cawley, 1; C. Wilkins, 2; G. Smith, 3; A. J. Perkins, 4; H. Randall, 5; T. Titchener, 6; W. H. Doran, 7; B. Foskett, 8; A. Jacob, 9; G. Newson (conductor), 10. Tenor 28 cwt.

BIRMINGHAM.—On Wednesday, January 24th, at St. Chad's church (R.C.), a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. \*W. H. Carrod, 1; J. Porter, 2; W. Brook, 3; J. Callaghan, 4; J. George (composer and conductor), 5; S. Atkins (Willenhall), 6; T. Miller, 7; A. Hackley, 8. \*First quarter-peal.

COLCHESTER (Essex).—On Monday, February 5th, for practice on handbells, 720 Bob Minor in 25 mins. R. W. Stannard, 1; \*G. M. Rashbrook (conductor), 2; J. Kittle, 3-4; F. Bumpstead, 5; G. Burch, 6. \*First 720 as conductor. On Monday, February 26th, 720 Bob Minor in 18 mins. G. Burch, 1; F. Bumpstead, 2; J. Kittle (conductor), 3-4; G. M. Rashbrook, 5-6.

DARLSTON (Staffordshire).—On Sunday evening, February 25th, before Divine Service at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. J. Mark, 1; G. Morgan, 2; T. Lowe, 3; E. Unitt, 4; J. Tinsley, 5; John Gough (conductor), 6; W. Smith, 7; James Gough, 8. Composed by John Carter.

ECKINGTON (Derbyshire).—On Sunday, February 18th, for Divine Service, 720 each of City Delight and Violet. F. Hancock, 1; W. Price, 2; E. James, 3; G. Norman (conductor), 4; G. Marsden, 5; T. Lunn, 6.

HATFIELD (Herts).—On Saturday, February 4th, being the sixty-fourth birthday of the Marquess of Salisbury, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. L. Smith, 1; H. Shepherd, 2; W. E. Powers, 3; J. Kentish (conductor), 4; R. Shepherd, 5; J. Shepherd, 6; J. Hollingsworth, 7; H. Tharby, 8. On Sunday, February 26th, for Divine Service, 896 Canterbury Pleasure Major. R. Shepherd, 1; H. Shepherd, 2; J. W. Ruaney, 3; J. Shepherd, 4; J. Kentish, 5; W. E. Powers, 6; J. Hollingsworth, 7; A. Shepherd (conductor), 8. Tenor 28 cwt.

HILLINGDON (Middlesex).—On Monday, February 5th, at the church of St. Andrew, 630 Grandsire Triples. S. Smith, 1; W. Joiner, 2; H. Hicks, 3; A. Finch, 4; J. J. Parker (conductor), 5; H. Wilkinson, 6; J. Pratt, 7; A. T. Dampier, 8. On Monday, February 12th, 336 Grandsire Triples, in which the Rev. H. G. Bird rang the fifth. Afterwards a 1260 in 48 mins., and 360 Bob Minor. On Monday, February 19th, another quarter-peal in 47 mins. S. Smith, 1; W. Joiner, 2; J. J. Parker, 3; A. Finch, 4; G. A. Newman, 5; H. Wilkinson, 6; J. Pratt, 7; A. T. Dampier, 8. And 360 Bob Minor conducted by G. A. Newman.

MILDENHALL (Suffolk).—On Monday, March 5th, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles) with 6-8 behind. G. Sharp, 1; G. Hogsflesh, 2; H. Turner (conductor), 3; A. Turner, 4; G. Turner, 5; W. Hensley, 6; C. Carpenter, 7; F. Hensley, 8. Tenor 17½ cwt. in E flat.

PENDLEBURY (Lancashire).—On Sunday evening, February 18th, for Divine Service at Christ Church, 1862 Grandsire Triples. S. Booth, 1; J. Barratt (Eccles), 2; A. Barratt (Radcliffe), 3; J. Ireland (Worsley), 4; T. Lingard (conductor), 5; R. Ridyard (Worsley), 6; J. Briscoe, 7; T. Rushton, 8.

SKILBECK (Lincolnshire).—On Sunday evening, February 25th, at the church of St. Nicolas, for Divine Service, a 6-score each of Earl Soham Delight, Primrose, and April Day in 13 mins. J. Coleman, 1; J. C. Clark, 2; C. R. Lilley, 3; H. Palmer (conductor), 4; T. Woods, 5. And 6-score Plain Bob. J. Coleman, 1; J. Kirk, 2; J. E. Clark, 3; H. Palmer (conductor), 4; C. R. Lilley, 5. First 6-score by J. Kirk, Tenor 18 cwt.

NOTICE OF LONG PEAL.—On Thursday next, March 15th, four members of the Norwich St. Peter Mancroft Society will start—all being well—for a 13,440 of Bob Major on handbells, at 5 p.m. sharp, in the parish rooms, St. Peter Mancroft (immediately beneath the tower).

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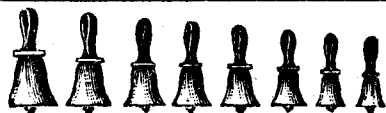
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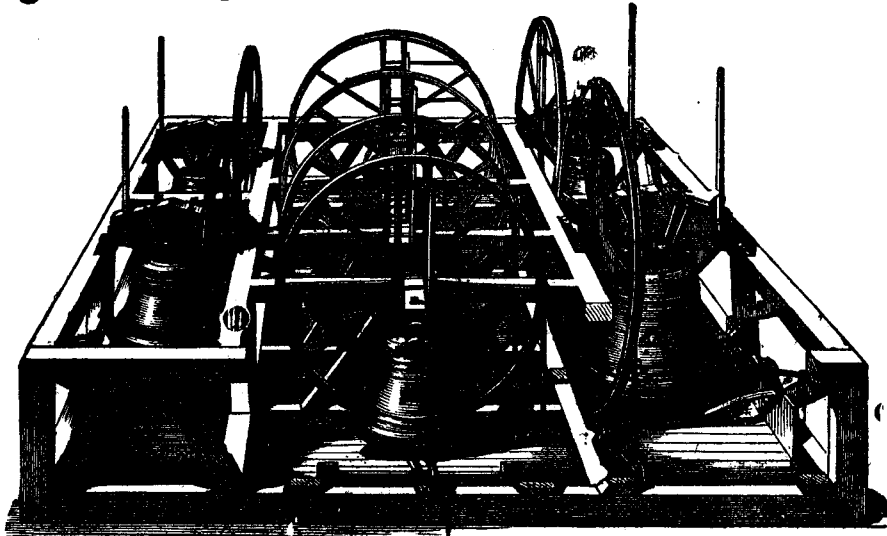
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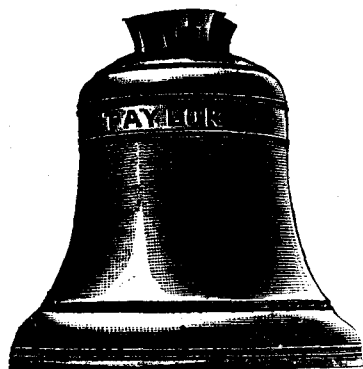
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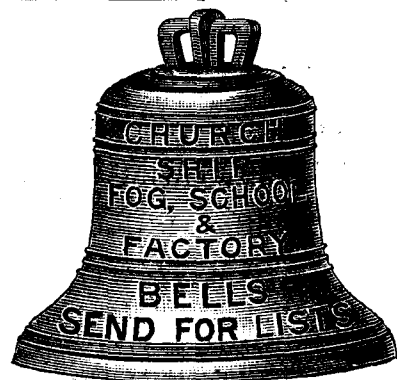
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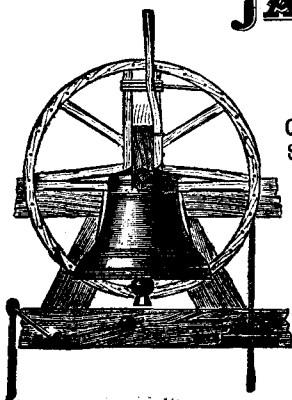
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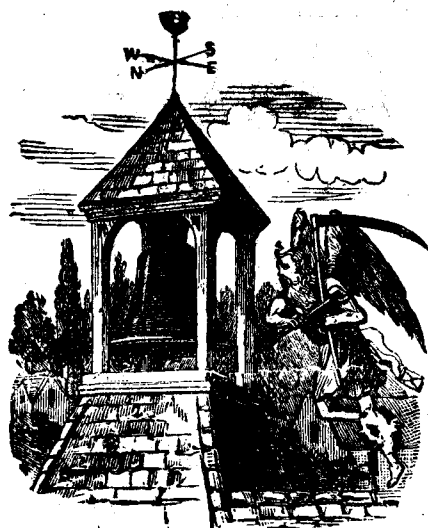
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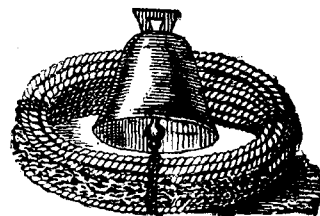
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- 1.—To elect a President and Hon. Secretary to serve for three years, in accordance with Rule vii.

## NOMINATIONS:—

For the office of President: A. P. HEYWOOD.

For the office of Hon. Secretary: REV. H. EARLE BULWER.

- 2.—To elect Hon. members to replace those retiring after this Meeting, in accordance with Rules ii. and iv.
- 3.—To receive the Report of the Committee appointed to negotiate with the authorities of the Church Congress.
- 4.—To receive the Report on the preparation of a Bibliography.
- 5.—To receive and consider the Report of the Committee on Calls and Classification of compositions.
- 6.—To receive the Report of the Committee on Railway Fares.
- 7.—To consider the following motions:—

(1) That a Committee be appointed to consider the propriety of establishing a Benevolent Fund for the benefit of veteran ringers in poor circumstances, and, if deemed advisable, to report upon the best means of carrying such a scheme into effect.

(2) That a Committee be appointed to revise the technical terms used in connection with the Art of Ringing, to suggest such corrections as may seem desirable, and to prepare a Glossary for the use of learners.

(3) That an addition be made to the definition of a peal on six bells allowing of fourteen 360s, or any greater number of true portions of true Minor Methods, no two being the same, each portion to exceed a plain course, and the whole to reach a total of 5000 changes, or more.

(4) That no peal rung upon handbells shall be considered worthy of record, unless vouched for by a competent umpire present throughout the performance.

(5) That with a view to thorough ventilation of current questions and such subjects as are likely to be brought before the Council, it is desirable that (a) some special channel should be provided for the interchange of opinions by the Members of the Council between one meeting and another; and that (b) to that end the Editor of "THE BELL NEWS" be requested by the Council kindly to grant the privilege of a column set apart solely for the correspondence of Members of Council. No letters to be published except above the actual name of the writer, to which must be annexed the name of the Society he represents. The President and Hon. Secretary to be empowered to regulate correspondence, if found necessary.

## MOTIONS AFFECTING THE PROCEDURE OF THE COUNCIL.

(6) To add the following clause to Rule viii. "At the Annual meeting next after a Triennial Election, members of any Committee who have not been re-elected to the Council shall (when such a Committee has a Report to present), have the right to attend and vote upon any motion arising exclusively out of that Report."

(7) To extend Rule xi. so as to provide "that a member

of any one Association, in the absence of his fellow Representatives, whose proxies on a given question or questions are produced in writing, may record their votes."

The following notices not having been given in conformity with the first clause of Rule ix., matters to which they refer can only be brought forward by leave of the Meeting:—

(1) To move "that owing to the very unsatisfactory manner in which members are now permitted to be elected by the majority of Associations, it is desirable that the election of members for the future be only carried out at some recognised annual, general, district, or committee meeting, duly called by such Association."

(2) To call attention to the fact "that Associations affiliated to the Central Council continue to send for publication as complete peals, performances such as do not come within the definition of a peal as adopted by the Council; also that other affiliated Associations ignore various other resolutions adopted by the Council for the better regulation of ringing matters."

## STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

One of the most successful meetings that this association has held for some took place at Bucknall, on Saturday, March 13th, it being attended by about fifty members, from the following towers, viz.: Burslem, Bucknall, Hanley, Longton, Leek, Norton, Stoke, Tunstall, and Wolstanton. Ringing commenced about 4 o'clock with a short touch of Grandsire Minor, and the bells were kept going in various Minor methods until 5.30, when an adjournment was made to the schoolroom, where a capital tea was partaken of, at which the members were joined by the Rev. G. Thomas Birch (Rector), and the Revs. G. Turner Birch and A. P. Birch, assistant clergy of the parish; and Mr. F. Stockton, churchwarden; and to which all present did ample justice. Tea being over, Mr. E. Glover (Norton), proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector and churchwardens for the use of the schoolroom and the bells, and also to the local ringers for the excellent tea which they had provided. The Rector, in responding, said he was very pleased to be present at that meeting to welcome the members to Bucknall; he was also pleased to see so many present, as it showed they took an interest in the association, and he hoped the association would go on improving, as he believed it was doing a good work. Mr. W. Twigg, (Hon. Sec. of the association), also briefly responded on behalf of the local ringers. On the motion of Mr. J. Johnson (Tunstall), a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the ladies who had so kindly waited upon them, after which the members again made their way to the tower, when touches of Bob Minor, Kent, Violet, and Woodbine Treble Bob, and Stedman Doubles, were rung, the bells being kept going until about 9.30, when they were lowered in peal. Eleven new members were admitted during the day.

## NEW BELLS AT NORTH CURRY, SOMERSET.

Two new bells, to complete a peal of eight, have been hung by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, of the Whitechapel Foundry, in the tower of the parish church of North Curry, Somerset. On the first bell is the inscription, "Praise Him upon the well-tuned cymbals." On the second, "Praise Him upon the loud cymbals." And on both, "William Edmund Buller, M.A., Vicar, gave me. A.D. 1894." The two new bells were dedicated to the service of the sanctuary, and the full peal of eight rung for the first time at the close of the morning service on Sunday. The bells of this parish were rung when the Duke of Monmouth was taken after the Battle of Sedgemoor in 1685, and again in 1688, on the release of the seven Bishops from the Tower, the Bishop of the diocese, the saintly Thomas Ken, being one of them.

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A DIAGRAM OF A SYSTEM OF PEALS OF UNION TRIPLES; In imitation of Shipway's peal, with the bobbing of one hundred peals of the system, and directions for getting from the Diagram the bobbing of fifteen hundred more peals of the system.—By W. H. THOMPSON, Member of the Ancient Society of College Youths.

CAMBRIDGE: Macmillan and Bowes.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

EASTERN DIVISION.—A district meeting of this association was held at Hailsham on Saturday, March 10th, when upwards of twenty representatives attended. Ringing commenced about three o'clock, when the following touches were rung: 210 Grand-sire Triples. B. Hobbs, 1; R. Hoather, 2; W. Lawrence, 3; A. Reid, 4; E. Willoughby (conductor), 5; R. J. Dawe, 6; A. E. Nye, 7; T. Lewis, 8. 504 Grandsire Triples. W. J. Trusler, 1; W. Lawrence, 2; T. Ades, 3; J. Goldsmith, 4; A. Piper, 5; R. Hoather, 6; B. Hobbs (conductor), 7; T. Deadman, 8. 336 Bob Major. W. Trusler, 1; A. Piper, 2; R. Hoather, 3; J. Goldsmith, 4; W. Lawrence, 5; B. Hobbs, 6; A. E. Nye, 7; R. J. Dawe (conductor), 8. The following eight rang 518 Grand-sire Triples, all being members of the Foresters' Friendly Society. J. Rollison, 1; W. J. Trusler, 2; A. Piper, 3; A. E. Nye (conductor), 4; T. Ades, 5; E. Willoughby, 6; R. J. Dawe, 7; T. Deadman, 8. Tea was kindly provided by the Vicar, the Rev. F. Clyde Harvey, in the Institute, to which full justice was done, and the business of the meeting transacted under the chairmanship of the Vicar. The meeting terminated with a hearty vote of thanks, proposed by Mr. A. E. Nye (Div. Hon. Sec.), and seconded by Mr. W. Lawrence, to the Vicar, in according the members such a hearty welcome, and for granting the use of the bells.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Monday evening, March 12th, at the Baptist Chapel, Rugby, the second part of an entertainment (this being the second year of the kind) consisted of several short touches of Grandsire Triples, on handbells, by J. O. Lancashire, G. Cleal, and S. Cotton, of Leicester; and J. George, of Rugby. Also several tunes were very creditably performed by Messrs. S. and F. Cotton. The audience showed their appreciation of the performance by continued applause. In addition to the above, Miss Rushall very nicely rendered a recitation, which was also much appreciated. On arrival of the Leicester ringers at Rugby, a touch of 223 Grandsire Triples was rung on the platform of the station, and before returning at 11.50 p.m. several touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples were also rung, and many spectators appeared much interested.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ROCHDALE BRANCH.—A meeting of the above was held at St. Mark's, Glodwick, on Saturday, March 10th, members being present from Ashton, Rochdale, Shaw, Heywood, and Oldham. During the afternoon and evening, touches of Bob Major, Kent, Oxford, and Violet Treble Bob Minor, were rung. It was decided to have the next meeting at Hamer, for the re-opening of the bells.

Lord Grimthorpe, who spent upwards of £150,000 in the restoration of St. Albans Abbey, has undertaken the restoration of St. Peter's Church, in the same city, at a cost of £30,000. The church will be closed for twelve months, to enable the work to be carried out as conveniently and rapidly as possible.

LEYLAND (Lancashire).—On Monday, February 19th, at the parish church, for practice, a touch of Lancashire Exercise. W. Nelson (conductor), 1; T. Bowling, 2; S. Watkinson, 3; J. Riding, 4; R. Bowling (composer), 5; J. Banister, 6. This was the first time the method has been rung. On Sunday, March 4th, for morning service, 720 in the same method. O. Worden (conductor), 1; T. Bowling, 2; S. Watkinson, 3; J. Riding, 5; R. Bowling, 5; J. Banister, 6; and in the evening, 360 in the same method. Tenor 18½ cwt.

LYMINGE (Kent).—On Saturday, February 17th, 360 Bob Minor. J. Prebble, 1; E. Bush, 2; J. Andrews, 3; A. Castle, 4; W. Fordred, 5; A. Tanton (conductor), 6. On Saturday, February 24th, 720 Bob Minor (eight bobs six singles), standing as before, conducted by A. Tanton. And 300 Bob Minor. J. Prebble, 1; A. Castle, 2; A. Beer, 3; J. Andrews, 4; W. Fordred, 5; A. Tanton, 6. On Saturday, March 3rd, 720 Bob Minor (thirty-two bobs six singles). J. Prebble, 1; A. Castle (conductor), 2; A. Beer, 3; E. Bush, 4; W. Fordred, 5; J. Andrews, 6. And 180 in the same method, A. Tanton, conductor.

## WHY THE SPIRE FELL.

[From the *Border Counties' Advertiser*.]

The Rev. Newdigate Poyntz, Vicar of St. Mary's Shrewsbury, is understood to have no doubt that the spire fell because it is proposed to raise a monument to Darwin. Some people believe that the spire collapsed before the extraordinary strength of the gale, but Mr. Poyntz says it was the breath of an avenging Deity. One remark may be permitted at the outset, for the consideration of the Vicar. The gale caused many calamities of a similar character through the length and breadth of the land. Few or none were as serious as the wreck of St. Mary's, but in scores of towns and villages, buildings were partly blown down, and the havoc caused by the storm has scarcely been surpassed in the memory of the oldest amongst us. To the worldly-minded, therefore, there is nothing surprising or necessarily miraculous in the collapse of the spire, and nobody thought of any supernatural agency until Mr. Poyntz made his startling announcement of a new dispensation of Providence. Now, if we may say so without irreverence, it seems plain that if the spire was to fall as an act of divine judgment, the fall would have been much more impressive, and much more likely to have its intended effect, had it happened upon a windless night. Suppose, for example, that on some placid Sunday evening, under the untroubled moon, without apparent cause, the spire had fallen, then, indeed, the impious admirers of Mr. Darwin might have trembled, and the scoffer would have been put to shame. But, again, a question arises, and that is why St. Mary's was chosen and not St. Chad's. The steeple of St. Chad, indeed, is less conspicuous than the spire of St. Mary, but, on the other hand, it seems less likely to fall, and a "judgment" at St. Chad's, where the Vicar is supporting the memorial, would seem more appropriate than a disaster at St. Mary's, where Mr. Poyntz is free from any complicity in the matter. The same thing may be said of the Abbey; or there is St. George's, the church which the Darwins sometimes attended, what we may call Charles's own parish church, and served by another admirer of the great philosopher. Either St. George, or the Abbey, or St. Chad, but why St. Mary? Yet another point deserves investigation. The Cathedral at Chester also suffered in the gale, and a thousand pounds are wanted to repair it. Now, if St. Mary's spire was damaged because Darwin is to have a monument, the question arises why Chester Cathedral likewise felt the effect of the storm. What has Chester done that her beautiful chapter-house should be injured? There seems to be a distinct analogy between the two cases, and it is worth while inquiring whether any citizen of Chester has expressed his sympathy with the Darwin memorial at Shrewsbury. Some people think that the case of the tower of Siloam can scarcely be excluded from the consideration of the question, but there is no need to complicate the matter with parallels of remote antiquity. It is much more interesting to ascertain, if possible, why "the wind removed the upper part of St. Mary's steeple in 1594," and for what reason the spire was injured by an earthquake in 1690. The questions we have raised appear to deserve investigation by Mr. Poyntz, and we leave the subject in his hands. We venture to submit, with all respect, that until he has explained why the spire fell in a storm rather than on a calm day, why his church and not St. Chad's was selected, and what Chester Cathedral has to do with the Darwin memorial, the promoters are not called upon to stay their hands. The difficulties of the case are increased by the fact that Darwin commanded admiration by the singular beauty of his life and character quite as much as by the greatness of his genius. No one in the nineteenth century has surpassed him in generosity, or unselfishness, or modesty, or sincerity, or love of truth, and Shrewsbury proposes to raise a monument to a man who exhibited all the graces which can adorn humanity. It seems difficult of belief that because Shrewsbury has this purpose on foot the spire of St. Mary's should fall and the nave of St. Mary's should be wrecked. It is a puzzling business, and we give it up.

OLD WINDSOR (Berks).—On Thursday, February 23rd, 504 Grandsire Triples, in 18 mins. G. Hoare, 1; W. Ware, 2; F. Tindle, 3; G. Williams, 4; W. Ralph (first 504), 5; R. Flaxman (conductor), 6; T. Gosling, 7; F. Guttridge, 8.

## THE CROOKED SPIRE.\*

Under this heading, a morning paper publishes the following review on a book entitled, "Round About the Crooked Spire." The work is, we should imagine, a survey of the town of Chesterfield, and its environs, by one who admires the neighbourhood:—

"The Crooked Spire rises over the most interesting building in Chesterfield, the parish church of St. Mary and All Saints, and forms a landmark to all the country round. From this central point, Mr. Foster surveys north-east Derbyshire, pointing out to the visitor the more remarkable places and scenes of traditional, historical, and modern interest. The contorted spire has won and preserves local admiration; extraneous opinion, says Mr. Foster, is supposed to be expressed in the following lines:—

Whichever way you turn your eye,  
It always seems to be awry.  
Pray can you tell the reason why?  
The only reason known of weight  
Is that the thing was never straight,  
Nor know the people where to go  
To find the man to make it so;  
Since none can furnish such a plan  
Except a perfect upright man.  
So that the spire, 'tis very plain,  
For ages crooked must remain,  
And while it stands must ever be  
An emblem of deformity.

Some people might regard it as a pleasing deviation from the tiresome normal of architectural uprightness. The town and neighbourhood hold many and varied attractions, of which Mr. Foster presents only a wise selection. The tourist he invites to 'these eastern slopes of England's backbone,' promising him the health-giving tonic of the 'winds that wander o'er the Peak.' The fisherman he provides with many a charming stream to throw his fly in. The traveller of historical and antiquarian tastes he directs to the mansions and traditions of the families of Peveril and Cavendish, of Talbot and Rodes, not to mention the less stately dwellings with reminiscences of many personages of note in other fields of distinction. Thus, with the Grammar School are connected Archbishop Secker and Dr. Erasmus Darwin; with Tapton House, George Stephenson; with Wingfield Manor, Mary Queen of Scots, who was twice imprisoned there; with Hardwick Hall, Thomas Hobbes, the philosopher, and that very practical lady, the famous 'Bess of Hardwick,' a mighty builder, four times a wife, ancestress (by her second husband, Sir William Cavendish) of the Dukes of Devonshire, Newcastle, Portland, Kingston, and Norfolk, and co-gaoler (with her fourth and last husband, the Earl of Shrewsbury) of Mary Queen of Scots; and with Bolsover Castle, memorials of William Peveril, of Sir Charles Cavendish (a son of Bess, and ancestor of the Dukes of Newcastle, a mighty builder also), of Charles I. and Queen Henrietta Maria, who were royally entertained here—'such an excess of feasting had scarce ever been known in England before'—and of the Civil Wars. With such main points of historical interest, Mr. Foster does not forget to describe the modern industries of coal and iron—Grassmoor Pit, Staveley Ironworks; and he takes his readers for a pleasant turn over the moors with their tors and earthworks. His book is not intended as a guide-book, but it will be found an excellent supplement to the ordinary guide-books. Every visitor to Chesterfield, with time to explore within a ten-mile radius, will do well to find a place for it in his knapsack."

Canon Heron, of Moore-hall, Warrington, one of the oldest clergymen in the north of England, has just presented a Church Institute to the village of Moore. In opening the building he said that wine and spirits were excluded as regards the material recreations in Moore Church Institute, but a person had undertaken to come each evening to ask if any one in the institution wished for a glass of beer. This person would take in the number of pints on receiving the money, and those wishing could thus get their beer. If there arose any abuse of this privilege, and he hoped the committee would inform him if any abuse did arise, he would close the institution.

"Round About the Crooked Spire." By Albert J. Foster, M.A. With illustrations by the Author. (London; Chapman and Hall, Limited.)

## 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,—Will you kindly correct the mistake in our date touch rung at Glemsford, it should have been 502 of Kent Treble Bob instead of 102. Stunstead, Suffolk. R. BRETT.

## A FALSE DATE TOUCH.

SIR,—The date touch of Grandsire Triples by W. Dickinson, of Heckington, and published in last week's "BELL NEWS," is false. The odd change 1243567 at start repeating with treble at hand, 21st lead in second part. MORRIS J. MORRIS.

London House, Buxton.

## FALSE PEAL OF 5376 BOB MAJOR.

SIR,—Allow me a space in your valuable paper to offer an apology for an unmistakable false peal of Bob Major contributed by me, and which appeared in your issue of last week. I need hardly mention that it was sheer carelessness on my part to let such a thing pass through my hands, as a mere glance shows at once that it is undoubtedly false, even without putting it to the test of a proof. I hope the community of ringers at large will forgive me for having disgraced their copy with such an eyesore. It would be a good thing if I were the only one to which that proverb related to, which says that "Morals are not wise at all hours." ROBERT E. CHICHESTER.

30, St. Paul's Road, Clifton.

SIR,—Our latest aspirant to fame as a composer seems to lack experience in the most rudimentary branch of constructing peals. Perhaps Mr. Chichester will explain how he gets a peal to prove true, when no less than four times he runs thirteen leads without a call, and eight leads in another place. C. L. ROUTLEDGE.

8, Westmorland Road, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

## A CLAIM.

SIR,—On looking over last week's "BELL NEWS" I was very much surprised to find that on ringing the 5056 Superlative (twenty-nine course), at Duffield, on March 6th, Mr. Heywood had, in spite of the old established rule, laid claim to the composition thereof. As I was the first to publish the figures of this peal, I can in no way see how Mr. Heywood can establish such a claim. One would have thought that he would have been the last gentleman to have done so. The figures had been in my possession before publication equally as long as they had been in Mr. Heywood's. We had also attempted the peal some time previous to the figures appearing in "THE BELL NEWS," but had not met with success. I may say with all due respect to Mr. Heywood, that I in no way intend to give up the composition. G. LINDOFF.

15, Knight Street, Lincoln.

OSWESTRY (Salop).—On Tuesday, February 27th, for practice, 350 Grandsire Triples. R. Edwards, 1; R. Evans, 2; R. Martin, 3; E. Jones, 4; G. Whitfield (conductor), 5; W. H. Jones, 6; D. Davies, 7; J. R. Wellings, 8. On Friday, March 2nd, 840 Grandsire Triples. W. Morris, 1; E. Jones, 2; R. Martin, 3; D. Davies (conductor), 4; W. H. Jones, 5; R. Edwards, 6; R. Evans, 7; T. Rogers, 8. Longest touch by Morris, and by Edwards with a bob bell. On Tuesday, March 6th, for practice, 672 Grandsire Triples, taken from Snowden's *Grandsire*, page 161. H. Jarman (longest touch), 1; E. Jones, 2; R. Martin, 3; R. Edwards, 4; W. H. Jones, 5; D. Davies (conductor), 6; R. Evans, 7; J. R. Wellings, 8. Also three touches of 168 each, with H. Jarman, 2; W. Morris, 3.

SITTINGBOURNE (Kent).—On Saturday, March 3rd, on the occasion of a Confirmation Service held by the Archbishop of Canterbury, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 46 mins. T. W. Jarrett, 1; A. Hardy, 2; E. Allen, 3; J. G. Elliott, 4; E. J. Bottle, 5; G. A. Ransom (conductor), 6. H. G. Fairbrass, 7; W. J. Walker, 8. And 504 in the same method. T. W. Jarrett, 1; J. G. Elliott, 2; A. Hardy, 3; C. Milway, 4; E. J. Bottle, 5; G. A. Ransom, 6; H. G. Fairbrass (conductor), 7; W. J. Walker, 8. Also 336 Grandsire Triples. T. W. Jarrett, 1; H. G. Fairbrass (conductor), 2; A. Hardy, 3; C. Milway, 4; E. J. Bottle, 5; J. G. Elliott, 6; G. A. Ransom, 7; W. J. Walker, 8.

UPPER BEEDING (Sussex).—On Saturday, February 24th, at the parish church, 360 Kent Treble Bob Minor. J. Goldsmith, 1; G. Williams (conductor), 2; T. Searle, 3; H. Weston, 4; J. N. Frossell, 5; K. Hart, 6. Also 120 Stedman Doubles. Tenor 8 cwt.



## Notices.

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

**The Heavy Woollen District Association, Yorkshire.**—The next monthly meeting will take place at Sandal, to-day, Saturday, March 17th, at 6 p.m.; meeting house, Castle Inn.

GEO. H. SIMON, *Hon. Sec.*

19, *Albert Street, Bailey Carr.*

**Kent County Association.**—Re-opening of the Bells of St. Mary's, Lewisham.—The Dedication Service will be held on Easter Eve, Saturday, March 24th, by the Right Rev. the Bishop of Southwark. Service to commence at 3 o'clock p.m., after which the bells will be open for ringing till 9 p.m. A tea (6d. each), will be provided, and ringers intending to be present should give notice, not later than March 21st, to

W. BEDWELL.

*Grace Villa, Albacore Crescent, Lewisham, S.E.*

**The East Derbyshire Association.**—The annual meeting will be held at Clay Cross, on Easter Monday, March 19th. Tower open for ringing from 10 a.m. A service will be held in St. Bartholomew's church at 4.30 p.m. Tea on the tables at 5.0 p.m.

JNO. J. COOK, *Secretary.*

**The Worcestershire and Districts Association.**—The annual meeting of this Association will take place at Worcester, on Easter Monday, March 26th. A special service will be held in St. Andrew's church at 12.15 prompt, to which all members are earnestly invited. The meeting will follow at 2 p.m. prompt in the Chapter House, Worcester Cathedral, at which the Rev. Canon Knox Little will preside. Tea will be provided for all members sending in their names to me not later than Tuesday, March 20th, in accordance with rules 6 and 10. The tower and bells at the Cathedral will be at the disposal of the members from 5 p.m. All outstanding contributions should be paid at this meeting.

JOHN SMITH, *Hon. Sec.*

36, *Simms Lane, Netherton, Dudley.*

**Midland Counties' Association.**—The annual meeting will be held at Burton-on-Trent, on Easter Monday, March 26th, when the following towers will be open for ringing from 11.30 a.m.: St. Paul's, 8 bells; St. Modwen's, 8 bells; Horninglow, 6 bells; Winhill, 6 bells. The parish room, St. Paul's Institute, will be open all day, and visitors may here obtain any further particulars. Committee meeting at 4.15 p.m. Tea, followed by general meeting at 5 p.m., both at St. Margaret's Schools. A free tea will be provided for all visiting members who have paid their subscriptions for the current year and send their names to the local hon. secretary, Mr. W. J. Smith, 33, Ordish Street, Burton-on-Trent, not later than Wednesday, March 21st. Members whose current subscriptions have not been paid or attending without notice will be charged 1s. each for their tea. Parties of eight or more can obtain fare and a quarter tickets by giving three days' notice at any station.

JOHN O. LANCASHIRE, *Hon. Sec.*

22, *St. Peter's Road, Leicester.*

**Norwich Diocesan Association.**—Saxmundham District.—Notice.—The sixteenth quarterly district meeting will be held at Leiston, on Easter Monday. The tower will be open for ringing all day. Business meeting at 4.30 p.m. in the schoolroom. The Rector

will preside. All members and ringing friends cordially welcome.

WILLIAM TAYLOR, *Hon. District Sec.*

*Leiston.*

**The Surrey Association.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Sutton and Cheam, on Easter Monday. By kind permission of the respective Clergy the towers of Cheam (6 bells) and Benhilton (8 bells) will be open for ringing, the former at 2 p.m., and the latter at 4 p.m. Tea at the Shaftesbury Coffee Tavern at 6 p.m. Representatives are requested to send the number of members intending to be present at tea to Mr. J. Trendell, Rock Villa, Bushey Road, Sutton, not later than Thursday, the 22nd instant.

R. B. BLANCHARD, *Hon. Sec.*

13, *Sunnyhill Road, Streatham, S.W.*

**The Bedfordshire Association.**—The annual meeting will be held at Bedford on Easter Monday. Special service and sermon at St. Paul's church at 3 o'clock. Preacher, the Rev. H. Law James. Tea at All Hallows' Mission Room at 4 o'clock. Local Secretaries are requested to send numbers proposing to attend from their branches to Mr. I. Hills, Pumping Station, Bedford, on or before March 20th.

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

*Milton Bryant Rectory, Woburn.*

**The Old East Derbyshire Association.**—The annual meeting will be held at Staveley on Easter Monday, March 26th. Service in the parish church at one o'clock; address by the President, the Rev. H. E. Ferry. Dinner will be provided at the Elm Tree inn at 2 o'clock. Members intending to be present are requested to send their names to the Hon. Secretary not later than Monday, March 19th. Peal of eight bells open for ringing during the day. Staveley town station close to church. Business meeting at 3.30. Election of officers, etc.

E. JAMES, *Hon. Sec.*

18, *The Dale, Woodseats, near Sheffield.*

**The Hertfordshire Association.**—The Annual Meeting will be held at St. Albans on Easter Monday, when the Cathedral and St. Peter's towers will be open for ringing from 10 to 12.30, and after 3.30. Special service in the Lady Chapel of the Cathedral at 12.45, with an address by the Archdeacon of St. Albans, and it is particularly requested that the members and ringing friends who may visit St. Albans will make a point of attending it. Dinner will be served at the Coffee Tavern, French Row, at 1.30; cost to members, 1s. 9d. each; business meeting to follow for election of officers and general business. All who intend to be present will kindly oblige by communicating with me not later than Wednesday, the 21st inst.

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

*St. Albans, 13th March, 1894.*

**North Notts. Association.**—The quarterly meeting will be held at Workop (and not at Everton, as proposed at the last meeting) on Easter Monday, March 26th, 1894. Tower open (by permission of the Vicar) at 2 p.m. Tea at Town Hall, price one shilling per head, at 4 p.m. Captains of towers are requested to send numbers attending tea to Mr. C. Barrowcliffe, Rectory, Infant School House, Workop, not later than March 22nd.

HENRY T. SLODDEN, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Ely District Association.**—Next Meeting will be held on Monday, March 26th, at Swavesey and Over. Dinner at 2.0 p.m.

EDWARD J. TEESDALE, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Essex Association.**—A district meeting of the above will be held at Sudbury, Suffolk, on Saturday, March 31st. A brake will start

from the Green Dragon at 1 p.m. for Foxearth and Walter Belchamp. Tea will be provided at the Green Dragon at 5 p.m., to be followed by a business meeting. Members intending to be present must signify the same to me not later than Easter Monday, and the station they intend to proceed from.

HENRY T. W. EYRE, *Assistant Secretary.*

*Great Totham Vicarage, Witham.*

**The Lancashire Association—Rossendale Branch.**—Notice.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Newchurch, on Saturday, March 31st. Bells ready at 3 o'clock, meeting at 6.30. A free tea will be provided for all who send in their names to J. Ashworth, Clough Terrace, Newchurch, not later than Tuesday, the 27th.

J. B. TAYLOR, *Sec.*

**Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.**—Preliminary Notice.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Minehead on the Saturday in Easter week, March 31st

CLEMENT W. H. GRIFFITH, *Master.*

*Bath.*

**Royal Cumberland Society.**—The 110th anniversary of the long peal of 12,000 Treble Bob Royal rung by this Society at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, will be celebrated on Saturday, April 7th, 1894, by a Dinner, followed by a Smoking Concert to be held at the Bedford Hotel, Maiden Lane, Strand. Tickets, 3s. 6d. each, can be obtained from the following members of the committee: Mr. B. Foskett, 40, New Buildings, Hampstead, N.W.; Mr. H. Dains, 147, Barnsbury Road, Islington, N.; Mr. W. Hasted, 84, Dean Street, Soho, W.C.; Mr. P. Howard, South House, Albion Road, Stoke Newington, N.; Mr. G. Newson, 13a, Gardner Road, Hampstead, N.W.; Mr. G. Harvey, 30, Dickinson Street, Kentish Town, N.W.; Mr. J. Barry, 27, Arlington Street, Islington, N.; Mr. H. Davis, 419, Old Kent Road; Mr. J. Davis, Westdown Terrace, Camden Street, Peckham; Mr. H. Swain, 29, Bramerton Street, King's Road, Chelsea; Mr. Meads, 89, Diggon Street, Stepney; Mr. W. Wilder, Slough; Mr. H. S. Thomas, 71, Bridge Road, Old Battersea; or of A. JACOB, *Hon. Sec.*

10, *St. Anne's Road, Hornsey, N.*

## THE THORP FUND.

The committee propose to commemorate the establishment of this fund on Easter Monday next, at Ashton-under-Lyne. Dinner will be provided at the Old Church inn at 3 p.m., at 1s. 6d. per head. Those intending being present at dinner, kindly forward their names to G. Braddock, at the above address, on or before Good Friday, March 23rd. All ringing friends invited. The bells of St. Michael's (12) and probably St. Peter's (8), will be open for ringing during the day. JAMES S. WILDE, *Hon. Sec.*

## ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

J. W. SEDGLEY—Apply to Mr. W. Banister, Ford, Plymouth.

**NOTICE OF LONG PEAL.**—On Easter Monday, March 26th, all being well, ten members of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford will attempt a long peal of Grandsire Caters, at St. Peter's, Wolverhampton. Start at 8.30 a.m.

Wolverhampton. J. E. GROVES,

To-day, Saturday, March 17th, all being well, eight members of the Midland Counties' Association will attempt a peal of 12,000 Kent Treble Bob Major, at Prestwold, Leicestershire, commencing at 2.0 prompt.



**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 BOB MAJOR.**By J. ARMIGER TROLLOP, *Norwich.*

5408.	W	B	M	H
2 3 4 5 6				
5 4 3 6 2	-	-	-	S
2 3 4 6 5	-	-	-	-
4 5 3 6 2	-	-	S	-
3 5 2 6 4	-	-	-	-
2 4 5 6 3	-	-	S	-
3 5 4 6 2	-	-	-	-
4 2 5 6 3	-	-	S	-
5 2 3 6 4	-	-	-	-
3 4 2 6 5	-	-	S	-
5 2 4 6 3	-	-	-	-
4 3 2 6 5	-	-	S	-
2 3 5 6 4	-	-	-	-
4 5 2 3 6	-	-	-	-
2 3 5 4 6	S	-	-	-
5 4 2 3 6	-	-	-	-
3 4 2 5 6	S	-	-	-
2 5 3 4 6	-	-	-	-
3 4 5 2 6	S	-	-	-
5 2 3 4 6	-	-	-	-
4 2 3 5 6	S	-	-	-
3 5 4 2 6	-	-	-	-
4 3 5 2 6	-	-	-	-
5 2 4 3 6	-	-	-	-
3 2 4 5 6	S	-	-	-

Repeated.

This peal has the 6th her extent right and wrong. If a bob is called at home in the fourth course, and then four courses be called as the 13th to 16th, the part-end 34256 is produced. Then by repeating this calling five times, omitting single in sixth course of third and sixth parts, a six-part peal is produced, 5472 changes, with the same qualities as the original.

By five times repeating the last twelve courses a peal of 8064 changes is produced, with the 4th, 5th and 6th their extent in 6ths place, and the 2nd and 3rd never there.

**A QUARTER-PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS.**By JAMES GEORGE, *Rugby.*

1259.
2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9
2 3 4 5 6 9 7 8*
3 5 4 2 6 8th in 3
5 2 4 3 6 8th in 3
4 5 2 3 6 9th in 3
2 4 5 3 6 9th in 3
4 3 5 2 6 8th in 3
3 2 5 4 6 8th in 3
5 3 2 4 6 9th in 3
2 5 3 4 6 9th in 3
6 2 5 4 3 9th in 3 S
5 4 2 6 3 8th in 3 S
2 5 4 6 3 9th in 3
4 2 5 6 3 9th in 3

Round as usual. \*7th in and out at 3 with a double.

The 6th is nine courses right, and three courses behind the 9th.

**A QUARTER-PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS.**By C. CHARGE, *London.*

1259.
2 3 4 5 6
4 2 3 5 6 7th in and out at three.
2 5 3 4 6 8th in three.
5 4 3 2 6 8th in three.
6 2 4 5 3 8th in two.
2 5 4 6 3 8th in three.
4 5 3 6 2 8-9.
3 4 5 6 2 9th in three.
5 3 4 6 2 9th in three.
4 3 2 6 5 8-9.
2 4 3 6 5 9th in three.
3 2 4 6 5 9th in 3.
4 2 5 6 3 8-9.

Round as usual.

**A 1/4-PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.**By HARRY FRANKS, *London.*

1260.
7 5 2 6 3 4 1
2 3 7 5 4 6 3
7 4 2 3 6 5 3
5 3 7 6 4 2 1
6 3 5 2 7 4 5
3 5 6 2 7 4 4
6 7 3 5 4 2 3
2 5 6 4 7 3 1
4 5 2 3 6 7 5
5 2 4 3 6 7 4

Twice repeated.

**A QUARTER-PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS.**By JAMES GEORGE, *Rugby.*

1259.
2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9
2 3 6 5 4 9 7 8*
6 5 3 2 4 8th in 3 S
5 2 3 6 4 8th in 3
4 5 2 6 3 9th in 3 S
3 4 5 6 2 9th in 3 S
5 3 4 6 2 9th in 3
4 5 3 6 2 9th in 3
2 4 5 6 3 9th in 3 S
3 2 4 6 5 9th in 3 S
4 3 2 6 5 9th in 3
5 4 3 6 2 9th in 3 S
2 5 4 6 3 9th in 3 S
4 2 5 6 3 9th in 3

Round as usual. \*7th in and out at 3 with S and 7-8.

The 6th is eleven courses behind the 9th.

**A DATE TOUCH OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.**By P. BRICKELL, *Northenden, Cheshire.*

1894.
1 3 2 5 4 6 7
3 1 2 4 5 7 6
3 2 1 5 4 6 7
2 3 1 4 5 7 6
7 5 2 6 3 4 1
3 4 7 2 6 5 2
7 6 3 4 5 2 3
5 2 7 3 4 6 2
3 2 5 6 7 4 5
6 2 3 4 5 7 5
3 5 6 2 7 4 3
4 2 3 7 5 6 1
7 2 4 6 3 5 5

Four times repeated.

**A DATE TOUCH OF BOB MAJOR.**By P. BRICKELL, *Northenden, Cheshire.*

1894.	W	H
1 2 4 3 6 5 7 8		
1 2 4 3 6 5 8 7		
2 1 3 4 5 6 7 8		
2 1 4 3 5 7 6 8		
1 2 4 5 3 7 8 6		
1 2 5 4 7 3 8 6		
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	-	-
3 2 4 5 6	-	S
4 3 2 5 6	-	-

The first eight courses repeated; 6th in 6ths place throughout.

**PORTRAIT NUMBER.**

The Portrait of Mr. H. A. Hopkins, of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, will appear next week.

**Ringers Wanting Situations.**

NOTE.—The advertisements of Ringers wanting situations will appear four consecutive insertions free. Those advertising must watch this column week by week, as the reception of all letters addressed care of Editor, will be notified therein. This privilege is only for bona fide ringers, whether subscribers to this paper or otherwise. To ensure publicity in the current number, advertisements ought to reach the office by Tuesday morning.

**SITUATION** Wanted as Mechanic or similar employment. Change ringer: Grandsire, Plain Bob, Stedman and Treble Bob.—Address, F. A. MELLANBY, 42, Grange Road, West Middlesbrough.

**WOULD** any brother-ringer assist advertiser into Situation of some sort, don't mind much what. Warehouse work, assist carpenter, painter, or anything in the wood line, sawing hand or steam; can ring Stedman, Grandsire, Double Norwich, Treble Bob, &c.—Address, J. P., care of Editor.

**SITUATION** wanted in a warehouse, Messenger or Caretaker, or similar employment by a change-ringer, married, age 38. Can ring Plain Bob, Grandsire, Treble Bob and Stedman. Address Y., care of the Editor.

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All communications respecting advertisements must be addressed to the office of "THE BELL NEWS," Walthamstow, London.

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

SATURDAY, MARCH 17, 1894.

GOOD FRIDAY coming next week, we shall be compelled to publish our next number one day earlier than usual. All reports for publication must therefore reach us by Wednesday morning the 21st instant.

## The Metropolis.

**THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS, AND  
THE BOW SOCIETY.**

On Thursday, March 8, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, STRATFORD-LE-BOW,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.**

RICHARD J. TURNER* .. Treble.	EMANUEL HALL .. .. . 5.
ALBERT DEARDS .. .. . 2.	WILLIAM DALLIMORE .. 6.
HENRY SPRINGALL .. .. . 3.	YORK GREEN .. .. . 7.
EDWARD LUCAS .. .. . 4.	SAMUEL HAYES .. .. . Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by YORK GREEN.

The figures of this peal appeared in "THE BELL NEWS" of July 21st, 1893, and is now rung for the first time. Rung as a birthday compliment to H. Springall, the band wishing him many happy returns. First peal in the method on the bells. \*First peal in the method.

## The Provinces.

## BACUP.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, March 7, 1894, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
FIRST HALF HOLT'S; SECOND HALF REEVES'.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

FRED HOWORTH .. .. .	Treble.	*WILLIAM ASHWORTH .. .. .	5.
JAMES T. STANDRING .. .. .	2.	JOSEPH SUTCLIFFE .. .. .	6.
ARTHUR WHITWORTH .. .. .	3.	JOHN SHEPARD .. .. .	7.
JAMES B. TAYLOR .. .. .	4.	WILFRED LAW .. .. .	Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN SHEPARD.

\*First peal. This is the fiftieth peal the conductor has rung, out of which he has conducted thirty-five. J. B. Taylor hails from Newchurch; all the others belong to the local band. This peal was rung in honour of J. B. Taylor's birthday.

## NORWICH.—THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, March 7, 1894, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,

AT THE HOUSE OF MR. W. TROLLOP, 52 ST. GEORGE'S MIDDLE ST.,

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

## A PEAL OF CANTERBURY MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES.

ALBERT J. WARNES* .. .. .	1-2.	GEORGE P. BURTON .. .. .	5-6.
JOHN E. BURTON .. .. .	3-4.	J. ARMIGER TROLLOP .. .. .	7-8.

Composed and Conducted by J. ARMIGER TROLLOP.

Umpire—C. E. Borrett. \*First peal on handbells. First peal in the method by all and in the county. Rung at the first attempt.

## HAWLEY, HANTS.—THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, March 7th, 1894, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

FREDERICK FRANCIS .. .. .	Treble.	FRANK BENNETT .. .. .	5.
GEORGE HAWKINS .. .. .	2.	ALFRED P. GODDARD .. .. .	6.
BARZILLA HAWKINS .. .. .	3.	JOHN J. JONES .. .. .	7.
HENRY WHITE .. .. .	4.	THOMAS BLACKBOURN .. .. .	Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

The ringers take this opportunity of thanking the Rector for the use of the bells, and Mr. Butler for having everything in readiness.

## NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, March 7, 1894, in Two Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. CHAPMAN, MARKET PLACE,

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

5040 CHANGES IN FOUR DIFFERENT METHODS  
UPON SIX BELLS;

Being 720 Canterbury Pleasure, 720 Oxford Bob, Two 720s of Grandsire, and Three 720s of Bob Minor.

HARRY J. PAULSON .. .. .	1-2.	THOMAS W. CHAPMAN .. .. .	3-4.
HARRY ARGYLE .. .. .	5-6.		

Conducted by T. W. CHAPMAN.

Referee—Mr. W. Stone, who checked off the bobs as they were called. This is the first 5040 on handbells by all; also the first 5040 of Minor on handbells by the Association and was rung at the fourth attempt.

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

On Thursday, March 8, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,  
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 14 cwt.

HENRY SIMMONDS .. .. .	Treble.	JOSEPH HANDS .. .. .	5.
EDWIN MENDAY .. .. .	2.	GEORGE ESSEX .. .. .	6.
HARRY BRIDGEMAN .. .. .	3.	HENRY SMITH .. .. .	7.
ERNEST W. MENDAY .. .. .	4.	THOMAS NEWMAN .. .. .	Tenor.

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

## NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 8, 1894, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
CARTER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt. in E.

JOHN BALLARD .. .. .	Treble.	THOMAS LINGARD .. .. .	5.
ARTHUR MEASURES* .. .. .	2.	THOMAS W. CHAPMAN .. .. .	6.
HARRY ARGYLE† .. .. .	3.	HARRY HORWOOD .. .. .	7.
HARRY J. PAULSON .. .. .	4.	JOHN WARREN .. .. .	Tenor.

Conducted by HARRY ARGYLE.

\*First peal with a bob bell. †First peal as conductor, and first attempt. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Chapman, the band wishing him many happy returns. It was intended to ring a peal of Bob Major, but in the unavoidable absence of one of the original band, the above was rung instead.

## CALVERLEY, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 10, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 11 cwt.

LEONARD STOKOE .. .. .	Treble.	†JOHN THACKRAY .. .. .	5.
ALFRED NAYLOR .. .. .	2.	ARTHUR CRAVEN .. .. .	6.
WILLIAM CHILD .. .. .	3.	JOHN WHITAKER .. .. .	7.
CHARLES PRATT .. .. .	4.	ALBERT HASTE .. .. .	Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS and Conducted by A. CRAVEN.

†First peal of Major on tower bells. Messrs. Stokoe, Naylor, Child, Craven, Whitaker, and Haste hail from Headingley; Thackray from Armley; Pratt belongs to the local company.

## SALISBURY, WILTS.

## THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 10, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES.

SIDNEY MACEY .. .. .	Treble.	SYDNEY LAWRENCE .. .. .	5.
JAMES ELCOMBE .. .. .	2.	THOMAS BLACKBOURN .. .. .	6.
ALFRED PEARCE .. .. .	3.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. .. .	7.
CHARLES H. WATTS .. .. .	4.	ARTHUR W. BARKUS .. .. .	Tenor.

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK and Conducted by A. W. BARKUS.

J. Elcombe hails from Romsey, and this is his first peal of Major.

## HORSHAM, SUSSEX.

## THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, March 10, 1894, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
TAYLOR'S BOB-AND-SINGLE. Tenor 24 cwt.

WILLIAM PELLING .. .. .	Treble.	*FREDERICK CRIPPS .. .. .	5.
JOHN AKEHURST* .. .. .	2.	WALTER CHARMAN .. .. .	6.
WALTER WADEY .. .. .	3.	WILLIAM SHORT .. .. .	7.
THOMAS ANDREWS .. .. .	4.	THOMAS FAIRS .. .. .	Tenor.

Conducted by WALTER CHARMAN.

\*First peal in the method.

## SHARNBROOK, BEDS.

## THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 10, 1894, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

5040 CHANGES IN SEVEN DIFFERENT METHODS  
UPON SIX BELLS;

Being 720 each of the following:

Woodbine Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob,  
Double Court Bob, College Single, Oxford Bob, and  
Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp.

HERBERT SHARP .. .. .	Treble.	WILLIAM SHIMMANS .. .. .	4.
ISAAC HILLS .. .. .	2.	GEORGE BURTON .. .. .	5.
CHARLES WEST .. .. .	3.	CHARLES W. CLARKE .. .. .	Tenor.

Conducted by H. SHARP.

The ringers wish to thank the Rev. H. B. Wilkinson for the use of the bells; also the steeple-keeper, Mr. John Dickens, for having everything in readiness.

## MITCHAM, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 10, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Holt's Six-Part.

Tenor 16 cwt.

ROBERT SEWELL .. .. Treble.	†ALBERT CALVER .. .. 5.
FRANK M. BUTLER .. .. 2.	GEORGE WELLING .. .. 6.
GEORGE FOSTER .. .. 3.	JOSEPH FAYERS .. .. 7.
JOSEPH A. LAMBERT* .. 4.	WILLIAM S. SMITH .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOSEPH FAYERS.

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

## NEWCHURCH, LANCASHIRE.

On Saturday, March 10, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Holt's Ten-Part.

J. TAYLOR .. .. Treble.	W. TAYLOR .. .. 5.
J. ASHWORTH .. .. 2.	H. WALL .. .. 6.
J. B. TAYLOR .. .. 3.	J. T. WRIGHT .. .. 7.
J. HAYDOCK .. .. 4.	J. W. ORMEROD .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. TAYLOR.

Rung on the occasion of the birthdays of W. and J. B. Taylor.

## HIGHAM FERRERS, NORTHANTS.

## RAUNDS AND WELLINGBOROUGH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 10, 1894, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

VICARS' SIX-PART.

WILLIAM PETTET .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM PARKER .. .. 5.
GEORGE RENDALL .. .. 2.	JOHN B. MARTIN .. .. 6.
ALFRED H. MARTIN .. .. 3.	*GEORGE BROWN .. .. 7.
WILLIAM A. HALL .. .. 4.	†JAMES BAILEY .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by J. B. MARTIN.

\*First peal with a bob bell. †First peal on eight bells. Messrs. Hall and Bailey hail from Rushden; the rest belong to Higham Ferrers.

## STAVELEY, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.

On Saturday, March 10, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

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

Being 720 each of the following:

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

Tenor 10 cwt.

HENRY MOTTERSHELL .. Treble.	JOHN HARRIS .. .. 4.
WILLIAM PRICE .. .. 2.	HERBERT MADIN .. .. 5.
EDWIN JAMES .. .. 3.	THOMAS LUNN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by HERBERT MADIN.

Messrs. Price and Lunn belong to the Eckington society; James to Norton Madin. Harris and Mottershall to Staveley.

## OXHEY, HERTS.

## THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, March 11, 1894, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES.

Tenor 9½ cwt. in G.

HENRY J. MARTIN .. .. Treble.	JAMES CAWLEY .. .. 5.
GEORGE N. PRICE* .. .. 2.	*FREDERICK EDWARDS .. 6.
CHARLES H. MARTIN .. .. 3.	†JOHN E. WHITNALL .. .. 7.
W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM .. 4.	ERNEST E. HUNTLEY .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM.

†First peal. \*First in the method, also first peal of Major on the bells. Rung as a farewell to Mr. G. N. Price, who is leaving home for Canada on Saturday next, the band wishing him every success. J. Cawley was elected a member of the above Association previous to starting.

## MIDDLESBROUGH-ON-TEES.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 12, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HILDA,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 12 cwt.

GEORGE J. CLARKSON .. Treble.	ALEXANDER MCFARLANE .. 5.
WILLIAM NEWTON .. .. 2.	*THOMAS W. WALLER .. .. 6.
JOHN H. JONES .. .. 3.	*THOMAS STEPHENSON .. 7.
FREDERICK A. MELLANBY 4.	JOHN H. BLAKISTON .. .. Tenor.

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL and Conducted by J. H. BLAKISTON.

\*First peal of Major. Messrs. Clarkson, Newton, Waller, and Stephenson belong to Stockton; the rest are local men.

## WEST BROMWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Monday, March 12, 1894, in Three Hours and Thirty-one Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES, 5280 CHANGES.

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qrs. 12 lbs.

SAMUEL REEVES .. .. Treble.	THOMAS REYNOLDS .. .. 7.
THOMAS HORTON .. .. 2.	SAMUEL SPITTLE .. .. 8.
WILLIAM H. GODDEN .. .. 3.	WILLIAM SMITH .. .. 9.
WILLIAM R. SMALL .. .. 4.	REUBEN HALL .. .. 10.
WILLIAM MICKLEWRIGHT 5.	JAMES E. GROVES .. .. 11.
JOHN S. PRITCHETT .. .. 6.	JAMES HALL .. .. Tenor.

Composed by the late HENRY JOHNSON and Conducted by SAMUEL REEVES.

This peal has the 6th twelve times wrong and twelve times right, and is the only peal of Cinques rung on the bells for upwards of thirty years. It is the first peal of Grandsire Cinques by all except Messrs. Reeves, Small, and Reynolds, and also the first by the above society. Godden hails from Handsworth; Spittle and Micklewright from Dudley; Groves from Wolverhampton; Smith from Darlaston; Reynolds from Perry Barr; Small from Tipton; and Pritchett from King's Norton.

## NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 12, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

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

Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

HUGH DALL* .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM STORY .. .. 5.
CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE 2.	ALFRED F. HILLIER .. .. 6.
HENRY H. LINDSEY* .. 3.	FRANCIS LEES .. .. 7.
FREDK. J. HARRISON .. 4.	WILLIAM HOLMES .. .. Tenor.

Composed by J. S. WILDE and Conducted by WILLIAM HOLMES.

\*First peal of Superlative. This is an exceedingly neat, musical, and altogether unique composition with the 6th the extent right, and is now rung for the first time.

## SEAL CHART, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 12, 1894, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

## FORTY-TWO SIX-SCORES OF DOUBLES;

Being Twenty-two 6-scores of Grandsire, Ten of Canterbury Pleasure, and Ten of Plain Bob.

J. P. COX .. .. Treble.	D. J. GOLDSMITH .. .. 4.
F. W. KETTEL .. .. 2.	G. P. BURR .. .. 5.
S. COLE .. .. 3.	D. KETTEL .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by G. P. BURR.

First 5040 by all the band; also on the bells.

## DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, March 13th, 1894, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5004 CHANGES.

GEORGE CADMAN* .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM MICKLEWRIGHT 6.
GEORGE PEARSALL* .. .. 2.	SAMUEL SPITTLE .. .. 7.
ARTHUR SPITTLE .. .. 3.	JOHN SMITH .. .. 8.
JAMES E. GROVES .. .. 4.	THOMAS GROVES .. .. 9.
THOMAS HORTON .. .. 5.	*HENRY FAULKES .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM MICKLEWRIGHT.

\* First Peal.

## Date Touches.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

ROMFORD (Essex).—On Sunday morning, February 11th, for Divine Service at St. Edward's church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples in 1 hr. 6 mins. S. James, 1; A. Deards, 2; W. Watson, 3; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 4; E. Lucas, 5; G. R. Pye, 6; J. Dale, 7; E. Pye, 8. Composed by J. Carter, of Birmingham, and contains Queens and Tittums, and the twenty-four 6-7s.

## THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

AUGHTON (Lancashire).—Recently at Christ Church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1894 changes, in 1 hr. 2 mins. H. J. Morley, 1; C. Sharples (composer and conductor), 2; G. Larkey, 3; J. Taylor, 4; T. Jenkinson, 5; E. Counce, 6; J. Gardner, 7; J. R. Park, 8.

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BARNWOOD (Gloucestershire).—On Tuesday, February 27th, at the parish church, for practice, a date touch, 1894 changes, being two 720s and 454 of Plain Bob Minor, in 1 hr. 10 mins. A. Howley, 1; H. G. Gardner, 2; A. A. Waite, 3; C. Roles, 4; H. Mitchell, 5; R. A. Barrett (conductor), 6.

## THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

Bow (Middlesex).—On Sunday evening, March 4th, for Divine Service at St. Mary's church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1894 changes, in 58 mins. W. Dallimore, 1; H. Springall (conductor), 2; E. Lucas, 3; Y. Green, 4; E. Hall, 5; S. Hayes, 6; R. Turner, 7; D. Sutton, 8. Composed by J. Barratt, of Stepney, and contains the Queens and Tittums, fifteen 4-6s, eighteen 7-4s, and fifteen 6-7s.

## Miscellaneous.

## THE EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

CLAY CROSS (Derbyshire).—On Tuesday, February 28th, for practice at St. Bartholomew's church, 720 Canterbury Pleasure (nine bobs six singles), in 26 mins. J. Green, 1; J. Maycock, 2; J. J. Cook, 3; T. Millington (conductor), 4; F. E. Marshall, 5; T. Clough, 6. Tenor 9½ cwt.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

CHESTERFIELD (Derbyshire).—On Tuesday, February 20th, for practice, a quarter-peal of Canterbury Pleasure Triples in 48 mins. D. Farthing, 1; A. Knights (conductor), 2; G. Toplis, 3; G. Davies, 4; W. J. Thyng, 5; W. E. Tydeman, 6; J. Goodwin, 7; G. Mee, 8. First quarter-peal in the method by all. Tenor 24 cwt.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

WESTERHAM (Kent).—On Tuesday, March 6th, for practice, 720 Grandsire Minor (6-8 covering). A. V. Selby (first 720), 1; H. J. Selby, 2; J. Heath, 3; G. B. Selby, 4; G. Steer, 5; D. Ashdown, 6; E. R. J. Dunk (conductor), 7; M. Whatley, 8.

RAINHAM (Kent).—On Sunday morning, March 4th, for Divine Service, 216 Bob Minor. F. Baxter, 1; F. Ockwell, 2; G. A. Ransom, 3; P. Taffs, 4; E. Dunster, 5; W. Haigh (conductor), 6. And a 6-score Bob Doubles. G. A. Ransom (conductor), 1; E. Dunster, 2; F. Ockwell, 3; C. Croucher, 4; J. Champion, 5; G. Inwood, 6. And in the evening, 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-eight bobs twenty-two singles), in 28 mins. J. Champion (first 720), 1; A. Hardy, 2; E. Allen, 3; W. Hyland, 4; W. Seamer, 5; G. A. Ransom (conductor), 6. This is the first 720 Grandsire Minor on the bells. On Monday evening, March 5th, for practice, two 6-scores of Bob Doubles. J. Scoones, 1; F. Ockwell, 2; G. A. Ransom (conductor), 3; C. Croucher, 4; J. Champion, 5; G. Inwood, 6. Messrs. Taffs, Baxter, and Haigh hail from Gillingham; Hardy and Allen from Borden; Hyland and Seamer from Upchurch; the remainder belong to the local company.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

BURFORD (Oxon).—On Sunday morning, March 4th, for Divine Service, 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-eight bobs and twenty-two singles), with the tenor behind. E. Large (aged 14), 1; W. Hall, 2; T. Bond (aged 14), 3; W. Shirley (aged 15), 4; W. Launchbury (aged 15), 5; W. Large (conductor), 6; J. Faulker (aged 14), 7. For evening service six courses of Grandsire Triples. H. Smith, 1; E. Large, 2; T. Bond, 3; T. E. Glanvill, 4; W. Shirley, 5; W. Launchbury, 6; W. Large, 7; J. Faulkner, 8.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

BIDSTON (Cheshire).—On Sunday morning, February 11th, 720

Canterbury (eighteen bobs two singles), the singles occurring at 1st and 4th part-ends. J. Povall, 1; C. Rimmer, 2; J. Walter, 3; J. Griffiths, 4; W. Wilcox, 5; T. Povall, 6. On Sunday morning, February 25th, 720 Kent (fifteen bobs). J. Povall, 1; C. Rimmer, 2; W. Wilcox, 3; J. Griffiths, 4; G. Royden, 5; T. Povall, 6. For afternoon service, 360 Plain Bob. J. Povall, 1; C. Rimmer, 2; J. Griffiths, 3; W. Joinson, 4; G. Royden, 5; W. Wilcox, 6. On Tuesday, February 27th, for confirmation service, 720 Grandsire (thirty-four bobs two singles), and after service, 720 Plain Bob (eighteen bobs two singles). J. Povall, 1; C. Rimmer, 2; J. Walter, 3; J. Griffiths, 4; G. Royden, 5; W. Wilcox, 6. All the above were conducted by W. Wilcox.

WOODCHURCH (Cheshire).—On Monday, February 19th, for practice, 240 Grandsire Doubles. W. Duckers, 1; G. Phillips, 2; W. Wilcox, 3; C. Taylor, 4; W. Bennett (conductor), 5; J. Burrows, 6. And a 6-score Grandsire Doubles. W. Williams (first 6-score), 4; the rest as before. And 240 Grandsire Doubles, each 6-score called different. W. Duckers, 1; G. Phillips, 2; W. Wilcox, 3; C. Taylor, 4; W. Bennett, 5; T. Newton, 6.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

FARNHAM (Essex).—On Friday, February 23rd, at St. Mary's church, 720 Plain Bob Minor in 23 mins. M. Milton, 1; G. Jordan, 2; T. J. Watts, 3; W. Watts (conductor), 4; W. Watts, 5; W. Dellow, jun., 6. And 120 Old Doubles, and 72 Plain Bob Minor. G. Jordan, 1; W. Watts (conductor), 2; J. Sibley, 3; J. Dellow, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; W. Dellow, 6. Tenor 11 cwt. The brothers Watts and Jordan hail from Stansted; the rest belong to the local company.

STANSTED (Essex).—On Sunday morning, February 25th, for Divine Service at St. Mary's church, 720 Plain Bob Minor. J. Cavill, 1; T. Jordan, 2; I. Hammond, 3; G. Gray, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. On Wednesday, February 28th, for practice, 720 Braintree Treble Bob (nine bobs) in 26 mins. J. Cavill, 1; G. Jordan, 2; I. Hammond, 3; G. Gray, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. This is the first 720 in the method by all the band, and first in the method on the bells. Tenor 13 cwt.

## THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

NORTH WINGFIELD (Derbyshire).—On Tuesday, February 20th, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor (thirty bobs and six singles). F. Knowles, 1; T. Allibone, 2; W. Butler, 3; J. Butler, 4; W. Hopkinson, 5; J. Tarlton (conductor), 6. On Sunday evening, March 4th, for Divine Service, 720 Canterbury Pleasure (six bobs and fourteen singles). G. Burton, 1; W. Butler, 2; T. Knowles, 3; J. Butler, 4; W. Hopkinson, 5; J. Tarlton (composer and conductor), 6. Tenor 18½ cwt. in E flat.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

HOUGHTON-LE-SPRING.—On Wednesday, February 28th, at the parish church, a 720 of Bob Minor (twenty-one bobs and twelve singles). G. Siddle, 1; G. A. Ward, 2; W. Sheraton, 3; W. Brown, 4; A. Meyers, 5; J. Huntley (conductor), 6. The above ringers belong to the Chester-le-Street branch.

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BARNWOOD (Gloucestershire).—On Tuesday, January 30th, at the parish church, by the local band and a few friends, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs), in 27 mins. A. A. Waite, W. Peglar (Hempstead), G. Miles, C. Roles (Deerhurst), H. Mitchell, R. A. Barrett (conductor). On Tuesday, February 20th, 720 Kent Treble Bob (nine bobs), in 26 mins. G. Miles, W. Peglar, D. J. Aston, C. Roles, H. Mitchell, R. A. Barrett (conductor). On Sunday evening, February 25th, for Divine Service, 720 Kent Treble Bob (nine bobs), in 26 mins. A. A. Waite, D. J. Aston, G. Miles, H. G. Gardner, H. Mitchell, R. A. Barrett (conductor).

HEMPSTEAD (Gloucestershire).—On Friday, February 10th, at the parish church, 720 Plain Bob Minor (sixteen bobs two singles), in 25 mins. E. E. Davis, 1; W. Dudge, 2; H. Mitchell, 3; C. Roles, 4; A. Peglar, 5; W. Peglar (conductor), 6. H. Mitchell hails from Barnwood, and C. Roles from Deerhurst; all the rest are local men.

## THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

TIVERTON (Devon).—On Wednesday, February 28th, at St. Peter's church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 46 mins. E. Munday, 1; J. Grater, jun., 2; W. Grater, 3; B. Grater, 4; W. Clements, 5; T. Harvey, 6; J. Babbage (conductor), 7; J. Hart, 8. Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

WALKDEN (Lancashire).—On Sunday evening, October 29th, for Divine Service, 720 Kent Treble Bob in 24 mins. J. Worthington, 1; S. Oakes, 2; J. Denner, 3; J. Potter, 4; A. Potter, 5; W. Denner (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, November 14th, in honour of the

coming of age of Lord Brackley, 720 Kent Treble Bob. J. Brookes, 1; J. Worthington, 2; S. Oakes, 3; J. Williamson, 4; A. Potter, 5; W. Denner (conductor), 6. And 720 Oxford Treble Bob in 26 mins. J. Worthington, 1; A. Potter, 2; J. Denner, 3; J. Williamson, 4; J. Potter, 5; W. Denner (conductor), 6. On Sunday evening, January 21st, 720 Oxford Treble Bob in 24 mins. J. Worthington, 1; A. Potter, 2; J. Denner, 3; J. Potter, 4; Joseph Potter, 5; W. Denner (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, January 23rd, for practice, 720 Grand-sire Minor in 26 mins. W. Denner (conductor), 1; S. Oakes, 2; J. Denner, 3; John Potter, 4; J. Potter, 5; A. Potter, 6. On Sunday evening, February 25th, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor (silent, sixteen bobs and two singles) in 25 mins. J. Brookes, 1; S. Oakes, 2; J. Denner, 3; A. Potter, 4; J. Potter, 5; W. Denner, 6. This is the first silent 720 ever rung by the last-named ringers.

#### THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

EPSOM (Surrey).—On Sunday evening, February 11th, for Divine Service at Christ Church, 630 Grandsire Triples in 23 mins. T. Goff, 1; A. E. Bassett, 2; G. Saunders, 3; T. Miles (conductor), 4; T. Tutt, 5; J. Crawford, 6; H. Kenten, 7; J. Martin, 8. After service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 47 mins. T. Tutt, 1; A. E. Bassett, 2; A. Gower, 3; J. Easton, 4; J. Crawford, 5; T. Miles (conductor), 6. H. Kenten, 7; J. Martin, 8. And 336 Oxford Bob Triples. A. E. Bassett, 1; J. Beams, 2; A. Gower, 3; T. Miles (conductor), 4; J. Easton, 5; W. Chantler, 6; H. Kenten, 7; J. Martin, 8. On Sunday evening, March 11th, before service, 672 Grandsire Triples in 23 mins. T. Goff (longest touch), 1; A. Gower, 2; J. Crawford, 3; T. Miles (conductor), 4; T. Tutt, 5; A. E. Bassett, 6; H. Kenten, 7; J. Martin, 8. After service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. A. Mann (first quarter-peal), 1; T. Miles (conductor), 2; J. Crawford, 3; A. Gower, 4; T. Tutt (first quarter-peal with a bob bell), 5; A. E. Bassett, 6; H. Kenten, 7; J. Martin, 8.

#### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NORWICH.—On Thursday, February 15th, at St. Peter's Mancroft, on the front eight, 864 Grandsire Major. W. Bales, 1; J. A. Trollop, 2; J. E. Burton, 3; G. P. Burton, 4; E. Francis, 5; A. W. Brighton, 6; G. Houchen, 7; C. E. Borrett, 8. On Monday, February 12th, at the church of St. Michael-at-Coslany, 720 Canterbury Minor. J. A. Trollop, 1; J. E. Burton, 2; G. P. Burton, 3; C. E. Borrett, 4; A. W. Brighton, 5; A. G. Warnes, 6. Tenor 7 cwt. in B. First 720 in the method on tower bells in Norwich. On Friday, February 16th, 720 Canterbury Minor. J. Miles, 1; J. A. Trollop, 2; G. Houchen, 3; F. Houchen, 4; A. W. Brighton, 5; C. E. Borrett (conductor), 6. *Handbell Ringing.*—On Saturday, February 10th, at 75, Barn Road, 864 Canterbury Pleasure Major. A. W. Brighton, 1-2; J. E. Burton, 3-4; G. P. Burton, 5-6; J. A. Trollop (conductor), 7-8. On Wednesday, February 21st, at the house of Mr. E. Francis, 1440 Bob Royal. And on Tuesday, February 22nd, 1800 Bob Royal. J. A. Trollop, 1-2; G. P. Burton, 3-4; J. E. Burton, 5-6; C. E. Borrett, 7-8; E. Francis (composer and conductor), 9-10. The same party attempted a peal (5040 changes) in the same method on Thursday, March 1st, but after ringing two hours it came to grief after ringing 3400 changes. Afterwards a course each of Grandsire Caters and Cinques were rung, in which the umpires, Messrs. G. Houchen and F. W. Muskett, took part.

#### LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—ROSSENDALE BRANCH.

BACUP.—On Monday, January 1st, at Christ Church, 720 Woodbine 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 Tuesday, January 9th, 720 Woodbine (twenty-one bobs), in 27 mins. L. Holt, 1; J. Smith, 2; G. Shottin, 3; J. S. Lomas, 4; J. H. Smith, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. On Sunday, January 14th, 720 Bob Minor (thirty bobs six singles), in 26½ mins. L. Holt, 1; J. Smith, 2; G. Shottin, 3; J. S. Lomas, 4; J. H. Smith, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. On Friday, January 19th, 720 Violet Treble in 26 mins. L. Holt, 1; Z. Lord, 2; J. H. Barnes, 3; J. S. Lomas, 4; E. J. Cockroft, 5; J. H. Smith (conductor), 6. And 720 Oxford Treble (twelve bobs), in 27 mins. L. Holt, 1; G. Shottin, 2; J. H. Barnes, 3; E. J. Cockroft, 4; J. S. Lomas, 5; J. H. Smith (conductor), 6. On Sunday, January 21st, 720 College Single (eighteen bobs two singles), in 27 mins. W. Ormerod, 1; Z. Lord, 2; G. Shottin, 3; J. S. Lomas, 4; W. Smith, 5; J. H. Smith (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, January 23rd, 720 Kent Treble Bob in 26½ mins. R. Hoyle (first 720), 1; J. H. Smith, 2; G. Shottin, 3; J. S. Lomas, 4; E. Schofield, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. Hoyle and Schofield hail from Rochdale. The same night, 720 Woodbine in 26½ mins. E. Schofield, 1; J. H. Smith, 2; G. Shottin, 3; J. S. Lomas, 4; E. J. Cockroft, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method by Schofield. On Sunday, January 28th, 720 Oxford Single (eighteen bobs two singles). L. Holt, 1; J. H. Smith, 2; G. Shottin, 3; J. S. Lomas, 4; Z. Lord, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. And the same evening, 720 Oxford Treble in 26 mins. J.

Smith, 1; J. H. Smith, 2; G. Shottin, 3; J. S. Lomas, 4; Z. Lord, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. On Sunday, February 4th, 720 Kent Treble (fifteen bobs). W. Ormerod, 1; J. Smith, 2; G. Shottin, 3; J. S. Lomas, 4; E. J. Cockroft, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. And 720 Woodbine 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. On Sunday, February 11th, 720 Violet. L. Holt, 1; J. H. Smith, 2; G. Shottin, 3; J. S. Lomas, 4; E. J. Cockroft, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. And 720 Woodbine (twenty-one bobs). L. Holt, 1; J. Smith, 2; G. Shottin, 3; J. S. Lomas, 4; J. H. Smith, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. The same evening, 720 New London Pleasure in 25 mins. W. Ormerod, 1; J. H. Smith, 2; Z. Lord, 3; J. S. Lomas, 4; A. White, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. A. White hails from Waterfoot. On Sunday, February 18th, 720 Woodbine (twenty-one bobs), in 27 mins. L. Holt, 1; J. Smith, 2; J. Armstrong, 3; J. S. Lomas, 4; E. J. Cockroft, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. Armstrong hails from Heptonstall, Yorkshire. On Sunday, February 25th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure (eighteen bobs two singles). Z. Lord, 1; J. Smith (first 720 in the method), 2; G. Shottin, 3; J. H. Smith, 4; E. J. Cockroft, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. On Friday, March 2nd, 720 Primrose Treble 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. First 720 in the method by all the band, and also on the bells. On Sunday, March 4th, 720 Duke of York. L. Holt, 1; Z. Lord, 2; W. Smith, 3; J. S. Lomas, 4; J. H. Smith, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. On Monday, March 5th, 720 Primrose Treble in 27 mins. L. Holt, 1; J. Smith, 2; Z. Lord, 3; J. S. Lomas, 4; E. J. Cockroft, 5; J. H. Smith (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method by Z. Lord and E. J. Cockroft. [We hope our correspondent will not be angry if we say we should be glad to hear from him weekly instead of quarterly—ED.]

ANGMERING (Sussex).—On Monday, January 1st, 720 Plain Bob. E. Parsons, 1; C. Hills, 2; E. Hills, 3; H. Finch, 4; J. Hills, 5; T. Linfield (conductor), 6. On Monday, February 12th, 720 Plain Bob. E. Parsons, 1; T. Linfield, 2; E. Hills, 3; C. Hills, 4; H. Finch, 5; J. Hills (conductor), 6. On Thursday, February 15th, 720 Plain Bob. E. Parsons, 1; H. Finch, 2; T. Linfield, 3; A. Child (first 720), 4; C. Hills, 5; J. Hills (conductor), 6. On Monday, February 26th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. A. Child (first 720 in the method), 1; C. Hills, 2; J. Hills, 3; H. Finch, 4; F. Finch, 5; T. Parsons (conductor), 6. On Sunday, March 5, 720 Kent Treble Bob. J. Hills, 1; F. Finch, 2; H. Finch, 3; C. Hills, 4; T. Linfield, 5; T. Parsons (conductor), 6. And 720 Oxford Treble Bob. A. Child, 1; T. Linfield, 2; F. Finch, 3; J. Hills, 4; T. Parsons, 5; C. Hills (conductor), 6.

BARNET (Herts).—On Monday, March 5th, for practice at the parish church, a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles. A. Chidwick, 1; J. Sumpter, 2; \*J. Matthews (conductor), 3; A. Dolton, 4; F. Blondell, 5; A. Belton, 6. And another 6-score. A. Chidwick, 1; J. Sumpter, 2; J. Matthews, 3; \*F. Blondell (conductor), 4; A. Dolton, 5; A. Belton, 6. \*First 6-scores as conductor.

BOLTON (Lancashire).—On Saturday, March 3rd, at The Saviour's church, the first half of Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples, 2520 changes, in 1 hr. 39 mins. J. Heathcote, 1; J. Calderbank, 2; R. Fiddies (conductor), 3; W. Gorton, 4; W. Grundy, 5; A. E. Wrecks, 6; J. Whitehead, 7; J. Moulding, 8. Tenor 20½ cwt. Rung as a compliment to J. Calderbank, he having obtained his majority on the above day. Great credit is due to R. Fiddies, as he had never conducted more than three courses previously.

ELHAM (Kent).—On Monday, February 26th, 120 Bob Doubles. G. Shepherd, 1; H. Pitcher, 2; E. Smith, 3; C. Richards, 4; A. Castle (conductor), 5; S. Bourne, 6. And two plain courses. W. Smith, 1.

FULHAM (Middlesex).—On Sunday evening, March 4th, for Divine Service at All Saints church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters in 47 mins. A. Ough, 1; G. Woodiss, 2; J. Green, 3; H. N. Davis, 4; J. E. Davis, 5; W. Meaton, 6; W. T. Elson, 7; E. H. Adams, 8; C. Charge (composer and conductor), 9; H. Adams (first quarter-peal), 10.

GOSPEL OAK (Middlesex).—On Thursday, March 1st, for practice at St. Martin's church, 720 Double Court Bob in 25 mins. \*H. Doughty, 1; T. Titchener, 2; \*J. Cawley, 3; \*R. Bevan, 4; \*N. Alderman, 5; \*G. Smith (conductor), 6. \*First 720 in the method.

OSPRINGE (Kent).—On Thursday evening, February 8th, at the parish church, for practice, 720 Bob Minor (fourteen bobs two singles), with 6-8 covering. S. Croucher, 1; W. Willis, 2; \*C. H. Drake (conductor), 3; A. Biggs (first 720), 4; E. Bridges, 5; G. Wood, 6; H. Burling, 7; W. Holdstock, 8. \*First 720 as conductor. On Monday, February 19th, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs two singles). S. Croucher, 1; C. H. Drake, 2; A. Biggs, 3; J. P. D. Barnes, 4; E. Bridges, 5; H. Burling (conductor), 6; W. Holdstock, 8.



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THE DIRECTORS have much pleasure in presenting their Report and Accounts for the year 1893.

The Premiums received during the year were £1,854,370, being an increase of £188,750 over the year 1892.

The claims of the year amounted to £478,564. The number of Deaths was 3,397, and 154 Endowment Assurances matured.

The number of Policies in force at the end of the year was 335,176.

**INDUSTRIAL BRANCH.**—The Premiums received during the year were £3,971,863, being an increase of £122,706.

The Claims of the year amounted to £1,662,768. The number of Deaths was 185,003, and 1,267 Endowment Assurances matured

The number of Free Policies granted during the year to those Policyholders of five years' standing, who have desired to discontinue their payments, was 55,764, the number in force being 338,272. The number of Free Policies which became claims during the year was 6,424.

The total number of Policies in force at the end of the year was 10,476,303: their average duration is seven and a quarter years.

The Assets of the Company, in both branches, as shown in the Balance Sheet, are £18,538,865, being an increase of £2,229,213 over those of 1892.

The system of annual distribution of profits begun last year, having given satisfaction alike to Policyholders and Shareholders, the Directors have decided to continue it, and a complete valuation for the past year has been made.

For this valuation the same mortality Tables and rate of interest have been used as in previous years—namely, in the Ordinary Branch, the Institute of Actuaries (Hm.) Table of Mortality for the life risks, and Mr. Finlaison's Government Annuity Table 1884 for the annuities, and in the Industrial Branch, Dr. Farr's English Life Table No. 3. The net premiums only have been valued in both branches, the rate of interest in each case being 3 per cent.

The results of the valuation is are follows :—

In the ORDINARY BRANCH a surplus is shown of £442,930. This includes the sum of £70,000 brought forward last year, which it is now intended to increase to £100,000.

In the INDUSTRIAL BRANCH the surplus shown is £500,944, including the sum of £200,000 brought forward last year, which it is

now intended to increase to £360,000.

The total surplus of the two Branches as shown by the valuation is thus £943,874, and, after carrying forward the sums of £100,000 and 360,000 before mentioned, £483,874 is left for distribution among the participating Policyholders and Shareholders, in accordance with the Regulations of the Company under its special Act of Parliament. In carrying forward so large a balance the Directors have adopted the same principles by which they were guided last year, but they anticipate that when the system of an annual valuation has had a longer trial it may be possible to modify this course.

The processes and results of the valuation, which has been carried out by the Actuary, Mr. F. Schooling, have been submitted to Mr. A. H. Bailey, whose report is as follows:—

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"The results of the valuation of the liabilities of your Company on the 31st December, 1893, have been submitted to and examined by me.

"The basis upon which the valuations have been made, and the methods

"adopted in the process, are the same as upon the last occasion, and have my entire approval. And your resolution to retain a portion of the surplus

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"Company's liabilities."

The Balance Sheet has been submitted to Messrs. Deloitte, Dever, Griffiths and Co., whose Certificate is appended to the accounts.

*Extract from the Report of Mr. F. Schooling, the Actuary to the Company.*

**ORDINARY BRANCH.**—The number of Life Policies in force at 31st December, 1893, was 335,176, assuring with bonus, £37,672,474, and producing a premium income of £1,806,758 per annum.

After providing for all liabilities, there remains a surplus of £442,930, which includes the sum of £70,000 brought forward from last year.

**INDUSTRIAL BRANCH.**—The number of Policies in existence at 31st December last was 10,476,393, including 338,272 Free or Paid-up Policies, and the amount assured, £101,820,883. The weekly premiums receivable in respect of these Policies amounted to £80,094 per week, or £4,164,888 per annum.

After providing for all liabilities there remains a surplus of £500,944, which includes the sum of £200,000 brought forward from last year.

Over £1,200,000 is reserved in respect of Free Policies granted in lieu of discontinued assurances, and to provide for the increase in the sums assured given to Industrial Policyholders.

LIABILITIES.					£	s.	d.
Shareholders' Capital	..	..	..	..	600,000	0	0
Ordinary Branch Funds	..	..	..	..	8,002,142	3	6
Industrial Branch Fund	..	..	..	..	9,898,397	16	5
Claims under Life Policies admitted	..	..	..	..	38,325	10	6

**ASSETS.**

	ASSETS.	£	s.	d.
British Government Securities (Consols) ..		2,046,458	9	9
Railway and other Debentures and Debenture Stock .. .. .		2,065,873	7	10
Loans, County Council, Municipal and other Rates .. .. .		4,744,556	11	3
Freehold Ground Rents and Scotch Feu Duties		2,399,803	18	5
Mortgages .. .. .		2,342,110	17	3
Metropolitan Consolidated Stock, and City of London Bonds .. .. .		355,545	13	0
Bank of England Stock .. .. .		167,337	0	1
Freehold and Leasehold Property .. .. .		1,043,759	6	4
Indian and Colonial Government Securities ..		915,660	10	5
Reversions .. .. .		189,155	4	10
Railway and other Shares .. .. .		1,136,512	8	9
Loans on the Company's Policies .. .. .		228,357	15	5
Rent Charges .. .. .		64,514	1	0
Loans upon Personal Security .. .. .		711	5	0
Outstanding Premiums .. .. .		307,418	3	10
Cash in hands of Superintendents and Agents' Balances .. .. .		48,583	11	7
Outstanding Interest and Rents .. .. .		166,842	10	2
Cash—On deposit, on current accounts, and in hand .. .. .		315,664	15	6

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We have examined the Cash transactions, Receipts and Payments, affecting the Accounts of the Assets and Investments for the year ended December 31st, 1893, and we find the same in good order and properly vouched. We have also examined the Deeds and Securities, Certificates, etc., representing the Assets and Investments set out in the above Account, and we certify that they were in possession and safe custody as on December 31st, 1893.

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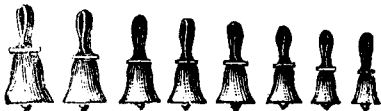
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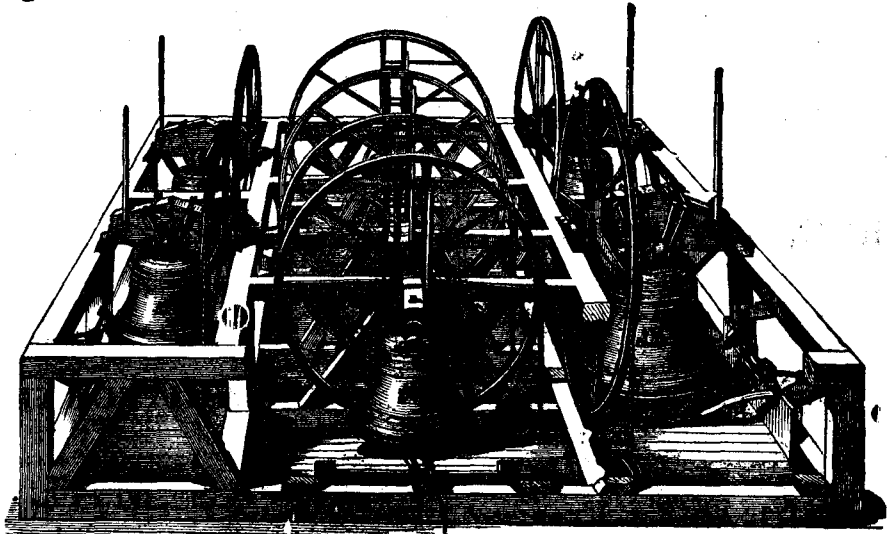
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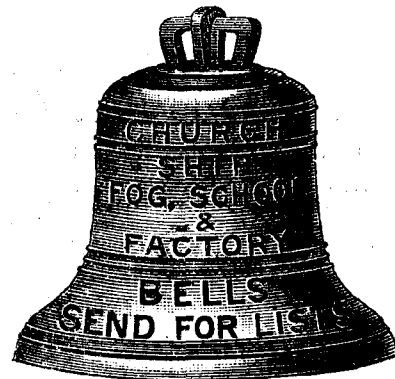
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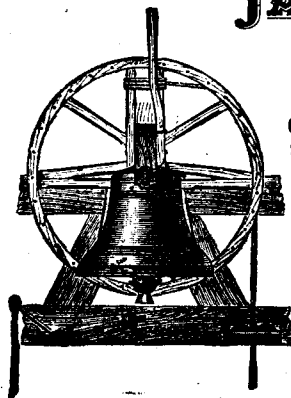
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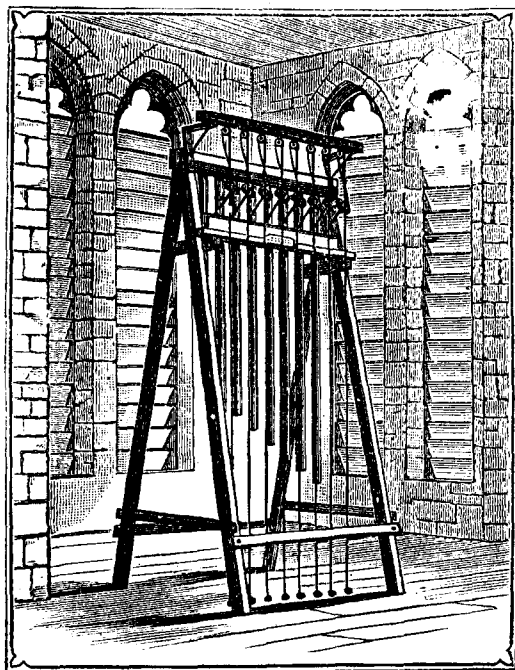
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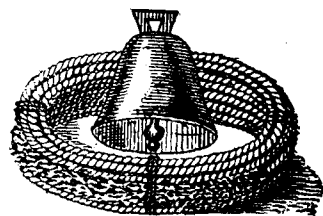
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## MR. HENRY A. HOPKINS, OF LONDON.

[Vide Portrait.]

Mr. Henry A. Hopkins, the subject of this memoir, was born in the parish of St. Andrew, Holborn, on September 5th, 1852, consequently he is in his 42nd year. From boyhood he always had a great fancy for bells and bellringing, and it was in the tower of the above church, in the spring of 1865, that he first learned to pull a bell, under the tuition of Mr. Joseph Cattle, jun. In the belfry of this church he was always to be found on a Sunday eager and willing to chime for the services.

His first experience of ringing rounds took place at the church of St. Sepulchre, Snow Hill (now greatly improved by the Holborn Viaduct) where with some difficulty he and his tutor managed to get a band together once a fortnight to practice call-changes on the back eight. This was hard work, as the bells at that time went very bad, having thick ropes with sallies quite eight feet long. These drawbacks, combined with a very long draught, made ringing at St. Sepulchre's anything but a easy job. After grinding at call-changes for some time our young friend sought another field of operation.

On September 9th, 1869, he joined the Waterloo Society, which had been established about a year or so before. Here he made the acquaintance of Mr. William Baron, to whom he is greatly indebted for his early instruction in half-pull ringing. At St. John's, Waterloo Road, the headquarters of the above Society, he (Mr. Baron) was always to be found on practice-nights willing to give instruction to any young beginners.

Mr. Hopkins joined the Royal Cumberland Youths in January, 1871, and on the 14th of that month rang his first peal of Grandsire Triples on the grand peal of eight at St. Andrew's, Holborn, conducted by the late William Green, a ringer well-known to Londoners of a former generation.

On March 27th, 1871, he joined the St. James's Society, and rang his second peal at St. James', Clerkenwell, on the occasion of the 50th birthday of Mr. J. R. Haworth, who conducted the peal (Holt's ten-part).

Mr. Hopkins' first peal of Stedman, which was Caters, was rang at the church of St. Clement Danes, Strand, on March 16, 1872. This was conducted by the celebrated John Cox, of London. On December 4th, 1875, he rang his first peal of Kent Treble Bob Major at St. Margaret's, Westminster, conducted by Mr. George Newson.

Having got fairly initiated into the three standard methods he never lost the opportunity of assisting in a peal when invited, no matter where or at whatever distance.

On Easter Monday, 1876, the Royal Cumberland Youths made an attempt for the long peal of Stedman Cinques at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, in which our friend took part, but this unfortunately had to be brought round half-way when 5278 changes had been rung in 4 hrs., owing to the bad going of the 11th and tenor. This performance was listened to very attentively by the late Henry W. Haley, who afterwards complimented the band on the excellent striking.

In September, 1872 our friend became acquainted with Mr. Henry S. Thomas, of Battersea—whose kind and genial ways are so well known to all those who have rung in the pretty little tower of St. Mary's, and who has been instrumental in arranging many successful outings at Birchington, Isle of Thanet, Kent, and elsewhere, accounts of which have appeared in these columns. Mr. Hopkins has taken part in nearly all the peals rung in the Waterloo Tower, Qæx Park, since June 1st, 1884, including the first peals of Stedman Cinques and Treble Bob Maximus on the bells. He assisted in the two unsuccessful attempts for long peals at All Saints', Fulham, on Boxing-day,

December 26th, 1877, when 11,412 changes of Grandsire Caters was rung in 7 hrs. 35 mins., and on Easter Monday, April 14th, 1884, when 10,000 of Stedman Caters was rung in 6 hrs. 33 mins., both of which peals were not completed. He is a good all-round ringer, both on hand and tower bells, evidence of the latter will be seen by the fact that he has (with the exception of the treble and 7th) rang every bell in a twelve-bell peal either of Cinques or Maximus.

At St. Mary's tower, Battersea, in November last, he was (on the occasion of his marriage to Miss Rosana Gardner, of Grove Cottage, Birchington, Kent) presented with a handsome marble clock, subscribed for by ringers far and near, showing the esteem in which he is held by his numerous friends. Our readers will join us in the hope that Mr. and Mrs. Hopkins may live long to enjoy a realisation of the good wishes expressed on that occasion.

If the possession of equanimity of temper and courteous bearing is a faculty worth having, the subject of this memoir may be deemed rich in such attributes. For many years he has been very well known to the London section of the Exercise, young and old, and no one worth the least consideration would, we think, venture to impugn the statement that Henry Hopkins is a most popular and esteemed member of it. He is a remarkably safe and painstaking ringer, and one always to be depended on in a peal.

Mr. Hopkins is a member of the following Societies: The Royal Cumberland Youths, St. James' Society, London, The Waterloo Society, the Surrey Association, the Midland Counties' Association, the Yorkshire Association, the Essex Association, the Norwich Diocesan Association, the Sussex County Association, the Norwich Scholars, and the St. Martin's Society, Birmingham.

The following is a list of peals he has taken part in, and in what method rung. All these he has entered in a very handsome private peal-book, a welcome and happy souvenir of his ringing experiences:—

Grandsire Triples ... ..	62	Conducted 2
„ „ on handbells	1	
„ Caters ... ..	20	
„ Cinques ... ..	2	
Stedman Triples ... ..	3	
„ Caters ... ..	14	
„ Cinques ... ..	13	
Kent Treble Bob Major ...	29	
„ „ „ Royal ... ..	12	
„ „ „ Maximus ... ..	3	
Double Norwich Major ...	13	
Cambridge Surprise ... ..	1	
Total ... ..	173	

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ROCHESTER DISTRICT.—A meeting of this district was held at Rainham, on Saturday, March 10th. The attendance was good and the ringing shewed that considerable progress had been made by the Rainham band and others who have recently joined the Association, a result mainly due to the instruction given by Messrs. Lindoff, Haigh, and Ransom. Twenty-one new members were elected from Sittingbourne, Borden, Rainham, and Gillingham, and the new band at Rodmersham. Several probationers were passed to full membership. The post of District Secretary was not filled up. It was decided to hold the next district meeting at Milton-next-Gravesend, on Saturday, June 9th. A visit was afterwards paid to Hartlip, where there is a handy little ring of six, which will very shortly be in union with the Association.



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## THE HEAVY WOOLLEN DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

The last monthly meeting of the above took place at Sandal, a village noted for its beautiful ring of bells, which was kept swinging till a late hour. The meeting for business was held at the Castle inn, members being present from Dewsbury, Batley, Birstal, Batley Carr, Horbury, Ossett, Earlsheaton, Thornhill, and Mirfield, and was presided over by Mr. J. Peacock, President. After the minutes and correspondence had been read by the Secretary, a lively discussion took place as to whether the cup on view at the meeting should stand for an eight or six bell cup, when it was unanimously agreed to put it up for competition upon eight bells, and purchase the other in the course of a few weeks. Kirkbirtton was the first drawn from the ballot, and it was ultimately agreed to hold the first contest on Saturday, May 12th, of which further notice will appear in "THE BELL NEWS." Several new members were made, including the Vicar of Dewsbury, and other noted gentlemen of that district, for which the Dewsbury company handed in to the meeting £2.

It was proposed that a committee meeting be held at the headquarters on Saturday, March 31st. The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Vicar and the ringers for the use of the bells.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

MANCHESTER BRANCH.—The usual monthly meeting was held at Christ Church, Pendlebury, on Saturday, March 10th, when members attended from Manchester, Worsley, Flixton, Pendleton, and Swinton, beside the local company, altogether numbering thirty-eight. The local band had just completed a well-struck quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, a few minutes after 4 p.m., when the visitors began to arrive, when other touches were rang in the same method, followed by Kent Treble Bob Major, Stedman Triples, and Double Norwich Court Bob Major, the latter deserving special comment, the striking being excellent. At the business meeting, the president, the Rev. H. J. Elsee presiding, it was decided to hold the next meeting at St. John's Church, Deansgate, Manchester, on Saturday, April 7th. Six names were then given in, as an addition to our list of performing members, all being accepted. One of the new members is, I am glad to say, the Rev. H. Drake, of Bedford Leigh. We want more of these clergymen ringers amongst us than we have, they make capital ringers when fortunate enough to fall in with a good band for a short course of training. Votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar and wardens for the use of the bells, and to the local company for having all in readiness, and likewise to our worthy president for occupying the chair. W.B.

## ATTEMPT FOR A LONG PEAL AT PRESTWOLD, LEICESTERSHIRE.

On Saturday, March 17th, the long peal of Treble Bob was attempted, but a change-course occurred after ringing 10,400 changes in six hours. John Howe (Derby), 1; John Buttery (Leicester), 2; A. Millis (Leicester), 3; William Willson (Leicester), 4; W. H. Inglesant (Loughboro'), 5; E. A. Robinson (Nottingham), 6; S. Smith (Loughboro'), 7; J. W. Taylor, Jun. (conductor) 8. This length is the longest ever rung in the county of Leicester, or by the Midland Counties' Association. The peal will be attempted again on Saturday, April 7th.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The Vicar of Holm Lacy has kindly given permission to Guild ringers and their friends to ring on Easter Monday. There will be eight and six-bell ringing during the day. Visitors welcome. Those intending to be present will oblige by sending word to W. H. Fussell, Barroll House, Hereford, not later than Good Friday. Plain refreshment will be provided in the evening, and ringing at Fownhope (six bells one mile distant) arranged.

ROYAL CUMBERLAND SOCIETY.—NOTICE OF LONG PEALS.—On Saturday next, March 24th, all being well, a long peal of Stedman Caters will be attempted at St. Clement Danes, Strand. Also on Easter Monday, March 26th, eight members of the above society will attempt a long peal of Double Norwich, 13,440 changes, at St. Thomas the Martyr, Brentwood, Essex. Start at 8 a.m.

## Correspondence.

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

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

## PRIORITY OF CLAIMS.

SIR,—In reply to your correspondent, Mr. Lindeff, I beg to say that I appended my name to the composition in question because, after I had given evidence in these columns that I composed the peal some time before his publication of it, he advanced no claim to having obtained it at an anterior period. If such proof is forthcoming I shall willingly withdraw my name. Otherwise, as he undoubtedly also composed the peal, let him affix his name when he rings it, as I shall if I happen again to conduct the same composition.

My object, however, in trespassing on your space is not to discuss a personal matter of trivial interest, but to point out the absurdity of your correspondent's contention that there is an old established rule that he who first publishes the figures of a composition is entitled to the authorship. It is quite true that this method of deciding opposing claims has been not seldom quoted, but nothing can be more ridiculous than to suppose that such an unjust test is adopted by the Exercise generally.

To shew the *reductio ad absurdum* to which so arbitrary a mode of arguing would lead let me give a few examples. I have in my hands a considerable number of peals by the late Mr. Henry Johnson, which have been neither rung nor published, the figures of many of them having probably never even been copied out of his manuscript books. Is any reasonable person going to assert that a modern composer could establish a claim to a single one of these? Again, unless I am much mistaken, eminent composers such as Mr. C. H. Hattersley and Mr. N. J. Pitstow have often enough obtained peals, which have been rung under their conductorship or that of others, of which the figures have never been published, though doubtless accessible if wanted. Are gentlemen like these to be told that unless they have had their compositions printed they can lay no claim to them if subsequently published by others?

It is mere waste of time to continue a list of the various conditions under which the above test would work unfairly. The fact is that the question is one that must be settled by the evidence available in each case; and for any section of ringers, nay, even for the whole of them, to assume the right arbitrarily to override the common laws of justice by any formula is simply to court derision.

Sherborne, Dorset, March 18.

A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD.

SIR,—Seeing a peal of Bob Triples in your issue of March 10th by F. E. W. Meadows, I beg to say it was first published by me in your valuable paper on July 7th, 1888.

JOHN CARTER.

Forward Villa, Park Road, Aston, Birmingham.

## FALSE COMPOSITIONS.

SIR,—The date touch published by P. BRICKELL of Northenden, Cheshire, in last week's "BELL NEWS" is false, the change at backstroke 765423 at the second treble lead, repeats at backstroke in the eighteenth treble lead in fourth part.

C. SMART.

Church Street, Steyning.

SIR,—The peal of Grandsire Caters by Mr Andrews of Wakefield, published in your valuable journal of the 3rd March, is false. You may, perhaps, prevent this composition being rung by publishing such fact at your earliest.

H. N. DAVIS.

419, Old Kent Road, Camberwell.

## AN OLD COMPOSITION.

SIR,—The quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples by Harry Franks, London, published in "THE BELL NEWS" of the 17th instant is in Troyte's book, and was called at Oswestry parish church on the 12th instant.

G. WHITFIELD.

[Several other letters on the same subject have reached us.—Ed.]

## THE BURTON VARIATION OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE.

SIR,—I find that the Burton variation of Cambridge Surprise claimed by Mr. A. P. Heywood, was arranged by the late Mr. B. Thackrah (see Thackrah's work on change-ringing, 1852, page 116). It was rung in the form of a 6720 at Huddersfield, on February 18th, 1822, composed and conducted by Mr. Thackrah; therefore the above title falls through. In future the variation should be accredited to Yorkshire as the Yorkshire variation.

S. THOMAS.

57, Sellers Street, Sheffield.

## ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, BIDDENDEN, KENT.

This church is a large handsome building in the latter English style, and consists of nave, three chancels, side aisles, an embattled tower, and a turret, with a clock, and eight bells with the following inscriptions:

*Treble*.—"John Mather, Rector, Richd. Beale and James Freeman, Church Wardens, 1784. Robt. Patrick, of London, Founder."

No. 2.—The First and Second Bells: Subscribed for Anno Domini, 1784."

No. 3.—"Here you may see: The Youth bought me: J. J. R D: Ch. W. R. P. Fecit 1712."

No. 4.—"Petris 1599. R A. O (coin) Robertus Mot Fecit."

No. 5.—"Benjn Behen. Ch. Warden 1763. Lester and Pack of London Fecit."

No. 6.—"Revd Edwd Nares, Rector. Wm. Cole and Jno. Dean, Church Wardens, Recast 1812. T. Mears of London Fecit."

No. 7.—"Benj Beken and Chas. Day, Ch Wardens, 1759. Lester and Pack of London Fecit. John Mather, Rector."

*Tenor*.—John Jennings: Robert Dibby, Church Wardens. Richard Phelps Fecit 1712. (5½ in Diameter 26 cwt. in E flat.)"

The cannons of the 1st, 3rd, 5th, and 6th bells are broken, some, I believe, right off, and are bolted to the stock, having holes drilled through the crown of the bells, and the broken cannons still remaining, and are therefore getting in a very loose condition.

The Leeds Youths rang a peal of New Oxford Treble Bob on these bells, on Saturday, March 26th, 1785, containing 5376 changes, in 3 hours and 35 minutes, containing all the course-ends of the 40,320, and most likely the first peal on the bells. William Tilly, Treble; William Davis, 2; Thomas Lacy, 3; Thomas Sweetlove, 4; William Cook, 5; Thomas Austin, 6; James Barham, 7; George Tilly, Tenor. The following is on a great tablet in the belfry:—

On Thursday, 30th November, 1786, was rung by the Society of Biddenden Youths, 5040 changes of Bob Major in 3 hrs. and 14 minutes. John Dean, treble; Thomas Dean, 2; Thomas Dean, 3; Richard Pullen, 4; Robert Pullen, 5; Robert Honess, 6; James Honess, 7; Stephen Smith, tenor.

On Wednesday, the 27th December, 1786, was rung by the Society of Biddenden Youths, 5040 changes of Bob Major in 3 hrs. and 15 mins. John Dean, treble; Richard Pullen, 2; Thomas Couchman, 3; Thomas Munn, 4; Robert Pullen, 5; John Mills, 6; Thomas Dean, 7; Stephen Smith, tenor.

On Monday, the 9th, April 1787, was rung by the Society of Biddenden Youths, 6720 changes of Bob Major in 4 hrs. and 26 mins. John Dean, treble; Thomas Dean, 2; Thomas Dean, 3; Richard Pullen, 4; Robert Pullen, 5; Robert Honess, 6; Thomas Austin, 7; Stephen Smith, tenor.

On Wednesday, the 6th December, 1787, was rung by the Society of Biddenden Youths 5376 changes of Kentish Treble Bob in 3 hours 36 minutes. John Dean, treble; Thomas Dean, 2; Thomas Dean, 3; Richard Pullen, 4; Robert Pullen, 5; Robert Honess, 6; John Stone, 7; Stephen Smith, tenor.

These peals were most likely conducted by Stephen Smith, as his name appears in larger print than the rest.

Biddenden bells hang in a curious frame, a piece being spliced on at two sides of the frame which join up close to the louvres of the treble and 3rd bells. The 4th bell has a fine Old English inscription. This peal much wants re-hanging and quarter-turning, but it would be a great pity to break the cannons off the splendid tenor, which is one of the most beautiful in existence, being called by many the cream of Kent. The 7th bell lies in a half-way up position, having one gudgeon broken off some two years ago.

P. H.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—Richard Hill, steeple-keeper of Christ Church, Southport, has removed to 110, Duke Street, Southport, to whom all applications for the use of the bells must be made.

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**A DIAGRAM OF A SYSTEM OF PEALS OF UNION TRIPLES**; In imitation of Shipway's peal, with the bobbing of one hundred peals of the system, and directions for getting from the Diagram the bobbing of fifteen hundred more peals of the system.—By W. H. THOMPSON, Member of the Ancient Society of College Youths.

CAMBRIDGE: Macmillan and Bowes.

## HARMONDSWORTH, MIDDLESEX.

On Saturday, February 3rd, five members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, assisted by three friends from Hillingdon, visited the little village of Harmondsworth, by the kind invitation of the Rev. J. C. Taylor, Vicar of St. Mary's, and his ringers. Proceedings commenced with several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. The visitors were then invited into the schoolroom, where a substantial tea had been thoughtfully provided by the Vicar, to which about eighteen sat down, including most of the local ringers. After justice had been done to the good things provided, and the ringers had had a friendly chat, Mr. J. J. Parker, of Farnham Royal, in a few well-chosen words, thanked the Vicar for his kind invitation and hospitality. The visitors then returned to the tower and rang a 720 of Bob Minor (the first on the bells), in 23 mins. J. Pratt (Hillingdon), 1; J. Basden (Hanwell), 2; J. J. Parker (Farnham Royal), 3; G. Stanbrook (Windsor), 4; A. H. Taber (Ealing), 5; R. Flaxman (Slough), 6. This was followed by a 720 of Oxford Bob, in which H. Wilkinson rang the treble, a 720 of Canterbury Pleasure, in which W. Grimes, of Uxbridge, rang the treble, and three 6-scores of Stedman Doubles, in which J. Bloundell, of Harmondsworth, rang the tenor. The ringers were under the conductorship of Mr. J. J. Parker, and a most enjoyable evening was spent by all.

## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The first meeting of the Second Council will be held on Easter Tuesday, March 27th, 1894, at the "Inns of Court" hotel, Holborn (Lincoln's Inn Fields entrance), at one o'clock punctually. Dinner will be provided at 2s. 6d. each immediately after the meeting. Such towers as may be open for ringing during the evening will be announced at the dinner.

The Standing Committee will meet at the same place at 11 a.m. Members of this Committee are earnestly requested to attend.

## AGENDA.

1.—To elect a President and Hon. Secretary to serve for three years, in accordance with Rule vii.

## NOMINATIONS:—

For the office of President: A. P. HEYWOOD.

For the office of Hon. Secretary: REV. H. EARLE BULWER.

2.—To elect Hon. members to replace those retiring after this Meeting, in accordance with Rules ii. and iv.

3.—To receive the Report of the Committee appointed to negotiate with the authorities of the Church Congress.

4.—To receive the Report on the preparation of a Bibliography.

5.—To receive and consider the Report of the Committee on Calls and Classification of compositions.

6.—To receive the Report of the Committee on Railway Fares.

7.—To consider the following motions:—

(1) That a Committee be appointed to consider the propriety of establishing a Benevolent Fund for the benefit of veteran ringers in poor circumstances, and, if deemed advisable, to report upon the best means of carrying such a scheme into effect.

(2) That a Committee be appointed to revise the technical terms used in connection with the Art of Ringing, to suggest such corrections as may seem desirable, and to prepare a Glossary for the use of learners.

(3) That an addition be made to the definition of a peal

on six bells allowing of fourteen 36cs, or any greater number of true portions of true Minor Methods, no two being the same, each portion to exceed a plain course, and the whole to reach a total of 5000 changes, or more.

(4) That no peal rung upon handbells shall be considered worthy of record, unless vouched for by a competent umpire present throughout the performance.

(5) That with a view to thorough ventilation of current questions and such subjects as are likely to be brought before the Council, it is desirable that (a) some special channel should be provided for the interchange of opinions by the Members of the Council between one meeting and another; and that (b) to that end the Editor of "THE BELL NEWS" be requested by the Council kindly to grant the privilege of a column set apart solely for the correspondence of Members of Council. No letters to be published except above the actual name of the writer, to which must be annexed the name of the Society he represents. The President and Hon. Secretary to be empowered to regulate correspondence, if found necessary.

#### MOTIONS AFFECTING THE PROCEDURE OF THE COUNCIL.

(6) To add the following clause to Rule viii. "At the Annual meeting next after a Triennial Election, members of any Committee who have not been re-elected to the Council shall (when such a Committee has a Report to present), have the right to attend and vote upon any motion arising exclusively out of that Report."

(7) To extend Rule xi. so as to provide "that a member of any one Association, in the absence of his fellow Representatives, whose proxies on a given question or questions are produced in writing, may record their votes."

The following notices not having been given in conformity with the first clause of Rule ix., matters to which they refer can only be brought forward by leave of the Meeting:—

(1) To move "that owing to the very unsatisfactory manner in which members are now permitted to be elected by the majority of Associations, it is desirable that the election of members for the future be only carried out at some recognised annual, general, district, or committee meeting, duly called by such Association."

(2) To call attention to the fact "that Associations affiliated to the Central Council continue to send for publication as complete peals, performances such as do not come within the definition of a peal as adopted by the Council; also that other affiliated Associations ignore various other resolutions adopted by the Council for the better regulation of ringing matters."

#### THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

COMPLETE LIST OF SOCIETIES REPRESENTED, WITH NUMBERS OF MEMBERS SO FAR AS KNOWN, AND NAMES OF REPRESENTATIVES.

SOCIETY.	MEMBERS.	REPRESENTATIVES.
Ancient Society of College Youths ..	3,848 ..	F. E. Dawe. W. D. Smith. C. F. Winny. W. T. Cockerill.
Royal Cumberland Youths .. .. .	600 ..	G. Newson. H. Dains. B. Foskett. A. Jacob.
S. James' Society .. .. .	450 ..	E. E. Richards. W. H. L. Buckingham
Bath and Wells Diocesan Association (?) ..		Rev. C. W. Griffith. Rev. J. U. Todd.
Bedfordshire Association .. .. .	129 ..	Rev. W. W. C. Baker.
Birmingham and District Amal. Soc.	107 ..	J. Carter.
Chester Diocesan Guild .. .. .	470 ..	W. Walmsley. H. A. Heywood.

Devonshire Guild .. .. .	235 ..	Col. Troyte. Rev. W. S. Willett.
Durham and Newcastle Diocesan As.	334 ..	R. S. Story. F. Lees.
Essex Association .. .. .	495 ..	Rev. T. L. Papillon. F. G. Newman. N. J. Pitstow. W. Nevard.
Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Assn.	454 ..	Rev. F. A. Cockey. E. B. James. G. H. Phillott.
Hereford Diocesan Guild .. .. .	291 ..	J. J. Bratton. J. G. Wall.
Herts. County Association .. .. .	120 ..	E. P. Debenham.
Kent County Association .. .. .	740 ..	Rev. E. W. Carpenter. W. Bedwell. A. Palmer. Rev. F. J. O. Helmore.
Lancashire Association .. .. .	762 ..	Rev. H. J. Elsee.
Leeds and District Amal. Society ..	110 ..	T. Lockwood.
Lincolnshire (North) Association ..	269 ..	F. F. Linley. N. E. Snow.
S. Martin's Guild .. .. .	109 ..	H. Bastable.
Middlesex Association .. .. .	100 ..	G. B. Lucas.
Midland Counties' Association .. ..	516 ..	A. P. Heywood. J. W. Taylor. Joseph Griffin. S. Cooper.
Norwich Diocesan Association .. ..	856 ..	W. L. Catchpole. Rev. J. H. Pilkington. R. H. Brundle. Rev. H. E. Bulwer.
Oxford Diocesan Guild .. .. .	1103 ..	Rev. F. E. Robinson. A. H. Cocks. Rev. G. F. Coleridge. J. W. Washbrook.
Salisbury Diocesan Guild .. .. .	324 ..	Rev. A. D. Hill. T. Blackburn.
Stafford Archdeaconry Society .. ..	200 ..	S. Reeves.
Surrey Association .. .. .	241 ..	A. B. Carpenter. E. F. Strange.
Sussex Association .. .. .	520 ..	Rev. C. D. P. Davies. G. F. Attree. J. Parker. A. E. Nye.
United Counties' Association .. ..	183 ..	J. Holden.
Winchester Diocesan Guild .. .. .	521 ..	F. W. J. Rees. G. H. Barnett. G. Williams. H. White.
Worcestershire and District Asso. ..	200 ..	J. S. Pritchett. R. E. Grove.
Yorkshire Association .. .. .	805 ..	W. Snowdon. W. H. Howard. C. H. Hattersley. B. T. Copley.

#### HONORARY MEMBERS.

(To retire this year.)

Rev. Dr. Raven, W. Wakley, J. Pettit, Rev. W. Wigram, Rev. Pitt Eykyn, J. C. Mitchell, H. S. Thomas, C. Hounslow and W. T. Pates,

(To retire next year.)

W. H. Thompson, Rev. A. H. Boughey, Capt. Acland.

No. of Societies represented, 30. Total number of Members, 14,963.

No. of Representatives, 72. No. of Hon. Members, 12. Total, 84.

No. of Vacant Seats, 12.

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## Notices.

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

**Kent County Association.**—Re-opening of the Bells of St. Mary's, Lewisham.—The Dedication Service will be held on Easter Eve, Saturday, March 24th, by the Right Rev. the Bishop of Southwark. Service to commence at 3 o'clock p.m., after which the bells will be open for ringing till 9 p.m. W. BEDWELL.  
*Grace Villa, Albacore Crescent, Lewisham, S.E.*

**The East Derbyshire Association.**—The annual meeting will be held at Clay Cross, on Easter Monday, March 19th. Tower open for ringing from 10 a.m. A service will be held in St. Bartholomew's church at 4.30 p.m. Tea on the tables at 5.0 p.m.  
JNO. J. COOK, *Secretary.*

**The Worcestershire and Districts Association.**—The annual meeting of this Association will take place at Worcester, on Easter Monday, March 26th. A special service will be held in St. Andrew's church at 12.15 prompt, to which all members are earnestly invited. The meeting will follow at 2 p.m. prompt in the Chapter House, Worcester Cathedral at which the Rev. Canon Knox Little will preside. The tower and bells at the Cathedral, will be at the disposal of the members from 5 p.m. The towers of St. Helen's (eight bells), and St. John's (six bells), will be at the disposal of the members the whole of the day. All outstanding contributions should be paid at this meeting.  
JOHN SMITH, *Hon. Sec.*  
36, Simms Lane, Netherton, Dudley.

**Midland Counties' Association.**—The annual meeting will be held at Burton-on-Trent on Easter Monday, March 26th, when the following towers will be open for ringing from 11.30 a.m.: St. Paul's, 8 bells; St. Modwen's, 8 bells; Horninglow, 6 bells; Winshall, 6 bells. The parish room, St. Paul's Institute, will be open all day, and visitors may here obtain any further particulars. Committee meeting at 4.15 p.m. Tea, followed by general meeting at 5 p.m., both at St. Margaret's Schools. Through the kindness of Messrs. Bass and Co., members will have an opportunity of visiting their celebrated breweries, and of being conveyed through the works by their engine and carriages. Ringers wishing to avail themselves of this privilege, are requested to meet at St. Paul's Institute at 12.15 p.m. JOHN O. LANCASHIRE, *Hon. Sec.*  
22, St. Peter's Road, Leicester.

**Norwich Diocesan Association.**—Saxmundham District.—Notice.—The sixteenth quarterly district meeting will be held at Leiston, on Easter Monday. The tower will be open for ringing all day. Business meeting at 4.30 p.m. in the schoolroom. The Rector will preside. All members and ringing friends cordially welcome.  
WILLIAM TAYLOR, *Hon. District Sec.*  
Leiston.

**The Surrey Association.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Sutton and Cheam, on Easter Monday. By kind permission of the respective Clergy the towers of Cheam (6 bells) and Benhilton (8 bells) will be open for ringing, the former at 2 p.m., and the latter at 4 p.m. Tea at the Shaftesbury Coffee Tavern at 6 p.m. R. B. BLANCHARD, *Hon. Sec.*  
13, Sunnyhill Road, Streatham, S.W.

**The Bedfordshire Association.**—The annual meeting will be held at Bedford on Easter Monday. Special service and sermon at St. Paul's church at 3 o'clock. Preacher, the Rev. H. Law James. Tea at All Hallows' Mission Room at 4 o'clock.  
W. W. C. BAKER, *Hon. Sec.*  
Milton Bryant Rectory, Woburn.

**The Old East Derbyshire Association.**—The annual meeting will be held at Staveley on Easter Monday, March 26th. Service in the parish church at one o'clock; address by the President, the Rev. H. E. Ferry. Dinner will be provided at the Elm Tree inn at 2 o'clock. Peal of eight bells open for ringing during the day. Staveley town station close to church. Business meeting at 3.30. Election of officers, etc. E. JAMES, *Hon. Sec.*  
18, The Dale, Woodseats, near Sheffield.

**The Hertfordshire Association.**—The Annual Meeting will be held at St. Albans on Easter Monday, when the Cathedral and St. Peter's towers will be open for ringing from 10 to 12.30, and after 3.30. Special service in the Lady Chapel of the Cathedral at 12.45, with an address by the Archdeacon of St. Albans, and it is particularly requested that the members and ringing friends who may visit St. Albans will make a point of attending it. Dinner will be served at the Coffee Tavern, French Row, at 1.30; cost to members, 1s. 9d. each; business meeting to follow for election of officers and general business.  
E. P. DEBENHAM, *Hon. Sec.*  
St. Albans, 13th March, 1894.

**North Notts. Association.**—The quarterly meeting will be held at Worsop (and not at Everton, as proposed at the last meeting) on Easter Monday, March 26th, 1894. Tower open (by permission of the Vicar) at 2 p.m. Tea at Town Hall, price one shilling per head, at 4 p.m. HENRY T. SLODDEN, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Ely District Association.**—Next Meeting will be held on Monday, March 26th, at Swavesey and Over. Dinner at 2.0 p.m.  
EDWARD J. TEESDALE, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Essex Association.**—A district meeting of the above will be held at Sudbury, Suffolk, on Saturday, March 31st. A brake will start from the Green Dragon at 1 p.m. for Foxearth and Walter Belchamp. Tea will be provided the Green Dragon at 5 p.m., to be followed by a business meeting. Members intending to be present must signify the same to me not later than Easter Monday, and the station they intend to proceed from.  
HENRY T. W. EYRE, *Assistant Secretary.*  
Great Totham Vicarage, Witham.

**Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.**—Preliminary Notice.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Minehead on the Saturday in Easter week, March 31st. Service at 4 p.m. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m.  
CLEMENT W. H. GRIFFITH, *Master.*  
Bath.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Rossendale Branch.—Notice.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Newchurch, on Saturday, March 31st. Bells ready at 3 o'clock, meeting at 6.30. A free tea will be provided for all who send in their names to J. Ashworth, Clough Terrace, Newchurch, not later than Tuesday, the 27th. J. B. TAYLOR, *Sec.*

**Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.**—The yearly meeting and dinner of the above society will be held at the headquarters, Leeds, on Saturday, March 31st, at the Old Royal

Oak, Kirkgate. Dinner at 5 p.m. prompt. Tickets 2s. 6d. each. Business meeting at 6.30, when all members are cordially requested to attend. R. BINNS, *Hon. Sec.*  
43, Low Moor Side, Holbeck.

**Lancashire Association.**—Manchester Branch.—The next monthly ringing meeting will be held at St. John's church, Deansgate, Manchester, on Saturday, April 7th. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Business meeting at 7 p.m. W. BROWN, *Branch Sec.*  
54, Wenlock Street, Hulme, Manchester.

**Oxford Diocesan Guild.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Wooburn on Saturday, April 7th. Methods—Stepdman, Treble Bob, Double Norwich, and London Surprise. Further information of the organising secretary, Rev. Alfred Woodin, Wooburn Vicarage, Maidenhead.

**Kent County Association.**—Rochester District.—The post of District Secretary not having been filled up, secretaries of bands and others in the District are requested to send their subscriptions to me as soon as possible. FRED. J. O. HELMORE, *Hon. Sec.*  
Canterbury, March 19th, 1894.

**Kent County Association.**—Members are requested to take notice that peals rung during the past year and published as Kent County Association peals, in which any persons rang who have not paid their subscriptions for that year, will not be counted as Association peals. The work of preparing the Annual Report is delayed owing to the number of subscriptions still unpaid. FRED. J. O. HELMORE, *Hon. Sec.*  
Canterbury, March 19th, 1894.

**Royal Cumberland Society.**—The 110th anniversary of the long peal of 12,000 Treble Bob Royal rung by this Society at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, will be celebrated on Saturday, April 7th, 1894, by a Dinner, followed by a Smoking Concert to be held at the Bedford Hotel, Maiden Lane, Strand. Tickets, 3s. 6d. each, can be obtained from the following members of the committee: Mr. B. Foskett, 40, New Buildings, Hampstead, N.W.; Mr. H. Dains, 147, Barnsbury Road, Islington, N.; Mr. W. Hasted, 84, Dean Street, Soho, W.C.; Mr. P. Howard, South House, Albion Road, Stoke Newington, N.; Mr. G. Newson, 13a, Gardner Road, Hampstead, N.W.; Mr. G. Harvey, 30, Dickinson Street, Kentish Town, N.W.; Mr. J. Barry, 27, Arlington Street, Islington, N.; Mr. H. Davis, 419, Old Kent Road; Mr. J. Davis, Westdown Terrace, Camden Street, Peckham; Mr. H. Swain, 29, Bramerton Street, King's Road, Chelsea; Mr. Meads, 89, Diggon Street, Stepney; Mr. W. Wilder, Slough; Mr. H. S. Thomas, 71, Bridge Road, Old Battersea; or of A. JACOB, *Hon. Sec.*  
10, St. Anne's Road, Hornsey, N.

## THE THORP FUND.

The committee propose to commemorate the establishment of this fund on Easter Monday next, at Ashton-under-Lyne. Dinner will be provided at the Old Church inn at 3 p.m., at 1s. 6d. per head. All ringing friends invited. The bells of St. Michael's (12) and probably St. Peter's (8), will be open for ringing during the day. JAMES S. WILDE, *Hon. Sec.*

**NOTICE OF LONG PEAL.**—On Easter Monday, March 26th, all being well, ten members of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford will attempt a long peal of Grandsire Caters, at St. Peter's, Wolverhampton. Start at 8.30 a.m. Wolverhampton. J. E. GROVES,



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

SATURDAY, MARCH 24, 1894.

BEFORE the next number appears the first meeting of the second Ringers' Parliament will have been held, and our readers will anxiously await the report of its deliberations. As usual, we have kept the programme of the business to be considered steadfastly before the view of the Exercise, and in this number we publish the official list of the accredited representatives, all of whom it is hoped will attend, and take part in the interesting proceedings. The Committee appointed to carry out a scheme for the formation of a Catalogue of Peals have issued another report, and though this document may not be exhaustive to the minds of some, and thereby disappointing, it should be borne in mind that the work thrown upon this Committee was of no light order. The gentlemen appointed as a Committee to draw up a report upon such an important

subject as "peals," in which opinions upon various subjects and from all quarters had to be dealt with, were the Rev. C. D. P. DAVIES, and Messrs. C. H. HATTERSLEY and WASHBROOK. The latter gentleman, at the eleventh hour, —no doubt for sufficiently valid reasons—felt it necessary to resign his seat on the Committee, and this placed the other two members in a position of some difficulty. But with commendable alacrity, Mr. N. J. PIRSTOW threw himself into the breach, and though his efforts at originality, as exhibited in the report, may fall short of expectation, having in view his well-known talents as a composer, it should not be forgotten that however he might have been disposed to give to the Exercise something in the way of composition not hitherto seen, time was against him, as the publication of the report was actually overdue. In fact, its production in time for the members of the Council to peruse it before assembling, caused a few anxious moments to the rev. gentleman above-named, who must in fairness be awarded the first honorable place in its compilation. If this matter is continued, in order to extend the report to larger dimensions in the future, the question arises whether it may not be well to enlarge the Committee by the addition thereto of other well-qualified gentlemen. An enlarged Committee would be a corrective against sudden withdrawals at the last moment, to say the least, and if the adage that "in the multitude of counsellors there is wisdom" is true, surely the idea is worth a thought.

In perusing the list of members returned to the Council, it is seen with pleasure that the representations made concerning the laxity exhibited in complying with the request of the Hon. Secretary have had some effect. Let us hope this is the last time members will be accused of giving way to that complaint known as "ringers' apathy." They may safely be of opinion that the disease is a source of great trouble and annoyance to those who have the interest of ringing at heart, and a terrible preventive to its extension and improvement. We can speak upon this subject without diffidence. If we want church bell-ringing to flourish and abound, the half-hearted manner in which it is taken up in some quarters will have to give way to resolute and unflinching perseverance.

### The Provinces.

#### QUEDGELEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

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

On Tuesday, March 13, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

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

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

WILLIAM DAWE* .. .. Treble.	FRANK KNIGHT .. .. 5.
EDWIN HAYWARD† .. .. 2.	STEPHEN KNIGHT .. .. 6.
E. BANKES JAMES .. .. 3.	JOHN AUSTIN .. .. 7.
WILLIAM T. PEGLAR* .. .. 4.	HARRY FORD .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by FRANK KNIGHT.

\*First peal. †First peal away from the tenor.

#### TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, March 14, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

HOLLIS' FIVE-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qrs.

HERBERT PORTER .. .. Treble.	GEORGE SMITHERS .. .. 5.
WILLIAM LATTER .. .. 2.	WILLIAM PORTER .. .. 6.
JAMES MUGGERIDGE† .. .. 3.	EDWARD MANKELOW .. .. 7.
STEPHEN PERKINS .. .. 4.	CHARLES GOBLE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. LATTER.

†First peal with a bob bell. This is the first peal rung by local men.

#### ALDENHAM, HERTS.

#### THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, March 14, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

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

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt. in E.

CHARLES S. HEATH .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM HEWITT .. .. 5.
JOHN E. WHITNALL* .. .. 2.	EDWARD P. DEBENHAM .. .. 6.
WILLIAM E. OAKLEY .. .. 3.	ERNEST E. HUNTLEY .. .. 7.
GEORGE N. PRICE .. .. 4.	ARTHUR HALLETT .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by ERNEST E. HUNTLEY.

\*First peal in the method. This was rung as a farewell peal to Mr. Price, and also a birthday compliment to Mr. H. J. Wright, a member of the Aldenham band.

#### DARLASTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

#### SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thursday, March 15, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 19½ cwt. in E.

JOHN MARK .. .. Treble.	JOHN TINSLEY .. .. 5.
GEORGE MORGAN .. .. 2.	*JOHN GOUGH .. .. 6.
EDWARD UNITT .. .. 3.	WILLIAM SMITH .. .. 7.
TITUS LOWE .. .. 4.	†JAMES GOUGH .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN GOUGH.

\*First peal as conductor. †First peal. This is the first peal rung in the tower by all members of the local band since 1869.

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

On Thursday, March 15, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH ROOMS, ST. PETER MANCROFT,

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

#### A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 6720 CHANGES.

J. ARMIGER TROLLOP .. 1-2.	JOHN E. BURTON .. .. 5-6.
GEORGE P. BURTON .. 3-4.	CHARLES E. BORRETT .. 7-8.

Composed by J. ARMIGER TROLLOP and Conducted by C. E. BORRETT.

Umpires—Messrs. A. W. Brighton and E. Francis. This is the longest peal rung in Norwich for half-a-century, and the longest ever rung in the method on handbells. It is the first half of the 13,440 which was started for as advertised, but owing to a late start, time did not admit of the whole being accomplished, and the bells were allowed to run round at the half-way.

#### FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.

#### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 15, 1894, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION.

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

DAVID G. WIGHTMAN .. Treble.	*HENRY W. BALDRY .. .. 5.
HENRY BALDRY .. .. 2.	STEPHEN WIGHTMAN .. .. 6.
EDGAR WIGHTMAN .. .. 3.	STEPHEN WIGHTMAN, JUN. .. 7.
ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN .. 4.	GEORGE WIGHTMAN .. .. Tenor.

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

\*First peal in the method. This peal, which is now rung for the first time, has the 5th and 6th their extent each way in 5-6 in fifteen courses. Messrs. Baldry (2) and D. G. Wightman hail from Brandeston; the rest from Cretingham. There was only two families to make up this band.

## HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 17, 1894, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM DYE .. .. Treble.	HARRY LAST .. .. 5.
GEORGE PERRY .. .. 2.	STEPHEN WIGHTMAN, SEN. 6.
WALTER WHITING .. .. 3.	GEORGE WIGHTMAN .. .. 7.
GEORGE THURLOW .. .. 4.	ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN .. Tenor.

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW and Conducted by WILLIAM DYE.

For calling see the above Association's Report for 1881, page 30. †First peal in the method. The Messrs. Wightman hail from Cretingham; the rest belong to the local company.

## KILLAMARSH, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.

On Saturday, March 17, 1894, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

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

Being 720 each of the following:

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

Tenor 11 cwt.

FREDERICK HANCOCK .. Treble.	GEORGE BURNHAM .. .. 4.
THOMAS BETTISON .. .. 2.	W. H. TURTON .. .. 5.
JAMES EMMEN .. .. 3.	CHARLES SEVERN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by T. BETTISON.

F. Hancock hails from Eckington.

## DRIFHLINGTON, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 17, 1894, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 16 cwt.

HERBERT SIMPSON* .. Treble.	E. WHEATER .. .. 5.
THOMAS SIMPSON .. .. 2.	H. S. CLAPHAM .. .. 6.
FRANK WOOD .. .. 3.	J. W. EMMETT .. .. 7.
D. NEWTON .. .. 4.	C. DRACUP .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by C. DRACUP.

\*First peal; aged 16. Messrs. Simpson (2), Wood, Emmett, and Dracup hail from Low Moor; Newton and Clapham from Drighlington; Wheeler from Tong.

## HEADINGLEY, YORKS.

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

On Saturday, March 17, 1894, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 20½ cwt.

HERBERT BUCKLEY* .. Treble.	JOHN J. LOGAN .. .. 5.
WALTER WOOD .. .. 2.	ARTHUR CRAVEN .. .. 6.
TOM FLINT .. .. 3.	JOHN WHITAKER .. .. 7.
ALFRED NAYLOR .. .. 4.	ALBERT HASTE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN and Conducted by JOHN WHITAKER.

\*First peal. First peal in the method by all, and rung at the first attempt. This peal, which contains the 5th and 6th their extent at home, was rung as a birthday compliment to the treble and tenor-men, their brother-ringers wishing them many happy returns of the day.

## MANCHESTER.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 17, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP, HULME,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

JOE MORGAN .. .. Treble.	HERBERT DRANSFIELD .. 5.
JOHN WOOD .. .. 2.	GEORGE E. TURNER .. .. 6.
THOMAS G. DOWNS .. .. 3.	RICHARD RIDYARD .. .. 7.
EDWARD CASH .. .. 4.	HARRY CHAPMAN .. .. Tenor.

Composed by T. DAY and Conducted by R. RIDYARD.

The ringers wish to thank the local company for the use of the bells. This is the first peal on the bells since they were rehung by Messrs. Taylor, and the "go" of them is splendid. Ridyard hails from Worsley; Wood belongs to the local company; Cash from Swinton; Dransfield from Pendleton.

## ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.

(THE ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, March 17, 1894, in Three Hours and Thirty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES.

Tenor 27½ cwt. in D.

EDWARD S. MORGAN* .. Treble.	GEORGE LONGDEN .. .. 6.
JOHN HOPWOOD .. .. 2.	SAMUEL BOOTH .. .. 7.
WILLIAM SMITH .. .. 3.	JOSEPH MELLOR .. .. 8.
MORRIS J. MORRIS† .. .. 4.	SAMUEL WOOD .. .. 9.
THOMAS TAYLOR .. .. 5.	ALBERT ADAMS .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by SAMUEL WOOD.

\*First peal. †First peal of Caters. M. Morris hails from Buxton, and was elected a member of the above society before starting for the peal.

## Miscellaneous.

## NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

ORDSALL (Notts).—On Tuesday night February 20th, for practice, 720 Grandsire Minor. H. Blagg, 1; J. C. Whetstone (conductor), 2; R. Potter, 3; H. Lambert, 4; J. White, 5; H. Wilson, 6. And 720 in the same method. H. Merrills, 1; H. Blagg, 2; S. J. Hemsworth, 3; H. Lambert, 4; R. Potter (conductor), 5; H. Wilson, 6. These are H. Wilson's first 720s on the bells, who with R. Potter, hails from West Retford. On Sunday, March 11th, for Divine Service, 720 Plain Bob (thirty bobs six singles). H. Merrills, 1; H. Blagg, 2; S. J. Hemsworth, 3; H. Lambert, 4; J. C. Whetstone (conductor), 5; J. White, 6. First 720 in the method by H. Lambert. On Tuesday, March 7th, for practice, 240 College Single. H. Merrills, 1; J. C. Whetstone, 2; H. Blagg, 3; H. Lambert, 4; H. Haigh (conductor), 5; J. White, 6. First touch in the method by all.

## THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ECKINGTON (Derbyshire).—On Monday, February 19th, at the parish church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. F. Hancock, 1; W. Price, 2; Rev. H. E. Ferry, 3; G. Norman (conductor), 4; G. Marsden, 5; T. Lunn, 6. On Tuesday, February 27th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. H. Hancock, 1; W. Price, 2; J. Morton, 3; G. Norman (conductor), 4; G. Marsden, 5; T. Lunn, 6. First 720 by J. Morton.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

HENFIELD (Sussex).—On Tuesday, February 20th, for practice, 504 Stedman. C. Tyler (conductor), 1; W. J. Alliss, 2; A. Groves, 3; W. Hillman, 4; F. W. Cripps (Lower Beeding), 5; L. Payne, 6; A. W. Groves, 7; H. Chandler, 8. And 550 Stedman, taken from A. P. Heywood's date touch. F. W. Cripps, 1; W. J. Alliss, 2; G. Payne, 3; G. Holder, 4; C. Tyler, 5; L. Payne, 6; A. W. Groves (conductor), 7; A. Hodges, 8. On Tuesday, February 27th, 504 Stedman. C. Tyler, 1; A. W. Groves, 2; G. Holder, 3; J. Boniface (first 504), 4; G. Payne, 5; W. J. Alliss, 6; L. Payne (conductor), 7; H. Chandler, 8. On Sunday, March 4th, for Divine Service, 504 Stedman. C. Tyler, 1; W. J. Alliss, 2; A. Groves, 3; G. Holder, 4; G. Payne, 5; W. Hillman, 6; A. Groves (conductor), 7; A. Hodges, 8. In the evening, 504 in the same method. C. Tyler (conductor), 1; W. J. Alliss, 2; A. Groves, 3; G. Payne, 4; L. Payne, 5; A. W. Groves, 6; W. Hillman, 7; A. Heasman, 8. On Tuesday, March 6th, 504 Stedman. W. Hillman, 1; W. J. Alliss, 2; G. Holder, 3; A. Groves, 4; G. Payne, 5; C. Tyler, 6; A. W. Groves (conductor), 7; A. Heasman, 8. And 504 in the same method. G. Payne, 1; A. Groves, 2; G. Holder, 3; J. Boniface, 4; L. Payne, 5; W. J. Alliss, 6; C. Tyler (conductor), 7; A. W. Groves, 8. On Thursday, March 8th, 504 Stedman. L. Payne, 1; A. Groves, 2; G. Holder, 3; J. Boniface, 4; W. Hillman, 5; G. Payne, 6; A. W. Groves (conductor), 7; A. Hodges, 8. On Sunday, March 11th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Stedman in 43 mins. C. Tyler, 1; L. Payne, 2; A. Groves, 3; G. Holder, 4; G. Payne, 5; W. Hillman, 6; A. W. Groves (conductor), 7; A. Heasman, 8.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

GODALMING (Surrey).—On Sunday, February 25th, at the parish church, 503 Grandsire Triples. F. Bennett (conductor), 1; T. Cooper, 2; J. Heathorn, 3; J. J. Jones, 4; A. High, 5; G. Manfield, 6; A. P. Goddard, 7; G. Riddle, 8. On Friday, March 2nd, an attempt was made for a peal of Grandsire Triples, but it was abandoned after ringing 2000 changes owing to the tenor going badly. F. Bennett (conductor), 1; T. Blackburn, 2; J. Russell, 3; N. Ashdown, 4; J. J. Jones, 5; G. Manfield, 6; A. P. Goddard, 7; G. Riddle, 8.

CHIDDINGFOLD (Surrey).—On Tuesday, March 6th, at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. \*E. Burdock, 1; A. P. Goddard, 2; J. Heathorn, 3; J. J. Jones, 4; \*T. Burdock, 5; T. Blackburn, 6; F. Bennett (conductor), 7; \*A. Bartlett, 8. \*First quarter-peal. Also first quarter-peal on the bells, which have just been rehung and two new trebles added by Messrs. Warner and Sons, making a very handy ring of eight, tenor 11 cwt.

FAREHAM (Hants).—On Monday, January 22nd, the last 742 of Holt's Original. P. Corbett, 1; G. Passingham, 2; F. Hill, 3; C. Privett, 4; A. Coghlan, 5; G. Grafham, 6; J. W. Whiting (conductor), 7; G. Chappel. On Sunday, February 4th, for afternoon service, 504 Stedman Triples. C. Privett, 1; A. Coghlan, 2; G. Grafham, 3; F. Coghlan, 4; F. Hill, 5; G. Passingham, 6; J. Whiting (conductor), 7; G. Grant, 8. On Monday, February 26th, 420 Stedman Triples. A. Coghlan, 1; C. Privett (conductor), 2; F. Hill, 3; F. Burnett (first in the method), 4; A. Tomlins, 5; G. Grafham, 6; E. Reynolds, 7; G. Passingham, 8. And 504 Grandsire Triples. F. Burnett, 1; G. Grafham, 2; A. Tomlins, 3; C. Privett, 4; A. Coghlan, 5; F. Hill (conductor), 6; E. Reynolds, 7; G. Passingham, 8.

#### THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—ROCHDALE BRANCH.

ROCHDALE (Lancashire).—On Sunday, February 11th, at All Saints' church, Hamer, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor (four bobs fourteen singles), in 27 mins. J. W. Crossley, 1; R. E. Hoyle, 2; J. Crossley, 3; R. Whittles, 4; E. Schofield, 5; J. S. Marshall, 6. On Monday evening, February 12th, 720 College Single (eighteen bobs two singles), in 26 mins. J. Lingard, 1; R. E. Hoyle, 2; J. Crossley, 3; R. Whittles, 4; E. Schofield, 5; J. S. Marshall, 6. On Sunday morning, February 18th, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor (twenty-one bobs twelve singles). J. Lingard, 1; R. E. Hoyle, 2; J. Crossley, 3; R. Whittles, 4; E. Schofield, 5; J. S. Marshall, 6. On Sunday evening, February 18th, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor (three bobs eleven singles). J. Lingard, 1; J. W. Crossley, 2; J. Crossley, 3; R. Whittles, 4; R. E. Hoyle, 5; J. S. Marshall, 6. On Sunday morning, February 25th, for Divine Service, 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-eight bobs twenty-two singles). J. Lingard, 1; G. Hoyle, 2; J. Crossley, 3; R. Whittles, 4; E. Schofield, 5; J. S. Marshall, 6. And in the evening, 720 College Single (eighteen bobs two singles). J. Lingard, 1; G. Hoyle, 2; J. Crossley, 3; R. Whittles, 4; E. Schofield, 5; J. S. Marshall, 6. On Sunday evening, March 4th, 720 College Single (eighteen bobs two singles), in 26 mins. J. Lingard, 1; J. W. Crossley, 2; J. Crossley, 3; R. Whittles, 4; E. Schofield, 5; J. S. Marshall, 6. All the above were conducted by J. Crossley.

#### STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

BUCKNALL (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, February 18th, for morning service, 720 Grandsire Minor. D. Preston, 1; R. W. Twigg, 2; J. E. Wheeldon, 3; C. Preston, 4; W. Wheeldon, 5; W. Twigg (conductor), 6. And for evening service, 720 Kent Treble Bob. J. E. Wheeldon, 1; D. Preston, 2; R. W. Twigg, 3; the others as before. D. Preston's first 720 in the method with a bob bell. On Sunday, February 25th, for morning service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. C. Preston, 1; D. Preston (first in the method with a bob bell), 2; J. E. Wheeldon, 4; the others as before. On Tuesday, February 27th, 720 Durham Surprise. D. Preston, 1; J. E. Wheeldon, 2; R. W. Twigg, 3; C. Preston, 4; W. Wheeldon, 5; W. Twigg (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method by all.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SWANSCOMBE (Kent).—On Sunday, January 21st, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. W. Clifford, 1; L. Digweed, 2; F. J. Ring, 3; J. Broom, 4; W. Martin, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6. On Sunday, January 28th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. L. Digweed, 1; W. Clifford, 2; F. J. Ring, 3; M. Digby, 4; J. Broom, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6. On Sunday, February 11th, 720 Bob Minor. W. Clifford, 1; H. Milhams (first 720 with a bob bell), 2; L. Digweed, 3; F. J. Ring, 4; M. Digby, 5; W. Martin (conductor), 6. On Friday, March 2nd, 720 Bob Minor. H. Catton, 1; W. Harper, 2; J. Avis, 3; F. J. Ring, 4; J. Broom, 5; F. Hayes (conductor), 6. Messrs. Avis and Hayes hail from Milton-next-Gravesend.

#### NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LINCOLN.—On Wednesday, February 28th, for practice at the church of St. Peter-at-Arches, 1280 Kent Treble Bob Major in 48 mins. W. A. Hodson, 1; J. Harris, 2; F. W. Walker, 3; R. Dawson, 4; C. Wells, 5; G. Lindoff, 6; G. Chester, 7; C. W. P. Clifton (conductor), 8. On Sunday morning, March 3rd, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Major. J. Ash, 1; R. E. Clarke, 2; W. A. Hodson, 3; R. Dawson, T. O. Nixon, 5; J. W. Watson, 6; C. W. P. Clifton, 7; G. Lindoff (conductor), 8. For evening service, 672 Grandsire Triples. G.

Lindoff, 1; R. E. Clarke, 2; F. W. Walker, 3; C. Wells, 4; G. Chester, 5; T. O. Nixon (conductor), 6; C. W. Clifton, 7; R. Dawson, 8. T. O. Nixon hails from Grimsby.

#### THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BEDFORD.—On Tuesday, February 6th, at St. Mary's church, a 720 Kent Treble Bob. J. Sharman (first 720 in the method), 1; W. Hall, 2; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 3; I. Hills, 4; S. J. Cullip, 5; F. Keech, 6. And on Sunday, January 28th, at St. Paul's church, a 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Spencer, 1; C. Chasty, 2; W. Lightfoot, 3; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 4; J. Sharman, 5; W. Shimmans, 6; I. Hills, 7; F. Keech, 8. And 288 Kent Major. C. Chasty, 1; F. Keech, 2; S. J. Cullip, 3; S. Constant, 4; F. Smith, 5; W. Shimmans, 6; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 7; H. Sharp, 8. Also 168, 112 and 97 Grandsire Triples. On Sunday, February 4th, 504 Stedman Triples. W. Lightfoot, 1; F. Smith, 2; S. J. Cullip, 3; F. Keech, 4; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 5; W. Shimmans, 6; I. Hills, 7; R. Shimmans, 8. On Sunday, February 11th, 576 Kent Treble Bob Major. C. Chasty, 1; S. J. Cullip, 2; W. Hall, 3; H. Sharp, 4; I. Hills, 5; W. Shimmans, 6; F. Smith, 7; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 8. And 216 Stedman Triples. W. Shimmans, 1; C. Chasty, 2; W. Lightfoot, 3; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 4; I. Hills, 5; S. Constant, 6; H. Sharp, 7; R. Shimmans, 8. And 252 Grandsire Triples. T. Spencer, 1; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 2; H. Cullip, 3; W. Davison, 4; J. Sharman, 5; S. Constant, 6; F. Keech, 7; F. Hall, 8. On Sunday, February 18th, a 504 Grandsire Triples. T. Spencer, 1; C. Chasty, 2; W. Lightfoot, 3; W. Shimmans, 4; J. Sharman, 5; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 6; I. Hills, 7; R. Shimmans, 8. And a 504 Stedman Triples. J. Sharman (first 504 in the method), 1; C. Chasty, 2; S. J. Cullip, 3; W. Davison (first 504 in the method), 4; I. Hills, 5; W. Shimmans, 6; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 7; R. Shimmans, 8. On Sunday, February 25th, a 503 Grandsire Triples. W. Lightfoot, 1; C. Chasty, 2; J. Sharman, 3; F. Keech, 4; I. Hills, 5; W. Shimmans, 6; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 7; R. Shimmans, 8. And 576 Kent Major. C. W. Clarke (conductor), 1; C. Chasty (first touch in the method), 2; S. J. Cullip, 3; W. Shimmans, 4; I. Hills, 5; F. Keech, 6; F. Smith, 7; H. Sharp, 8.

KEMPSTON (Beds).—On Saturday, March 3rd, at the parish church, a 720 Kent Treble Bob (nine bobs). J. Sharman, 1; W. Lightfoot (first 720 in the method with a bob bell), 2; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 3; W. Shimmans, 4; H. Sharp, 5; F. Smith, 6. And 720 Double Court (sixteen bobs and two singles). W. Shimmans, 1; C. Chasty (first 720 in the method), 2; C. W. Clarke, 3; F. Smith, 4; I. Hills, 5; H. Sharp (conductor), 6. And a 720 Oxford Treble Bob (nine bobs). J. Sharman, 1; F. Smith, 2; H. Sharp, 3; C. West, 4; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 5; S. Constant, 6. And 120 Stedman Doubles. W. Lightfoot, 1; C. Chasty, 2; C. West, 3; I. Hills, 4; W. Shimmans, 5; J. Sharman, 6.

#### THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BRAINTREE (Essex).—On Saturday, February 24th, for practice at St. Michael's church, 720 Bocking Treble Bob. T. Watson, 1; F. Calthorpe, 2; W. Hammond, 3; \*W. Grimwade, 4; F. Rudkin (conductor), 5; H. E. Hammond, 6. On Sunday, March 4th, for Divine Service in the morning, 720 Morning Exercise. T. Watson, 1; F. Calthorpe, 2; W. Hammond, 3; W. Grimwade, 4; F. Rudkin (conductor), 5; C. H. \*Howard, 6. For evening service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob and 144 Kent Treble Bob. \*E. Chaplin, 1; F. Calthorpe, 2; W. Grimwade, 3; E. Radlen, 4; F. Rudkin (conductor), 5; C. H. Howard, 6. \*First 720 in the method. Messrs. Chaplin and Radley hail from Stisted. Tenor 12½ cwt.

BOCKING (Essex).—On Tuesday, February 27th, for practice at St. Mary's church, 720 New London Pleasure. \*H. Butcher, 1; \*F. Radley, 2; \*W. More, 3; W. Grimwade, 4; C. H. Howard, 5; \*C. Bearman (conductor), 6. On Friday, March 2nd, 720 New London Pleasure. H. Butcher, 1; W. Moore, 2; W. Grimwade, 3; \*F. Warren, 4; S. Sargent, 5; C. H. Howard (conductor), 6. \*First 720 in the method. Tenor 18½ cwt.

CARDIFF (South Wales).—On Sunday, February 4th, 504 Grandsire Triples was rung at St. John's church, with 9-8-10 covering. E. Stenner, 1; J. Richards, 2; W. Burkinshaw, 3; A. Rowley, 4; F. E. Ward (Cheltenham), 5; E. Cook (conductor), 6; G. Hardage, 7; A. Barnfield, 8; J. Cook, 9; A. Hatton, 10. On Tuesday, March 13th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung with 9-8-10 covering in 53 mins. A. Hatton, 1; J. Richards, 2; E. Stenner, 3; E. Cook (conductor), 4; W. Burkinshaw, 5; A. Rowley, 6; G. Hardage, 7; A. Barnfield, 8; J. Cook, 9; C. Winfield and E. Eynon, 10. First quarter-peal as conductor, and the first by all except the ringers of the 2nd and 5th. Composed by N. Spindlow, of Ducklington.

SUNDERLAND.—On Monday, February 5th, for practice at Holy Trinity church, 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-four bobs and two singles). J. Hawse, 1; T. Nanson, 2; J. Beason, 3; W. Smallwood, 4; R. Millar, 5; J. Naisby (conductor), 6. First in the method by J. Hawse and J. Beason. On Monday, March, 6th, for practice, a quarter-peal of Bob Triples (twenty-four bobs), in 50 mins. J. Hawse, 1; T. Nanson, 2; T. Hudson, sen., 3; R. Hudson, 4; W. Smallwood, 5; R. Millar, 6; J. Naisby (conductor), 7; R. W. Langton, 8. First quarter-peal by Hawse, Nanson, Smallwood, Millar, Naisby and Langton in any method, and first quarter-peal in the method by T. and R. Hudson. On Monday, March 12th, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). J. Haws, 1; W. Smallwood, 2; T. Nanson, 3; T. H. Naisby, 4; R. Millar, 5; J. Naisby (conductor), 6; R. H. Leighton, 7; J. W. Beason, 8. First 720 by T. H. Naisby, and was rung on his sixteenth birthday.

STANSTEAD (Suffolk).—On Tuesday, February 20th, 720 Yorkshire Court. R. Theobald, 1; R. Brett, 2; G. Smith, 3; A. Clarke, 4; S. Slater, 5; R. Gowers (conductor), 6. On Saturday, February 24th, 720 Court Bob, 720 College Single and 720 Yorkshire Court. R. Theobald, 1; R. Brett, 2; G. Smith, 3; A. Clarke, 4; S. Slater, 5; R. Gowers (conductor), 6. On Monday, February 26th, on handbells, 240 Kent Treble Bob. R. Theobald, 1-2; R. Brett, 3-4; R. Gowers, 5-6. On Friday, March 2nd, 720 Bob Minor. A. Gowers (aged 8 years), 1; P. Garwood (aged 12 years), 2; A. Clarke, 3; R. Brett, 4; G. Smith, 5; R. Gowers (conductor), 6. First 720 by the treble and 2nd ringers, and great credit is due to them as they only started to learn just before Christmas.

SHEDFIELD (Hants).—On Monday, March 13th, at the parish church, 720 Grandsire Minor. G. Winter, 1; G. Chequer, 2; W. Cooper, 3; E. Walker, 4; S. Cummings, 5; W. Linter (conductor), 6. Also several touches in the same method, in which J. Mallard and J. Pearce took part in ringing the treble. Messrs. Cooper and Linter are members of the Winchester Diocesan Guild. W. Linter hails from Swanmore; the rest belong to Shedfield.

#### VARIOUS COUPLETS ON BELLS (*known or unknown*).

ALDBOURNE (Wilts.)	Ring and Music we like so well,
2nd Bell:	And for that reason we gave this bell;
4th Bell:	Humphry Symon gave xx pound to by this bell
	And the parishe gave xx more to make this ring
	gooe well.
BASILDON (Berks.)	The Lady Litcot gave this bell
4th Bell:	In true desier to do well—1621.
BATH ABBEY.	All you of Bath who hear me sound,
Tenor:	Thank Lady Hopton's hundred pound.
BROAD CHALK (Wilts.)	I in this place am second bell,
2nd Bell:	I'll surely do my part as well.
AMESBURY (Wilts.)	Be strong in faith, praise God well,
5th Bell:	Francis, Countess Hertford's bell.
Tenor:	Altho' it be unto my loss,
	I hope you will consider my cost.
CHILTON FOLIATT	Into the church the living I do call,
(Wilts.) Tenor.	And to the grave I summon all.
	Attend the instruction which I give,
	That so you may for ever live.
COLN (Wilts.)	Robert Forman collected the money for casting
3rd. Bell.	this bell
	Of well disposed people, as I do you tell.
COVENTRY	I ring at six to let men know,
4th Bell.	When to and from their work to go.
7th Bell.	I ring to sermon with a lusty boome,
	That all may come, and none can stay at home.
DEVIZES (Wilts.)	I am the first although but small,
Treble	I will be heard above you all.
2nd Bell.	I am the second in this ring,
	Therefore next to thee I'll sing.
PANGBOURNE (Berks.)	When we ring,
Treble.	I sweetly sing.
STOWE (Northants.)	Be it known to all that doth me see,
	That Newcome of Leister made me.

#### LATE NOTICE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—The quarterly meeting of this society will be held at the parish church, Penkridge, on Saturday, April 7th. Ringing at 2 p.m. Tea will be provided for all those sending word on or before the 3rd inst. (one shilling per head) to S. REEVES, Hon. Sec.  
10, Bull Street, West Bromwich.

#### TABLETS IN THE RINGING-ROOM OF THE PARISH CHURCH, ROTHWELL, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

A complete Peal of 5040 changes was rung here on March 4th, 1749, in 3 hours and 18 minutes, by those underwritten, viz.:

1. Samuel Cox.
2. Andrew Richardson.
3. Thomas Shortland.
4. John Wallington.
5. Henry Sharman.
6. William Cox.

Witnesses.—Thomas Woodford and John Essex.

A complete Peal of 5000 and 40 changes was rung here December 26th, 1847, in 3 hours and a half, raising and falling by the undersigned:—

1. Richard Goodman, Junr.
2. Thomas Dunkley.
3. Richard Goodman, Senr.
4. Thomas West.
5. William Bassett.
6. Benjamin Walker.

Witnesses.—William Ball and William Goodman.

#### COPY OF TABLET AT GODALMING, SURREY.

The 2nd & 7 Bells were recast by Swain in

the Year 1772

On the 28th of Jan'y. 1775

was completed Holts

Peal of Grandsire Trip

ples 5040 in three

hours and six minutes

WM. ASTED JAS CARTER

ABRM TOFT DL GREENFIELD

HY HUMPHRY WM TOFT

INGHAM

DVD FORRESTER TS CALL

EDMD BAXTER JNO SHARP Wardens

The following lines, which have been sent to us for insertion, appeared in "Beaufoy's Ringers' True Guide," a tractate edited by the late Rev. H. T. Ellacombe. It was written by the Rev. Dr. Cox, whom, we believe is regarded as an American poet.

#### CHURCH BELLS.

The chimes, the chimes of motherland,  
Of England green and old,  
That out from fane and ivied tower  
A thousand years have tolled;  
How glorious must their music be  
As breaks the hallowed day,  
And calleth with a seraph's voice,  
A nation up to pray!

Those chimes that tell a thousand tales,  
Sweet tales of olden time;  
And ring a thousand memories  
At vesper and at prime.  
At bridal and at burial,  
For cottager and king,  
Those chimes, those glorious Christian chimes,  
How blessedly they ring?

Those chimes, those chimes of motherland,  
Upon a Christmas morn,  
Out-breaking, as the angels did,  
For a Redeemer born!  
How joyfully they call afar,  
To cot, and Baron's hall,  
With holly deck'd and mistletoe,  
To keep the festival.

And then those Easter bells in spring,  
Those glorious Easter chimes!  
How loyally they hail thee round,  
Old queen of holy times!  
From hill to hill, like sentinels,  
Responsively they cry,  
And sing the rising of the Lord,  
From vale to mountain high.

I love you, chimes of motherland,  
With all this soul of mine,  
And bless the Lord that I am sprung  
Of good old English line;  
And like a son I sing the lay  
That England's glory tells;  
For she is lovely to the Lord,  
And you, ye Christian bells!

CHIEF OFFICE: HOLBORN BARS, LONDON.

THE DIRECTORS have much pleasure in presenting their Report and Accounts for the year 1893.

The Premiums received during the year were £1,854,370, being an increase of £188,759 over the year 1892.

The claims of the year amounted to £478,564. The number of Deaths was 3,397, and 154 Endowment Assurances matured.

The number of Policies in force at the end of the year was 335,176.

**INDUSTRIAL BRANCH.**—The Premiums received during the year were £3,971,863, being an increase of £122,706.

The Claims of the year amounted to £1,662,768. The number of Deaths was 185,003, and 1,267 Endowment Assurances matured

The number of Free Policies granted during the year to those Policyholders of five years' standing, who have desired to discontinue their payments, was 55,764, the number in force being 338,272. The number of Free Policies which became claims during the year was 6,424.

The total number of Policies in force at the end of the year was 10,476,393: their average duration is seven and a quarter years.

The Assets of the Company, in both branches, as shown in the Balance Sheet, are £18,538,865, being an increase of £2,229,213 over those of 1892.

The system of annual distribution of profits begun last year, having given satisfaction alike to Policyholders and Shareholders, the Directors have decided to continue it, and a complete valuation for the past year has been made.

For this valuation the same mortality Tables and rate of interest have been used as in previous years—namely, in the Ordinary Branch, the Institute of Actuaries (H.M.) Table of Mortality for the life risks, and Mr Finlaison's Government Annuity Table 1884 for the annuities, and in the Industrial Branch, Dr. Farr's English Life Table No. 3. The net premiums only have been valued in both branches, the rate of interest in each case being 3 per cent.

The results of the valuation is are follows :—

In the ORDINARY BRANCH a surplus is shown of £442,930. This includes the sum of £70,000 brought forward last year, which it is now intended to increase to £100,000.

In the INDUSTRIAL BRANCH the surplus shown is £500,944, including the sum of £200,000 brought forward last year, which it is

now intended to increase to £360,000.

The total surplus of the two Branches as shown by the valuation is thus £943,874, and, after carrying forward the sums of £100,000 and 360,000 before mentioned, £483,874 is left for distribution among the participating Policyholders and Shareholders, in accordance with the Regulations of the Company under its special Act of Parliament. In carrying forward so large a balance the Directors have adopted the same principles by which they were guided last year, but they anticipate that when the system of an annual valuation has had a longer trial it may be possible to modify this course.

The processes and results of the valuation, which has been carried out by the Actuary, Mr. F. Schooling, have been submitted to Mr. A. H. Bailev, whose report is as follows:—

"The results of the valuation of the liabilities of your Company on the 31st December, 1893, have been submitted to and examined by me.

"The basis upon which the valuations have been made, and the methods adopted in the process, are the same as upon the last occasion, and have my entire approval. And your resolution to retain a portion of the surplus

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"in each Branch is, I think, judicious, having regard to the extent of the  
"Company's liabilities."

The Balance Sheet has been submitted to Messrs. Deloitte, Dever, Griffiths and Co., whose Certificate is appended to the accounts.

*Extract from the Report of Mr. F. Schooling, the Actuary to the Company.*

**ORDINARY BRANCH.**—The number of Life Policies in force at 31st December, 1893, was 335,176, assuring with bonus, £37,672,474, and producing a premium income of £1,806,758 per annum.

After providing for all liabilities, there remains a surplus of £442,930, which includes the sum of £70,000 brought forward from last year.

**INDUSTRIAL BRANCH.**—The number of Policies in existence at 31st December last was 10,476,393, including 338,272 Free or Paid-up Policies, and the amount assured, £101,820,883. The weekly premiums receivable in respect of these Policies amounted to £80,094 per week, or £4,164,888 per annum.

After providing for all liabilities there remains a surplus of £50,944, which includes the sum of £200,000 brought forward from last year.

Over £1,200,000 is reserved in respect of Free Policies granted in lieu of continued assurances, and to provide for the increase in the sums assured given to Industrial Policyholders.

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THOS. C. DEWEY, WILLIAM HUGHES.	<i>Managers.</i>
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W. J. LANCASTER, *Secretary.*

EDGAR HORNE, *Chairman.*

HENRY HARBEN,  
W. T. PUGH. *Directors.*

We have examined the Cash transactions, Receipts and Payments, affecting the Accounts of the Assets and Investments for the year ended December 31st, 1893, and we find the same in good order and properly vouched. We have also examined the Deeds and Securities, Certificates, etc., representing the Assets and Investments set out in the above Account, and we certify that they were in possession and safe custody as on December 31st, 1893.

14th February, 1894.

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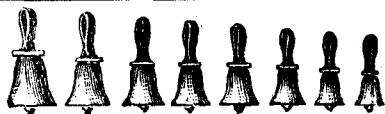
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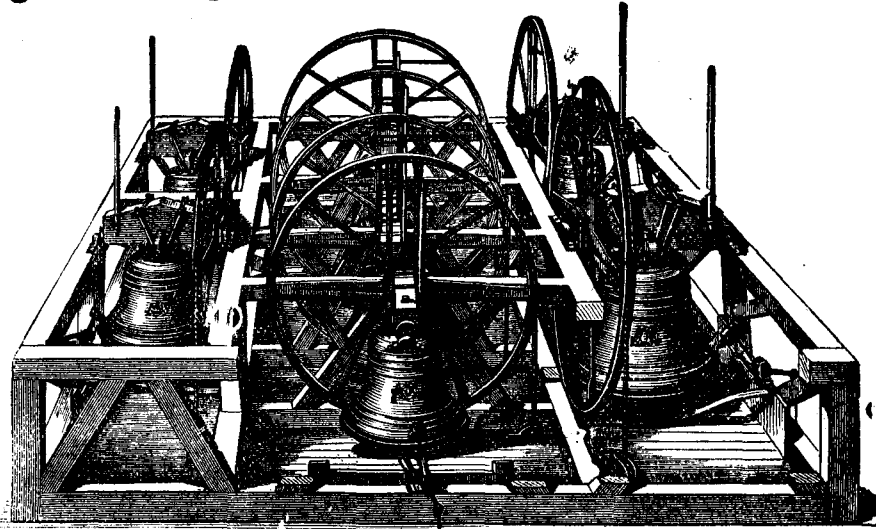
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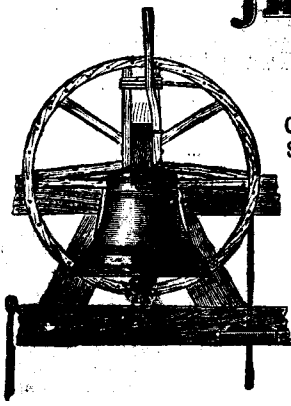
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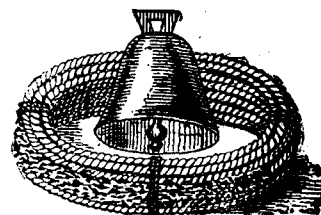
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## THE WEEK.

**THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.**—The members of the Central Council met on Tuesday last, as announced, and there was a very good attendance. As was feared, too much formal business had to be transacted (by a new Council) to admit of as full a consideration of other matters as was desired. The President and Honorary Secretary were unanimously re-elected. A full report of the proceedings will appear in our next number.

The Central Council meeting may be considered as the chief event of the week, but there are one or two other matters worthy of allusion. One of which is

**THE ATTEMPT FOR A LONG PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH AT BRENTWOOD.**—A formal report of the result of this attempt appears elsewhere; and such an untoward disaster as this for a long period has not been chronicled. 13,072 changes safely rung towards the extent, 13,440, and then the rope of the treble to break is exceedingly vexatious and temper-trying. Another attempt for a great length, viz.:

17,000 GRANDSIRE CATERS AT WOLVERHAMPTON, on the same day, was also unsuccessful. In this case, however, the fates were more propitious. Instead of nearly completing their intended performance, the band rang just over a third of the quantity. This was not disaster sufficient to deter some of them from ringing again the same day, for eight went to a neighbouring church, and pulled off a consolation peal of Stedman Triples.

In the first of these attempts the treble rope gave way. We do not question the assertion that every possible precaution was taken to secure success, but there was evidently a "soft place" in this rope which a very critical examination might have revealed. When the cause of the failure at Wolverhampton is known, ringers will be of opinion that the offending clapper ought to have been discarded months ago for a new one.

**MR. ATTREE'S ANALYSIS.**—On the next pages will be found the statistics for the past year compiled by Mr. Attree. This analysis increases in interest and importance, and if the compiler had never rung or called a peal, it would be sufficient to hand his name down to posterity.

**NUMBER OF PEALS.**—The list of performances of 5000 and upwards is not so heavy this Easter week as has been in corresponding periods. During the recent Lenten fast, however, more have been rung than during any previous season of Lent.

**A Loss.**—In closing our brief review of the most prominent events of the week, a hope may be expressed that the worthy Master of the Oxford Guild has before this had his lost property restored.

## BURES, SUFFOLK.

The bells of the parish church of St. Mary, have been overhauled and repaired. They were rung for the first time on Saturday, March 24th, by five members of the Sudbury company, with Mr. Bowell. A 720 of Bob Minor was rung by C. Sillitoe (conductor), 1; W. Howell, sen., 2; J. Campin, 3; A. Scott, 4; H. Harper, 5; A. Bowell, 6. Also a 6-score of Stedman and Grandsire Doubles, and a touch of Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 22 cwt.

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## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

**SAXMUNDHAM DISTRICT.**—The sixteenth quarterly district meeting of this Association was held in the National Schoolrooms, Leiston, on Easter Monday, when a good attendance of members were present from Aldeburgh, Saxmundham, Kelsale, Benhall, Rendham, Sweffling, Woodbridge, and Great Glemham, and which was considerably augmented by the local company. The bells of St. Margaret's were most kindly placed at the disposal of the members, and were kept going at frequent intervals during the day, various touches of Grandsire Triples, Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob Major, and Oxford Treble Bob Major, being successfully brought round. The business meeting was held in the National Schoolroom at 4.30, presided over by the Rector, the Rev. B. W. Raven, M.A., when the minutes of the last meeting were read, confirmed, and signed by the Chairman. Three persons were admitted as probationary members, on the proposition of the Honorary Secretary, and seconded by W. E. Cooper. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Sweffling, on Saturday, June 23rd.

Three peals of Treble Bob Major have been rung within the district since the last meeting, viz.: one peal each of Kent and Oxford, at Kelsale, and a peal of Kent at Leiston.

A very hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Rector for presiding, for the use of the bells during the day, and for the Schoolrooms in which the meeting was held, on the proposition of the Honorary Secretary, and seconded by Mr. F. Cooper. This was acknowledged in a kind and encouraging manner by the Rector, who expressed the pleasure it afforded him to meet the members, and to preside over their meeting. The rev. gentleman made some forcible remarks upon the important office of ringers as church workers, and who with the members of the choir, were deserving of the better recognition of the clergy generally. The rev. gentleman also spoke of the great improvement in the status of both the ringers and choir, as compared with the state of things in existence in former times.

A few other various items of business were disposed of, which brought to a close another very successful and encouraging meeting.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

**BRIDGNORTH BRANCH.**—A meeting of the Bridgnorth district was held at Coalbrookdale, on Easter Monday, when the following touches of Grandsire Triples were rung at the Holy Trinity Church, a 210 and 504. J. Overton, 1; M. W. Morgan, 2; F. F. Howard, 3; S. J. Hughes, 4; J. Howard, 5; H. Jones, 6; J. Overton, 7; J. Maiden, 8. Conducted by J. Overton. Also a 350, conducted by W. Morgan, 7th; and J. Overton, 2nd; the others as above. Also a 504. W. H. Hughes, 1; S. J. Hughes, 2; F. F. Howard, 3; W. Morgan, 4; J. Howard (conductor), 5; H. Jones, 6; J. Overton, 7; J. Griffiths, 8. Longest touches of Grandsire of W. H. Hughes, S. J. Hughes, F. F. Howard, J. Griffiths, and J. Maiden. This was W. Morgan's first touch as conductor of Grandsire Triples, and J. Howard's longest touch as conductor.

A tea was provided by the Vicar of Coalbrookdale, the Rev. H. Harries, there was also present the Rev. J. Davies, and the Rev. R. D. Machen, of Bridgnorth. The ringers thank the Vicar of Coalbrookdale for the use of the bells.

## THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

This association held its quarterly meeting at Worksop, on Easter Monday, and several touches of good ringing might be specified. Amongst them should be noticed a 720 of Oxford. D. Russon, 1; H. Turner, 2; R. Smith, 3; E. Barrowcliff, 4; S. Smith (conductor), 5; F. Hargreaves, 6. Also 720 Merchants' Return. F. Fowler, 1; J. Fitzjohn, 2; W. Hargreaves (conductor), 3; B. Hall, 4; S. Smith, 5; D. Russon, 6. And 720 Duke of York. R. Smith, 1; D. Russon, 2; C. Fowler, 3; B. Hall, 4; S. Smith, 5; F. Hargreaves, 6.

A very pleasant day was spent, some of the members diversifying their day's outing by attending the sports a part of the time. The members partook of tea together at 4 p.m., at the Corn Exchange, where the Vicar of Worksop, who is Honorary Secretary of the association, presided. More ringing followed, and the final touch was not finished until nearly 8 p.m.



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1	Sussex County Association.....	51	17	68	—	—	5	2	—	—	1	—	12
2	Yorkshire Association.....	35	19	54	—	1	28	12	—	—	1	1	9
3	Oxford Diocesan Guild.....	37	16	53	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	18
4	Durham & Newcle Dio. Asn.....	31	14	45	—	1	13	1	—	—	—	—	1
5	Norwich Diocesan Association.....	25	16	41	2	—	15	—	1	—	—	—	1
6	Midland Counties Association.....	22	13	35	—	1	1	—	—	4	—	—	11
7	Kent County Association.....	19	14	33	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	14
8	Worcester and Districts Asso.....	20	12	32	—	2	2	—	1	3	1	3	3
9	Winchester Diocesan Guild.....	14	18	32	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	21
10	Anc. Soc. College Youths.....	17	10	27	1	1	5	—	—	1	—	—	3
11	Lancashire Association.....	20	4	24	—	—	6	—	—	1	—	—	13
12	Royal Cumberland Youths.....	13	8	21	—	3	1	—	—	3	—	—	3
13	Gloster and Bristol Asso.....	16	4	20	—	1	1	—	1	2	—	—	5
14	Surrey Association.....	8	9	17	—	1	1	—	—	2	—	—	9
15	Chester Diocesan Guild.....	12	4	16	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	10	1
16	Essex Association.....	11	4	15	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	4
17	Soc. Archdeaconry of Stafford.....	11	2	13	—	—	—	—	—	3	2	3	1
18	United Counties' Association.....	10	3	13	1	—	9	1	—	—	1	—	1
19	Liverpool Diocesan Guild.....	4	8	12	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	12
20	Bath and Wells Association.....	8	1	9	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6
21	Hertford Association.....	7	1	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3
22	Waterloo Society London.....	6	2	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	7
23	Bedfordshire Association.....	6	1	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6
24	St. Martin's Soc. Birmingham.....	4	3	7	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
25	Salisbury Diocesan Guild.....	4	2	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4
26	Stoke Archdeaconal Asso.....	2	3	5	—	—	1	2	—	—	—	—	1
27	Devonshire Guild.....	4	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4
28	North Lincolnshire Asso.....	2	2	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3
29	Middlesex Association.....	2	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
30	Old East Derbyshire Asso.....	2	—	2	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—
31	Raunds and Willingboro' Ass.....	2	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
32	Heavy Woollen Dist. Asso.....	—	2	2	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—
33	Birmingham Amal. Society.....	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
34	Llandaff Diocesan Asso.....	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
35	North Notts Association.....	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
36	St. James' Society, London.....	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
37	East Lincolnshire Asso.....	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
38	Trinity Youths.....	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
	Independent Societies.....	43	19	62	1	—	3	—	1	—	7	—	31
		470	235	705	5	12	98	20	3	1	32	6	219

The peals in Plain Methods of Triples, Major and Royal comprised:—Bob Triples 14, Bob Major 45, Bob Royal 2; Canterbury Pleasure Triples, 2; Canterbury Pleasure Major 7; Darlaston Bob Triples 3; Oxford Bob Triples 5; Union Triples 1; Court Bob Triples 2.

The 62 peals by Independent Societies were rung in the following Counties:—Middlesex 12; Cheshire 6; Lancashire 5; Gloucestershire 5; Worcestershire 4; Suffolk 4; Kent 4; Staffordshire 3; Somersetshire 2; Norfolk 2; North Wales 2; Shropshire 2; Wiltshire 2; Derbyshire 1; Essex 1; Glamorganshire 1; Hampshire 1; Huntingdonshire 1; Leicestershire 1; Northamptonshire 1; Oxford 1; Surrey 1.

The greatest number of changes in one peal, 8009. Peals containing over 7000 changes, 2. Over 6000 changes, 4. Under 6000 changes, 698. The 219 peals of Grandsire Triples are made up as follows: Holt's Original, 46; Holt's ten-part and variations, 88; Holt's six-part, 5; Taylor's bob-and-single, 14; Hollis's five-part, 11; Davies' ten-part, 7; Davies' five-part, 6; Parker's twelve-part, 10; other peals, 32.

The 70 peals of Stedman Triples are made up as follows: Thurstans' Original, 45; Thurstans' five-part, 2; Thurstans' one-part, 1; Brook's Variation, 9; Heywood's variation, 3; Haley's variation, 1; Washbrook's four-part, 3; Parker's one-part, 2; Lates' one-part, 1; other peals, 3.

The 135 Treble Bob peals: In the Kent Variation, 97; in the Oxford Variation, 18; in 7 Treble Bob Minor methods, 20.

The time occupied in ringing the 705 peals was 2137 hrs. 12 mins., or 89 days and nights, the average time for each peal being 3 hrs. 1 — mins.

Conductors of four peals and upwards: G. Williams, 29; J. Carter, 23; J. W. Washbrook, 19; C. L. Routledge, 16; W. Holmes and G. Newson, 13; J. Parker, 11; R. E. Grove, 10; J. C. Truss, jun., and W. Walmsley, 9; J. Austin, J. Pettitt, and W. Short, 8; T. Bettison, W. G. Crickmer, F. W. Dixon, F. J. Harrison, T. Newman, R. Ridyard, 7; E. Bennett, C. W. Clarke, W. Jakeman, G. Lindoff and H. White, 6; W. H. L. Buckingham, F. W. Cripps, F. Knights, J. Motts, F. G. Newman, Rev. F. E. Robinson, J. Sholicar, J. W. Taylor, D. G. Wightman and H. Williams, 5; F. Bennett, E. Barnett, H. H. Chandler, J. W. Driver, F. Hopgood, R. T. Holding, A. P. Heywood, Rev. H. L. James, A. Knights, W. Micklewright, J. Morgan, G. A. Ransom, H. Rann, W. J. Sevier, W. Wakley, and H. Weston, 4. In addition to these there were 23 who conducted 3 peals; 49 who conducted 2 peals and 175 who conducted 1 peal. Also 1 peal published without a conductor's name, making a total of 298 persons who acted as conductors during the year.

Number of peals rung on church bells, 693; on handbells, 12. They were rung as follows:—January, 77; February, 90; March, 44; April, 82; May, 48; June, 38; July 29; August, 29; September, 33; October, 72; November, 77; December, 86.

Decrease during the twelve months on 1892:—97;

The following table shows the number of peals rung annually since the publication of "THE BELL NEWS."

1881.	From January to December	156	1885.	From January to December	500	1889.	From January to December	797
1882.	" " " "	244	1886.	" " " "	556	1890.	" " " "	699
1883.	" " " "	330	1887.	" " " "	646	1891.	" " " "	878
1884.	" " " "	419	1888.	" " " "	759	1892.	" " " "	802
						1893.	" " " "	705

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

8, *Hanover Crescent, Brighton.*

N.B.—Performances on six bells not in accord with the Central Council's definition, are omitted from the above analysis.—G. F. A.

### Miscellaneous Touches.

**BITTERNE (Hants).—Handbell Ringing.**—On Monday, March 5th, at the practice room, High street, two 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. A. Thornton, 1; J. Boggust, 2; T. Knight, 3; W. Hague, 4; C. Tribe (conductor), 5-6. And three 6-scores. W. Hague, 1; C. Cook, 2; A. Thornton, 3; J. Boggust, 4; C. Tribe, 5-6.

**BISHOPS STORTFORD (Herts).—On Saturday, March 25th,** at St. Michael's church, for service, a 1008 of Darlaston Bob Triples. G. Charge, 1; T. Newman, 2; G. Prior, 3; J. Knight, 4; H. J. Tucker, 5; W. W. Tucker, 6; H. Prior, 7; J. Sampford, 8. And on Sunday, March 25th, a 1008 in the same method, H. J. Tucker and H. Prior changing places, the others standing as before. The longest length in the method by the ringers of 1, 2 and 4. Both conducted by H. J. Tucker.

**BOTLEY (Hants).—Handbell Ringing.**—On Wednesday, February 21st, a 6-score of Bob Doubles. H. Freemantle, 1; J. Osman, 2; R. Linter, 3; W. Hague, 4; C. Tribe, 5-6. And a 6 score in the same method. R. Linter, 1; J. Osman, 2; C. Tribe, 3; W. Hague, 4; J. Boggust, 5; H. Freemantle, 6.

**HIGHAM FERRERS (Northants).—On Sunday, March 25th,** for early service, 798 Grandsire Triples. J. Seamark, 1; G. Randall, 2; W. Hall, 3; W. Pettet, 4; A. H. Martin, 5; W. Parker, 6; J. B. Martin (conductor), 7; G. Brown, 8. And for morning service, 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Seamark, 1; G. Randall, 2; G. Brown, 3; W. Pettet, 4; W. Hall, 5; W. Parker, 6; J. B. Martin (conductor), 7; A. H. Martin, 8. For evening service, 240 Bob Major. G. Randall, 1; J. Seamark, 2; G. Brown, 3; W. Pettet, 4; W. Hall, 5; W. Parker, 6; J. B. Martin, 7; A. H. Martin (conductor), 8.

And 336 Grandsire Triples. J. Seamark, 1; G. Randall, 2; W. Pettet, 3; G. Brown, 4; J. B. Martin, 5; W. Parker, 6; A. H. Martin (conductor), 7; W. Hall, 8.

**KINGSTON-ON-THAMES.**—On Tuesday, March 13th, at All Saints' church, 1008 Grandsire Triples. \*A. Boxall, jun., 1; J. Strutt, 2; J. Wright (conductor), 3; E. J. Strutt, jun., 4; G. Naish, 5; \*J. Baldwin, 6; R. Pearson, 7; J. Chandler, 8. \*Hail from Molesey, and is their longest length.

**STEYNING (Sussex).—On Sunday, February 18th,** for Divine Service at the parish church, a 612 Stedman Triples. W. Woolgar, 1; H. Meetens, 2; E. Rapley, 3; J. Smart, 4; C. Smart, 5; C. Chambers, 6; G. Smart (conductor), 7; A. Gatland, 8. On Thursday, February 22nd, for practice, a 504 of Stedman Triples. H. Meetens, 1; J. Smart, 2; A. Gatland, 3; E. Rapley, 4; C. Chambers, 5; W. Woolgar, 6; G. Gatland (first 504 in the method as conductor), 7; C. Smart, 8. On Sunday, February 25th, for Divine Service in the morning, a 504 Stedman Triples. C. Smart, 1; G. Smart, 2; G. Gatland, 3; E. Rapley, 4; H. Meetens, 5; A. Gatland, 6; W. Woolgar (first 504 in the method as conductor), 7; J. Smart, 8. And a 504 in the same method. E. Rapley, 1; C. Smart (conductor), 2; W. Woolgar, 3; H. Meetens, 4; J. Smart, 5; F. Morris (Brighton), 6; J. Searle (Burgess Hill), 7; A. Gatland, 8. And for evening service, a 504 of Grandsire Triples. E. Rapley, 1; W. Woolgar, 2; J. Matthews, 3; H. Meetens, 4; J. Smart, 5; C. Smart (conductor), 6; J. Woolgar, 7; A. Gatland, 8. And 504 Stedman Triples. J. Smart, 1; H. Meetens, 2; E. Rapley, 3; J. Matthews, 4; A. Gatland, 5; W. Woolgar, 6; C. Smart (conductor), 7; G. Gatland, 8. On Tuesday, February 27th, for practice, a 504 of Stedman Triples. G. Gatland, 1; W. Woolgar, 2; J. Smart, 3; E. Rapley, 4; C. Smart (conductor), 5; H. Meetens, 6; A. Gatland, 7; E. Hughes, 8. On Sunday, March 4th, for Divine Service

in the morning, a 504 of Stedman Triples. H. Meetens, 1; J. Matthews, 2; C. Smart, 3; E. Rapley, 4; J. Smart, 5; W. Woolgar, 6; G. Gatland (conductor), 7; G. Smart, 8. And for the Children's Service in the afternoon a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples. E. Rapley, 1; G. Gatland, 2; J. Smart, 3; C. Smart, 4; H. Meetens, 5; G. Smart, 6; W. Woolgar (first quarter-peal as conductor), 7; A. Gatland, 8. And for evening service, a 504 of Stedman Triples. G. Gatland, 1; W. Woolgar, 2; C. Smart (conductor), 3; G. Smart, 4; E. Rapley, 5; A. Gatland, 6; H. Meetens, 7; J. Smart, 8. And 504 in the same method. C. Smart, 1; J. Smart, 2; J. Woolgar, 3; W. Woolgar, 4; G. Smart (conductor), 5; H. Meetens, 6; A. Gatland, 7; E. Turrell, 8. On Tuesday, March 6th, for practice, a 720 Bob Minor, 2nd bell omitted, tenor covering. G. Smart, 1; G. Gatland, 3; E. Rapley (first 720 with a bob bell), 4; W. Woolgar (first 720 with a bob bell), 5; J. Smart, 6; C. Smart (first 720 in the method as conductor), 7; A. Gatland, 8. And a 720 in the same method. E. Rapley, 1; C. Smart, 3; A. Gatland, 4; J. Smart, 5; G. Smart (conductor), 6; G. Gatland, 7; W. Woolgar, 8. On Thursday, March 8th, for practice, a 504 of Stedman Triples. W. Woolgar, 1; A. Gatland, 2; J. Matthews, 3; G. Smart, 4; E. Rapley, 5; J. Smart, 6; H. Meetens (first 500 as conductor), 7; C. Smart, 8. On Sunday, March 11th, for morning service, a 504 Stedman Triples. G. Gatland, 1; J. Woolgar, 2; E. Rapley, 3; J. Smart, 4; W. Woolgar, 5; A. Gatland, 6; C. Smart (conductor), 7; E. Hughes, 8.

**MATHERNE, near CHEPSTOW (Monmouthshire).—On Monday, March 19th,** for practice at the parish church, a six-score of Grandsire Doubles. W. Richards (conductor), 1; P. Huutley, 2; H. Newman, 3; J. Morley, 4; A. Coldrick, C. Barnes, 6. J. Morley hails from Chepstow, the rest belong to the local band, and this is the first 6-score of Grandsire Doubles and is the first as conductor by the treble ringer.

## ST. NICOLAS, GUILDFORD.

As will be seen by our peal columns, a peal of Grandsire Caters was rung at this church on Easter Monday. The contract for the two new bells was given to Mr. Blackburn, of Salisbury, and the unanimous verdict was that a splendid splice had been made, and the "go" of the whole ten (tenor 23 cwt.), is simply perfection. Probably a brief review of the state of ringing in Guildford during the past seven years will be of interest. In 1888, a new band was formed with F. W. J. Rees, Esq., as foreman, and change-ringing attacked in earnest. The whole of the band remained together and made such progress as to ring their first local peal in 1889, followed by peals of Bob Triples and Major, finally scoring a peal of Treble Bob in 1891, and Stedman seemed within measurable distance, when, alas, from one cause or another (principally through leaving the neighbourhood), six of the band left within a few months. To the faithful few remaining, the final stroke appeared to come in the announcement that their foreman was also going to leave the district. He, however, knowing it had long been an ambition of theirs to possess a peal of ten, most generously gave the two new bells and became responsible for the cost of hanging them, in order that there might be no delay through raising the necessary amount by subscription. This munificent action has greatly encouraged the present band to persevere and overcome the difficulties of the art, and with the able services of their conductor (Mr. F. Bennett) it is hoped to soon have a band capable of ringing Triples at all events. It should be added that there are only three peals of ten in the whole diocese of Winchester—at Leatherhead, the Cathedral, and Guildford.

## LENT, GOOD FRIDAY AND EASTER DAY AT EMBLETON, NORTHUMBERLAND.

On Good Friday, after ringing on lashed bells, during the whole of Lent, the ringers of the above church rang 720 of Bob Minor with open bells, though muffled, for the first time (excepting the conductor). Also a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles for the first time, as well as several of Bob Doubles.

On Easter day, the same ringers were in their places at 7.15 a.m., to ring for the Early Celebration at 8.0 a.m., which they all attended on this occasion. They again succeeded in ringing the 720. The ringers stood in the following order: T. McLaren, 1; C. Pattison, 2; R. McLaren, 3; C. Langley, 4; J. Smailes, 5; Rev. C. Buston (conductor), 6.

It is the custom at Embleton never to ring with open bells during Lent, in accordance with a very old Church custom, which, alas! now is seldom observed. All practice is done on lashed bells, and chiming only is permitted on Sundays. It may interest some who have never tried the experiment, to know that lashed bells, though doubtless not so interesting as open bells, have been found very advantageous in promoting rope-sight; and in addition to this, the absence of ringing during Lent makes the Easter peal all the more welcome both to ringers and people, as well as making the difference between the fasts and festivals of the Church.

## RE-OPENING OF BELLS AT ASHLEWORTH, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

On Thursday, March 8th, the newly re-hung ring of bells at the parish church of Ashleworth, near Gloucester, was re-opened with a special dedicatory service, which was largely attended. The preacher was the Rev. Pitt Eykyn, vicar of St. Augustine's, Bristol, and hon. secretary of the Diocesan Association. Several 6-scores were rung by the local band, assisted by the Sandhurst men, most of whom are members of the Gloucester and Bristol Association.

## HIGH HAM, SOMERSETSHIRE.

A large clock has just been erected at the parish church here by John Smith and Sons, Midland Clock Works, Derby. It has all the latest improvements, and is guaranteed to keep very correct time. The dial is a square one of special design. The same firm have also just completed a similar clock at Corsley parish church, Wilts.

## Central Council Correspondence.

SIR,—If this should prove to be the first letter in the column you have kindly consented to keep for us I shall not be sorry, as the press of business at the Council made me diffident about a vote of thanks to you there. Allow me then to express here—I hope for all, but at any rate for myself and many others—our indebtedness to you in so promptly acceding the request. In spite of all that has been said, when proxy voting has been under discussion, as to "*the value of debating power*," it was again proved on Tuesday that there is no time to fully develop and terminate a debate when details are attempted. Where then is the value of numerical strength in debating power, when modest men keep silent, leaving "the fools (perhaps I'm one), to rush in where angels, etc.," in order to please a popular president compelled time after time to ask for brevity? It is mainly due to the brightness and briskness of our Chairman and Hon. Secretary that the work is got through at all; in fact, when 10.0 p.m. on the evening of the meeting saw me once again in smoky Leeds I greatly blessed their expedition. But does this prove that numerical debating power had full sway or was any use? Many will think not. It is on questions requiring detailed explanations that we hope this experiment in your columns will, amongst other things, send us to a Council Meeting more fully understanding the points of an adversary, so that conciseness may not imperil a motion on which opinion may be somewhat equally divided.

WILLIAM SNOWDON.

(Representing the Yorkshire Association.)

Leeds, March 28th, 1894.

## THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS. LONG PEAL ATTEMPT.

On Easter Monday, March 26th, 1894, at the parish church, Brentwood, Essex, in eight hours and fifteen minutes, 13,072 changes of Double Norwich Court Bob Major was rung, when unfortunately the treble rope broke preventing further progress. The company were: Benjamin Foskett, 1; Edwin Barnett, 2; Henry Dains, 3; George Smith, 4; Charles Wilkins, 5; Albert Pittam, 6; Arthur Jacob, 7; George Newson 8. The composition is by George Newson, who also conducted the performance, which although incomplete, is the longest length yet rang in the method. Messrs. Barnett and Wilkins hail from Crayford, Kent.

## THE ATTEMPTED LONG PEAL AT WOLVERHAMPTON.

As advertised in these columns this band met on Easter Monday, to attempt 17,000 of Grandsire Caters. After a substantial breakfast, they reached the belfry at 9 a.m.; go was called about 9.30, and for four hours and thirty-eight minutes everything went well when a tremendous noise was heard among the bells, which threw every one into confusion. On examination it was found that the tenor clapper had broken, and the broken part had enjoyed an excursion out of one bell into another until it settled underneath the treble. This is the fifth time this clapper has broken in two years. Every one expressed their regret, as success stared them in the face; up to the breaking of the clapper 7,362 had being rang in four hours thirty-nine minutes. J. Pagett, 1; J. Carter (composer and conductor), 2; W. R. Small, 3; W. Smith, 4; T. J. Bratton, 5; J. George, 6; R. Hall, 7; J. E. Groves, 8; R. Cartwright, 9; A. Griffiths, 10. After the above, eight of the band drove to Wombourn, a distance of five miles and rang an excellent-struck peal of Stedman Triples, a report of which will be found in its proper place.

TO GENTLEMEN ATTENDING THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.—If any gentleman took away by mistake from the Central Council a small black cape, with horn buttons, he would oblige the Rev. F. E. Robinson, Drayton Vicarage, Abingdon, by sending it to him,

## 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 Essex Association.**—A district meeting of the above will be held at Sudbury, Suffolk, to-day, Saturday, March 31st. A brake will start from the Green Dragon at 1 p.m. for Foxearth and Walter Belchamp. Tea will be provided the Green Dragon at 5 p.m., to be followed by a business meeting.

HENRY T. W. EYRE, *Assistant Secretary.*  
Great Totham Vicarage, Witham.

**Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.**—A quarterly meeting will be held at Minehead, to-day, Saturday, March 31st. Service at 4 p.m. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m.

CLEMENT W. H. GRIFFITH, *Master.*

Bath.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Rossendale Branch.—Notice.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Newchurch, to-day, Saturday, March 31st. Bells ready at 3 o'clock, meeting at 6.30.

J. B. TAYLOR, *Sec.*

**Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.** The yearly meeting and dinner of the above society will be held at the headquarters, Leeds, to-day, Saturday, March 31st, at the Old Royal Oak, Kirkgate. Dinner at 5 p.m. prompt. Tickets 2s. 6d. each. Business meeting at 6.30, when all members are cordially requested to attend.

R. BINNS, *Hon. Sec.*

43, Low Moor Side, Holbeck.

**Lancashire Association.**—Manchester Branch.—The next monthly ringing meeting will be held at St. John's church, Deansgate, Manchester, on Saturday, April 7th. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Business meeting at 7 p.m.

W. BROWN, *Branch Sec.*

54, Wenlock Street, Hulme, Manchester.

**Oxford Diocesan Guild.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Woodburn on Saturday, April 7th. Methods—Stedman, Treble Bob, Double Norwich, and London Surprise. Further information of the organising secretary, Rev. Alfred Woodin, Woodburn Vicarage, Maidenhead.

**Kent County Association.**—Rochester District.—The post of District Secretary not having been filled up, secretaries of bands and others in the District are requested to send their subscriptions to me as soon as possible.

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

Canterbury, March 19th, 1894.

**Kent County Association.**—Members are requested to take notice that peals rung during the past year and published as Kent County Association peals, in which any persons rang who have not paid their subscriptions for that year, will not be counted as Association peals. The work of preparing the Annual Report is delayed owing to the number of subscriptions still unpaid. FRED. J. O. HELMORE, *Hon. Sec.*

Canterbury, March 19th, 1894.

**Royal Cumberland Society.**—The 110th anniversary of the long peal of 12,000 Treble Bob Royal rung by this Society at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, will be celebrated on Saturday, April 7th, 1894, by a Dinner, followed by a Smoking Concert to be held at the Bedford Hotel, Maiden Lane, Strand. Tickets, 3s. 6d. each, can be obtained from the following mem-

bers of the committee: Mr. B. Foskett, 40, New Buildings, Hampstead, N.W.; Mr. H. Dains, 147, Barnsbury Road, Islington, N.; Mr. W. Hasted, 84, Dean Street, Soho, W.C.; Mr. P. Howard, South House, Albion Road, Stoke Newington, N.; Mr. G. Newson, 13a, Gardner Road, Hampstead, N.W.; Mr. G. Harvey, 30, Dickinson Street, Kentish Town, N.W.; Mr. J. Barry, 27, Arlington Street, Islington, N.; Mr. H. Davis, 419, Old Kent Road; Mr. J. Davis, Westdown Terrace, Camden Street, Peckham; Mr. H. Swain, 29, Bramerton Street, King's Road, Chelsea; Mr. Meads, 89, Diggon Street, Stepney; Mr. W. Wilder, Slough; Mr. H. S. Thomas, 71, Bridge Road, Old Battersea; or of A. JACOB, *Hon. Sec.* 10, St. Anne's Road, Hornsey, N.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Liverpool Diocesan Branch.—The usual monthly meeting will take place at St. Michael's, Huyton, on Saturday, April 7th. Tower open at 2 o'clock. Business meeting at 6 p.m. in the Infants' Schoolroom. J. J. M. MOORE, *Hon. Sec.* 9, Mill Street, Warrington.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of the above will take place at All Saints, Hamer, on Saturday, April 7th, for re-opening of the bells. Short service in church at 4 p.m. Ringing afterwards. Meeting at 6.30.

EDMUND SCHOFIELD, *Branch Sec.*

**The Chester Diocesan Guild.**—Wirral Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held in the schoolroom, Bebington, on Saturday, April 7th. Tea at 5.30 (free). Tower open from 3 p.m. Members who intend to be present are requested to send notice not later than Monday, April 2nd, to

F. R. T. BOLTON, *Hon. Sec.*

Byaside, West Kirby.

**Stoke-on-Trent Archidiaconal Association.**—The next monthly meeting of this Association will be held at Kidsgrove, on Saturday, April 7th. A free tea will be provided for all who give notice of their intention to be present to Mr. J. Mason, 8, Cooper Street, Kidsgrove, not later than Wednesday, the 4th inst.

W. TWIGG, *Hon. Sec.*

97, High Street, Bucknall.

**Midland Counties' Association.**—Nottingham District.—A ringing meeting will be held at Wollaton, on Saturday, April 7th. Belfry open at 4 o'clock.

W. E. WHITE, *Hon. Sec.*

43, Southey Street.

**Society for the Archdeacoury of Stafford.**—The quarterly meeting of this society will be held at the parish church, Penkridge, on Saturday, April 7th. Ringing at 2 p.m. Tea will be provided for all those sending word on or before the 3rd ult. (one shilling per head) to

S. REEVES, *Hon. Sec.*

10, Bull Street, West Bromwich.

## BITTERNE, SOUTHAMPTON.

It may interest some of the readers of "THE BELL NEWS" to hear that (although the parish church tower only possesses one bell) there is a band of change-ringers formed here, and that good progress is being made in the art. Mr. C. Tribe, formerly of Midhurst and Romsey, having taken up his abode here soon found a few friends who were willing and anxious to learn the art. A peal of twelve handbells, 15 size in C, was purchased from Mr. G. Welch, of Bankside, Southwark, a room hired for practice, and two evenings a week arranged,

and a start made early in January. On Wednesday, February 21st, four of the band paid a visit to Mr. R. Linter, at Botley, and with his and Mr. Osman's assistance succeeded in ringing their first two 6-scores of Bob Doubles. On Monday, March 5th, Mr. C. Cook, from Southampton, made his appearance, and they were then successful in ringing their first five 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. They have also made one or two attempts at Minor, and hope soon to be able to announce their first 720. They have also learnt to play several tunes very creditably, and one and all enter into the work with a hearty spirit, which augurs well for the future. The following are the members: Messrs. Boggust, Freemantle, Hague, Knight, Peckham, Thornton and Tribe.

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS.**—The address of Mr. E. E. Bewick is now 3, Clarke Street, Gateshead-on-Tyne.

## Ringers Wanting Situations.

NOTE.—The advertisements of Ringers wanting situations will appear four consecutive insertions free. Those advertising must switch this column week by week, as the reception of all letters addressed care of Editor, will be notified therein. This privilege is only for bona fide ringers, whether subscribers to this paper or otherwise. To ensure publicity in the current number, advertisements ought to reach the office by Tuesday morning.

**SITUATION Wanted as Mechanic or similar employment.** Change-ringer: Grandsire, Plain Bob, Stedman and Treble Bob.—Address, F. A. MELLANBY, 42 Grange Road, West Middlesbrough.

**WOULD** any brother-ringer assist advertiser into Situation of some sort, don't mind much what. Warehouse work, assist carpenter, painter, or anything in the wood line, sawing hand or steam; can ring Stedman, Grandsire, Double Norwich, Treble Bob, &c.—Address, J. P., care of Editor.

**SITUATION** wanted in a warehouse, Messenger or Caretaker, or similar employment by a change-ringer, married, age 38. Can ring Plain Bob, Grandsire, Treble Bob and Stedman. Address Y., care of the Editor.

**SITUATION** wanted as Garden Labourer, or good single-handed. Sixteen years' experience; six years as foreman in last situation, where there is peaches, vines, orchids, stove and greenhouse plants. Married, age 35. Member of the Gargrave branch of the Yorkshire Association. H. HORSMAN, Gargrave, Leeds.

**CHANGE-RINGER**, owing to a bad illness, has been thrown out of employment. Has been used to driving Steam Cranes, Portable and Pile Engines. Can ring Grandsire, Stedman and Treble Bob, and is well up in Minor methods. Can assist in Ironmonger's Warehouse. Good references. WILLIAM SHIMMANS, 33, Battison Street, Bedford.

**SITUATION** wanted as workman to a general ironmonger. Has been accustomed to Gas, Bells, Locks, Ranges and Sanitary Work. Change-ringer in Bob Major, Grandsire, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, etc. Apply—G. C. SCOWEN, 27, West Street, Harwich, Essex.

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

SATURDAY, MARCH 31, 1894.

## The Provinces.

WHITWICK, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 10, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLLIS' FIVE-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

W. J. SMITH .. .. . Treble.	JOSEPH CURTIS .. .. . 5.
WALTER CANNER .. .. . 2.	JOHN JAGGAR .. .. . 6.
E. W. BEADSMOORE .. .. . 3.	J. H. DUNMOORE .. .. . 7.
HERBERT CANNER .. .. . 4.	GEORGE THORNLEY .. .. . Tenor.

Conducted by WALTER CANNER.

Messrs. Smith and Jaggar hail from Burton-on-Trent; the rest from Ashby-de-la-Zouch.

ALBURGH, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 22, 1894, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

EDWARD SMITH .. .. . Treble.	GEORGE MOBBS .. .. . 5.
JOHN BENTLEY .. .. . 2.	FREDERICK BORRETT .. .. . 6.
GEORGE PRIME .. .. . 3.	ERNEST POPPY .. .. . 7.
ALFRED W. BRIGHTON .. .. . 4.	FREDERICK SMITH .. .. . Tenor.

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW and Conducted by EDWARD SMITH.

F. Borrett hails from Pulham Market; A. W. Brighton from Norwich; the rest are local men. The ringer of the 5th is seventy-two years of age.

## RADWINTER, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

(THE SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, March 24, 1894, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,  
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 18 cwt.

ALFRED PITSTOW .. .. Treble.	NATHAN J. PITSTOW .. .. 5.
JOSEPH GRIFFIN .. .. 2.	JOHN F. PENNING .. .. 6.
ARTHUR JAMES .. .. 3.	ERNEST PITSTOW .. .. 7.
CHARLES FREEMAN .. .. 4.	FREDERICK PITSTOW .. .. Tenor.

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW and Conducted by FREDK. PITSTOW.

## ROMFORD, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 24, 1894, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. PERKINS, 8, GEORGE STREET,  
ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
HOLT'S TEN-PART.

GEORGE R. PYE .. .. 1-2.	ACKLAND J. PERKINS .. .. 5-6.
WILLIAM PYE .. .. 3-4.	ERNEST PYE .. .. 7-8.

Conducted by A. J. PERKINS.

Umpire—Mr. A. Deards, who had a copy of the peal before him, and marked off every lead as it was rung. Mr. W. Watson was also present the whole of the time. First peal on handbells by all.

## SHIPLEY, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, March 25, 1894, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

5040 CHANGES IN FOUR METHODS UPON SIX BELLS;  
Being 720 Warnham Court, and Two each of Canterbury  
Pleasure, Bob Minor, and Oxford Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

S. WOOLGAR, JUN. .. .. Treble.	H. TURRELL .. .. 4.
W. PIERCE .. .. 2.	S. WOOLGAR, SEN. .. .. 5.
R. SUMMERSELL .. .. 3.	*W. DENMAN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. DENMAN.

This is the first 5040 on the bells; also the first 5040 of Minor by all except the conductor. \*First 5040 as conductor.

## WARNHAM, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, March 25, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
J. J. PARKER'S SIX-PART.

WALTER CHARMAN .. .. Treble.	*JOHN COOK .. .. 5.
WILLIAM HOOKER* .. .. 2.	WILLIAM SHORT .. .. 6.
THOMAS ANDREWS .. .. 3.	HENRY H. CHANDLER .. .. 7.
WILLIAM PELLING .. .. 4.	†ALFRED COX .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY H. CHANDLER.

\*First peal with a bob bell. †First peal. This peal was rung for the eight o'clock service in the morning.

## BESTHORPE, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 26, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

5040 CHANGES IN THREE DIFFERENT METHODS  
UPON FIVE BELLS;Being fourteen 6-scores of Grandsire, St. Simon's, and Bob  
Doubles. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

STEPHEN DANIELS .. .. Treble.	ROBERT ETTRIDGE .. .. 3.
J. GAYMER MILES .. .. 2.	JOHN HOWES .. .. 4.
JESSE LAWRENCE .. .. Tenor.	

Conducted by JOHN HOWES.

First 5040 on the bells, also by all the band. First 5040 as conductor by J. Howes. Rung at the first attempt. The ringers wish to thank the vicar, the Rev. Utten Browne, for the use of the bells; also Mr. Pincock for having the bells in readiness.

## BISHOPS STORTFORD, HERTS.—ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 26, 1894, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5120 CHANGES;  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 20 cwt.

NATHAN J. PITSTOW .. .. Treble.	*JOSEPH GRIFFIN .. .. 6.
JOHN M. HAYES .. .. 2.	*GEORGE PRIOR .. .. 7.
ARTHUR JAMES* .. .. 3.	GEORGE TAYLOR .. .. 8.
YORK GREEN .. .. 4.	*HENRY PRIOR .. .. 9.
SAMUEL HAYES .. .. 5.	HENRY J. TUCKER .. .. Tenor.

Composed by YORK GREEN and Conducted by H. J. TUCKER.

\*First peal of Royal; also the first peal of Royal on the bells.

## STONE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## STOKE-UPON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 26, 1894, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

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

H. BOWERS .. .. Treble.	J. GOODHEAD .. .. 5.
W. MILLER .. .. 2.	H. FITCHFORD .. .. 6.
T. MILLER .. .. 3.	C. OLLIER .. .. 7.
F. GROCOTT .. .. 4.	W. SLATER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by H. FITCHFORD.

First peal by Messrs. Bowers, Fitchford, and Slater; also the first on the bells.

## GUILDFORD, SURREY.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, March 26, 1894, in Three Hours and Twenty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES.  
Tenor 23 cwt.

JOHN HEATHORN* .. .. Treble.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. .. 6.
FRANK BENNETT .. .. 2.	HENRY WHITE .. .. 7.
GEORGE WOODISS .. .. 3.	JOHN W. WHITING .. .. 8.
JOHN J. JONES* .. .. 4.	GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. 9.
F. W. J. REES .. .. 5.	ALFRED P. GODDARD .. .. Tenor.

Composed by H. HUBBARD and Conducted by G. WILLIAMS.

\*First peal of Caters.

## WOMBOURN, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD, AND  
THE BIRMINGHAM AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED  
SOCIETY.

On Monday, March 26, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BENEDICT,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
BROOK'S VARIATION. Tenor 10 cwt. 12 lbs. in G.

THOMAS JAMES BRATTON .. Treble.	JAMES PAGETT .. .. 5.
WILLIAM ROCK SMALL .. 2.	WILLIAM SMITH .. .. 6.
JAMES EDWARD GROVES .. 3.	JOHN CARTER .. .. 7.
REUBEN HALL .. .. 4.	JAMES GEORGE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN CARTER.

First peal of Stedman on the bells. Bratton hails from Welshpool; Small from Tipton; Groves from Wolverhampton; Hall from West Bromwich; Pagett from Dudley; Smith from Darlaston; Carter from Birmingham; George from Rugby.

## BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 26, 1894, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 20½ cwt.

CHARLES BANCE .. .. Treble.	EDWARD MOSES .. .. 5.
EDGAR BENNETT .. .. 2.	THOMAS KING .. .. 6.
HENRY BROOKER .. .. 3.	JAMES W. TRAPPIST .. .. 7.
WALTER SADLER .. .. 4.	CHARLES GORDON .. .. Tenor.

Composed by the late H. JOHNSON and Conducted by E. BENNETT.



## CROYDON, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 26, 1894, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

SHIPWAY'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 32 cwt.

JAMES RUMBLE* .. .. Treble.	JOSEPH TALBOT .. .. 5.
ALFRED ARNOLD .. .. 2.	WILLIAM STATES .. .. 6.
ALFRED COLLINS .. .. 3.	THOMAS VERRALL .. .. 7.
WILLIAM GROVES* .. .. 4.	WILLIAM HILL .. .. Tenor.
	*STEPHEN WEBBER .. ..

Conducted by WILLIAM STATES.

\*First peal.

## CODDENHAM, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 26, 1894, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 15 cwt.

DAVID G. WIGHTMAN .. Treble.	HENRY W. BALDRY .. .. 5.
GEORGE WIGHTMAN .. .. 2.	EDGAR WIGHTMAN .. .. 6.
JAMES DURRANT .. .. 3.	STEPHEN WIGHTMAN, SEN. 7.
STEPHEN WIGHTMAN, JUN. 4.	ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS and Conducted by D. G. WIGHTMAN.  
Messrs. D. G. Wightman and Baldry hail from Brandeston; the rest from Cretingham.

## UFFORD, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 26, 1894, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

CHARLES MEE .. .. Treble.	FREDERICK CLAYTON .. 5.
ALFRED E. ACFIELD .. .. 2.	DAVID COLLINS .. .. 6.
EDWARD SHERWOOD .. .. 3.	FREDERICK MEE .. .. 7.
EDWARD R. TODD .. .. 4.	WILLIAM WARD .. .. Tenor.

Composed by THOMAS DAY and Conducted by CHARLES MEE.

The above is the first part of T. Day's 15,648.

## NORTH ELMHAM, NORFOLK.

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

On Monday, March 26, 1894, in Three Hours and Twenty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt.

CHARLES E. BORRETT .. Treble.	JOHN MOY .. .. 5.
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPP .. 2.	GEORGE HOWCHIN .. .. 6.
ALFRED W. BRIGHTON .. 3.	EDWARD EAGLING .. .. 7.
EDWARD WARD .. .. 4.	SAMUEL F. BURLEIGH .. Tenor.

Composed by J. E. BURTON, of Norwich, and Conducted by  
CHARLES EDWARD BORRETT.

It is fifty-four years since a peal was rung on these bells, and the first since being re-hung. Messrs. Moy hails from Aylsham; Eagling from Hingham; and Burleigh from Dereham. First peal by the ringer of the 7th, and first in the method by the 4th, 5th and tenor men. The composition is a four-part with the 5th and 6th each twenty-two times in 6ths place, and the 2nd, 3rd and 4th never there.

## STROUD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

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

On Monday, March 26, 1894, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5111 CHANGES.

RICHARD BRUNSDON .. Treble.	E. BANKES JAMES .. .. 6.
FRANCIS E. HART .. .. 2.	WALTER T. BENNETT .. 7.
CHARLES KING .. .. 3.	GEORGE L. BRUNSDON .. 8.
ALFRED T. BRUNSDON .. 4.	WILLIAM J. SEVIER .. .. 9.
WILLIAM C. JONES .. .. 5.	ERNEST E. DAVIS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS of Chesterfield, and Conducted by  
WILLIAM J. SEVIER.

This peal is now rung for the first time; contains the 5th and 6th their extent behind the ninth.

## HIGHAM FERRERS, NORTHANTS.

## RAUNDS AND WELLINGBOROUGH ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, March 27, 1894, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

FIRST HALF OF HOLT'S. SECOND HALF OF REEVES' VARIATION.

Tenor 22 cwt. 3 qrs. 7 lbs.

FREDERICK CLAYTON* .. Treble.	WILLIAM PETTET .. .. 5.
ALFRED H. MARTIN .. .. 2.	WILLIAM PARKER .. .. 6.
WILLIAM HALL .. .. 3.	PERCY HOWARD .. .. 7.
JOHN B. MARTIN .. .. 4.	GEORGE BROWN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by ALFRED H. MARTIN.

\*First attempt on eight bells. Messrs. Clayton and Hall hail from Rushden; Howard from Biddenham, Beds.; the rest belong to Higham Ferrers.

## BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, March 28, 1894, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

A. J. TRAPPITT .. .. Treble.	W. SADLER .. .. 5.
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R. SEWELL .. .. 3.	C. GORDON .. .. 7.
J. W. TRAPPITT .. .. 4.	T. KING .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES W. TRAPPITT.

\*First peal. Rung in honour of the marriage of F. Goad, Esq., of Hackbridge House, Beddington, to Miss Rose Wanklyn, of Wallington.

## Date Touches.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

GUISELEY (Yorks).—On Sunday, March 18th, at St. Oswald's church, a date touch of 1894 Kent Treble Bob Major, in 1 hr. 5 mins. O. Frankland, 1; J. Sunderland, 2; J. Waite, 3; T. M. Thompson, 4; H. Demaine, 5; J. Yeadon, 6; J. Baldwin, 7; F. W. Dixon (composer and conductor), 8.

## WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

KIDDERMINSTER.—On Sunday, February 11th, for Divine Service in the morning, a date touch of 1894 Stedman Triples, in 1 hr. 11 mins. G. Salter, 1; E. C. Hunt, 2; W. H. Barber, 3; N. Davis, 4; J. Bennett, 5; T. J. Salter (conductor), 6; J. Crane, 7; T. Walters, 8. Longest touch of Stedman by Messrs. Hunt and Davis. Composed by A. P. Heywood, Esq., and was rung as a compliment to Mr. T. Griffiths on his marriage.

## Miscellaneous.

## STOKE-ON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

KIDSGROVE (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, February 11th, at St. Thomas' church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor in 26 mins. W. Grice, 1; T. Miller, 2; A. Archer, 3; W. Miller (conductor), 4; C. Ollier, 5; G. Siddons, 6. Archer and Siddons belong to the local company, the rest hail from Wolstanton. On Saturday, February 10th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob, in 26 mins. W. Grice, 1; T. Miller, 2; A. Archer, 3; W. Miller (conductor), 4; C. Ollier, 5; G. Siddons, 6.

WOLSTANTON (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, February 4th, at St. Margaret's church, 504 Grandsire Triples. H. Bowers, 1; W. Fitchford (first 504 as conductor), 2; S. Holden, 3; F. Grocott, 4; J. Goodhead, 5; H. Fitchford, 6; C. Ollier, 7; W. Slater, 8. On Monday, February 5th, 504 Stedman Triples in 17 mins. F. Grocott, 1; W. Fitchford, 2; C. Ollier, 3; S. Holden, 4; J. Goodhead, 5; H. Fitchford, 6; W. Miller (conductor), 7; W. Slater, 8. On Tuesday, February 20th, 504 Stedman Triples. F. Grocott, 1; W. Fitchford, 2; T. Miller (conductor), 3; S. Faulkner, 4; S. Holden, 5; H. Fitchford, 6; W. Grice, 7; J. Goodhead, 8. H. Faulkner hails from Stoke, the rest belong to the local company. Recently, for practice, 504 Stedman Triples. F. Grocott, 1; W. Fitchford, 2; T. Miller (conductor), 3; S. Churton, 4; S. Holden, 5; H. Fitchford, 6; W. Grice, 7; J. Goodhead, 8. Also 504 Stedmap Triples with S. Holden, 4; J. Goodhead, 5;

C. Ollier, 6; W. Miller, 7; W. Slater, 8. S. Churton hails from Stoke, and it is his first 504 in the method; the rest belong to the local company.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

**HAYES (Kent).**—On Monday, February 12th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs two singles). J. Johnson, 1; H. Brown, 2; G. Harwood, 3; H. Reader, 4; J. Hack, 5; G. Durling (conductor), 6. On Monday, February 19th, for practice, 480 Bob Doubles. H. Reader, 1; H. Brown, 2; F. Lacy (first touch with a bob bell), 3; G. Harwood, 4; J. Hack, 5; G. Durling (conductor), 6. On Monday, March 5th, for practice, 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor (fourteen singles four bobs). H. Brown, 1; H. Reader, 2; G. Harwood, 3; G. Durling, 4; J. Emery, 5; J. Hack (conductor), 6. And a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles. H. Brown, 1; J. Hack, 2; J. Emery, 3; G. Durling, 4; G. Harwood (conductor), 5; H. Reader, 6. On Monday, March 12th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor. J. Johnson, 1; H. Reader, 2; G. Harwood, 3; J. Hack, 4; E. Stone, 5; J. Emery (conductor), 6. Durling hails from Bromley, Emery from St. Mary Cray.

**UPCHURCH (Kent).**—On Tuesday evening, February 27th, at St. Mary's church, 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 26 mins. A. T. Hyland, 1; W. Laker, 2; W. Seamer, 3; W. T. Hyland, 4; G. Dennis (first 720 in the method), 5; G. A. Ransom (conductor), 6.

#### DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

**NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.**—On Wednesday, February 21st, a peal of Stedman Caters (C. H. Hattersley's composition), was attempted at the Cathedral, but time not allowing of its completion the conductor brought it to a stand a little over the half-way single in 1 hr. 45 mins. J. Simm, 1; H. Dall, 2; A. F. Hillier, 3; E. Wallis, 4; S. Power, 5; T. Denton, 6; F. Lees, 7; F. J. Harrison, 8; W. Holmes (conductor), 9; W. Challoner (Coventry), 10. Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. Wallis and Dall, their brother-ringers regretting the failure of the attempt principally on their account. Tenor 37½ cwt.

**STOCKTON-ON-TEES (Durham).**—On Thursday, March 15th, at the parish church, was rung for the first time since May 14th, 1886, a 720 of Evening Exercise. G. J. Clarkson, 1; J. Clarkson, 2; T. Waller, 3; J. Waller, 4; T. Stephenson (conductor), 5; W. Newton, 6. And on Sunday morning, March 18th, a 720 Woodbine. J. Clarkson, 1; W. Newton, 2; T. W. Waller, 3; J. Waller, 4; T. Stephenson, 5; G. J. Clarkson (conductor), 6.

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

**KILLMARSH (Derbyshire).**—On Sunday, February 4th, for evening service, 720 of Tulip. H. Taylor, 1; T. Bettison (conductor), 2; J. Emsen, 3; G. Burnham, 4; H. Turton, 5; C. Severn, 6. On Sunday, February 18th, for morning service, 720 Wells Surprise; and for evening service, 720 London Surprise, standing as before. On Sunday, February 25th, for morning service, 360 York Surprise. For evening service, 720 London Scholars' Pleasure, standing as before. On Monday, February 26th, for practice, 960 changes, being 120 each of the following: London Surprise, Wells Surprise, Durham Surprise, York Surprise, Bristol Surprise, Lichfield Surprise, Superlative Surprise, and Cambridge Surprise, standing as before.

#### THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

**CROYDON (Surrey).**—On Sunday evening, March 4th, for Divine Service at the church of St. Peter, 504 Oxford Bob Triples. F. Larbey, 1; W. O. Gamman, 2; H. Brooker (conductor), 3; T. King, 4; G. Burt, 5; C. Kitching, 6; F. Hermon, 7; W. Warman, Esq., 8. On Sunday evening, March 18th, for Divine Service, 518 Grandsire Triples. H. Lover (first 500), 1; H. Brooker (conductor), 2; F. Larbey, 3; W. Dolton, 4; G. Burt, 5; F. Hermon, 6; C. Kitching, 7; W. Warman, Esq., 8. On Monday, March 12th, for practice, 546 Oxford Bob Triples. W. Dolton (first 500 in the method), 1; W. O. Gamman, 2; A. E. Collins, 3; C. Kitching, 4; F. Hermon, 5; G. Burt, 6; H. Brooker (conductor), 7; H. Smith, 8. And 408 Stedman Triples. G. Burt, 1; A. Arnold, 2; W. Sadler, 3; H. Brooker (conductor), 4; E. Trendall, 5; C. Kitching, 6; W. States, 7; B. Blake, 8.

#### THE RAUNDS, WELLINGBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

**IRTHLINGBOROUGH (Northants).**—On Saturday, February 24th, at St. Peter's church, 720 Oxford Bob (eighteen bobs two singles). G. Roberts, 1; R. Pendered, 2; F. Gilbert, 3; H. Sharman, 4; J. Houghton, 5; H. Stubbs (conductor), 6. On Saturday, March 10th, 504 Bob Triples. H. Sharman, 1; J. Houghton, 2; R. Pendered, 3; G. Kirk, 4; F. Gilbert, 5; J. Stubbs, 6; H. Stubbs (conductor), 7;

A. Tyler, 8. And 720 Court Single. A. Perkins (first 720), 1; R. Pendered, 2; F. Gillert, 3; H. Stubbs, 4; J. Houghton, 5; J. Stubbs (conductor), 6. And 364 Bob Triples. A. Perkins (longest length of Triples), 1; J. Houghton, 2; J. Stubbs, 3; G. Kirk, 4; R. Pendered, 5; H. Stubbs, 6; F. Gilbert (conductor), 7; H. Sharman, 8. Roberts hails from Ringstead; Messrs. H. and J. Stubbs, Pendered, Kirk, Gilbert and Sharman from Raunds; the rest belong to the local company.

#### THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

**TREETON (Yorks).**—On Monday, February 12th, at the parish church, a 720 Oxford Treble Bob with W. Lambert (conductor), and 240 Oxford Treble Bob with T. A. Brothwell (conductor). E. Sadler, 1; J. H. Brothwell, 2; S. Walker, 3; W. Lambert, 4; T. Sadler, 5; T. Whitworth, 6. On Thursday, February 15th, a 720 Kent Treble Bob. E. Sadler, 1; W. Lambert, 2; T. Sadler, 3; J. H. Brothwell, 4; S. Walker, 5; W. Lambert, sen., 6. And 720 Violet. J. H. Brothwell, 2; S. Walker, 3; W. Lambert, 4; T. Sadler, 5; W. J. Nicholson, 6. On Monday, February 19th, 360 Oxford Treble Bob. On Thursday, February 21st, a 720 in the same method. T. Sadler, 1; E. Sadler, 2; S. Walker, 3; T. Whitworth, 4; J. H. Brothwell, 5; W. Lambert, 6. On Sunday, February 23rd, for morning service, a 720 London Scholars' Pleasure. E. Sadler, 1; W. J. Nicholson, 2; S. Walker, 3; W. Lambert, 4; T. Sadler, 5; T. Whitworth, 6. On Monday, February 26th, a 720 College Exercise. J. H. Brothwell, 2; W. H. Nicholson, 6. On Sunday, March 11th, a 360 College Pleasure. W. J. Nicholson, 5; T. Whitworth, 6. On Sunday, March 18th, a 720 Kent Treble Bob. S. Walker, 3; A. Worffenden, 5; W. J. Nicholson, 6.

**ORDSALL (Yorks).**—On Saturday, March 17th, a 720 Violet. E. Sadler, 1; J. H. Brothwell, 2; W. J. Nicholson, 3; W. Lambert, 4; T. Sadler, 5; T. Whitworth, 6.

**WEST RETFORD (Notts).**—On Saturday, March 17th, at the parish church, a 360 Oxford Treble Bob. E. Sadler, 1; J. H. Whitworth, 2; W. J. Nicholson, 3; W. Lambert, 4; T. Sadler, 5; T. Whitworth, 6.

**KILLMARSH (Derbyshire).**—On Saturday, March 10th, at the parish church, a 720 London Scholars', 720 College Exercise, and 720 Killamarsh Treble Bob. T. Bettison, 1; J. H. Brothwell, 2; W. Lambert, 3; G. Burnham, 4; C. Severn (conductor), 5; T. Whitworth, 6.

**ECKINGTON (Derbyshire).**—On Saturday, March 24th, at the parish church, a 720 Kent Treble Bob. F. Hancock, 1; J. H. Brothwell, 2; J. Guest, 3; W. Lambert, 4; C. Severn, 5; T. Whitworth (conductor), 6. And a 360 Violet. J. H. Brothwell, 1; T. Whitworth, 2; C. Severn, 6, the rest as above. And 140 Violet. J. Worthington, 1; J. H. Brothwell, 2; W. Worthington, 3; W. Lambert, 4; A. Worthington, 5; T. Whitworth, 6. Messrs. Brothwell, Lambert and Whitworth hail from Treeton; the Worthingtons from Staveley; Guest from Hart-hill; Messrs. Severn, Bettison and Burnham belong to the Killamarsh company; Hancock from Eckington.

#### NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

**EAST RETFORD (Notts).**—On Easter Sunday, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 1260 changes. G. Swannack, 1; J. Swannack (conductor), 2; J. T. Bottomley, 3; H. T. Denman, Esq., 4; W. Skelton, 5; H. Warburton, 6; H. Haigh, 7; J. B. Joynes, 8. First quarter-peal by H. Denman away from the treble. Composed by H. Haigh. In the evening, an attempt was made to ring Mr. Charge's composition, 1259 Grandsire Caters, but after ringing 1133 changes a change-course occurred and it came to grief. G. Swannack, 1; J. Swannack, 2; H. Haigh, 3; J. T. Bottomley, 4; G. E. Sharpe, 5; G. M. Farr, 6; W. Skelton, 7; H. Warburton, 8; J. B. Joynes (conductor), 9; W. Metcalfe, 10.

**WORKSOP (Notts).**—On the occasion of the quarterly meeting, 224 Grandsire Triples. W. Preston, 1; J. Briggs, 2; J. T. Bottomley, 3; W. Drake, 4; N. G. Hunt, 5; C. Crawford, 6; H. Haigh (conductor), 7; R. Potter, 8. And 336 of Bob Major. G. Swannack, 1; G. M. Farr, 2; T. Spurr, 3; J. T. Bottomley, 4; W. Skelton, 5; H. Haigh (conductor), 6; C. Crawford, 7; J. B. Joynes, 8. Also 360 Bob Minor. G. Swannack, 1; W. Preston (conductor), 2; H. Haigh, 3; H. Blagg, 4; C. Crawford, 5; J. White, 6. Messrs. White, Blagg and Preston hail from Ordsall; Crawford from East Markham; Hunt, Briggs, Drake and Potter from West Retford; and the remainder from East Retford.

#### LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—ROSSENDALE BRANCH.

**RAMSBOTTOM (Lancashire).**—On Sunday, March 11th, at St. Paul's church, 559 Grandsire Triples. J. Hanson, 1; H. H. Nutter, 2; J. Wolstenholme, 3; R. Leach, 4; J. H. Haydock, 5; J. Smith, 6; Rev. C. A. Clements (conductor), 7; J. Booth, 8. On Monday, March 12th,

a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes). J. S. Taylor, 1; J. H. Haydock, 2; J. Wolstenholme, 3; R. Leach, 4; A. Clegg, 5; J. Smith, 6; Rev. C. A. Clements (conductor), 7; J. Booth, 8. Time 45 minutes.

#### SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

WOLVERHAMPTON.—On Sunday, March 25th, for morning service, 840 Grandsire Triples. T. Marsh, 1; E. Nichols, 2; J. Pardoe, 3; H. A. Hall, 4; C. Marsh, 5; J. E. Groves, 6; T. Groves, 7; A. Griffiths, 8. And for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, 1259 changes, in 49 mins. J. Pardoe, 1; J. E. Groves (conductor), 2; H. Dawkes, 3; C. Marsh, 4; J. Fowler, 5; J. George, 6; T. J. Bratton, 7; A. Griffiths, 8; T. Groves, 9; H. A. Hall, 10. Composed by J. George.

TETTENHALL (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, March 25th, 720 Grandsire Minor in 24 mins. H. A. Hall, 1; T. Groves, 2; J. E. Groves, 3; B. Dalton, 4; T. J. Bratton (conductor), 5; J. George, 6; and 120 of Stedman Doubles.

#### THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

BURNHAM (Bucks).—On Saturday, March 10th (the Prince of Wales' wedding day), 720 Oxford Bob, in 24 mins. J. Elderfield, 1; G. Basden, 2; J. J. Parker (conductor), 3; G. Alder (first 720 in the method), 4; J. Basden, 5; C. Clark, 6. Also a variety of Grandsire Doubles.

FARNHAM ROYAL (Bucks).—On Wednesday, March 7th, 720 Grandsire Minor, in 25 mins. A. Crook, 1; J. Elderfield, 2; J. J. Parker, 3; G. Alder, 4; J. Bovington, 5; C. Clarke, 6. On Wednesday, March 14th, 720 Grandsire Minor, in which A. Day rang the treble, it being his first 720. And 360 Oxford Bob.

#### THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

LONDON.—On Sunday, March 11th, for evening service at St. Michael's, Cornhill, 1259 Grandsire Caters, in 59 mins. W. Cecil, 1; Y. Green, 2; J. Hayes, 3; E. Lucas, 4; W. Dallimore, 5; H. Springall (conductor), 6; S. Parmenter, 7; E. Hall, 8; S. Hayes, 9; J. Jones (longest length of Caters), 10. Tenor 41 cwt.

Bow (Middlesex).—On Monday, March 12th, at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins., taken from Holt's Original. C. Dempsey, 1; J. Scholes (longest length with a bob bell), 2; E. Lucas, 3; Y. Green, 4; E. Hall, 5; H. Springall (conductor), 6; S. Hayes, 7; D. Sutton, 8.

EASTBOURNE (Sussex).—On Tuesday, February 27th, for practice at Christ Church, 504 Grandsire Triples, in 17 mins. B. Hobbs, 1; A. D. Stone, 2; J. Sharp, 3; W. Lawrance, 4; A. Piper, 5; E. Willoughby (conductor), 6; A. E. Nye, 7; T. Deadman, 8. On Sunday, March 4th, for Divine Service in the evening, 504 in the same method, in 18 mins. J. Osborne, 1; A. D. Stone, 2; J. Hunnisett, 3; J. Smith, 4; W. Lawrance, 5; B. Hobbs (conductor), 6; A. E. Nye, 7; J. Warner, 8. On Sunday, March 11th, for evening service, 504 in the same method, in 16 mins. J. Osborne, 1; H. Colbran, 2; A. Piper, 3; J. Sharp (conductor), 4; W. Lawrance, 5; E. Willoughby, 6; B. Hobbs, 7; T. Deadman, 8.

FRAMPTON (Lincolnshire).—On a recent Sunday morning, for Divine Service, the Skirbeck company, assisted by Mr. T. Cade, of Kirton, rang two 6-scores of Plain Bob. J. Colman, 1; J. E. Clarke, 2; H. Palmer (conductor), 3; C. R. Lilley, 4; T. Cade, 5. Also a 6-score each of April Day and Old Doubles, which are the first in the methods on the bells. J. Colman, 1; T. Cade, 2; J. E. Clarke, 3; H. Palmer (conductor), 4; C. R. Lilley, 5.

GLEMSFORD (Suffolk).—On Easter Sunday morning, 720 Kent Treble Bob. J. Slater, 1; Z. Slater, 2; G. Smith, 3; A. Clarke, 4; R. Theobald, 5; R. Brett, 6. Also an 18-score of Oxford Treble Bob. S. Slater, 1; Z. Slater, 2; G. Smith, 3; A. Clarke, 4; R. Theobald, 5; R. Brett (conductor), 6. Also 500 Kent Treble Bob, for evening service. After service, 720 in the same method. A. Clarke (conductor), 1; Z. Slater, 2; A. Papworth, 3; S. Slater, 4; G. Smith, 5; R. Theobald, 6. Messrs. Smith, Clarke, Papworth, Theobald and Brett belong to Stanstead; the rest are local men.

HILLINGDON (Middlesex).—On Monday, March 12th, at St. Andrew's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins. W. James, 1; J. J. Parker (composer and conductor), 2; H. Hicks, 3; A. Finch, 4; R. Flaxman, 5; H. Wilkinson, 6; J. Pratt, 7; A. Dampier, 8.

KINGSLEY (Staffordshire).—On Monday, February 19th, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor (forty-two singles). E. Bradshaw, 1; T. Forrester, 2; J. Moreton, 3; I. Moreton, 4; H. Carnwell, 5; H. Booth (conductor), 6. On Wednesday, March, 7th, 720 Treble (?) Bob

(eighteen bobs and eighteen singles). E. Bradshaw, 1; T. Forrester, 2; J. Moreton, 3; I. Moreton, 4; H. Carnwell, 5; H. Booth (conductor), 6. On Saturday, March 17th, 720 Treble (?) Bob (six bobs and thirty singles). E. Bradshaw, 1; T. Forrester, 2; J. Moreton, 3; I. Moreton, 4; H. Carnwell, 5; H. Booth (conductor), 6.

RAWTENSTALL (Lancashire).—On Tuesday, March 6th, for practice at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor, in 28 mins. G. H. Ashworth, 1; T. Rollerson (first 720 in the method), 2; S. Holgate, 3; J. H. Nuttall (first 720 in the method), 4; J. Smith, 5; J. Ramsbottom (conductor), 6.

SHIPLEY (Sussex).—On Sunday, February 11th, for Divine Service at St. Mary's church, 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor (eighteen bobs two singles, 360 Oxford Single Bob (nine bobs); and for evening service, 720 Warnham Court Bob (thirty singles), 360 Oxford Single Bob (nine bobs). S. Woolgar, jun., 1; W. Peirce, 2; R. Summersell, 3; H. Turrell, 4; S. Woolgar, sen., 5; W. Denman (conductor), 6. On Sunday, March 18th, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs two singles). R. Howell (first 720), 1; W. Peirce, 2; S. Woolgar (first 720 with a bob bell), 3; H. Turrell, 4; S. Woolgar, sen., 5; W. Denman (conductor), 6.

STANSTEAD (Suffolk).—On Sunday, March 25th, at the parish church, a 720 of Woodbine T. eble Bob. A. Papworth, 1; R. Theobald, 2; G. Smith, 3; A. Clarke, 4; R. Gowers, 5; R. Brett (conductor), 6. An 18-score of College Single. A. Papworth, 1; R. Theobald, 2; G. Smith, 3; A. Clarke, 4; R. Brett, 5; R. Gowers (conductor), 6. And for afternoon service an 18-score of Kent Treble Bob and an 18-score of Court Bob. A. Papworth, 1; S. Slater, 2; Z. Slater, 3; R. Gowers, 4; R. Theobald, 5; A. Clarke (conductor), 6. And a 720 Oxford Treble Bob. A. Papworth, 1; Z. Slater, 2; A. Clarke, 3; G. Smart, 4; R. Theobald, 5; R. Gowers (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."

#### PRIORITY OF CLAIMS.

SIR,—The simple reason that no notice was taken of Mr. Heywood's first letter, which appeared immediately after the publication of my peal, is—I could not see that he had laid any direct claim, but had simply written regretting that through nursing it, he had lost his claim. This opinion was not held by myself alone, but by several ringers whom I consulted on the matter, and not wishing to cause any ill-feeling by correspondence let the matter drop thinking that there it had ended. Had the shoe been on the other foot, I daresay it would have been quite a different matter. I have lost peals in the same way myself and have always had to "grin and bear it," as doubtless a great number of persons have had to do. This peal was composed by me in May, 1890. First mentioned to Mr. Cooke, of Gillingham, March, 1892. Also in the possession of Mr. W. Haigh, of Gillingham, and Mr. J. Austin, of Gloucester, and seen by Mr. H. N. Davis, of London in a filled up book in which a number of my compositions were entered some time before its publication. I may say that I have heard one of the gentlemen mentioned by Mr. Heywood denounce such claims set forth by him, and thinks he would advocate. Till we can get a better method of establishing claims, which we are in hopes of having shortly, let us not take up a worse, and one which is overcrowded with difficulties. With regard to old manuscript, it has always been regarded as quite as good authority as printed matter. In conclusion, I respectfully beg to state that I still continue to strongly adhere to the claim set forth in my last letter. Had Mr. Heywood written privately in the first place and compared notes, he would have found me then quite willing to have met him half-way. G. LINDOFF.

15, Knight Street, Lincoln.

#### CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE.

SIR,—The letter of Mr. S. Thomas in your last issue is of great interest. There are two nearly similar variations of the original Cambridge method. If, as I gather, Thackrah's is the same as the Burton Variation, it seems to me that Mr. Pitstow's suggestion, made some years ago to me, that this variation should be adopted as the method proper on account of its freedom in composition, might now be carried into effect. It is news to the Exercise that the extent has been long since rung on this plan. I once started to call it, but missed a bob, and was not at that time able to make another attempt. I was fondly hoping our band would, in accomplishing this peal, have done something new. I should be glad if any one having a copy of Thackrah's work to part with would write to me. I should be glad to give ten shillings for it if complete and in good order.

A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD.

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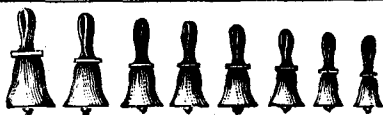
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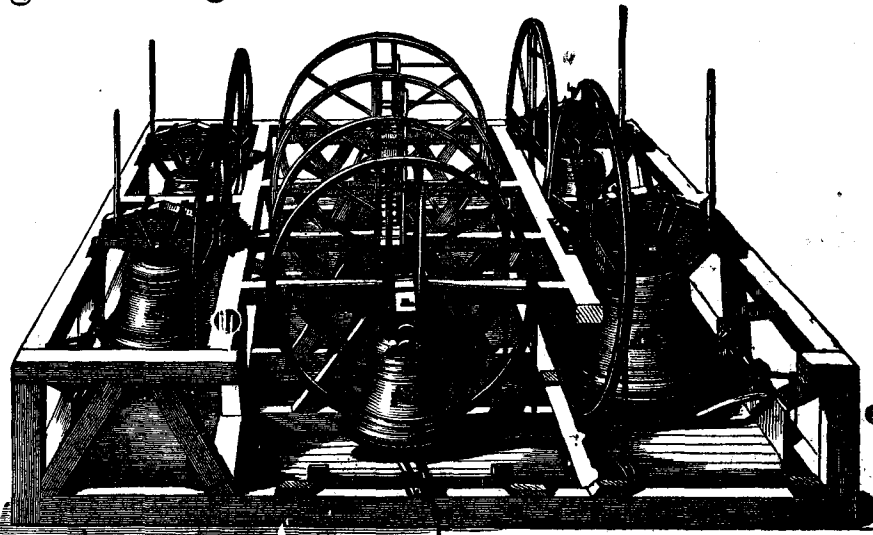
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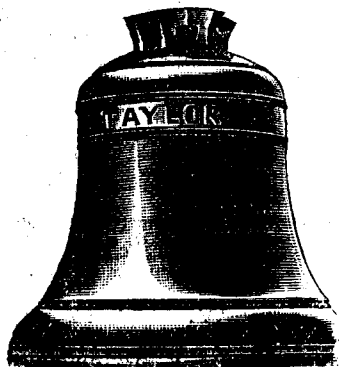
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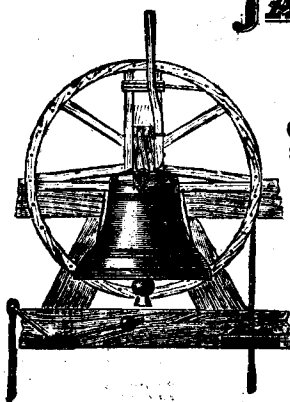
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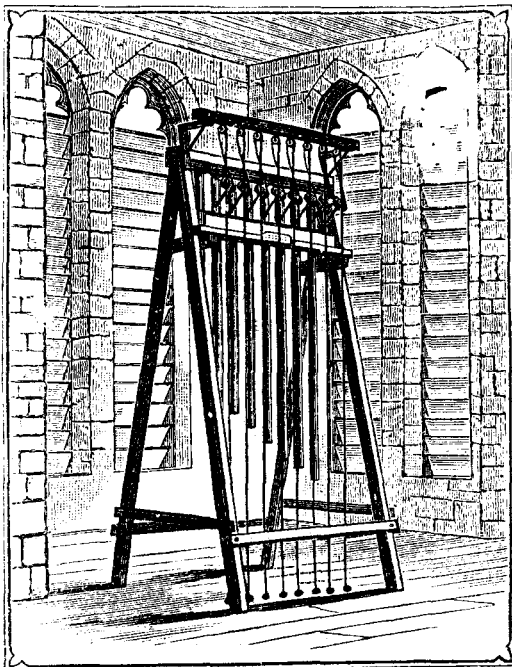
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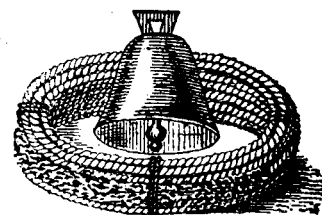
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## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The fourth annual meeting of the Central Council was held on Easter Tuesday at the "Inns of Court" Hotel, Holborn, London. There was a large muster of representatives, the official list of those signing their names being as follows: Messrs. F. E. Dawe, W. D. Smith, C. F. Winny and W. T. Cockerill, College Youths; Messrs. G. Newson, H. Dains, B. Foskett and A. Jacob, Royal Cumberland Youths; Messrs. E. E. Richards and W. H. L. Buckingham, St. James' Society; Rev. W. W. C. Baker, Bedfordshire Association; Mr. J. Carter, Birmingham and District Amalgamated Society; Messrs. W. Walmsley and H. A. Heywood, Chester Diocesan Guild; Rev. W. S. Willett, Devonshire Guild; Mr. F. Lees, Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association; Rev. T. L. Papillon, Messrs. F. G. Newman, N. J. Pitstow, Essex Association; Rev. H. A. Cockey, Messrs. E. B. James and G. H. Phillott, Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association; Messrs. J. J. Bratton and J. G. Wall, Hereford Diocesan Guild; Mr. E. P. Debenham, Herts. Association; Revs. E. W. Carpenter and F. J. O. Helmore, Messrs. E. Bedwell and A. Palmer, Kent Association; Rev. H. J. Elsee, Lancashire Association; Mr. T. Lockwood, Leeds and District Amalgamated Society; Mr. N. E. Snow, North Lincolnshire Association; Mr. G. B. Lucas, Middlesex Association; Messrs. A. P. Heywood, J. W. Taylor, J. Griffin and S. Cooper, Midland Counties' Association; Revs. J. H. Pilkington and H. F. Bulwer, Messrs. W. L. Catchpole and R. H. Brundle, Norwich Diocesan Association; Revs. F. E. Robinson and G. F. Coleridge, and Mr. A. H. Cocks, Oxford Diocesan Guild; Rev. A. D. Hill, Salisbury Diocesan Guild; Mr. S. Reeves, Stafford Archdeaconry Society; Dr. A. B. Carpenter and Mr. E. F. Strange, Surrey Association; Rev. C. D. P. Davies, Messrs. G. F. Attree, J. Parker and A. E. Nye, Sussex Association; Messrs. F. W. J. Rees, G. Williams, G. H. Barnett and H. White, Winchester Diocesan Guild; Mr. R. E. Grove, Worcester and District Association; Messrs. W. Snowdon and C. H. Hattersley, Yorkshire Association; Rev. A. H. Boughiey, Messrs. W. H. Thompson, J. C. Mitchell, W. Wakley, J. Pettit and F. E. Ward, Honorary members.

The minutes of last year's meeting having been read and confirmed, the first items upon the agenda were the election of President and Hon. Secretary for the ensuing three years.

## ELECTION OF PRESIDENT.

Mr. Dawe said he was very pleased to find that there was only one name nominated for the office of President. He was sure that it did not require any words of his to bring under the notice of the Council the excellent qualities of the gentleman who had occupied the chair for the past three years. He had great pleasure in proposing Mr. Percival Heywood as President for the ensuing three years (applause).

Mr. Hattersley having seconded, the resolution was submitted by Mr. Dawe to the Council, and unanimously carried with applause.

The President, in taking the chair, desired to thank Mr. Dawe for the kind manner in which he had spoken of his services, and the Council for the manner in which his name had been received. He was afraid that it was a rather one-sided election, as only one person had been nominated, but at any rate it avoided the delay of a contest (laughter). He trusted that he should be able to serve them in the future as he had endeavoured to do in the past (hear, hear). It was not his intention to detain them with many words from the chair, as he had always considered it his place to direct the business rather than to take up time by an expression of his individual opinions; there were one or two matters, however, which he must briefly refer to. Soon after the last Council Meeting he received a letter from the Secretary of the North Lincolnshire Association, containing a copy of a resolution passed by that Society in April last, which ran as follows:

"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 decisions of the Council, and in the utility and value of the Council to ringers individually, and to their Associations" (applause). He, the President, thought that if a few more of their friends would

publicly express their views of the work of the Council it would be of great assistance to the Council which had indeed laboured hard to forward the interests of the Exercise (hear, hear). It was satisfactory at all events to know that the decisions of the Council had met with approval in some parts of the country. There was a long agenda to be dealt with, and he trusted that those who might speak upon the questions under consideration would be short and keep to the point. It should be borne in mind that the Council was not there to make laws, in fact they had no power to bind anyone. Their object as a Council was to draw together the whole of the ringing Associations throughout the country, inviting them to send their best members to debate the questions that were brought forward. The decisions of the Council must thus of necessity carry weight, for they went forth as the decisions of a body which would be freely admitted to comprise the majority of the ablest ringers in England. These decisions it was hoped would in time be adopted throughout the country, and so in the long run the council would become the ruling body in the Exercise, not by any undue assertion of authority, but by a common admission of their good sense and integrity. There were some Associations that had not elected their full number of delegates; this was to be regretted because it deprived the Council of debating power which might have proved valuable in their discussions. He thought the Council was justified in asking that the Associations would send all the debating power each one was entitled to. In conclusion he thanked them for having listened so patiently to him (applause).

## ELECTION OF HONORARY SECRETARY.

Mr. Foskett said it gave him pleasure to propose the re-election of the Rev. H. Earle Bulwer as Hon. Sec. The work had been efficiently carried out, and he had no doubt the rev. gentleman would continue to discharge the duties with just the same efficiency in the future as he had in the past.

Mr. Catchpole having seconded,

The President warmly supported the motion, saying he could not speak too highly of Mr. Bulwer's assistance to him personally.

The resolution having been unanimously adopted with applause,

The Rev. H. Earle Bulwer said he desired to thank the Council for the reception that had been accorded his name. He had done his best to carry out the duties in accordance with his own lights. In doing so he did not assume that he had given satisfaction to everyone. It must be remembered that he had a great many other interests to watch. If the rules of the Council were not observed, if members of the Council and Hon. Secs. of Associations did not assist him, he should not be able to carry on the duties. He would appeal to Hon. Secs. of Associations to send in returns sooner to the Council, and also to forward subscriptions in good time, otherwise it would be almost impossible for him to continue in office. Since the commencement of the present year, he had had out the books of the Council almost every day to do work which might have been done in one day. He would appeal to all to assist him by punctuality in dealing with all matters with which the Secretary of the Council was concerned. So long as he was able to discharge the duties, he should have pleasure in doing so, for he believed in the Council, and that it was bound to do sterling work for the Exercise. He accepted with pleasure the post, and would do his best to discharge the duties for the next three years (applause).

## ELECTION OF HON. MEMBERS.

The President having read letters regretting their inability to attend from Dr. Raven, Mr. J. S. Pritchett, Rev. T. Griffith, and Mr. R. S. Story, said the attendance of Honorary Members had not been all that could be desired, and he thought that Mr. Wakley was the only Hon. Member that had attended the whole of the Council Meetings.

Mr. Snowdon advocated that the distinction of Hon. Member should be conferred upon those who had done something for the Exercise, and considered it a mistake to elect gentlemen that were not in touch with the Association to which they belonged.

The Hon. Sec. said the Standing Committee recommended the re-election of those Hon. Members who had hitherto attended the meetings and of those present at the meeting.

The President said that the object of Honorary Membership

was not to confer a distinction, but to enable the Council to obtain the services of any important workers who might not be returned as representatives.

On the motion of the Rev. F. E. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Rees, the following were elected: Rev. Canon Wigram, Messrs. Wakley, Pettit, F. E. Ward, Hounslow, and J. C. Mitchell.

#### BALANCE SHEET.

The balance-sheet showed balance from last year £34 7s. 1½d., subscriptions, £8 15s. 0d. from other sources 6s. 1d., making a total of £43 8s. 2½d. The expenditure was £3 5s. 2d., leaving a balance of £40 3s. 0½d. The balance-sheet having been previously audited by the Standing Committee, was adopted on the motion of the Rev. G. F. Coleridge, seconded by Mr. Debenham.

#### STANDING COMMITTEE.

The name of Mr. T. Lockwood was added to this Committee, which was re-elected on the motion of Mr. J. Griffin, seconded by Mr. Grove.

#### DECISIONS OF THE COUNCIL.

The President reported that the Standing Committee recommended that the decisions of the Council should be published at the conclusion of each Triennial term in a convenient form, and copies sent to the members of the Council and Secretaries of the various Associations, so as to make them known as widely as possible.

The Rev. F. J. O. Helmore asked if it would not be possible to print the decisions of the Council in the reports of the various Associations.

The Hon. Sec. did not think they had any power in that direction.

Mr. Taylor had no doubt the past decisions, if printed, would be found useful in various parts of the country, and proposed the suggestion be carried out.

Mr. Newson seconded, and the motion was adopted.

#### NEXT YEAR'S MEETING.

The President reported that the Standing Committee recommended that next year's meeting should be at Sheffield, and it was thought that after giving their friends in the north a turn they might pay a visit south and go to Brighton the next year.

Mr. Hattersley proposed that Sheffield should be selected for next year's meeting.

Mr. Attree in seconding, promised that the Council should have a hearty welcome at Brighton the year following if it was decided to come there.

The motion was carried.

#### ADDITION TO RULE VIII.

The President in moving the following addition to rule VIII. "At the Annual meeting next after a Triennial Election, members of any Committee who have not been re-elected to the Council shall (when such a Committee has a report to present), have the right to attend and vote upon any motion arising exclusively out of that Report," said it would seem that there was a necessity for such a clause. If a member of the Council was elected upon a Committee, but not re-elected a representative by the Association of which he was a member, without such a clause he would not have the power to attend and support any report which might be presented by the Committee. This clause would however give him the power to attend, speak and vote only upon the subject dealt with in the report.

Mr. Debenham seconded, and the motion was adopted.

#### PROXY VOTING.

Mr. Snowdon, in moving the following addition to rule XI. "That a member of any one Association, in the absence of his fellow Representatives, whose proxies on a given question or questions are produced in writing, may record their votes," said this addition to the rule was very desirable, for it would enable those, who lived a long distance from the place of meeting and found it somewhat difficult to reach the meeting because of the expense to send their votes by proxy. The expense to working men to attend a meeting of the Council at a distance was a matter of some importance. He knew of one working man in that room that had come a long distance at his own expense, but it was not every working man that could do that, in fact

there were few working men that could give the time and defray their own expenses. This was a question which concerned those in the North, for no doubt in the course of time the meetings would drift toward London. When subjects had been ventilated he considered that members should be empowered to send their votes by proxy.

Mr. Lockwood seconded, remarking there was a desire in the north that proxy voting should be allowed.

The Hon. Sec. said his views upon the matter had not altered in the least. He objected to the principle, for if adopted it would deprive the Associations of their full representative power; it would tend to thin the meetings of the Council and so deprive it of some of its debating power. It would also be, he considered, unfair to small Associations which sent up their representative. In his opinion it was as heavy an expense to these small Associations to send their representatives as it was to the Yorkshire Association to send its full number.

Mr. Attree said he had changed his views upon the subject. He considered that all Associations should send their full number of representatives to the meetings.

The Rev. A. D. Hill said he had before supported the proposal, and had not at present altogether changed his views. He thought that the question of limitation would have a great deal to do with the matter. One of the great functions of the Council was to guide the Exercise. If a question had been propounded at one of the Council meetings he saw no reason why the following year a member should not come back prepared with the full voting power of the representation of his Association. It would not be every question which would have to be submitted in this way, but it would be the means of obtaining the full power of those Associations that were a long distance from the place of meeting.

The Rev. H. J. Elsee said he could not see the good that would be done in permitting proxy voting while it might deprive the Council of the opinions of the whole four representatives of an Association. He should however be prepared to support a compromise by a limitation to those questions which had been thrashed out.

Mr. Snow having spoken in opposition to the resolution,

Mr. Foskett said he did not think that proxy voting would tend to thin the attendance, while it would prove very convenient in saving expense to some of the Associations and save members' time. He thought, however, it should be done in writing and confined to those questions which had been before the Council.

Mr. Snowdon said it should be remembered that some of the representatives had great difficulty in getting to the place of meeting, as an instance, he himself had to travel sixty miles the previous day in order to be present at the meeting. It had been said that the Council was not a law-making body, but it might become such; if so, they must have representation. Another question which they had to consider, was how were they going to get the Exercise to abide by the decisions of the Council, if Associations did not have their full voting power. If limitation was to be adopted, the question of distance should be included, and it might be confined to those over a 100 miles from the place of meeting. If however this was to be considered, it had better go to a Sub-Committee. He had been deputed by the Yorkshire Association to obtain proxy voting if possible, and should do his best to do so.

The President said the great objection to proxy voting was that it would reduce the number of attending representatives and so impair the debating power of the Council.

The resolution was lost by a large majority.

#### THE CHURCH CONGRESS.

The President said he had to apologise for a serious neglect of Central Council business. Owing to a death in his family which necessitated continued absence from home, his application on behalf of the Committee appointed to negotiate with the authorities of the Church Congress was made too late. Last year it was made in March, through and under the advice of the Bishop of Coventry. This year his application, owing to the circumstance he had already mentioned, was postponed till the same date, under the impression that this would be sufficiently early. He had, however, received a reply from the secretary that the Subjects Committee had already decided upon the list of subjects.

The Hon. Sec. said the question had been considered by the

Standing Committee, and it had been suggested that a sort of side show might be held at Exeter during Congress week. It was thought this might take the form of a lecture with illustrations of change-ringing on handbells and models.

Mr. Snowdon said he should be very much against a side show.

Mr. Rees said, he thought that the only way would be to do something that would interest those that attended the Church Congress and so draw their attention to bells and bell-ringing. Would a side show do this? would there be any other than ringers that would attend?

The Rev. T. L. Papillon said from his experience in endeavouring to bring the subject before a Diocesan Conference he did not think there was much chance of getting the subject before the Church Congress. He approved of what Mr. Rees had said, but would not express an opinion as to what should be done. He had himself communicated with one of the Canons at Exeter but was too late.

The Rev. W. S. Willett suggested a week's ringing as a means of doing some good.

Mr. Dawe doubted if ringing peals during Congress week would do the cause much good.

The Rev. H. A. Cockey said, to attract the outsiders, they must not attempt to show the intricacies of the art. The aim should be to show what bad hanging did to the church towers. This would be one way to interest them, it was no use attempting to do anything by sounds.

The Rev. G. F. Coleridge said, when he spoke to one of the Canons of Exeter upon the matter, he was told that it was great nonsense to attempt to get the subject included at the Church Congress.

The President thought the clergy were divided into two classes, one, the highly interested, the other, the totally ignorant. They should aim to get hold of the latter. He did not think a side show would do this. He suggested that the Committee should be re-appointed.

The Committee, consisting of the President, Rev. Canon Wigram, Rev. T. L. Papillon, and the Hon. Sec., was re-appointed on the motion of the Rev. A. H. Boughey, seconded by the Rev. G. F. Coleridge.

The Rev. H. A. Cockey said he would suggest that a Sub-Committee be appointed to make, if possible, some arrangements to do something during the Church Congress week. There were many, he was sure, desirous of knowing something about their bells, and some arrangements might no doubt be made which would assist them. It must not however take the form of a lecture on change-ringing.

The Rev. C. D. P. Davies said there were not only clergy but there were laity, including churchwardens, whom they wanted to take an interest in the matter.

The Rev. A. D. Hill said as one that took part in the Reading Conference he considered it a failure. Lord Nelson was in the chair, but with the exception of the chairman, those present were undoubtedly all ringers. At Plymouth, Mr. Troyte's paper had the effect of bringing about the early belfry reform in Cornwall and Devonshire, for it was afterwards printed, and one met with it everywhere. He remembered upon going to the Olympia putting a penny in the slot and there were ten men to be seen ringing (laughter). This was all the outside public thought of ringing. If they wanted to be successful they must fit up a model belfry and so show the outside public that it was not a place only relegated to cobwebs. True they had not yet a government inspector to visit belfries (laughter) but there was a great deal to do in the direction he had referred to.

The following were appointed: Revs. H. A. Cockey, G. F. Coleridge, A. D. Hill, W. S. Willett, with Mr. Phillott.

#### BIBLIOGRAPHY.

Mr. Strange, on behalf of the Standing Committee, reported as follows:—

"The work of accumulating titles for the publication of a Bibliography has progressed satisfactorily during the past year: and it is now possible to take steps towards publishing the matter in hand. I have now 200 titles ready for press, for the most part in the archaeological section. The Editor of 'THE BELL NEWS' has kindly offered to print these in the columns of his paper from time to time in order to give readers an oppor-

tunity of making corrections or additions. At the conclusion of this process, the matter can be cast into its final form and published as a pamphlet. I estimate a total of 350 titles, which would run to about 30 pp. of a small octavo book, excluding introductory notes, etc. If the Council approves I will commence printing the titles in 'THE BELL NEWS' as soon as convenient to the Editor, who should, I think, be thanked for his offer of assistance."

In supporting the report Mr. Strange said he thought it would be desirable to have the report printed so that those desiring one could have a copy and make additions from time to time. It was impossible for one member to make it complete. He was of opinion that the work would be found nearly complete, so far as it related to the science. If it was to be continued with respect to bell founding and books on ringing he should be glad of the assistance of those that had such and could help him.

The President said Mr. Strange had done the whole of the work, and he thought the thanks of the Standing Committee and the Council were due to him for the pains he had taken. He would suggest that the matter should be referred back to the Committee, so that Mr. Strange could continue the work.

This course was adopted on the motion of the Rev. T. L. Papillon, seconded by Mr. S. Reeves.

The report will be continued in our next issue.

#### HOLME LACY, HEREFORDSHIRE.

On Easter Monday afternoon, a number of members of the Hereford Diocesan Guild attended from Cradley, Colwall, Lugwardine, Withington, Weston, Hereford, and Holme, and took part in some six-bell ringing by the kind permission of the vicar, the Rev. R. Elton Lee, to whose courtesy the Guild is indebted for the frequent use of the bells, not only for peal attempts, but for visitors and practices. A series of 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles by complete sets of men from Withington and Lugwardine, and a made-up band, were conducted by Messrs. C. Jenkins, J. Jones, and E. S. Kings. A 720 of Bob Minor was rung in 27 mins. by \*J. Jones, 1; E. S. Kings, 2; \*C. H. Doughton, 3; H. Pritchard, 4; C. Layton (conductor), 5; W. H. Fussell, 6. \*First 720 of Minor. It was intended to visit Fownhope, permission to ring having been readily given by the vicar, but it was found that the bells were not in suitable repair for change-ringing. The visitors broke up into two parties, and returned mostly to Hereford by the 4.50 and 7.0 trains, where they were kindly allowed to ring at St. Nicholas' church, by the kind permission of the Rev. S. Holmes. Here the bells were raised and fallen in peal. Doubles were rang by the Lugwardine and Withington men, and the first 720 of Plain Bob Minor in the city of Hereford rang in 28 mins. J. Jones, 1; W. H. Fussell, 2; E. S. Kings, 3; C. H. Doughton, 4; H. Pritchard, 5; C. Layton (conductor), 6. Tenor 12 cwt.

SHIRE OAKS (Notts).—On Sunday, March 11th, at St. Luke's church, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor. W. Preston, 1; J. Fitzjohn, 2; D. Russon, 3; W. Hargreaves (conductor), 4; F. Hargreaves, 5; J. Hargreaves, 6. This is W. Preston's first 720 in the Treble Bob method.

WRITTLE (Essex).—On Tuesday, March 6th, for practice, at the parish church, a 532 of Grandsire Triples. A. Head, 1; Rev. T. L. Papillon, 2; E. Davies, 3; G. Sorrell, 4; W. Lincoln, 5; T. Lincoln, 6; R. Wood, 7; F. Radley, 8. And 350 with G. Head, 3, and 364 Oxford Bob Triples. F. Radley, 4; F. Edwards, 8. On Sunday, March 11th, for morning service, a 504 Oxford Bob Triples. A. Head, 1; W. Emery, 2; G. Sorrell, 3; R. Wood, 4; T. Lincoln, 5; F. Radley (first 504 in the method), 6; W. Lincoln, 7; F. Edwards, 8. And 210 of Grandsire Triples. E. Davis, 3; Rev. T. L. Papillon, 6. And for afternoon service, a 504 Grandsire of Triples. E. Davis, 1; W. Emery, 2; G. Head (first 504 with a bob bell), 3; G. Sorrell, 4; T. Lincoln, 5; W. Lincoln, 6; F. Radley, 7; F. Edwards, 8.

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## THE CELEBRATION OF THE THORP FUND.

The institution of this fund was celebrated at Ashton-under-Lyne on Easter Monday. Visitors commenced to arrive about 10.30 a.m. and during the day ringers put in attendance from the following places: Ashton, Bradford, Chester, Flixton, Hyde, Macclesfield, Manchester, Mossley, Northwich, Pendlebury, Russholme, Saddleworth, Staleybridge, Staleywood, Treeton, Worsley, &c.

Ringling commenced at St. Michael's at noon, and the bells were kept going at intervals until about 8.0 p.m. Shortly after 3.0 o'clock, the company assembled for dinner at the "Old Church Inn," where an excellent spread awaited them, to which justice was meted out in fine style. The cravings of the inner man having been amply satisfied, and the announcement made that all were requested to meet in the same room an hour later, the company dispersed for the time being, some to St. Michael's tower for a pull, others to witness the annual patrolling of the local traditional tyrant, who hundreds of years ago held the manorial rights of Ashton-under-Lyne, to wit, Sir Ralph de Assheeton, yclept "The Black Knight."

On reassembling, Mr. John Holden was called to the chair. After a song well rendered by Mr. W. Frith of Ashton, descriptive of brother Jonathan's opinion of John Bull, and a short touch of Treble Bob Major on the handbells, the chairman on behalf of the Ashton-under-Lyne Society, said he had the greatest pleasure in giving all a warm and hearty welcome there that day. As they were aware, they were gathered together to celebrate the institution of the fund raised for the benefit of their gifted brother John Thorp. The necessity, he would say imperative necessity which existed for the raising of an adequate sum of money for their dear brother was distressingly apparent much too long before the committee was formed or an appeal for funds made. They owed a deep debt of gratitude to the Editor of "THE BELL NEWS" for the prominence he had given to their appeals, and also for the invaluable assistance he had given the movement in its earliest stage, by a "leader," wherein he strongly advocated the claims of brother Thorp to the generous consideration of the Exercise. They could understand better than words could convey how grateful the committee were to the Exercise in general for the magnanimous support their appeals had received. The grand result went to prove, if such were needed, that undoubtedly there was deeply rooted in the hearts and minds of change-ringers generally a common bond of brotherhood, accompanied with a true spirit of good fellowship, which when kindled was not excelled either by Freemasons, Buffaloes, or other similar organisations. The total amount of receipts amounted to £197 6s. 7d., after deducting the expenses incurred by printing, postage, cost of prizes, etc., amounting to £32 14s. 0d., there remained the very handsome balance of £164 12s. 7d. He need not say the net result was greatly in excess of their most sanguine expectations, however, it was none the less welcome, and it would be a means of helping their dear brother to overcome his difficulties for a long time to come. The money had been placed in a well-known bank for the absolute use and benefit of brother Thorp, and he might say that, with respect to its disbursement, a settlement had been made, satisfactory alike to the worthy recipient and to the committee. He was thankful to be able to report the satisfactory improvement of their brother's health; he was sure they would all join with him in wishing him a speedy return to good health and brighter days. Mr. Holden's speech was received with loud applause.

The remainder of the day was devoted to ringing tower and handbells. In the tower, touches of the following were rung: Kent Treble Bob Major, Royal and Maximus, Grandsire Caters and Cinques, and Stedman Caters. On handbells, courses and touches were rung of Stedman Triples, Oxford Treble Bob Minor, Kent Treble Bob Major and Royal, Grandsire Caters and Cinques. The proceedings were brought to a close about 9.30 p.m., a very enjoyable day having been spent.

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## BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A district meeting of this association was held at Minehead, on Saturday, March 31st. The towers represented were Minehead, Dunster, Old Cleeve, Stogumber, and St. Mary's (Bath). Preceding the short service, which was held at St. Michael's at 4 p.m., some Stedman Doubles and a short touch of Grandsire Triples were rung on the Bells. The Rev. J. Utten Todd conducted the service, and the Master of the Association (the Rev. C. W. H. Griffith, Bath), read the lesson. The Rev. H. C. Courtney gave a short and practical address on Col. iii. 17. After service an adjournment was made to the Plume of Feathers hotel, where a capital meat tea was partaken of. At its conclusion, the Master, who occupied the chair, referred to the absence of the secretary, who had promised him that morning to be present. He was therefore unable to lay the minute-book before the meeting. Considerable discussion followed. The Rev. J. Utten Todd said he wished to propose the following resolution: "That the present secretary be requested to resign, and that a secretary be appointed by the present meeting to hold office until the next annual meeting." This was seconded by Mr. J. Grabham, and carried unanimously. Mr. W. W. Thorne then proposed, and Mr. J. Grabham seconded, that Mr. H. W. Tomkins, of Old Cleeve, Washford, be appointed to act as secretary until the annual meeting. This was put to the meeting and carried unanimously. After some certificates had been signed by the Master, the members adjourned to the tower of St. Michael's, where further ringing was indulged in.

## THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

A Quarterly Meeting of this Association was held at Sutton and Cheam on Easter Monday, and the weather being all that could be desired, made it very pleasant to the visitors strolling through the fields that lay between the pretty little church of St. Dunstan, Cheam, with its musical peal of six bells, and the more stately church of All Saints, Benhilton, where there is a fine peal of eight, tenor 19½ cwt. Members began to arrive at Cheam shortly after 2 p.m., and were met by the local band, who kindly placed the ropes at their disposal. Touches of Plain Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and Grandsire Minor were got through in quick succession until 4 p.m., when a move was made for All Saints' church. Although the ringing here was not so good as usual, some good practice was done, and at 5.30 p.m. an adjournment was made to the Drill Hall for tea, where ample accommodation had been made by the manager of the Shaftesbury Coffee Tavern for seventy-six members and two visitors, together with the Rev. C. H. Rice, B.D., rector of Cheam, Rev. H. Dalton, curate of All Saints, and Dr. A. B. Carpenter, of Croydon, who were present. The usual business meeting followed, the Rev. H. Dalton in the chair. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed; also the cash accounts for the year 1893, showing a balance in hand of £24 11s. 6d. One honorary member (the Rev. C. H. Rice, of Cheam), and twelve ordinary members were elected.

It was proposed, seconded, and carried by a large majority, that the next meeting be held at Ranmore Common and Dorking on the first or second Monday in July, due notice of which will be given in this paper.

Votes of thanks to the rectors for the use of the bells, and for the cordial welcome which they gave the members, concluded the meeting.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the above was held at Sudbury, Suffolk, on Saturday, March 31st. Members were present from the following parishes: Sudbury, Foxearth, Walter Belchamp, Glemsford, Stanstead (Suffolk), Stansted (Essex), Coggeshall, Great Bentley and Great Bromley; and 32 sat down to tea at The Green Dragon, where an excellent repast was provided. Sudbury has the proud privilege of possessing three rings of eight bells of varying merit, and there are also several rings of six and eight in the neighbourhood. A brake conveyed several members to the towers of Foxearth and Walter Belchamp, which just stands within the boundaries of our Association. Several well-struck touches were rung during the day, and the ringers dispersed entirely satisfied with their day's outing over the borders of the county.

## WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

The Annual Meeting of this Association was held in the Chapter House of the Cathedral, Worcester, under the presidency of the Rev. Canon Clifford, in the absence through indisposition of the Rev. Canon Knox Little. Previous to the meeting the members attended Divine Service at St. Andrew's church, where the Rev. Canon Claughton had arranged a special service with a full choir for them, at which Canon Cattley was present as a worshipper. Canon Claughton conducted the service and delivered a very practical discourse from the words, "Workers together with Him," 2 Cor. vi. 1.

At the meeting in the Chapter House, after the minutes of the last annual meeting had been read and confirmed, the whole of the officers were re-elected for the ensuing year, the Annual Report and balance-sheet were adopted and ordered to be printed, several new members were elected, and Halesowen fixed as the place of next meeting on Saturday, June 2nd.

On the motion of the Master, the Secretary was instructed to write a letter of condolence to the widow of the late Mr. Frederick Owen, who for many years had been connected with the Cathedral Guild. The chairman, in seconding the proposition, spoke in high terms of the character and worth of their late friend.

In the miscellaneous business which followed, the Master called attention to a notice of motion which may come before the Central Council, respecting the unsatisfactory way in which members are allowed to be elected by the different associations, and moved that it be an instruction to the representatives of this association to support such motion if it was brought forward. Mr. H. Mason (Old Hill), moved an amendment, viz.: "That our representatives be allowed to use their own judgment in the matter." After an animated discussion in which the Rev. W. C. Gibbs (Hagley), the Hon. Secretary, and Messrs. Page, Bradford, Mason, and the chairman took part, the Master having replied, the amendment was lost, the proposition being put, it was carried by a large majority.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Rev. Canon Claughton, for his kindness in providing the service, when it was mentioned that owing to several peals being arranged for that day the attendance was much smaller than it should be, when so much trouble had been taken to make it bright and happy and the discourse practical and useful. It was hoped that the rev. gentleman would not feel discouraged at the congregation being rather small, and that another year the members would feel a duty as well as a pleasure to attend.

The Rev. W. C. Gibbs, in speaking upon the question, thought it was desirable to make the annual meeting as good a one as possible, and hoped the members would make a point of attending the service, seeing that for eight years they had been agitating for a service, it was poor encouragement for such service not to be attended when one was provided. He moved the following resolution, which was seconded by the Master, Mr. Spittle, and carried unanimously: "That in the opinion of the members present at the annual meeting it is the duty of all members to be present at such annual meetings, and therefore they appeal to all the members to discourage as far as possible all peal-ringing on the anniversary."

Votes of thanks having been passed to the Rev. Canon Clifford for presiding, to the Dean and Chapter for the use of the Chapter House, tower, and bells, the meeting terminated.

The members afterwards adjourned to Griffin's, High Street, where a good substantial tea awaited them, and to which full justice was done. Five o'clock having arrived, the members ascended the cathedral tower, where touches of Grandsire Cinques, Grandsire and Stedman Caters were rung. During the day touches of Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Major, Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung at St. Helen's. Altogether a very enjoyable day was spent, the members expressing to each other that it was the best meeting of the association ever held in the city of Worcester.

\* \* A great number of touches and reports are crowded out this week. We ask our friends who are thereby disappointed, to extend to us their kind forbearance; everything will appear in due course.

## KING'S NORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.—UNVEILING OF A PEAL TABLET.

On Saturday, the 31st March, the ceremony of unveiling a Peal Tablet, recording the ringing of the first two peals accomplished by members of the King's Norton Guild, was performed by Mrs. Barnard, the wife of the Vicar, in the belfry of the parish church.

The tablet, which is a handsome memorial of slate, has the lettering cut in gold, and was designed and executed by Mr. William Cooks, a member of the Guild, and a native of King's Norton. It records the founding of the Guild on the 19th, February, 1892, and the ringing, on the 20th of December in that year, of a peal of Grandsire Triples, Taylor's variation; and on the 7th January, 1893, Holt's original peal of Grandsire Triples.

The afternoon was delightfully fine, and the spacious belfry-chamber was well filled by members of the Guild, and a representative gathering of ladies and gentlemen.

Appropriate prayer having been offered up by the vicar, the Master of the Guild, Mr. W. S. Pritchett, warmly thanked Mrs. Barnard for her kindness in consenting to perform the ceremony, and also those present for their attendance on the occasion. He expressed the gratification it afforded the members of the Guild that a sympathetic interest was evinced by the congregation generally in their efforts to utilise so grand a peal of bells to the best advantage, and to perfect, as far as possible, this particular branch of the functions of the church.

Mr. Pritchett touched briefly on the antiquity of bells themselves, the development of change-ringing, and the marked reform of the abuses so long unfortunately connected with belfries. He asked the Vicar to accept the tablet as a permanent addition to the properties of the church, and called upon Mrs. Barnard to unveil it.

Mrs. Barnard, in discharging the duty, gracefully expressed her pleasure in complying with the request, adding that she was always glad to hear the bells rung, and trusted the Guild would continue its already marked progress in the Art.

The Rev. C. W. Barnard, M.A., Vicar, said that he accepted the tablet in the sense offered, and paid a high compliment to Mr. Cooks for the skill exhibited in its workmanship. He had experienced difficulties with ringers in a previous benefice, and was most gratified to find a strong Guild at King's Norton, working harmoniously in the House, and in the service of God. He took the opportunity to ask Miss Dorothy Barnard, *et al* 3, to present to the Guild a peal-book, which contained records of the five peals rung by the members since its foundation.

The peal-book, a handsome volume, bound in Russian leather, and containing, in addition to the peals, a beautifully illuminated record of the presentation, was received by the Master, and suitably acknowledged. The bells were then raised in peal, and 210 Grandsire Triples, and a course of Bob Major were rung.

By the invitation of Mr. and Mrs. Barnard, the company were afterwards entertained to tea at the vicarage.

## SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Easter Tuesday, March 27th, the St. Martin's Society, Tipton, paid a visit to the pretty little village of Tettenhall, for the purpose of enjoyment on the tower and handbells belonging to the village, with a few of the Wolverhampton and Tettenhall ringers, and rang on the tower bells a 720 of Bob Minor in 25 mins. H. A. Hall, 1; B. Dalton, 2; T. Groves, 3; E. Nicholls, 4; W. R. Small, 5; J. E. Groves (conductor), 6. And Grandsire Minor and other methods by the rest of the band. After which an adjournment was made to The Mitre inn, on the village green, where various tunes were rung on the handbells, including The Blue Bells of Scotland, with variations, Elphin Waltz, Fairyland Waltz, Home Sweet Home, three variations, Napoleon's Grand March, Keel Row with variations, and plain courses of changes. Performers: W. R. Small, E. E. Goodreds, W. James, S. Bowcutt, J. Nicholson, A. H. Hill (conductor). The whole of the ringers enjoyed themselves during the day, and thanking the Wolverhampton and Tettenhall ringers for their company, and Mr. Dalton for the use of the bells, promise to pay another visit during the year.

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

SATURDAY, APRIL 7, 1894.

## The Metropolis.

## THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, March 31, 1894, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, EDMONTON,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 17 cwt.

JAMES PETTIT .. .. .Treble.	*JOSEPH J. CROUCH .. .. .5.
JOSEPH WAGHORN .. .. .2.	HENRY A. BARNETT .. .. .6.
HENRY SPRINGALL .. .. .3.	SAMUEL E. JOYCE .. .. .7.
MATTHEW A. WOOD .. .. .4.	WALTER PRIME .. .. .Tenor.

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW and Conducted by JAMES PETTIT.

\*First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to Joseph J. Crouch, who attained his thirty-fourth birthday on Thursday, March 29th, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

## THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, March 31, 1894, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES, CAMBERWELL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES.  
Tenor 25 cwt.

WILLIAM F. MEADS .. .. .Treble.	JAMES E. DAVIS .. .. .6.
WILLIAM TRUSS .. .. .2.	WALTER C. HASTED .. .. .7.
CHARLES E. MARIM .. .. .3.	HAROLD N. DAVIS .. .. .8.
HARRY WARENETT .. .. .4.	FREDERICK J. PITTS .. .. .9.
ARTHUR R. DAVIS .. .. .5.	ARTHUR DEAN .. .. .Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by HAROLD N. DAVIS.

This composition, which is now rung for the first time, has the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th each nine courses in consecutive order behind the 9th by bobs only, the figures of which will appear in due course. The ringers take this opportunity of thanking the vicar, the Rev. F. F. Kelly, for the use of the bells on this occasion.

## The Provinces.

## LINCOLN.—NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 26, 1894, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

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

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 20 cwt.

W. A. HODSON .. .. .	Treble.	C. WELLS .. .. .	5.
F. W. WALKER .. .. .	2.	J. W. WATSON .. .. .	6.
J. B. FENTON .. .. .	3.	G. LINDOFF .. .. .	7.
J. AUSTIN .. .. .	4.	C. W. P. CLIFTON .. .. .	Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF and Conducted by C. W. P. CLIFTON.

## SAFFRON WALDEN, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

(THE SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, March 28, 1894, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,  
5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 24 cwt.

ERNEST PITSTOW .. .. .	Treble.	*GEORGE MARTIN .. .. .	5.
ALFRED PITSTOW .. .. .	2.	JOHN F. PENNING .. .. .	6.
ARTHUR JAMES .. .. .	3.	NATHAN J. PITSTOW .. .. .	7.
JOSEPH GRIFFIN .. .. .	4.	WILLIAM WAKLEY .. .. .	Tenor.

Composed by F. PITSTOW and Conducted by W. WAKLEY.

\*First peal in the method.

## UPPER BEEDING, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 29, 1894, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

5040 CHANGES IN FOUR DIFFERENT METHODS  
UPON SIX BELLS;

Being Two 720's each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Canterbury Pleasure, and one of Plain Bob Major, each 720 being called differently.

WILLIAM WOOLGAR* .. .. .	Treble.	GEORGE GATLAND .. .. .	4.
THOMAS SEARLE .. .. .	2.	†JOHN SMART .. .. .	5.
CHARLES SMART* .. .. .	3.	GEORGE SMART .. .. .	Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE SMART.

First 5040 on six bells. †First 5040 on six with a bob bell. This is also the first 5040 on the bells.

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

On Friday, March 30, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

## A PEAL OF CANTERBURY MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN TURNER* .. .. .	Treble.	†ARTHUR PEILL .. .. .	5.
WILLIAM I. REEVE .. .. .	2.	GEORGE CONYARD .. .. .	6.
THOMAS SAXBY .. .. .	3.	EDWIN BARNETT .. .. .	7.
FREDERICK J. CULUM .. .. .	4.	CHARLES WILKINS .. .. .	Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by G. CONYARD.

\*First peal of Major. †First peal in the method.

## FRAMLINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 31, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 19 cwt.

ROBERT H. HAYWARD .. .. .	Treble.	STEPHEN WIGHTMAN, SEN. .. .. .	5.
REV. J. HOLME PILKINGTON .. .. .	2.	HENRY W. BALDREY .. .. .	6.
DAVID G. WIGHTMAN .. .. .	3.	ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN .. .. .	7.
WILLIAM FLORY .. .. .	4.	GEORGE WIGHTMAN .. .. .	Tenor.

Composed by the REV. J. HOLME PILKINGTON, and  
Conducted by G. WIGHTMAN.

Messrs. Pilkington and Flory belong to Framlingham; Hayward to Monewden; D. G. Wightman and Baldrey to Brandeston; the rest to Creetingham. This peal, which is now rung for the first time, has only the 4th and 6th in 6th place at the course-ends, and the 2nd never behind with the tenor throughout. It is believed to be the first peal containing these qualities with only two singles. The figures will be published in due course.

## STEYNING, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, March 30, 1894, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' ORIGINAL.

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qrs. 24 lbs.

HARRY MEETENS† .. .. .	Treble.	JOHN SMART .. .. .	5.
WILLIAM WOOLGAR† .. .. .	2.	GEORGE GATLAND .. .. .	6.
EDWIN RAPLEY* .. .. .	3.	CHARLES SMART .. .. .	7.
GEORGE SMART .. .. .	4.	*ARTHUR GATLAND .. .. .	Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES SMART.

\*First peal. †First peal in the method.

## HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 31, 1894, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES.

Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

RHYS HAWEST† .. .. .	Treble.	†FRANK BOREHAM .. .. .	5.
JOHN C. TRUSS, JUN. .. .. .	2.	SYDNEY T. GOODCHILD .. .. .	6.
FREDERICK G. BIGGS .. .. .	3.	RALPH H. BIGGS .. .. .	7.
FRANK BIGGS .. .. .	4.	*WALTER E. YATES .. .. .	Tenor.

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK and Conducted by W. E. YATES.

†First peal of Major. \*First peal of Major as conductor. J. C. Truss, jun., and W. E. Yates hail from Great Marlow; the rest are local men. This is the greatest number of changes rung on the bells.

## UPCHURCH, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 31, 1894, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

5040 CHANGES IN FOUR DIFFERENT METHODS  
UPON SIX BELLS;

Being Two 720s of Oxford Bob, Two of Canterbury Pleasure, Two of Grandsire, and One of Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. in G.

GEORGE DENNIS .. .. .	Treble.	WILLIAM LAKER .. .. .	4.
WILLIAM SEAMER .. .. .	2.	GEORGE CAPELING .. .. .	5.
WILLIAM S. HYLAND .. .. .	3.	GEORGE A. RANSOM .. .. .	Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE ALFRED RANSOM.

G. A. Ransom hails from Rainham; the rest belong to the local company.

## WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.—LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 31, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' COMPOSITION.

GEORGE E. TURNER .. .. .	Treble.	HENRY CHAPMAN .. .. .	5.
FREDERICK DERBYSHIRE .. .. .	2.	THOMAS DERBYSHIRE .. .. .	6.
JOSEPH RIDYARD .. .. .	3.	RICHARD RIDYARD .. .. .	7.
JOSEPH IRELAND .. .. .	4.	THOMAS RUSHTON .. .. .	Tenor.

Conducted by R. RIDYARD.

T. Rushton hails from Pendlebury; Chapman and Turner from Manchester, the rest are local men.

## IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

## THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 31, 1894, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

JOHN SHARMAN† .. .. .	Treble.	PERCY HOWARD .. .. .	5.
CHARLES W. CLARKE .. .. .	2.	ISAAC HILLS .. .. .	6.
GEORGE BURTON* .. .. .	3.	HERBERT SHARP .. .. .	7.
ALFRED H. MARTIN .. .. .	4.	REV. H. LAW JAMES .. .. .	Tenor.

Composed by W. ESTCOURT, of Painswick, and Conducted by the  
REV. H. LAW JAMES.

†First peal. \*First peal of Major. This is the first peal of Major on the bells. The ringers wish to thank the vicar for the use of the bells, and also the steeple-keeper for having everything ready.

## TIPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, March 31, 1894, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt. 25 lbs.

WILLIAM ROCK SMALL .. Treble.	*HENRY ALFRED HALL .. 5.
ADAM HICKMAN HILL .. 2.	WILLIAM SMITH .. 6.
JAMES HALL .. 3.	JAMES EDWARD GROVES .. 7.
JAMES PARDOE .. 4.	REUBEN HALL .. Tenor.

Conducted by ADAM HICKMAN HILL.

\*First peal with a bob bell. Messrs. Pardoe, H. A. Hall, and Groves belong to Wolverhampton; Smith to Darlaston; R. and J. Hall to West Bromwich; Small and Hill to the local band. This is the quickest peal on the bells.

## NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 2, 1894, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

EDWARD WALLIS .. Treble.	CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE .. 5.
HUGH DALL .. 2.	WILLIAM STORY .. 6.
HENRY H. LINDSEY .. 3.	FRANCIS LEES .. 7.
WILLIAM HOLMES .. 4.	FREDK. J. HARRISON .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by FREDERICK JAMES HARRISON.

\*First peal in the method. The figures of this musical composition will appear in an early issue.

## DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 2, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt.

FREDERICK ALLARD .. Treble.	GEORGE ROWE, JUN. .. 5.
GEORGE SPARROW .. 2.	GEORGE ROWE, SEN. .. 6.
JOHN BRADY .. 3.	WILLIAM GRIMES .. 7.
WILLIAM RUMSEY .. 4.	WILLIAM MILLER .. Tenor.

Composed by B. ANNABLE and Conducted by WILLIAM GRIMES.

First peal by Messrs. Allard and Sparrow. Great credit is due to G. Sparrow for the way in which he rung his bell, as he is only sixteen years of age. It is more than two years since a peal was rung by a local company.

## DARLINGTON, DURHAM.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 3, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 10 cwt. 13 lbs.

A. E. MONCASTER .. Treble.	*H. S. TAYLOR .. 5.
R. MONCASTER .. 2.	*W. D. LISTER .. 6.
W. BELL .. 3.	*F. A. TEASDALE .. 7.
J. WHITFIELD .. 4.	†J. BAXTER .. Tenor.

Composed by WM. ROYLE and Conducted by JAS. BAXTER.

\*First peal. †First peal as conductor; also of College Youths. This is the first peal rung at Darlington by an entirely local company, and at the third attempt.

## Date Touches.

## WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

KIDDERMINSTER.—On Sunday, March 11th, for Divine Service in the morning, a date touch of Stedman Triples, 1894 changes, in 1 hr. 11 mins. G. Salter, 1; \*E. C. Hunt, 2; W. H. Barber, 3; \*N. Davis, 4; J. Bennett, 5; T. J. Salter (conductor), 6; J. Crane, 7; T. Walters, 8. \*Longest touch of Stedman. Composed by A. P. Heywood, Esq., and was rung as a compliment to Mr. T. Griffiths, of Areley Kings, on his marriage.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—LIVERPOOL BRANCH.

Wootton (Lancashire).—On Tuesday, March 6th, at St. Peter's

church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples (1894 changes), in 1 hr. and 8 mins. W. Webster, 1; J. Roberts, 2; P. Ball, 2; J. Edwards, 4; P. Leather, 5; H. Fyles, 6; T. Kay (conductor), 7; G. Hislop, 8. Longest length by W. Webster. Composed by C. Jackson, of Hull. Tenor 20 cwt.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BACUP (Lancashire).—On Saturday, March 17th, at St. Saviour's church, a date touch of 1894 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 2 mins. F. Howarth, 1; J. A. Brown, 2; A. Whitworth, 3; J. T. Standing, 4; W. Ashworth, 5; J. Sutcliffe, 6; J. Sheppard (composer and conductor), 7; W. Law, 8.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

AMBERLEY (Sussex).—Recently, at the parish church, a date touch of 1894 Grandsire Doubles, called in three different ways, in 1 hr. 8 mins. E. Talbot, 1; O. Ratley, 2; G. H. Lee, 3; J. Reeves, 4; W. Searle (conductor), 5.

KILLMARSH (Derbyshire).—On Sunday, March 18th, for evening service, a date touch of 1894 changes in the following methods, in 1 hr. 2 mins.: 214 Violet, 240 Arnold's Victory, 720 College Pleasure and 720 City Delight. H. Taylor, 1; T. Bettison (conductor), 2; J. Emsen, 3; G. Burnham, 4; W. H. Turton, 5; C. Severn, 6.

## Miscellaneous.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

WIDFORD (Essex).—On Friday, March 9th, for practice, 504 Oxford Bob Triples, containing five 4-6s, five 7-4s, and five 6-7s. A. Head, 1; W. Rowland, jun., 2; G. Sorrell, 3; \*C. Waskett (Galleywood), 4; T. Lincoln, 5; H. F. De Lisle, 6; W. Lincoln (composer and conductor), 7; W. J. Piper, 8. And 336 Grandsire Triples. G. Sorrell, 1; J. Moore, 2; E. Davis, 3; W. Rowland (conductor), 4; H. F. De Lisle, 5; A. Speller, 6; E. Prince, 7; T. Lincoln, 8. Also a course of Kent Treble Bob Major, in which Messrs. Tarbun and A. Shuttleworth took part. \*First touch in the method.

WRITTLE (Essex).—On Monday, March 12th, for practice, 672 Grandsire Triples. A. Head, 1; E. Davis, 2; G. Head, 3; W. Emery, 4; G. Sorrell, 5; Rev. T. L. Papillon, 6; W. Lincoln (conductor), 7; F. Edwards, 8. Also 350 in the same method, with A. Head, 3; W. Lincoln, 8.

SUDBURY (Suffolk).—On Sunday, March 26th, the bells of St. Peter, St. Gregory and All Saints' were rung during the day. The first touch was at St. Peter's at 6.0 a.m. This was a touch of Grandsire Triples, followed by a touch of Bob Major. F. Tolliday, 1; M. Silvester, 2; W. Howell, jun., 3; W. Howell, sen., 4; J. Campin, 5; A. Scott, 6; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 7; H. Harper, 8. And for morning service at the same place, a 504 of Grandsire Triples. W. Cross, 1; F. Tolliday, 2; W. Howell, jun., 3; M. Silvester, 4; J. Campin, 5; H. Harper, 6; W. Howell, sen., (conductor), 7; H. Brackett, 8. And for evening service at All Saints, a touch of Grandsire Triples. F. Tolliday, 1; W. Howell, sen., 2; W. Howell, jun., 3; M. Silvester, 4; J. Campin, 5; H. Harper, 6; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 7; H. Brackett and F. Howell, 8. Tenor 28 cwt. On Monday, March 26th, for evening service, at St. Peter's, on the back six, a 720 of Bob Minor, in 29 mins. W. Howell, jun., 1; F. Tolliday, 2; H. Brackett, 3; A. Scott, 4; H. Harper, 5; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 6. Tenor 23 cwt.

STANSTED (Essex).—On Wednesday, March 7th, at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, for practice, 720 Oxford Delight. J. Cavill, 1; G. Jordan, 2; W. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; I. Hammond, 5; T. J. Watts (first 720 in the method as conductor), 6. And 720 Double Court Bob. 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; W. Watts (conductor), 6. On Sunday, March 11th, for morning service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob in 24 mins. J. Cavill, 1; G. Jordan, 2; I. Hammond, 3; G. Gray, 4; W. Watts, 5; T. J. Watts (conductor), 6. On Wednesday, March 14th, for practice, 720 Braintree Treble Bob in 25 mins. G. Jordan, 1; I. Hammond, 2; W. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; J. Luckey (first 720 in the method as conductor), 6. And 720 Court Single. T. Jordan (first 720 in the method), 1; G. Jordan (first 720 in the method with a bob bell), 2; G. Gray, 3; T. J. Watts, 4; J. Luckey, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. Tenor 13 cwt.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BORDEN (Kent).—On Saturday, March 17th, an attempt was made by the local company to ring Holt's Original peal of Grandsire Triples, but after ringing about 1000 changes it came to grief owing to a change-course. W. Tassell, 1; A. Hardy, 2; E. Allen, 3; C. Mill-



way, 4; C. Duttall, 5; R. Staines, 6; C. Willshire (conductor), 7; H. Martin, 8. Afterwards a quarter-peal in the same method in 45 mins. T. Eley Collard, 1; C. Duttall, 2; G. A. Ransome, 3; C. Millway, 4; A. Hardy, 5; R. Staines, 6; C. Willshire (conductor), 7; W. Tassell, 8. On Monday, March 19th, for practice, 574 Grandsire Triples. T. Eley Collard, 1; E. Allen, 2; R. Staines, 3; C. Willshire (conductor), 4; C. Duttall, 5; W. Tassell, 6; A. Hardy, 7; H. Martin, 8. Tenor 23 cwt.

**BROMLEY (Kent).**—On Friday, March 9th, for confirmation service at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor, with the tenor covering. G. Simpson, 1; E. Dunn, 3; W. Fright, 4; G. Durling, 5; F. Sanders, 6. H. P. Harman (conductor), 7; W. James, 8. In the evening, after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal of Oxford Bob Triples, a quarter-peal in the same method was rung. G. Simpson, 1; T. Groombridge, 2; E. Dunn, 3; H. P. Harman, 4; G. Durling (conductor), 5; T. Durling, 6; T. Harford, 7; W. James, 8. Composed by G. Daynes, of Lewisham. On Sunday, March 18th, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples. J. Town (longest in the method), 1; W. Fright, 2; T. Groombridge, 3; I. Emery, 4; G. Durling, 5; F. Sanders, 6; H. P. Harman (conductor), 7; W. James, 8. Composed by W. Bedwell, of Lewisham. Rung on the occasion of the birthday of the conductor, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns of the day.

**RAINHAM (Kent).**—On Saturday, March 10th, 360 Kent Treble Bob Minor. P. Taffs, 1; J. Tullet, 2; W. Kings, 3; W. Easter, 4; G. A. Ransom, 5; W. Haigh (conductor), 6.

**HARTLIP (Kent).**—On Saturday, March 10th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor in 27 mins. G. A. Ransom, 1; J. Laker, 2; F. Ockwell, 3; W. Kings, 4; W. Haigh, 5; J. Tullett (conductor), 6.

#### THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

**HOLLOWAY (Middlesex).**—On Sunday, March 4th, at the Chapel-of-Ease, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 43 mins. \*H. Spencer, 1; T. Titchener, 2; J. Cawley, 3; R. Bevan, 4; H. Stubbs, 5; J. Nixon, 6; †G. Smith (conductor), 7; \*H. Ellis, 8. \*First quarter-peal. †First quarter-peal as conductor. Composed by H. Franks.

**WEST HAM (Essex).**—*Handbell Ringing.*—On March 11th, on handbells retained in hand, the last 1260 of Holt's Original peal of Grandsire Triples, in 39 mins. G. Pearl, 1-2; H. Randall, 3-4; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 5-6; W. H. Doran, 7-8.

#### ST. MICHAEL'S JUNIOR SOCIETY, GLOUCESTER.

**GLOUCESTER.**—On Sunday, March 4th, for Divine Service at St. Michael's church, a quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise Major. E. E. Davies, A. T. Brunsdon, E. Banks James, F. E. Start, J. Austin, W. C. Jones, G. L. Brunsdon, and A. Roberts. Conducted by John Austin. First quarter-peal by all except the conductor.

#### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

**NORWICH.**—*Handbell Ringing.*—On Monday, March 5th, in a workshop, Elm Hill, 1008 Canterbury Pleasure Triples. A. G. Warnes, 1-2; J. E. Burton, 3-4; G. P. Burton, 5-6; J. A. Trollop (conductor), 7-8. This is the first touch in the method by all the band, and in Norwich.

**NORTON SUBCOURSE (Norfolk).**—On Tuesday, March 6th, at the church of St. Mary, 720 of Canterbury Pleasure in 25 mins. J. Ellett (first 720), 1; R. Spalding, 2; W. Freestone, 3; J. Turner, 4; J. Jermy, 5; A. W. Brighton (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method by all except the conductor, and first 720 in the method on the bells. And 720 Bob Minor in 24 mins. Rev. A. T. J. Thackeray, 1; R. Spalding, 2; W. Walpole, 3; A. W. Brighton (conductor), 4; J. Jermy, 5; W. Freestone, 6. R. Spalding hails from Haddescoe, and A. W. Brighton from Norwich.

**WOODTON (Norfolk).**—On Monday, March 12th, at All Saints' church, 720 Bob Minor in 23 mins. J. Bentley, 1; A. W. Brighton (conductor), 2; R. Gooch, 3; J. Beckett, 4; A. Williams, 5; D. Gooch, 6.

**OTLEY (Suffolk).**—On Sunday, March 11th, for Divine Service, 360 Plain Bob. F. E. W. Meadows, 1; W. W. Miller, 2; J. W. Miller, 3; W. Whiting, 4; W. Shipp, 5; A. Hatcher (conductor), 6; and 72 of Plain Bob, standing as before. After service, 360 Plain Bob. W. W. Miller, 1; F. E. W. Meadows, 2; the rest as before. Also 720 Bob Minor (fourteen singles four bobs), in 26 mins. W. W. Miller, 1; Dr. G. F. W. Meadows, 2; J. W. Miller, 3; F. E. W. Meadows, 4; W. Whiting, 5; W. Shipp (conductor), 6.

#### DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

**BISHOPWEARMOUTH (Durham).**—On Sunday, March 4th, Mr. C. L. Routledge, of Newcastle, visited this place, when, owing to a breakdown amongst the bells, only Grandsire Doubles was accomplished in the tower. *Handbell Ringing.*—Afterwards at 314, High Street, a 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles.) T. Hudson, jun., 1-2;

Miss Hudson, 3; T. Hudson, sen., 4; C. L. Routledge (conductor), 5-6. And 720 Grandsire Minor (thirteen bobs and two singles), in 16½ mins. T. Hudson, jun., 1-2; C. L. Routledge (first in the method on handbells), 3-4; R. C. Hudson (conductor), 5-6. Ringing at the church will be suspended until the bells are put in order.

#### THE ST. PETER'S SOCIETY, WALWORTH.

**LONDON.**—On Saturday, March 10th, eight members of the above met for a peal of Grandsire Triples at the church of St. John, Waterloo road, but came to grief owing to a change-course, after ringing 3780 changes in 2 hrs. W. Langdon, 1; A. R. Davis, 2; F. G. Perrin, 3; W. Truss, 4; W. F. Meads, 5; E. P. O'Meara (conductor), 6; H. N. Davis, 7; T. Langdon, 8. On Friday, March 16th, at the church of St. Peter, for practice on the back six, 720 Grandsire Minor in 24 mins. T. H. Taffender (first 720), 1; F. G. Perrin, 2; \*W. Langdon, 3; \*T. Langdon, 4; A. R. Davis, 5; E. P. O'Meara (conductor), 6. \*First 720 with a bob bell.

#### THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

**NORTH WINGFIELD (Derbyshire).**—On Sunday evening, March 11th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 720 Canterbury Pleasure (eight bobs and six singles) G. Burton, 1; W. Butler, 2; F. Knowles, 3; J. Button, 4; W. Hopkinson, 5; J. Tarlton (composer and conductor), 6. Tenor 18½ cwt. in F.

#### THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—FYLDE BRANCH.

**LYTHAM (Lancashire).**—On Friday, March 23rd, before Divine Service at St. John's church, 720 Plain Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles) in 26 mins. W. Bamber, 1; J. Fell, 2; A. E. Wilson, 3; J. Salthouse, 4; C. H. Kerr, 5; G. Maries, 6. On Sunday evening, March 11th, before Service, a 720 College Single (eighteen bobs and two singles) in 26 mins. W. Bamber, 1; T. H. Mark, 2; A. E. Wilson, 3; J. Salthouse, 4; C. H. Kerr, 5; J. Fell (conductor). This is the first 720 in the above method by all.

#### THE WORCESTER CATHEDRAL GUILD.

**WORCESTER.**—On Sunday morning, March 18th, for Divine Service at the cathedral, 504 Grandsire Caters. B. S. Hill, 1; G. Hinton, 2; W. Powell, 3; W. Pudge, 4; W. Cotton, 5; W. Page, 6; W. Bradford (conductor), 7; R. Horton, 8; E. Davies, 9; T. Malim, 10. This is W. Cotton's longest touch.

#### THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

**CHESTERFIELD (Derbyshire).**—On Sunday, March 25th, for Divine Service at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes) in 46 mins. A. Savage, 1; D. Farthing, 2; G. Davies (conductor), 3; A. Knights, 4; G. Toplis, 5; W. E. Tydeman, 6; G. Mee, 7; J. Goodwin, 8. On Monday, March 26th, a 1680 Canterbury Pleasure Triples in 1 hr. and 2 mins. D. Farthing, 1; G. Toplis, 2; G. Davies, 3; A. Knights (conductor), 4; W. J. Thyng, 5; W. E. Tydeman, 6; J. Goodwin, 7; G. Mee, 8. This was an attempt for a peal. Also the same day a quarter-peal of Canterbury Triples in 45 mins. Tenor 24½ cwt.

#### WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

**STOURBRIDGE (Worcestershire).**—On Wednesday, March 14th, for practice, 1440 changes in two methods, being a 720 each of Canterbury Pleasure Minor, and Grandsire Minor, in 50 mins. W. A. Pugh, 1; H. Deakin, 2; N. Holyoake, 3; W. Fryer, 4; J. Pagett, 5; G. H. Pagett (conductor), 6. Tenor 20 cwt.

**DUDLEY (Worcestershire).**—*Handbell Ringing.*—On Thursday, March 15th, at 11, Ludgate Street, 720 Grandsire Doubles, being six 6-scores, each called differently. \*G. Pearsall, 1-2; †J. Pagett (conductor), 3-4; \*H. Fawkes, 5-6. †First 720 on handbells as conductor. \*First 720 on handbells in any method.

#### THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

**DALTON-IN-FURNESS (Lancashire).**—On Friday, March 2nd, at the parish church, for practice, a 720 Bob Minor (thirty bobs and thirty singles), in 27 mins. R. W. Burrows, 1; T. P. Jackson, 2; T. Stuart, 3; A. E. Sheppard, 4; T. R. Jackson (conductor), 5; J. Burrows, 6. On Sunday, March 4th, for evening service, a 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor (twenty-six singles) in 26 mins. J. Spencer, 1; T. Stuart, 2; T. Watson, 3; E. Sheppard, 4; T. R. Jackson (conductor), 5; J. Burrows, 6. On Friday, March 9th, for practice, a 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-four singles and twenty-six bobs) in 26 mins. I. Gibson, 1; T. Watson, 2; C. J. A. Cushing, 3; A. E. Sheppard (conductor), 4; T. Stuart, 5; J. Burrows, 6. On Sunday, March 11th, for morning service, a 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-four singles and twenty-six bobs) in 26 mins. T. Watson, 1; T. P. Jackson, 2; J. Spencer, 3; A. E. Sheppard (conductor), 4; T. Townson, 5; J. Burrows, 6. On Sunday, March 18th, for evening service, a 720 Grandsire Minor (forty-four



bobs and four singles) in 25 mins. I. Gibson, 1; T. Watson, 2; A. E. Sheppard (conductor), 3; T. Stuart, 4; J. Spencer, 5; J. Burrows, 6. On Sunday, March 25th, for morning service, a 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor (forty-bobs and ten singles) in 26 mins. J. Spencer, 1; T. Watson, 2; T. P. Jackson, 3; A. E. Sheppard (conductor), 4; T. Townson, 5; J. Burrows, 6. And for evening service, a 720 Plain Bob Minor (thirty singles) in 27 mins. I. Gibson, 1; T. Watson, 2; J. Spencer, 3; A. E. Sheppard (conductor), 4; T. P. Jackson, 5; J. Burrows, 6.

#### THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HULL (Yorks).—On Tuesday, March 6th, at St. Mary's church, 720 Bob Minor in 25 mins. J. W. Stickney, 1; G. M. Brownrigg, 2; G. T. Marshall, 3; H. Jenkins, 4; W. Southwick (conductor), 5; H. W. Needham, 6. Tenor 12 cwt. First 720 on the bells for upwards of ten years.

#### GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

QUEDGELEY (Gloucestershire).—On Sunday, March 18th, at the parish church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. C. Cox, 1; T. Mansfield, 2; A. Harris, 3; H. Ford (conductor), 4; \*G. Ashmead, 5; F. Knight, 6; C. Lyes, 7; S. Knight, 8. On Sunday, March 26th, a 504 in the same method. J. G. Fisher, 1; W. Brown, 2; H. Ford, 3; C. Cox, 4; F. Knight (conductor), 5; S. Knight, 6; C. Lyes, 7; E. Briant, 8. \*First quarter-peal and first attempt, and hails from Munsterworth. It is also the first 504 by Messrs. Fisher and Brint, also by C. Cox with a bob bell.

#### ST. STEPHEN'S SOCIETY, WESTMINSTER.

WESTMINSTER.—On Sunday, March 11th, for Divine Service in the morning, at the church of St. Stephen, 768 Oxford Treble Bob Major. G. Langford, 1; J. Willshire, 2; J. N. Oxborrow, 3; W. J. Sorrell, 4; F. Buck, 5; S. Andrews, 6; H. S. Ellis, 7; H. R. Newton (conductor), 8. And for evening service, 504 Stedman Triples. F. Buck, 1; H. R. Newton, 2; J. Willshire (conductor), 3; G. Langford, 4; W. J. Sorrell, 5; S. Andrews, 6; J. N. Oxborrow, 7; W. Lamb, 8. On Sunday, March 18th, at the church of St. Mary, Lambeth, for evening service, 1152 Oxford Treble Bob Major in 49 mins. G. Langford, 1; W. G. Sorrell, 2; F. Buck, 3; G. Willshire, 4; T. R. Bell, 5; S. Andrews, 6; H. S. Ellis, 7; H. R. Newton (conductor), 8. This is the longest touch of Oxford Treble Bob Major by all the band.

#### THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

YATELEY (Hants).—On Tuesday, March 13th, for practice at St. Peter's church, 640 Bob Major. \*C. Hilton, 1; S. Riddle, 2; \*W. Filmore, 3; B. Hawkins, 4; R. Hilton, 5; \*W. Tice, 6; J. Bunch, 7; G. Hawkins (conductor), 8. \*First touch of Major.

#### THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

AMBERLEY (Sussex).—On Sunday evening, March 11th, at the parish church, forty-two 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, called three different ways, in 2 hrs. 50 mins. J. Netley, 1; O. Ratley, 2; G. H. Lee, 3; T. Searle, 4; W. Searle (conductor), 5.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE (Lancashire).—On Sunday, March 11th, at St. Peter's church, a 576 Kent Treble Bob Major. S. Rawbottom, 1; E. Schofield (first in the method), 2; J. Hislop, 3; S. Taylor, 4; T. Jakeman, 5; E. Brown, 6; W. Jakeman (conductor), 7; J. Harsison, 8. E. Schofield hails from Rochdale, and this is his first touch in the method.

BURBAGE, BUXTON (Derbyshire).—On Sunday, March 4th, at the parish church, a 120, 240, 360 and 72 Oxford Treble Bob. On Sunday, March 11th, for morning service, an attempt for a 720 came to grief after ringing over 600 changes. And for evening service, a 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor (tenor the observation). J. W. Ashmore, 1; W. Longden, 2; D. Naden, 3; M. J. Morris, 4; G. Plant, 5; G. Ashmore (first 720 as conductor on tower bells.) This was rung as a farewell to Mr. Morris who is leaving this district, and is the first 720 rung on these bells for Divine Service.

LONDON.—On Sunday, March 4th, for Divine Service at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, 640 Kent Treble Bob Major. W. Truss, 1; H. N. Davis, 2; F. G. Perrin, 3; H. Warnett, 4; A. R. Davis, 5; F. J. Pitts, 6; W. C. Hasted, 7; J. E. Davis (conductor), 8.

NORTON (Staffordshire).—On Tuesday, March 13th, at the parish church, 720 Plain Bob in 28 mins. E. Johnson, 1; W. Scragg (first 720 with a bob bell), 2; J. H. Naylor, 3; J. Naylor, 4; T. Johnson, 5; J. Gibson (first 720 as conductor), 6. On Sunday evening, March 18th, 720 Plain Bob in 27½ mins. E. Johnson, 1; J. H. Naylor, 2; J. Naylor, 3; T. Holdcroft (Hanley, first 720 with a bob bell), 4; J. Gibson, 5; E. Glover (conductor), 6.

PENDLEBURY (Lancashire).—On Saturday, March 10th, at Christ Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. T. E. Boardman (longest touch), 1; W. Cottrill, 2; S. Booth (first with a bob bell), 3; W. Pyle, 4; T. Lingard (conductor), 5; J. Chapman, 6; J. Briscoe, 7; T. Rushton, 8. This quarter-peal was taken from "THE BELL NEWS."

PENGE (Surrey).—On Thursday, March 8th, for practice at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor. T. Chandler, 1; G. Durling, 2; G. Wickens, 3; J. Marshall (first 720 in the method), 4; W. J. Battson (first 720 in the method with a bob bell), 5; W. Smith (first in the method as conductor), 6. Chandler hails from Lewisham; Durling from Bromley.

PENDLEBURY (Lancashire).—On Monday, March 26th, it was arranged for a peal of Grandsire Triples at Christ church, but a service being on, the bells had to be brought round at the half-way. T. Boardman, 1; W. Cottrill, 2; T. Lingard (conductor), 3; W. Pyle, 4; R. Ridyard, 5; J. Chapman, 6; J. Briscoe, 7; T. Rushton, 8. R. Ridyard hails from Worsley, the rest are local men. This is the longest length by the Pendlebury men, and it is hoped shortly to get the whole peal by their own band.

PONTREFRAC (Yorks).—On Sunday morning, March 4th, for Divine Service, 864 Kent Treble Bob Major. J. Carter, 1; G. Spurr, 2; F. Moody, 3; S. Brook, 4; G. Booth, 5; J. Jackson, 6; W. Pearson (conductor), 7; C. Watts, 8. For evening service 546 Grandsire Triples. F. Moody, 1; W. Jackson, 2; G. Pearson, 3; A. B. Pearson, 4; C. Watts, 5; J. Jackson, 6; J. Carter, 7; W. Pearson (conductor), 8. On Sunday, March 11th, two courses of Oxford Treble Bob Major. G. Spurr, 1; W. Jackson, 2; J. Carter, 3; S. Brook, 4; F. Moody, 5; J. Jackson, 6; W. Pearson (conductor), 7; C. Watts, 8. For evening service 784 Grandsire Triples. F. Moody, 1; W. Jackson, 2; J. Carter, 3; S. Brook, 4; G. Booth, 5; J. Jackson, 6; W. Pearson (conductor), 7; J. Walker, 8. *Handbell Ringing.*—On Sunday afternoon, March 4th, at the residence of Mr. A. Pearson, five 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, each called differently. A. Pearson, 1-2; W. Pearson, 3-4; G. Pearson, 5-6. And another 6-score. W. Pearson (conductor), 1-2; A. Pearson, 3-4; G. Pearson, 5-6.

SEAL (Kent).—Recently for Divine Service in the afternoon at St. Lawrence's church, 720 Plain Bob Minor (fourteen bobs and two singles) in 24 mins. J. Kettell, 1; D. J. Goldsmith (conductor), 2; S. Cole, 3; C. Seager, 4; F. Kettell, 5; H. Collyer, 6. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

STANSTEAD (Suffolk).—*Handbell Ringing.*—On Saturday, March 3rd, being the birthday of A. J. Clarke, the ringers met at his house and rang several touches of Bob Major and Kent Treble Bob Major and Minor. On Tuesday, March 6th, 720 Bob Minor. R. Theobald, 1-2; A. Clarke, 3-4; R. Gowers (conductor), 5-6. On Saturday, March 10th, 18-score each of the following methods: College Single, Yorkshire Court, Court Bob, Woodbine, Oxford, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. R. Theobald, 1; R. Brett, 2; G. Smith, 3; A. Clarke, 4; S. Slater, 5; R. Gowers (conductor), 6.

#### Correspondence.

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

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

#### THE LONG PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH AT BRENTWOOD.

SIR,—The members of the Royal Cumberland Society who took part in the attempt for the 13,440 changes of Double Norwich Court Bob Major at Brentwood, desire through your paper to express their full appreciation of the kind expressions of regret and sympathy they have received from so many of their brother-ringers, both in town and country, on the untimely end of the peal, and to thank you, Sir, for the notice you have taken in your last issue of "THE BELL NEWS." But we wish it to be understood that everything that was necessary to be done to make the peal a success was done, including the ropes, which were thoroughly examined in every part, and were considered safe.

BENJAMIN FOSKETT.

40, New Buildings, Hampstead, N.W.

#### MR. ATTREE'S ANALYSIS.

SIR,—A slight error appears in Mr. Attree's analysis of peals in the last issue of "THE BELL NEWS." North Wales is only credited with two peals, whereas the Llangollen Guild have rung three of Grandsire Triples during the past year at Llangollen. The first (Holt's ten-part) was rung on January 19th; the second (a variation of Holt's ten-part) on June 13th; and the third (Hollis's five part) on July 15th. The above performances were published at the time in "THE BELL NEWS."

THOS. WILLIAMS.

## Notices.

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**Lancashire Association. — Manchester Branch.**—The next monthly ringing meeting will be held at St. John's church, Deansgate, Manchester, to-day, Saturday, April 7th. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Business meeting at 7 p.m.

W. BROWN, Branch Sec.

54, Wenlock Street, Hulme, Manchester.

**Oxford Diocesan Guild.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Woodburn to-day, Saturday, April 7th. Methods — Stedman, Treble Bob, Double Norwich, and London Surprise. Further information of the organising secretary, Rev. Alfred Woodin, Woodburn Vicarage, Maidenhead.

**Kent County Association. — Rochester District.**—The post of District Secretary not having been filled up, secretaries of bands and others in the District are requested to send their subscriptions to me as soon as possible.

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

Canterbury, March 19th, 1894.

**Kent County Association. — Members** are requested to take notice that peals rung during the past year and published as Kent County Association peals, in which any persons rang who have not paid their subscriptions for that year, will not be counted as Association peals. The work of preparing the Annual Report is delayed owing to the number of subscriptions still unpaid. FRED. J. O. HELMORE, Hon. Sec.

Canterbury, March 19th, 1894.

**Royal Cumberland Society.**—The 110th anniversary of the long peal of 12,000 Treble Bob Royal rung by this Society at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, will be celebrated to-day, Saturday, April 7th, by a Dinner, followed by a Smoking Concert to be held at the Bedford Hotel, Maiden Lane, Strand. Tickets, 3s. 6d. each, can be obtained from the following members of the committee: Mr. B. Foskett, 40, New Buildings, Hampstead, N.W.; Mr. H. Dains, 147, Barnsbury Road, Islington, N.; Mr. W. Hasted, 84, Dean Street, Soho, W.C.; Mr. P. Howard, South House, Albion Road, Stoke Newington, N.; Mr. G. Newson, 13a, Gardner Road, Hampstead, N.W.; Mr. G. Harvey, 30, Dickinson Street, Kentish Town, N.W.; Mr. J. Barry, 27, Arlington Street, Islington, N.; Mr. H. Davis, 419, Old Kent Road; Mr. J. Davis, Westdown Terrace, Camden Street, Peckham; Mr. H. Swain, 29, Bramerton Street, King's Road, Chelsea; Mr. Meads, 89, Diggon Street, Stepney; Mr. W. Wilder, Slough; Mr. H. S. Thomas, 71, Bridge Road, Old Battersea; or of A. JACOB, Hon. Sec.

10, St. Anne's Road, Hornsey, N.

N.B.—The bells of St. Martin's-in-the-Fields and St. Margaret's, Westminster, will be open for ringing previous to the dinner.

**The Lancashire Association. — Liverpool Diocesan Branch.**—The usual monthly meeting will take place at St. Michael's, Huyton, to-day, Saturday, April 7th. Tower open at 2 o'clock. Business meeting at 6 p.m. in the Infants' Schoolroom. J. J. M. MOORE, Hon. Sec.

9, Mill Street, Warrington.

**The Lancashire Association. — Rochdale Branch.** The next meeting of the above will take place at All Saints, Hamer, to-day, Satur-

day, April 7th, for re-opening of the bells. Short service in church at 4 p.m. Ringing afterwards. Meeting at 6.30.

EDMUND SCHOFIELD, Branch Sec.

**The Chester Diocesan Guild. — Wirral Branch.**—The next monthly meeting will be held in the schoolroom, Bebington, to-day, Saturday, April 7th. Tea at 5.30 (free). Tower open from 3 p.m.

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**Stoke-on-Trent Archidiaconal Association.**—The next monthly meeting of this Association will be held at Kids Grove, to-day, Saturday, April 7th.

W. TWIGG, Hon. Sec.

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**Midland Counties' Association. — Nottingham District.**—A ringing meeting will be held at Wollaton, to-day, Saturday, April 7th. Belfry open at 4 o'clock.

W. E. WHITE, Hon. Sec.

43, Southey Street.

**Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.**—The quarterly meeting of this society will be held at the parish church, Penkridge, to-day, Saturday, April 7th. Ringing at 2 p.m.

S. REEVES, Hon. Sec.

10, Bull Street, West Bromwich.

**The Kent County Association. — Canterbury District.**—The annual meeting of this District will be held at Ospringe, on Monday, April 16th. The tower will be open for ringing at 3 p.m. A Committee will be held in the vestry at 5 p.m., and all members then present will be allowed their travelling expenses up to 2s. and also 1s. towards the expenses of tea if their names are given in to me on or before Friday, April 13th.

ALFRED FOREMAN, District Hon. Sec.

Shalmesford, Canterbury.

**The Heavy Woollen District Association, Yorkshire.**—A (special) monthly meeting will be held at Kirkburton, on Saturday, April 21st, at 5 p.m. Meeting house The George inn. All members are earnestly requested to attend as business is important.

G. H. SIMON, Hon. Sec.

19, Albert Street, Bailey Carr.

## STOKE-ON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

The ringers from Norton-in-the-Moors had their outing to Cheddleton, where there is a fine ring of six bells in good going order. On arriving a start was made for a 720 of Bob Minor, which was successfully brought round in 27 mins. E. Glover (conductor), 1; J. H. Naylor, 2; E. Johnson, 3; J. Gibson, 4; T. Johnson, 5; J. Brindley, 6. In the afternoon touches of Grandsire, Oxford Bob and Kent Treble Bob were rung. The ringers wish, through the medium of this paper, to thank the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells and for having everything in readiness. A very enjoyable day was spent, and the party returned home well pleased with the outing.

**NOTE TO THE PEAL AT LINCOLN.**—The peal of Treble Bob Major was rang in honour of the visit of Mr. John Austin, who had ridden over on his bicycle from Gloucester, to whom the St. Peter-at-Arches Society feel indebted for the help rendered by him during the few months he resided there two and a half years ago. It is the first peal peal in the method by Messrs. Hodson, Walker, Fenton and Wells,

and is the first time Mr. Clifton has conducted a peal of Treble Bob. It is also the first peal in the method on the bells, and by the North Lincolnshire Association.

It is announced that the Queen has approved of the appointment of the Hon. and Rev. J. W. Leigh, Honorary Canon of Worcester and Rector of St. Mary's, Bryanston Square, to be Dean of Hereford, in succession to the late Hon. George Herbert. The new Dean is the third son of the first Lord Leigh, and brother of the present peer. He was born in 1838, and was a member of Trinity College, Cambridge, receiving an honorary M.A. in 1860. He was ordained two years later, and was curate of Bromsgrove from 1862 to 1864, vicar of Stoneleigh between 1864 and 1871, and after holding for a short time the curacy of Stratford-on-Avon in 1877, was in that year preferred to the vicarage of Leamington.

## Ringers Wanting Situations.

**NOTE.**—The advertisements of Ringers wanting situations will appear four consecutive insertions free. Those advertising must watch this column week by week, as the reception of all letters addressed care of Editor, will be notified therein. This privilege is only for bona fide ringers, whether subscribers to this paper or otherwise. To ensure publicity in the current number, advertisements ought to reach the office by Tuesday morning.

**SITUATION Wanted** as Mechanic or similar employment. Change ringer: Grandsire, Plain Bob, Stedman and Treble Bob.—Address, F. A. MELLANBY, 42 Grange Road, West Middlesbrough.

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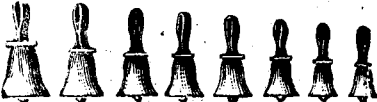
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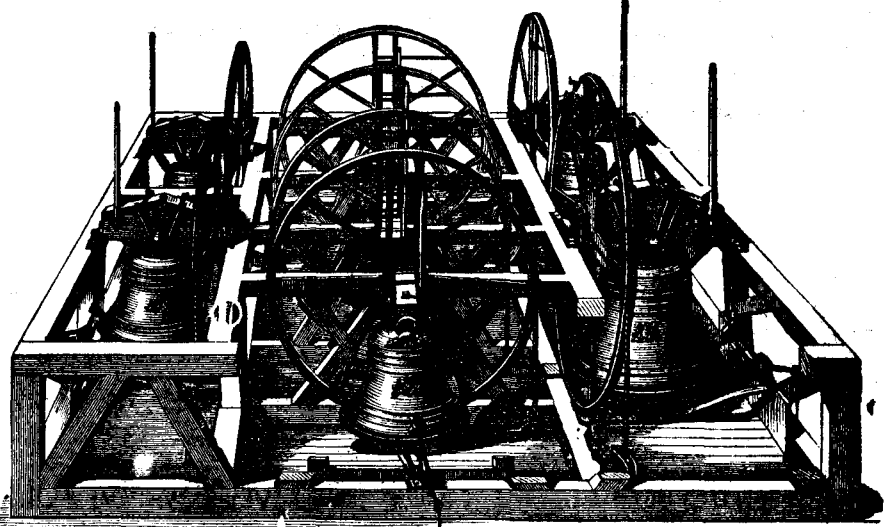
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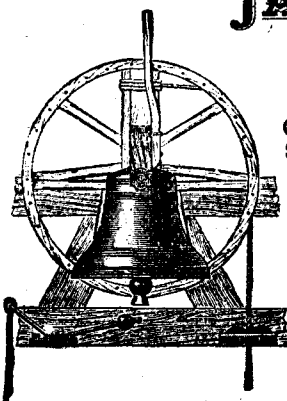
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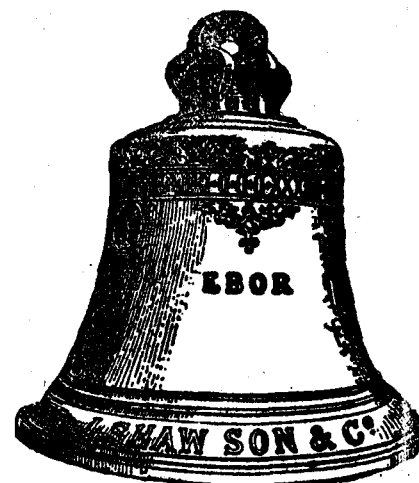
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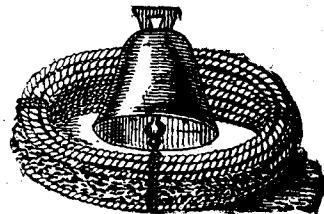
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## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

The Twelfth Annual meeting was held at Burton-on-Trent, on Easter Monday, March 26th, the following towers being open for ringing: St. Paul's (eight bells), St. Modwen's (eight bells), Horninglow (six bells), Winhill (six bells). Shortly after 10 ringers began to flock into the town from Derby, Nottingham, Leicester, Birmingham, Loughborough, Ashby, Duffield, Barwell, Nuneaton, Tamworth, etc., and soon their numbers, including the local ringers, reached upwards of 130, a greater muster than at any previous meeting. No doubt the prospect of a visit round the celebrated breweries of Messrs. Bass and Co., the charming spring-like weather, and last but not least, the kindly welcome extended to visitors by the clergy and the Burton ringers, all helped to swell the attendance, and to make this, their first annual meeting at Burton, a great success. Those who arrived early were able to ring various touches at St. Paul's and St. Modwen's, before assembling with their later brethren at St. Paul's Institute. Conducted by local ringers, the party proceeded to Messrs. Bass and Co's. Shobnall sidings, and from here, under the immediate supervision of Mr. L. Nicholas—the arrangements having been made by Mr. C. O. Sullivan—they were taken round the company's railway system, in specially prepared conveyances, visiting in turn the new brewery, the middle yard, the old brewery, the Dixie, and the Hay sidings. After a most enjoyable ride, the train drew up at the middle yard stores, and here, through the characteristic generosity of Messrs. Bass and Co., refreshments were supplied on a bountiful scale, and to which the members did full justice.

The Rev. F. H. Beaven, in the name of the visitors, proposed a vote of thanks to Messrs. Bass and Co. for their liberality, which was carried with applause. The party subsequently divided, to visit the various breweries, Mr. Nicholas taking charge of those who visited the old brewery, Mr. W. Odling those who wished to visit the middle brewery, and Mr. R. M. Robinson, of those who favoured the new brewery. Having inspected the various processes to which the malt and hops are subjected, and having again had an opportunity of sampling the beverage for which Messrs. Bass and Co. are world famed, it is needless to say that the members thoroughly enjoyed their visit, and returned another hearty vote of thanks to those gentlemen who had done all in their power to make the visit enjoyable and interesting.

The afternoon by this time being well advanced, members of the committee hastened away to attend the usual meeting, which was held at St. Margaret's School room, the school being kindly placed at the disposal of the association by the Rev. F. H. Beaven (Vice-President of the Burton district). Here a capital spread had been provided by the liberality of the Burton ringers, and to which about 130 members and friends sat down, including the President, A. P. Heywood, Esq., the Revs. F. H. Beaven, S. Pountney Smith, E. G. Harker, and A. L. Cowan, and several ladies, including Mrs. Beaven and Mrs. Harker.

Tea over, the general meeting was held, the President, A. P. Heywood, Esq., in the chair, supported by the Rev. F. H. Beaven, Mr. W. Wakley, Hon. Treasurer, and Mr. John O. Lancashire, Hon. Secretary.

The Hon. Secretary having read the minutes, they were signed on the proposition of Mr. W. H. Lowe, seconded by Mr. Barrow; the Treasurer's accounts were passed on the proposition of Mr. Denison Taylor, seconded by Mr. S. Cooper; eleven new ringing members were also admitted. Nominations having been received by the Hon. Secretary, nominating A. P. Heywood, Esq., as President, Mr. John O. Lancashire, as Hon. Secretary, and Mr. W. Wakley, as Hon. Treasurer, these gentlemen were unanimously re-elected.

Derby was selected as the place for the next annual meeting, on the proposition of Mr. S. Cooper, seconded by Mr. Barrow; and Melbourne as the place for the next quarterly meeting, on the proposition of Mr. Hickling, seconded by Mr. H. George.

The President, in his usual address, said that ringers would find the record of the past year criticised in their annual report, and he need not go through it again. With regard to the present year, they had made a very fair start, viz.: twelve peals,

which entitled them to fourth's place among the various associations. He was sorry to hear that in Nottingham so little interest was taken by the clergy in their work. He hoped that their friends in that town might even yet find some loophole of escape from their difficulties, and so keep up the practice of the art, which had been so honoured there in time past. He was glad that there had been so little friction during the past year, and hoped this would continue. Let ringers take more interest in ringing outside their own immediate neighbourhood, be less selfish than in the past, and he was sure they would prosper.

Mr. S. Cooper next proposed a vote of thanks to the clergy for the use of the bells and for the interest they had shown in the association by being present at the tea. Mr. Shardlow seconded.

The President added that this vote of thanks should also include the ladies, which was unanimously carried.

The Rev. F. H. Beaven, in responding, said he was always pleased to welcome the association at Burton, he must also convey to them Lord Burton's best wishes.

A vote of thanks to the Burton District for their generosity in providing the tea, and a vote of thanks to Lord Burton for his kindness, was proposed by Mr. Lancashire, seconded by Mr. Hickman, and carried with acclamation.

A little friendly discussion with regard to the inferior ringing usual at meetings followed, and with hearty votes of thanks to the officers for their services, and to the President for presiding, the meeting terminated.

Ringers then adjourned to finish up the day in the usual way with touches at the various towers, handbell ringing, etc.; so ended a red-letter day in the annals of the association.

## THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting was held in the Allhallows-Lane Mission room, Bedford, on Easter Monday. Previous to the meeting a service was held in St. Paul's church, at which the Rev. H. L. James, of Stamford, preached an instructive sermon. The ringers and friends then adjourned to the Mission Room, where a substantial meat tea was provided by Sister Fanny and her assistants. After tea the meeting was held, at which the Vicar of St. Paul's (Rev. Lambert Woodard) presided, and was supported by a large number of gentlemen and ringers from the neighbouring villages, among whom were the Revs. Canon Haddock, A. C. Downer, H. L. James, C. J. E. Smith (Bromham), Messrs. Elger, T. Bull, E. Ransom, G. Hurst, P. Howard, Chaasty, Herbert, Clarke, I. Hills, and the Rev. W. W. C. Baker (Hon. Sec.). Letters regretting their inability to attend were read from the Mayor of Bedford (Mr. G. Wells), Archdeacon Bathurst, Mr. W. W. Marks, and Mr. Walter G. Harter.

The Hon. Sec. read the annual report, which, on the proposition of the Rev. J. Copner, seconded by Mr. E. Ransom, was adopted.

Mr. Elger (Treasurer) presented the accounts, which showed a balance in favour of the Association of £26 8s. 1½d.

The Rev. Canon Haddock proposed the re-election of the Committee.

Mr. T. Bull seconded, and it was carried.

The Rev. A. C. Downer proposed the re-election of Mr. Elger as treasurer for the ensuing year.

Mr. P. Howard seconded, and it was carried.

Mr. Elger, in responding, thanked the Association for the renewed mark of their confidence in him for the tenth or twelfth time, and said that position had now become a sinecure, as the Secretary had the lion's share of the work to do.

The Rev. W. W. C. Baker was re-elected Hon. Sec. with acclamation, and in responding, he said he should be glad to do his best for the Association, but his duties were rather interfered with by other work, and he had wished to give way to someone else. He pointed out that one way in which he could be assisted would be that in preparing the matter for the report the secretaries of each district and band could send to him the work of his own band and district ready for insertion. He had now to hunt the record for the whole year and work it all out. If the various secretaries would do that for him—and each man was supposed to keep a record of the work done in his own district—it would lighten his work very much.

Mr. P. Howard proposed that Mr. Isaac Hills be assistant Secretary.

Mr. Baker said Mr. Hills was already a great assistance, and he would be very pleased to see his work recognised by giving him the official status which his labour deserved.

Mr. Elger, in seconding, said he had known Mr. Hills for many years, and knew the work he did for that Society. He saved the Society a great deal of money by attending to the bells. Bells were things that wanted considerable attention, and the best hung bell got out of order sometimes. Mr. Hills attended very closely to the oil cups that were fixed to the bells, and had made the bells at St. Paul's one of the best peal of ringing bells in England.

Mr. Hills was then elected assistant secretary, and he, in responding, thanked them very much for the honour they had done him, and said he would try and do his best.

The next business being to elect auditors, Mr. Howard proposed the re-election of Messrs. T. Bull and Thody, saying Mr. Bull was a gentleman who took the greatest interest in them.

Mr. Bull jokingly asked whether they were going to raise the auditors' wages, but Mr. Baker reminded him that he was an honorary member.

This having been carried, Mr. Bull said he was very much obliged to them for their mark of confidence in him, and he had great pleasure in conforming to their wish. He only wished the funds of the Society were a little better than they were, but still every year they kept adding to the balance.

Having been asked if any members present would propose any new members, the following were proposed and elected:—Rev. H. Law James (Stamford), Messrs. J. B. Martin (Higham Ferrers), Sharman (Bedford), E. Keech, H. Shimmans, W. Johnson, J. Thompson, W. Fox and A. Burns (Sandy), G. Izzard (Biddenham), Mr. Colville Cooke and Mr. Mark Lane.

Mr. Howard said he had to propose a motion. A peal of Stedman Triples had been rung in St. Paul's belfry for the first time in that county, and he personally thought—and probably the other members would agree with him—that the Association ought to commemorate that peal by giving them a peal-board. If the Association did not put one up the ringers would put one up themselves.

Mr. Elger, in seconding the motion, said he heard the peal, and although he was a good way off, he could say the striking could not have been better, and from first to last it was a creditable piece of ringing, and he thought it ought to be placed on permanent record.

This was agreed to.

Mr. Howard said he had a question to ask of the Secretary. The Central Council of Change Ringers met on the succeeding day (Tuesday) in London, and there was a question on the agenda as to whether the members should be elected in the tower previous to starting a peal, and whether it be allowed or not. He would like to know what Mr. Baker was to do in that resolution and how he was to vote. He proposed that Mr. Baker should strenuously object to any resolution curtailing the privilege of electing members of the Association previous to starting on a peal.

Mr. Baker said when the Association did him the honour of electing him he thought it was to exercise his own judgment to a certain extent. He was not prepared altogether to be instructed in what he was to do or which way he was to vote on any question, and he should like, as this was the first time that question had come up, to have it clearly understood whether he went to the Central Council as a representative or a delegate.

Mr. Howard said he wanted him to know what the Association thought.

Mr. Baker said he should always like to know what the Association did think. On this point he was entirely in the hands of the Association, and would vote in whatever way they wished him to do.

Mr. G. Hurst thought that whoever they sent up could act to the best of his judgment, and they generally acted as the Association wished.

Mr. Clarke seconded Mr. Howard's proposition.

Mr. Baker said he gathered the Association wished him to speak if necessary and vote on that question at the Central Council, and that the Association felt that it was necessary

that some restriction should be placed on the unlimited power of electing members in a belfry, yet it did not wish that privilege to be entirely stopped, and that the majority of members waiting for a peal should have power to elect one or two members of the Association to which the majority belonged.

It was then proposed and carried that it should be left in Mr. Baker's hands.

Mr. E. Ransom rose to propose a vote of thanks to the Rev. H. Law James for his sermon that afternoon, and he hoped they would get some advantage from it.

Mr. Herbert, in seconding, said it was very gratifying to them that those outside should take such a warm interest in them.—Carried.

The Rev. H. Law James said he was very much obliged to them for the way they had received him that day, and he hoped they would not only be brother ringers, but brother Christians. They must not ring for the benefit of themselves, but for the benefit of one another, and if one went wrong he must allow the others to put him right or it would all go wrong.

Mr. Clarke called attention as to when the next quarterly meeting was to be held.

Mr. Howard said as the summer was coming on he would propose Turvey.

Mr. Baker said it was thrown out by the Committee that all the quarterly meetings be fixed at the annual meeting.

Mr. Clarke suggested that they give the five-bell towers a turn, as that was the way to get six bells and then eight, but eventually he seconded the proposition that they go to Turvey.

It was suggested that they have monthly meetings instead of quarterly meetings, but it was pointed out by Mr. Baker that the expenses of the members were paid, and if they had twelve meetings instead of four he was afraid they would have the treasurer talking to them.

It was decided to go to Turvey in June.

The Rev. W. E. B. Norman said he was sure it would meet with the approval of them all and it required no words of his to give a hearty vote of thanks to Sister Fanny for the trouble she had taken in providing them those good things. He had heard of the very pleasant meetings they had held, but although they had been good enough to elect him an honorary member he had never had the opportunity of being present, as he had always engagements in his parish on Easter Monday. If the Association had done the same in other parishes as in the parish of Biddenham they had a very great claim on the goodwill of the clergy. There was not a boy in his "teens" at Biddenham who was not looking forward to the day when he would belong to their Association.

The vote was carried with great acclamation.

The Rev. C. J. E. Smith had great pleasure in thanking them on behalf of Sister Fanny, and said he would convey the expression of thanks to her. After speaking of the interest Sister Fanny took in providing entertainments for them, he said he remembered the first meeting of the Association held in Bedford twelve years ago, but since then the Society had been growing and growing and doing good work all round the county in stirring up ringing.

Mr. Howard, in proposing a vote of thanks to the Chairman (the Rev. Lambert Woodard), said he not only so kindly presided at their meeting but if it was not for him he did not know what they would do. Before he came into the parish they were in great difficulties, but since he came there had been a great difference. He gave them the opportunity to ring when it did not interfere with his services, and unless they did have the opportunity of ringing on St. Paul's bells they would not be able to get the practice which was essentially needful for the art of change-ringing. It was a science, more than any other science, that required practice; not practising for a time, but keeping on practising.

Mr. Chasty said they would be sorry to know the Vicar was not in his usual good health, but he hoped soon to be restored. It was in the wind that they were going to have two more bells hung at St. Paul's, and he hoped the next time they had a meeting there would be two additional bells.

The vote was carried with acclamation.

The Vicar, in replying, said he could not see that any thanks were due to him, neither for presiding nor giving permission for St. Paul's bells to be rung on every possible occasion. It was

always the greatest pleasure to him to be present at a meeting of working men, and that was very frequently indeed in that room. With regard to the ringing at St. Paul's, that was also a real pleasure. Very often hardly a week passed that someone did not say to him "Don't you find those bells so very close to you a great nuisance?" but he always let them know that indeed he did not. The reason why it was a great pleasure to hear those bells ringing was because they were rung well; it would be a nuisance if they were rung badly. He knew the conduct in the belfry was so good that he was always happy when he heard them ringing. The clergy had very great cause to be thankful to the Association because of the improvement in the belfries. They were very different from what they used to be years ago. He was sure there was no better band of ringers than they had at St. Paul's, and he always met with the greatest courtesy from them. In conclusion, he said he hoped the Association would prosper and be long spared to meet together on occasions like that.

During the day at St. Paul's and St. Mary's by the various bands, touches were rung of Grandsire Doubles and Minor, Grandsire Triples, Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Treble Bob Major, and Double Norwich Court (in which the Rev. H. Law James rung the tenor).

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The recently re-hung ring of six rang out brightly for half an hour previously to the service.

#### MONEWDEN, SUFFOLK.

On Wednesday, March 28th, the Monewden company had their annual supper at the Rectory, when twelve sat down to a repast provided by the Rector (the Rev. C. A. Sinclair, M.A.). Supper being finished, they adjourned to the belfry, where after ringing a few touches of Double Court on the very musical peal of six bells, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor was brought round in 25 mins. R. H. Hayward (conductor), 1; W. J. Archer, 2; J. Hunt, 3; F. E. W. Meadows (first 720 in the method), 4; Rev. J. Holme Pilkington, 5; S. W. Martin, 6. Tenor 6 cwt. The rest of the evening was spent in touches of Grandsire Triples, Bob Major, and Oxford Treble Bob Major on the handbells, thus bringing to a close a very enjoyable evening.

#### THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

WIRRAL BRANCH.—The second monthly meeting was held at Bebington, on Saturday, April 7th. There were present, Rev. Canon Feildeu, in the chair, Rev. A. Neild, F. R. T. Bolton, the Hon. Secretary, and sixteen ringing members representing the following towers. Bebington, Bidston, Bromborough, Rock Ferry (St. Peter's), Woodchurch, and West Kirby.

After partaking of a tea kindly provided by Canon Feildeu and the Rev. A. Neild, a short meeting was held, at which it was arranged to meet at Heswall on May 5th. By the kind permission of the Rector the tower was open during the afternoon and evening, and several touches were tried by those present. The only touches worthy of mention were two 720s of Plain Bob, rung by the following. J. Picking, E. Breeze, T. Hughes, J. Cliffe, F. Jones, and J. Dillon. Both were conducted by J. Dillon.

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#### THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

(Continued.)

##### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CALLS, AND CLASSIFICATION OF COMPOSITIONS.

This Committee, consisting of the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, Mr. C. H. Hattersley, and Mr. N. J. Pitstow (the latter having taken the place of Mr. J. W. Washbrook), presented a printed report.

The substance of the "Recommendations as to calls" is the same as last year. The Committee here append a few extracts containing the chief points discussed this year for the first time.

As they will have frequent occasion to advert to calls either identical with or strictly parallel to the ordinary bob, the regular single, the 5th's place bob, and the Holt's single above-mentioned, it will be well to adopt at once an abbreviation for each of them. Indeed there is considerable need of a compendious form of notation indicative of the various legitimate kinds of calls in Triples. We accordingly propose the following in which, in addition to the four calls above specified, we include an abbreviation for the plain lead. They are P. for plain lead; B. for the ordinary bob; S. for the regular single; T. for the 5th's place or continuous triple bob, and H. for the Holt's single. In all triple methods it is to be understood that these various calls are to be employed under the same restrictions as those laid down in the case of Grandsire. Thus the composer is to be quite unfettered in his use of P and B, and S is left to his discretion. But in one and the same peal he may employ T only five times or H twice; nor must either of these be employed at all in the company of S, or of each other.

In continuing to recommend the adoption in the Union method of a single of the form

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The Committee remark: against this form of single certain arguments have been brought. These are in the main (a) that it introduces the making of 4th's place, a feature alleged to be alien to the Union method; (b) that it would not work well in Cateters and Cinques. It seems also to have been inferred that (c) peals already composed with the old single would be put out of course by the adoption of the single now recommended.

Now, first of all, it should be understood that the Grandsire single is no model for any other single. Any respect due to it is owing simply to its age, and not to its origin. It is a development of the single in Doubles. The primitive fathers of ringing found that on arriving at the 60th row there was no alternative but to stop the interchange of one pair of bells. They therefore blindly wrote 13245. This was a single change. The name "Single" hence took its rise, and this form of call was perpetuated on seven and the higher number of bells. Such it is, and such let it be. We do not for a moment seek to alter it. But in Doubles at least, the scientific form of single would have been

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that is the making of the P place (5ths) and the making of the B place (3rds) and perforce the place between them. Therefore no argument in favour of the *Clavis* single in Union can be grounded upon any supposed similarity to the Grandsire single. It is possible that the thought of some such supposed analogy between the Grandsire and Union methods in general, and their singles in particular, may have given rise to the argument (a), that a 2nd's place single is more akin to the Union method than a 4th's place one would be.

But when once the air is clear of the vapours of Grandsire, it is plainly evident that the making of 2nds place is quite as alien, if not more so, to the Union method as the making of any other place. Hence, though it may savour of *tu quoque*, it is an answer to this argument simply to say that the making of 2nds place has no business to occur in Union. But further, the 2nds place and its concomitant 3rds are gratuitously made a blow later than necessary, thereby not merely infringing the integrity of the 14 rows composing a lead, but introducing a bastard bob-change which by thus slinking in too late testifies only to its own disgrace. As part of the objection being now considered

it is argued that the making of the 4ths place, besides being in itself alien to the method, causes the whole duty of the bell making that place to exhibit a like deformity. But surely those who thus contend are very short-sighted in their contention. It is obvious to reply that the old single causes *two* bells to do work unheard of in orthodox Union, not to say that one of them is made to contort itself in a manner positively acrobatic.

Was it ever heard that in a legitimate triple method the bell leaving the hunt should lie *three* blows in 3rds place? On the other hand, in the single recommended for your adoption, there is but *one* bell doing work different from that which every Union ringer has to do in every touch he rings.

That work, so far from being alien to the method, is actually the *vis-a-vis* of the 4ths place bell in every plain lead! It comes down, makes 4ths and dodges 4-5 up—the perfect complement of the bell that makes 5ths and dodges 4-5 down, the two working together like partners in a dance.

In the objection (b), that the single recommended would not work well in Caters and Cinques, we confess that we see no force whatever. It therefore requires no answer. We may, however, observe that so far as concerns practical ringing, precisely the same arguments in its favour hold good in the case of nine and eleven bells as that in Triples; and so far as regards composition all that can be said is that with the vast range of choice at his disposal, the composer must indeed be a poor one who is unable to work up his bells to the position requisite for any Single whatsoever.

It only remains to say a few words in reply to objection (c), that the new single would put old peals out of court. We are not aware of the existence of such a large number of these old peals; and we beg leave to refer to the peal given on page 23, where it is shown how the veriest novice may in a few moments substitute the new single for the old. We do not hesitate to affirm that a slight expenditure of ordinary intelligence will enable the conductor to vary any old peal on lines similar to those on which we have ourselves varied that given in the *Clavis*. Should, however, any hesitation be felt as to the advisability of altering old peals furnished with the *Clavis* single, we have no objection to their remaining as they are. They are bad, but they are no affair of your Committee, whose duty looks to the future, and not to the past.

Like the two methods, Reverse Oxford and Reverse Court, the true H in Union is necessarily at the reverse, and may be employed if thought desirable. It will then occur in the following rows:—

If the 2nd is in the hunt—

First.		Second.
{ 4637251	and	{ 6473251
{ 4637521		{ 6473521

Or, if the 2nd is in position to enter the hunt at the lead-end—

First.		Second.
{ 7562431	and	{ 5762341
{ 7526431		{ 5726341

Otherwise we cannot do better than adhere to the form found in Holt's six-part peal of Union Triples.

Passing to the remaining methods included in this group we have now to consider Oxford Bob, Double Oxford, Court Bob and Double Court, to which may be added the less desirable Reverse Oxford and Reverse Court.

Of these, Oxford Bob and Double Court, though differing from one another in the interior of the lead, have their plain and bob-lead-ends identical. Hence all compositions on the one are good for the other, and for our present purpose they may be considered together. They are perfectly regular. At the first blow of the treble's lead 5ths place is made at P, and in perfect conformity with the principle advocated by your Committee; B is made by the substitution of 3rds place for 5ths. The proper form of S is therefore self-evident—the bells in 3-4-5 lie still thus—

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Here, as in all similar cases the bell making 3rds does B work, that making 5ths does P work, and only one, viz., that making 4ths, does special work,

For H it need scarcely be pointed out that, as the plain and reverse courses have the same lead-ends as those in Grandsire, Holt's singles should be used, under of course the same restrictions as are laid down previously.

For T there is only one form available. At P 5th's is made, at B 3rd's is made, and therefore for T there only remains the making of 7th's place thus—

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The use of this, be it remembered, should be confined to the instances quoted before.

The rules for the calls in Double Oxford and Court Bob are practically the same as those for Oxford Bob and Double Court, just explained, and serve only as additional proof, if such were wanted, of the soundness and scientific basis of the principles we advocate. Not to expatiate more than necessary, we simply give the figures shewing the form of calls recommended. To these for the sake of ready comparison we prefix the P of each method.

#### DOUBLE OXFORD BOB.

P { 4132675  
1423657  
B { 4132675  
1436257  
S { 4132675  
1432657  
T { 4132675  
1423765

#### COURT BOB.

P { 5172346  
1527364  
B { 5172346  
1573264  
S { 5172346  
1572364  
T { 5172346  
1527436

The same principle as that which determined the form of the H in Oxford Bob and Double Court decides its form in the present methods of Double Oxford and Court Bob. It is simply identical with the H in Grandsire.

We append calls for the two methods of Reverse Oxford and Reverse Court which are however comparatively worthless owing to the fact that as in Grandsire 7th's place is made at P. They disturb five bells at B; they molest two at S; and if H be employed it must be as in Union at the reverse. Moreover in Reverse Oxford, if the following scheme of calls be adopted, the B block consists of only two members, so that it becomes doubtful whether any peal is possible under the circumstances. In fact neither of the methods are worth more than a cursory glance, and find a place here merely because *Shipway* gives a lead of each.

#### REVERSE OXFORD.

P { 6142537  
1624357  
B { 6142537  
1645273  
S { 6142537  
1645237  
T { 6142537  
1624573

#### REVERSE COURT.

P { 5162374  
1526734  
B { 5162374  
1563247  
S { 5162374  
1563274  
T { 5162374  
1526347

With regard to the S in both these methods it may be remarked that there is a conceivable alternative, by substituting the making of 4ths place instead of 6ths place as given above. The single will then be a "plain-lead" single, that which we have adopted being a "bob-single." They both preserve intact the work of the bells making the P place and the B place; the difference between them being that the result of the plain-lead-single is the same as that of P with the interchange of one pair, the result of the bob-single is the same as the result of B with the interchange of one pair. The bob-single is perhaps the best as more likely to tend to lessen the number of calls in a peal. It is generally easy to substitute a bob-single for a bob, whereas a plain-lead-single usually appears as an *extra* call.

On group iv. the final sentences in last year's Report are modified as follows. It should however be stated that though eight forms of starting are logically allowable, they are not all by any means recommended. Of the eight forms the following seem most to be preferred.

First: that the first row of changes should be the fifth row in a quick six. This is the usual form of commencement and has



old custom on its side. Second: that the first row of changes should be the third row in a quick six. This causes the first six-end to be 312456789. Anything legitimate which avoids waste of time and bobs in getting the bells into peal-ringing order cannot lightly be excluded.\*

And this mode of beginning has the great merit of putting the treble at once into 2nd's place. Third; the first row of changes may be the first row of a slow six. This form has the recommendation of leaving the composer greater freedom in the manner of coming home.

N.B.—By resolution of Council, however, our last extract is cancelled.

In moving the adoption of the Report, the Rev. C. D. P. Davies said both he and Mr. Hattersley regretted to have lost the assistance of Mr. Washbrook. Their warmest thanks were due to Mr. Pitstow for having so promptly come forward to take Mr. Washbrook's place. As to the report it would speak for itself. It must be understood that the copies which had been circulated, were only proofs. In the letter-press would be found one or two errors which would be corrected before the report itself was printed. There were two or three points to which he would briefly refer. It might be argued that the recommendations were hazy on the subject of the Holt's single in Union, and reverse Court, and reverse Oxford. The true Holt's single is at the reverse, and must be there if you have a ten-part peal with the leads of the plain course for part-ends in one half and leads of reverse course for part-ends in the other half. If however you have a peal on some other plan, of which Holt's six-part and Mr. James's on page 26 of the report are instances, you can have a Holt's single at the treble lead. In these instances the Committee have no desire to fetter composers unnecessarily, and therefore leave the exact form of the Holt's single to the composer. Holt chooses one form, Mr. James another; the Committee admit both, as they both conform equally to rules that they consider vital. The first single covers the blow at which the bells would otherwise come round, and the second single actually brings them home. The peal on page 17 was one he received a year ago from Mr. Sevier. Mr. James had however informed him that in the interval there had been some correspondence in "THE BELL NEWS"—which had escaped his notice—and Mr. Sevier had given up his claim to the peal. He regretted that it had been credited to the wrong person, but it would be set right before the report was finally printed. Probably no one would blame him for the errors, for no one could be expected to remember what appeared in "THE BELL NEWS" in the course of twelve months. He trusted however that Mr. James would accept his sincere apology for having blunderingly transposed the peal on page 20 in such a manner that at the end it could not be brought round by any recognised call. There was also an error in Mr. Catchpole's peal of Stedman Cinques. He was not sure if this was not a printer's error, at any rate it would be set right. He might mention that the letterpress portion of the report was sent round to each member of the Committee, but the peals were divided into three sections.

Mr. C. H. Hattersley in seconding, said he had no hesitation in saying that better peals had been rung in Sheffield fifty years ago. If such peals as those inserted continued to be inserted, they would become a laughing stock in admitting such trash. It would be found that better things were done before some of them were born. If this work was going to be continued it would be taking away the column in "THE BELL NEWS" where a charge of 6d. was made for an insertion, and putting them into the hands of the Exercise free of cost. There ought certainly to be a charge made. It would be more appreciated for the Exercise would always appreciate a thing more for which he had to pay something. One thing which composers would have to do would be to prove their peals before sending them. He for one was not going to do it for them. He did not see why he should have to prove Stedman Triples, especially as such peals might turn out to be false. He would however stick to the work, but peals sent to him must be certified as true.

Mr. G. Newson said last year at Oxford he raised the question as to why any restriction should be placed upon the going-off in

Stedman Caters; true a few verbal alterations had been made, but there were still the objectionable features. The author of the method started at the second change of a quick six. If the committee allowed four changes before starting why not a whole quick six as well as allowing the whole of a slow six? As the sixes occur alternately a quick six was as much a part of the method as a slow six, while a quick six gave the same facilities for coming round as a slow six. Although the report did not actually condemn the mode of starting, yet it would tend to cast a slur on several simple and musical compositions of recent years. He would move that it should be an instruction to the Committee not to permit of any violation of the method in starting.

The President suggested that it might be desirable to leave out the recommendations as to any specific modes of starting.

Mr. Hattersley asked what Mr. Newson would recommend.

Mr. Newson replied that a quick six was as legitimate as a slow six; he did not recommend either in preference to the other. He was willing to accept of the President's recommendation.

This course was adopted, and the whole of the recommendations as to starting were ordered to be struck out.

Dr. Carpenter asked for an explanation of the sentence that "a peal is a round block."

The Rev. C. D. P. Davies replied that the remarks on page 14 were written for and were only intended to apply strictly to groups 2 and 3. Doubtless such a thing as a peal of Treble Bob coming home at the snapping lead of the treble had been known, but they are far and few between, and serve no really useful purpose. The phrase was introduced simply to show the absurdity of allowing some special "go off" or "coming home" while forbidding a similar manipulation in the course of the peal. Nothing was said in group 4 as to a "round block."

The President did not think it desirable that the report should again be gone fully into, as time would not permit this. He would suggest that the part of the report dealing with calls, which was carefully gone into at the Oxford meeting and only referred back to the Committee on points which had now been fully debated, should be adopted, and that the latter part, in which the Committee were only as yet feeling their way, and in connection with which they had had serious difficulties to contend with, should be referred back to them for further consideration and improvement; also that they should be re-appointed, with power to add to their number.

Mr. Lockwood having asked a question as to the single recommended on page 8, and the Rev. C. D. P. Davies having replied, the letterpress portion of the report was adopted, as was also the suggestion of the President and the Committee be re-appointed, on the motion of the Rev. F. E. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Strange.

(To be continued.)

#### THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BEDFORD.—On Saturday evening, February 10th, on the occasion of Mr. George Hurst's 94th birthday, the St. Paul's Company, Bedford, rang a touch of Grandsire Triples, of 1128 changes, being one change for each month of Mr. George Hurst's long and useful life. Mr. George Hurst is an honorary member of the Association, and generally attends their annual meetings, and the company took this opportunity of offering him their hearty congratulations, and trust he may be spared a few more years to grace their festive board. The ringers were:—J. Spencer, 1; C. Chasty, 2; S. J. Cullip, 3; F. Keech, 4; I. Hills, 5; W. Shimmans, 6; C. W. Clarke, 7; R. Shimmans, 8. Composed and conducted by C. W. Clarke.

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\*It must here be mentioned that on this point your Committee are not unanimous, the comment of one of their number being "My recommendation for starting changes in Stedman Caters and Cinques is the usual way, viz.: 213547698, or 214365879 with a slow six."



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THOMAS ELLIOTT .. .. Treble.	JAMES GRABHAM .. .. 5.
JOHN CHILCOTT .. .. 2.	WILLIAM W. THRUSH .. 6.
ROBERT HOLE .. .. .. 3.	WILLIAM W. THORNE .. 7.
JOHN PUGSLEY .. .. .. 4.	JOHN PAYNE .. .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. W. THORNE.

This peal was rang for the wedding of Mr. Swinhoe, of New Swindon, and Miss Glass, of Ellacombe, Dunster, and is the first time a 5040 was rang at Dunster for such an event. On Thursday, April 5th, the ringers and others were entertained at Ellacombe House, by Mr. and Miss Glass. After a capital supper a pleasant evening was spent in singing and dancing.

## HATHERN, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 5, 1894, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## FORTY TWO SIX-SCORES OF DOUBLES IN THE THREE FOLLOWING METHODS;

Extreme Doubles, Plain Bob Doubles, and Grandsire Doubles; each 6-score being called differently.

SAMUEL SMITH .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM WHITWORTH .. 3.
THOMAS START .. .. .. 2.	ISRAEL LOVETT .. .. 4.
W. H. INGLESANT .. .. Tenor.	

Conducted by W. H. INGLESANT.

This is the first 5000 on the bells; and also the first 5000 by all except the conductor. Great credit being due to all the band owing to the bad go of the bells.

## DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 7, 1894, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qrs. 16 lbs.

DAVID G. WIGHTMAN .. Treble.	STEPHEN WIGHTMAN, JUN. 5.
HENRY W. BALDRY .. .. 2.	STEPHEN WIGHTMAN, SEN. 6.
EDGAR WIGHTMAN .. .. 3.	GEORGE WIGHTMAN .. .. 7.
JAMES DURRANT .. .. .. 4.	ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN .. Tenor.

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

This peal, which is now rang for the first time, has the 4th, 5th, and 6th their exten in 6ths place, and the 2nd never there at a course-end.

## LLANGOLLEN, NORTH WALES.

On Saturday, April 7, 1894, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. COLLEN,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 17 cwt.

WILLIAM MORRIS .. .. Treble.	W. H. JONES .. .. .. 5.
RICHARD MARTIN .. .. 2.	RICHARD EDWARDS .. .. 6.
EDWARD JONES .. .. .. 3.	†ROBERT EVANS .. .. .. 7.
DAVID DAVIES* .. .. .. 4.	J. R. WELLINS .. .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by DAVID DAVIES (Aged 18).

First peal by the ringers of the treble, 2nd, and 6th. \*First peal as conductor. †First peal with a bob bell. The ringers beg to record their thanks to Mr. J. W. Davies, of the local band, for having the bells in readiness.

## MELBOURNE, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 7, 1894, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THE REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' FIVE-PART (No. 4). Tenor 16 cwt.

ARTHUR LEE .. .. Treble.	FREDERICK HOLLINGWORTH 5.
HARRY HOLLINGWORTH .. 2.	CHARLES E. HART .. .. 6.
WILLIAM EARLE .. .. 3.	THOMAS HOLLINGWORTH .. 7.
CHARLES DRAPER .. .. 4.	*HUGH SNAPE .. .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by HARRY HOLLINGWORTH.

\*First peal. C. Draper and C. Hart hail from Derby; the rest belong to the local company.

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

On Saturday, April 7, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 23 cwt.

WILLIAM TASSELL† .. Treble.	*CHARLES DUTNALL .. .. 5.
ARTHUR HARDY* .. .. 2.	†RICHARD STAINES .. .. 6.
ERNEST ALLEN .. .. 3.	CHARLES WILLSHIRE .. .. 7.
CHARLES MILLWAY* .. .. 4.	*HORACE MARTIN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES WILLSHIRE.

†First peal away from tenor. \*First peal. This is the first peal rung by a local company since February 6th, 1874, that being a 5856 of Bob Major; and also the first on the bells since 1884.

## BARNSELY, YORKSHIRE.

On Sunday, April 8, 1894, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt.

C. HOLLIN .. .. Treble.	W. RICHARDSON .. .. 5.
A. JACKSON* .. .. 2.	*J. KITCHEN .. .. .. 6.
J. F. MALLABY .. .. 3.	G. S. TYAS .. .. .. 7.
C. D. POTTER* .. .. 4.	R. SPARKS .. .. .. Tenor.

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL and Conducted by G. S. TYAS.

J. F. Mallaby hails from Barnby Don. \*First peal.

## HANDSWORTH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, April 7, 1894, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

THOMAS MILLER .. .. Treble.	*WILLIAM H. GODDEN .. 5.
HENRY BASTABLE .. .. 2.	JOHN ASTBURY .. .. 6.
THOMAS RUSSAM .. .. 3.	REUBEN HALL .. .. 7.
WILLIAM KENT .. .. 4.	THOMAS REYNOLDS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by the late HENRY JOHNSON and Conducted by HENRY BASTABLE.

\*First peal in the method.

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

On Monday, April 9, 1894, in Three Hours and Thirty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

HARRISON'S COMPOSITION. Tenor 28 cwt.

LEWIS ROLFE .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM J. WILLIAMS .. 5.
CHARLES GILES .. .. 2.	ARTHUR W. PIKE .. .. 6.
CECIL FOXELL .. .. 3.	FRANK HOPGOOD .. .. 7.
JAMES POTTER .. .. 4.	RICHARD TOM HIBBERT .. Tenor.

Conducted by RICHARD TOM HIBBERT.

This is believed to be the first peal of Major rung on these bells since about the year 1750, when a peal was rung by the College Youths.

## EYE, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 10, 1894, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION.

Tenor 24 cwt..

FREDERICK DAY.. .. Treble.	CHARLES WEBSTER .. .. 5.
REV. J. HOLME PILKINGTON 2.	WILLIAM IRELAND .. .. 6.
GEORGE ARCHER .. .. 3.	W. G. CRICKMER .. .. 7.
REV. H. EARLE BULWER 4.	JOHN SOUTER .. .. Tenor.

Composed by the REV. H. EARLE BULWER, and  
Conducted by JOHN SOUTER.

Messrs. Archer, Webster, Ireland and Souter belong to Diss; Crickmer from Earl Soham; Rev. J. H. Pilkington from Framlingham.

## BACUP.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 10, 1894, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTON'S VARIATION.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

FRED. HOWORTH .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM ASHWORTH .. .. 5.
JOSEPH SUTCLIFFE .. .. 2.	JOHN SHEPHERD .. .. 6.
ARTHUR WHITWORTH .. .. 3.	*REV. C. H. CLEMENTS .. .. 7.
JAMES T. STANDRING .. .. 4.	WILFRED LAW .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN SHEPHERD.

The Rev. Charles Hay Clements hails from Ramsbottom, and this is his first peal rung in the Rossendale Valley.

## Date Touches.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BLOFIELD (Norfolk).—On Sunday evening, April 1st, at the parish church, a date touch, 1894 changes, a date touch, 1894 changes, in 1 hr. 9 mins. being two 720s and 454 Bob Minor, each called differently. W. Read, 1; R. Ward, jun., 2; H. Trett, 3; T. Osborne, 4; R. Ward, sen., 5; F. Starling, 6. Conducted by R. Ward, jun. This is believed to be the first on the bells. Tenor 19½ cwt.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

UPCHURCH (Kent).—On Tuesday evening, March 13th, at St. Mary's church, a date touch of 1894 changes, in 1 hr. 6 mins., in three methods, comprising 454 Plain Bob Minor, 720 Canterbury Pleasure, and 720 Grandsire Minor. H. Shipp, 1; G. Capeling, 2; W. S. Hyland, 3; W. Laker, 4; A. Dunster, 5; G. A. Ransom (conductor), 6. First date touch on the bells.

KIRKBURTON (Yorkshire).—On Sunday, March 11th, at St. John's church, a date touch of Kent Treble Bob Major, 1894 changes, in 1 hr. 8 mins. J. Pickering, 1; H. Kay, 2; R. Hill, 3; A. Armitage, 4; J. Copley, 5; H. Booth, 6; J. Rangley, 7; W. Metcalf (conductor), 6.

## Miscellaneous.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

READING (Berks).—On Sunday, March 11th, at St. Giles' church, for confirmation service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 1260 changes, in 44 mins. A. Ernest Reeves, 1; H. Coffee, 2; A. Boddington, 3; F. Sweetzer, 4; A. W. Reeves, 5; A. E. Evans, 6; A. E. Reeves (conductor), 7; H. Smart, 8. And after service, 504 Grandsire Triples. H. Dibley, 1; H. Coffee, 2; A. E. Evans, 3; J. F. Tarrant, 4; F. Sweetzer, 5; A. W. Reeves, 6; A. E. Reeves, 7; H. Brunsden, 8. Tenor 15 cwt.

BINFIELD (Berks).—On Thursday, March 15th, four 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. J. W. Wilkins (conductor), 1; C. Pither, 2; H. Ison, 3; M. Bolton, 4; W. Gearing, 5; H. Haines, 6. And a 6-score with H. Haines, 1; A. Horn, 6; conducted by C. Pither.

MAIDENHEAD (Berks).—Handbell Ringing.—On Saturday, March 10th, at the residence of Mr. J. W. Wilkins, several courses of Grandsire

Triples. S. Goodall, 1-2; G. Martin, 3-4; J. W. Wilkins, 5-6; W. Walker, 7-8; H. Faisey also rang 7-8 through a course. And 336 with S. Goodall, 1; H. Faisey, 2; the rest as above, conducted by J. W. Wilkins. With the exception of Wilkins, the remainder have never attempted ringing double-handed, and now intend to practice for a peal.

WINKFIELD (Berks).—On Wednesday, March 14th, four 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles each called differently. — Smeeth, 1; J. W. Wilkins, 2; G. Bailey, 3; W. Bailey, 4; G. Worsfold, 5; A. Cooper, 6. Conducted respectively by W. Bailey and G. Worsfold. And a plain course of Minor with Gray, 1; Wilkins, 6; the rest as before. And on handbells, a 6-score of Doubles. G. Druce (first attempt), 1; and several courses of Grandsire Triples. — Blay, 1; — Smeeth, 2; J. W. Wilkins, 3-4; W. Bailey, 5; G. Worsfold, 6; G. Bailey, 7; W. Druce, 8.

## ALL HALLOWS' SOCIETY, TOTTENHAM.

TOTTENHAM.—On Sunday, March 11th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 42 mins. H. Ellis, 1; C. Button, 2; T. C. Grove, 3; J. Waghorn, jun., 4; G. Lucas (conductor), 5; W. Gibson, 6; H. Barnett, 7; W. Martin, 8.

## THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ECKINGTON (Derbyshire).—On Sunday, March 11th, at the parish church, for Divine Service in the morning, 720 Duke of York. F. Hancock, 1; W. Price, 2; G. Norman (conductor), 3; J. Bell (first in the method), 4; G. Marsden, 5; T. Lunn, 6.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

CHESTERFIELD (Derbyshire).—On Sunday, March 11th, for evening service at the parish church, 1260 Bob Triples in 45 mins. A. Savage, 1; W. E. Tydeman, 2; G. Topliss, 3; A. Knights (conductor), 4; W. J. Thyng, 5; G. Davies, 6; J. Goodwin, 7; G. Mee, 8. Tenor 24 cwt. Longest touch in this method on the bells.

## WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

EVESHAM (Worcestershire).—On Sunday morning, March 11th, for Divine Service at St. Peter's, Bengeworth, 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor. G. Williams, 1; F. Lewis, 2; F. Cook (conductor), 3; W. G. Arkell, 4; H. Middleton, 5; A. H. Sharp, 6. In the evening 720 Plain Bob Minor. E. Sharp, 1; H. Middleton, 2; F. Lewis, 3; W. G. Arkell, 4; F. Cook (conductor), 5; A. H. Sharp, 6.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BRAINTREE (Essex).—On Sunday, March 11th, for Divine Service in the morning at St. Michael's church, 720 Cambridge Surprise. T. Watson, 1; F. Calthorpe, 2; H. E. Hammond, 3; W. Grimwade, 4; F. Rudkin (conductor), 5; C. H. Howard, 6. For evening service, 720 Baintree Treble Bob. T. Watson, 1; F. Calthorpe, 2; W. Hammond, 3; W. Grimwade, 4; F. Rudkin (conductor), 5; C. H. Howard, 6. On Wednesday, March 14th, on the occasion of the Bishop of Colchester holding a Confirmation, several touches were rung, including 720 Oxford Treble Bob. T. Watson, 1; F. Calthorpe, 2; W. Hammond, 3; W. Grimwade, 4; F. Rudkin, 5; H. E. Hammond (conductor), 6.

BOCKING (Essex).—On Sunday, March 4th, for Divine Service at St. Mary's church, 720 Kent. H. Butcher, 1; W. Moore, 2; W. Grimwade, 3; F. Warren, 4; S. Sargent, 5; C. Bearman (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, March 6th, 720 Kent Treble Bob (twelve bobs). H. Butcher, 1; W. Grimwade, 2; S. Hayes, 3; C. Bearman, 4; S. Sargent, 5; C. H. Howard (conductor), 6. Also 720 Double Court Bob. H. Butcher, 1; W. Moore, 2; S. Hayes, 3; C. Bearman, 4; S. Sargent, 5; C. H. Howard (conductor), 6. Tenor 18½ cwt. S. Hayes hails from London.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

MAIDSTONE (Kent).—On Monday, March 12th, for practice, 395 Grandsire Caters. T. Bonner, 1; G. Pawley, 2; W. Mannering, 3; R. Simmonds, 4; T. Mannering, 5; C. Payne, 6; A. Tawney, 7; E. Elliott, 8; A. Palmer (conductor), 9; W. Barnes, 10.

SPELDHURST (Kent).—On Sunday morning, March 11th, for Divine Service, 504 Grandsire Triples. O. Baker, 1; J. Baker, 2; H. Edwards, 3; R. Pelling, 4; F. Still, sen., 5; A. Tawney, 6; J. Maynard (conductor), 7; G. Turley, 8. A. Tawney belongs to Maidstone.

SWANSCOMBE (Kent).—On Sunday, March 11th, 720 Plain Bob Minor. A. Roots, 1; L. Digweed, 2; F. J. Ring, 3; M. Digby, 4; J. Broom, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6. On Sunday, March 18th, 720 Grandsire Minor. H. Milhams, 1; W. Harper, 2; F. J. Ring, 3; M.

Digby, 4; J. Broom, 5; W. Martin (conductor), 6. On Sunday, April 1st, 720 Cambridge Surprise. L. Digweed, 1; J. Broom, 2; F. J. Ring, 3; M. Digby, 4; W. Martin, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6.

TONBRIDGE (Kent).—On Easter Sunday, for Divine Service at the parish church, 720 Grandsire Doubles, being six 6-scores, each called differently, with 4-6-8 covering. J. Chivers, 1; A. Laurence, 2; C. Mitchell, 3; H. C. Corke, 4; F. Wells, 5; J. Smith, 6; W. Steed, 7; G. Rabbitt, 8. For evening service 720 in the same method. A. Lawrence, 1; J. Chivers, 2; the others as before.

#### NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

GAINSBOROUGH.—On Tuesday evening, March 13th, for practice at the parish church, 504 Grandsire Triples. T. Pattinson, 1; \*J. T. Ladd (conductor), 2; G. Wilson, 3; Rev. R. Bond, 4; W. W. Bust, 5; H. W. Kirton, 6; F. S. W. Butler, 7; R. S. Lakin, 8. \*First 504 as conductor. And three courses with Rev. R. Bond, 1; T. Pattinson, 2; J. T. Ladd, 4; the rest standing as above. Longest length by F. S. W. Butler as conductor.

#### THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

FLIXTON (Lancashire).—On Tuesday, March 13th, for practice at St. Michael's church, 720 Grandsire Minor, in 28 mins. J. Hunter, 1; J. Gratrix, 2; S. Collier, 3; J. M. Ridehalgh, 4; G. W. Shaw, 5; J. Eachus (conductor), 6. Messrs. Gratrix and Eachus hail from Manchester; the rest are of the local band. First 720 in the method by all except the conductor. The above was rung in place of a peal, one man not turning up.

PENDLETON (Lancashire).—On Easter Sunday, for early service at St. Thomas's church, a peal of Treble Bob Major was arranged, but meeting one short 3008 of Bob Major was rung in 2 hrs. 8 mins. J. Smith (Pendleton), 1; J. Rogers (Pendleton), 2; T. Downs, (Manchester), 3; H. Chapman (Manchester), 4; J. Barratt (Eccles), 5; G. Turner (Manchester), 6; H. Dronsfield (Pendleton), 7; R. Ridyard (conductor, Worsley), 8.

#### THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

EAST RETFORD (Notts).—On Sunday, March 18th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, 1260 changes (taken from "Shipway," in 46 mins. T. Spurr, 1; G. Swannack, 2; J. T. Bottomley, 3; H. Warburton, 4; G. E. Sharpe, 5; G. M. Farr, 6; W. Skelton, 7; H. Haigh (conductor), 8; J. Swannack, 9; W. Metcalfe, 10. First quarter-peal by G. Swannack away from the treble, and the first by W. Metcalfe.

WEST RETFORD (Notts).—On Saturday, March 3rd, in consequence of the postponement of an attempt for a 5040 at Ordsall, on account of a serious illness close by, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor was rung in 25 mins. by kind permission of the Rev. Watkin Homfray. J. B. Joynes, 1; J. C. Whetstone, 2; H. Blagg, 3; G. M. Farr, 4; H. Haigh (conductor), 5; J. White, 6.

#### EAST LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

FREISTON (Lincolnshire).—On Monday, March 19th, at St. James' church, a quarter-peal, being 120 each of Earl Soham Delight, Primrose, Antelope, Chase, Plain Bob, Old Doubles, Hudibras, Dunstan, London and Sunshine, and 60 of Grandsire. G. Harrison, 1; A. O. Barber (conductor), 2; E. Clayton, 3; Joseph Sharp, 4; John Sharp, 5. Rung as a birthday compliment to A. Barber, his brother-strings wishing him many happy returns of the day.

#### THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BEDFORD.—On Sunday, March 4th, 576 Kent Treble Bob Major. J. Sharman (first in the method), 1; C. Chasty, 2; S. J. Cullip, 3; F. Keech, 4; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 5; S. Constant, 6; F. Smith, 7; H. Sharp, 8. And 216 Stedman Triples. H. Sharp, 1; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 2; W. Hall, 3; F. Keech, 4; I. Hills, 5; W. Shimmans, 6; S. Constant, 7; R. Shimmans, 8. On Sunday, March 11th, 480 Stedman Triples. F. Smith, 1; C. Chasty, 2; W. Hall, 3; S. J. Cullip, 4; I. Hills, 5; W. Shimmans (conductor), 6; C. W. Clarke, 7; J. Spencer, 8. Also 288 Kent Treble Bob Major, 168 and 112 Grandsire Triples, and 112 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. On Monday, March 12th, on handbells, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs). I. Hills, 1; C. Chasty, 2; W. Lightfoot, 3; J. Sharman (first 720 in the method with a bob bell), 4; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 5-6. On Sunday, March 18th, 504 Stedman Triples. J. Sharman, 1; C. Chasty, 2; W. Hall, 3; F. Keech, 4; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 5; W. Shimmans, 6; H. Sharp, 7; J. Spencer, 8. Also 228 Kent Treble Bob and 216 Stedman Triples.

BROMHAM (Beds.).—On Saturday, March 17th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. C. W. Clarke, 1; J. Sharman, 2; C. West, 3; W. Davison, 4; H.

King, 5; H. Sharp (conductor), 6. And 720 Double Court Bob Minor (sixteen bobs two singles). J. Sharman, 1; C. Chasty, 2; C. W. Clarke, 3; W. Davison (first 720 in the method), 4; W. Shimmans, 5; H. Sharp (conductor), 6. Also 360 Bob Minor. J. Sharman, 1; C. Chasty, 2; W. Davison, 3; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 4; H. King, 5; W. Shimmans, 6. And a 6-score of Stedman Doubles and 6-score of Grandsire Doubles, F. C. Tysoe ringing his first 6-score.

#### SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

HENFIELD.—On Thursday, March 15th, 504 Stedman. L. Payne, 1; W. Hillman, 2; A. Groves, 3; C. Tyler, 4; W. J. Alliss, 5; G. Payne, 6; A. W. Groves (conductor), 7; A. Heasman, 8. On Sunday, March 18th, for Divine Service in the morning, 504 Stedman. W. Hillman, 1; C. Tyler, 2; A. Groves, 3; G. Holder, 4; W. J. Alliss, 5; A. W. Groves, 6; L. Payne (conductor), 7; A. Heasman, 8. And in the evening, 504 Stedman. L. Payne, 1; G. Payne, 2; G. Holder, 3; C. Tyler, 4; W. J. Alliss, 5; W. Hillman, 6; A. W. Groves (conductor), 7; A. Hodges, 8. On Sunday, March 25th, for early service, 504 Stedman. C. Tyler, 1; W. J. Alliss, 2; A. Groves, 3; G. Holder, 4; G. Payne, 5; W. Hillman, 6; A. W. Groves (conductor), 7; A. Hodges, 8. For morning service, 504 Stedman. G. Payne, 1; W. J. Alliss, 2; A. Groves, 3; G. Holder, 4; A. W. Groves, 5; W. Hillman, 6; L. Payne (conductor), 7; A. Heasman, 8; and for evening service, 504 Stedman. W. Hillman, 1; L. Payne, 2; A. Groves, 3; G. Holder, 4; W. J. Alliss, 5; G. Payne, 6; A. W. Groves (conductor), 7; A. Heasman, 8. On Tuesday, March 27th, for practice, 518 Grandsire Triples. C. Tyler (conductor), 1; W. J. Alliss, 2; A. Groves, 3; G. Payne, 4; A. W. Groves, 5; L. Payne, 6; W. Hillman, 7; A. Hodges, 8. This is the first touch of Grandsire Triples by the local band. On Thursday, March 29th, for practice, 504 Stedman. C. Tyler, 1; G. Payne, 2; A. Groves, 3; G. Holder, 4; W. Hillman, 5; A. W. Groves, 6; L. Payne (conductor), 7; A. Heasman, 8.

#### LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—BLACKBURN BRANCH.

BLACKBURN.—Recently, at Holy Trinity church, 500 Grandsire Triples by a mixed band. E. Walmsley (Blackburn), 1; H. Tomlinson (Burnley), 2; T. Redman (Burnley), 3; H. Hayes (Church), 4; E. A. Baker (Padiham), 5; T. Duxbury (Padiham), 6; J. Walker (conductor, Blackburn), 7; M. Adams (Blackburn), 8. And a touch of Bob Minor. W. E. Wilson (Blackburn), 1; J. Horrocks (Church), 2; J. Bentley (Church), 3; H. Hayes (conductor, Church), 4; J. Watson (Blackburn), 5; J. Smith, sen. (Blackburn), 6.

#### THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

GOSPORT (Hants).—On Sunday evening, March 25th, for Divine Service at Holy Trinity church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. E. Reynolds, 1; F. Burnett, 2; H. Reynolds, 3; A. Peckham, 4; H. Westbrook, 5; R. Gardner, 6; A. E. Tomlins (conductor), 7; R. Davies, 8. Composed by J. George. Longest touch by all the band, and longest touch in the method on the bells.

FARNHAM (Surrey).—On Wednesday, April 4th, for service in honour of the jubilee of the Loyal Hop Blossom Lodge of Odd Fellows (M.U.) at St. Andrew's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. A. J. LeClercq, 1; A. Smith, 2; W. Baxter, 3; G. H. Barnett, 4; H. L. Garfath (conductor), 5; C. Fry, sen., 6; A. E. Headey, 7; H. Wright, 8. Tenor 21 cwt.

SWANMORE (Hants).—On Sunday, March 25th, at St. Barnabas' church, for early celebration, 720 Bob Minor. E. Jacobs, 1; G. Plaskett, 2; C. Apps, 3; H. Griffin, 4; A. Millard, 5; W. Linter (conductor), 6. For morning service, 720 Oxford Bob. E. Linter, 1; the rest standing as above. For afternoon service 720 Canterbury Pleasure. E. Linter, 1; G. Plaskett, 2; H. Griffin, 3; E. Jacobs, 4; A. Millard, 5; W. Linter (conductor), 6. For evening service, 720 College Single. E. Jacobs, 1; G. Plaskett, 2; H. Griffin, 3; A. Millard, 4; C. Apps, 5; W. Linter (conductor), 6. On Sunday, April 1st, in the afternoon, for the flower service, 360 Oxford Bob. E. Linter, 1; E. Jacobs, 2; C. Apps, 3; R. Linter, 4; A. Millard, 5; W. Linter, 6. For evening service, 720 College Single. E. Linter, 1; E. Jacobs, 2; H. Griffin, 3; A. Millard, 4; R. Linter, 5; W. Linter (conductor), 6. R. Linter hails from Batley.

#### DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

MIDDLESBROUGH-ON-TEES.—On Monday, March 26th, at St. Hilda's church, an attempt was made for a peal of Treble Bob Major, 5088 changes, with Titt and Mayne, of Bishop Auckland, but was unfortunately lost after going for two hours, through a change-course. R. Borrow, 1; J. H. Jones, 2; E. J. Titt, 3; H. C. Mayne, 4; A. Mellanby, 5; A. McFarlane, 6; J. H. Blakiston (conductor), 7; J. W. Passman, 8. On Friday, March 30th, for practice, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. R. Fenwick, 1; J. H. Jones, 2; J. H. Blakiston (conductor), 3; J. W. Passmore, 4; A. McFarlane, 5; A. Mellanby, 6.

On Sunday morning, April 1st, for Divine Service, 420 Stedman Triples. J. W. Passman, 1; J. Nicholson, 2; J. H. Jones, 3; R. Borrows, 4; A. McFarlane, 5; A. Mellanby, 6; J. H. Blakiston (conductor), 7; S. Walker, 8.

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

STAMFORD (Lincolnshire).—On Friday, March 30th, at St. Mary's church, several plain courses of Grandsire Triples. — Marvel, 1; W. Turner, 2; E. Popple, 3; R. Wyche, 4; F. Dennison, 5; C. Harper, 6; Rev. H. Law James, 7; C. Hardy, 8. Tenor 19 cwt. These are the first courses of Triples by the Society.

ARDLEIGH (Essex).—On Sunday, April 1st, for evening service, 336 Grandsire Triples. \*C. Osborne, 1; H. Bowell, 2; \*A. Fenner, 3; J. Taylor, 4; W. J. Nevard (conductor), 5; W. Hazell, 6; J. Starling, 7; \*W. Schofield, 8. \*Longest touch in the method. Messrs. Taylor and Starling belong to Great Bromley; H. Bowell to Ipswich; W. Hazell to Little Bentley; W. J. Nevard to Great Bentley; the rest are of the local company.

ARMLEY (Yorkshire).—On Sunday, March 11th, for morning service at Christ Church, 240 Tulip. J. Cooper, 1; B. Cowling, 2; J. Thackray (conductor), 3; J. Heckingbottom, 4; M. Broadbent, 5; J. Guy, 6. And 240 Primrose, and 72 Oxford with J. Myers, 1; and for evening service, 720 Oxford in 26½ mins. B. Cowling, 1; J. Thackray, 2; J. Heckingbottom (conductor), 3; T. Haynes, 4; M. Broadbent, 5; J. Guy, 6. Messrs. Cooper, Myers and Haynes were members of the local company some years ago, and strange to say all of them turned into the belfry to have a pull on the above date, it being about three years since Myers, and five years since Haynes had hold of a rope: and they rung very well indeed.

ARUNDEL (Sussex).—On Sunday evening, March 11th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 504 Grandsire Triples. G. Treagus, 1; F. Luxford, 2; O. Evershed, 3; H. Lee, 4; G. Balchin, 5; C. Blackman (conductor), 6; H. Haggett, 7; A. Mills, 8. And 546 Grandsire Triples. C. Searle, 1; H. Haggett, 2; H. Lee, 3; O. Evershed, 4; C. Blackman, 5; F. Luxford (conductor), 6; G. Balchin, 7; A. Mills, 8.

CHEAM (Surrey).—On Wednesday, March 28th, for practice at St. Dunstan's church, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 25 mins. W. Watts, 1; F. R. Northfield, 2; C. Spence, 3; J. Reynolds, 4; G. Gomm (conductor), 5; F. Northfield. First 720 on the bells by all local men.

CARDIFF (South Wales).—On Easter Sunday, March 25th, at St. John's church, for morning service, 336 Grandsire Triples. A. Hatton, 1; J. Richards, 2; E. Stenner, 3; G. Hardage, 4; C. Winfield, 5; E. Cook (conductor), 6; W. Burkinshaw, 7; J. Cook, 8. For evening service, 952 in the same method with 9-8-10 covering. A. Hatton, 1; J. Richards, 2; E. Stenner, 3; W. Burkinshaw, 4; G. Hardage, 5; E. Cook (conductor), 6; A. Rowley, 7; W. Gray, 8; J. Cook, 9; C. Winfield, 10. On Easter Monday an attempt was made for J. J. Parker's twelve-part peal, which unfortunately came round after ringing 2520 changes, owing to the midway single being missed. A. Hatton, 1; J. Richards, 2; E. Stenner, 3; A. Rowley, 4; G. Hardage, 5; E. Cook (conductor), 6; W. Burkinshaw, 7; J. Cook, 8. Longest length by all except the ringers of the 2nd and 7th, and believed to be the longest length of Triples ever rung in South Wales by one purely local band.

CHICHESTER (Sussex).—On Monday, March 12th, for practice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins., taken from "Troyte." R. Cheeseman, 1; G. T. Farley, 2; D. H. Falconer, 3; F. B. Tompkins, 4; D. Falconer, 5; J. H. Blake, 6; R. Walters (conductor), 7; W. Spurlock, 8. The above is the longest length by all except Messrs. Tompkins, Blake and Walters.

DOLGELLY (North Wales).—On Monday, March 26th, the members of the Llangollen society attempted the Rev. C. D. P. Davies' ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples, which however came to grief after ringing 1 hr. 28 mins. owing to a change-course. R. Horspool, 1; M. J. Morris (conductor), 2; A. R. James, 3; T. Williams, 4; T. Davies, 5; J. Davies, 6; J. W. Davies, 7; J. W. Bailey, 8. Tenor 16 cwt.

CHIPPING (Lancashire).—On Sunday, February 18th, 720 Bob Minor. W. Timbrell (conductor), 1; F. Timbrell, 2; J. Kenyon, 3; E. Timbrell, 4; T. Seed, 5; E. Seed, 6. On Wednesday, February 21st, 720 Oxford Bob. R. Kenyon, 1; W. Timbrell, 2; J. Kenyon, 3; E. Timbrell (conductor), 4; T. Seed, 5; F. Timbrell, 6. First in the method by all. On Sunday, February 25th, 720 Grandsire Minor. On Sunday, March 4th, 720 College Single. On Sunday, March 11th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure. On Friday, March 16th, 720 Bob Minor. On Sunday, March 25th, 720 Oxford Bob. R. Kenyon, 1; F. Timbrell, 2; J. Kenyon, 3; E. Timbrell (conductor), 4; T. Seed, 5; E. Seed, 6.

HELMINGHAM (Suffolk).—On Sunday, March 25th, at 6.30 a.m., two courses of Kent Treble Bob Major. J. Whiting, 1; F. E. W. Meadows (first in the method), 2; W. Whiting, 3; G. Thurlow, 4; H. Last, 5; A. Whiting, 6; G. Sharman, 7; G. Perry (conductor), 8; also several touches of Bob Major and Grandsire Triples. On Thursday, March 29th, 720 Bob Major in 27 mins. F. E. W. Meadows, 1; W. W. Miller, 2; J. Knights, 3; G. Thurlow, 4; W. Whiting, 5; A. Whiting, 6; H. Last, 7; G. Perry (conductor), 8. Tenor 19½ cwt.

HAMPSTEAD (Middlesex).—On Sunday morning, March 11th, for Divine Service at St. Stephen's church, on the back six, 300 Grandsire Doubles. W. Watson, 1; C. Payne, 2; W. Pryor, 3; G. Turrell, 4; H. N. Doughty, 5; A. Bell, 6. For evening service 240 Grandsire Doubles. W. Watson, 1; C. Pryor, 2; W. Pryor, 3; W. Pryor, 4; H. N. Doughty (conductor), 5; W. Arkell, 6.

MANCHESTER.—Handbell Ringing.—On Sunday, April 8th, at the house of Canon Woodhouse, 720 Bob Minor in 21 mins. \*Miss Woodhouse, 1-2; H. C. Woodhouse, 3-4; G. F. Woodhouse (conductor), 5-6. \*First 720. Also 336 Bob Major. Miss Woodhouse, 1-2; Rev. H. J. Elsee, 3-4; H. C. Woodhouse, 5-6; G. F. Woodhouse (conductor), 7-8.

OTLEY (Suffolk).—On Sunday, March 25th, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor (thirty-two bobs two singles), in 25 mins. F. E. W. Meadows (first 720 as conductor), 1; W. Miller, 2; J. Miller, 3; W. Whiting, 4; W. Shipp, 5; A. Hatcher, 6.

OLD HILL (Staffordshire).—On Tuesday, March 20th, at Holy Trinity Church, 504 Grandsire Triples. T. Johnson, 1; W. Foxall, 2; W. Green, 3; W. Priest, 4; H. Cartwright, 5; H. Mason (conductor), 6; W. Bird, 7; O. Pearson, 8. Composed by J. Carter, and contains the twelve 6-7s. On Sunday morning, March 25th, for Divine Service, 1260 Grandsire Triples. W. Foxall, 1; H. Cartwright, 2; O. Pearson, 2; W. Priest, 4; H. Mason, 5; C. W. Bassano, 6; A. H. Bassano (conductor), 7; W. Green, 8. Composed by the Editor of "THE BELL NEWS."

OSWESTRY (Salop).—On Monday, March 12th, at the parish church, for practice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. W. Morris, 1; E. Jones, 2; R. Martin, 3; R. Edwards, 4; W. H. Jones, 5; D. Davies (conductor), 6; R. Evans, 7; T. Rogers, 8. All belong to the local band. Longest touch by Morris and Edwards. On Sunday morning, March 25th, for Divine Service, 1036 Grandsire Triples. W. Morris, 1; E. Jones, 2; — Griffiths (Chester), 3; D. Davies (conductor), 4; W. H. Jones, 5; R. Edwards, 6; R. Evans, 7; J. R. Wellings, 8. For evening service 377 Grandsire Triples. W. Morris, 1; H. Jarman, 2; R. Martin, 3; D. Davies (conductor), 4; W. H. Jones, 5; R. Edwards, 6; E. Jones, 7; J. R. Wellings, 8. On Monday, March 26th, an attempt was made for a variation of Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples, but it unfortunately came to grief shortly after passing the midway bob-single. W. Morris, 1; R. Martin, 2; E. Jones, 3; D. Davies (conductor), 4; W. H. Jones, 5; R. Edwards, 6; R. Evans, 7; J. R. Wellings, 8.

READING (Berks).—On Easter Monday, ten members of the St. Laurence's Society started for their first peal of Stedman Caters. All went well for 3 hrs. and 24 mins., and only thirteen changes were wanted to complete the peal when some of the ringers got a little excited and something went wrong, and when the conductor called "that's all" the bells did not run round, much to the annoyance of the ringers. F. Hopgood, 1; C. Giles, 2; C. Foxell, 3; H. Tucker, 4; J. F. Tarrant, 6; A. Pike, 6; J. M. Routh, Esq., 7; W. Newell, 8; W. J. Williams (conductor), 9; L. Rolf, 10. Tenor 24 cwt.

SNAITH (Yorks).—On Easter Sunday, for Divine Service at the parish church, 720 Yorkshire Court (sixteen bobs and two singles). R. Pocklington, 1; G. Holmes, 2; E. Pick, 3; C. Tree, 4; R. Holmes, 5; J. D. Bullock (conductor), 6.

STAND (Lancashire).—On Easter Sunday, at the parish church, on the occasion of the re-opening of the organ, a 1008 Grandsire Triples, in 42 mins., was rung for the afternoon service. W. Pendlebury, 1; J. E. Bradshaw, 2; J. Gratrix, 3; W. Warburton (conductor), 4; J. Barlow, 5; S. Morris, 6; W. Hilton, 7; J. Bradshaw, 8. Tenor 20 cwt. W. Pendlebury hails from Pendleton; J. Gratrix from Manchester.

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**Kent County Association.**—Rochester District.—The post of District Secretary not having been filled up, secretaries of bands and others in the District are requested to send their subscriptions to me as soon as possible.

FRED. J. O. HELMORE, *Hon. Sec.*  
Canterbury, March 19th, 1894.

**Kent County Association.**—Members are requested to take notice that peals rung during the past year and published as Kent County Association peals, in which any persons rang who have not paid their subscriptions for that year, will not be counted as Association peals. The work of preparing the Annual Report is delayed owing to the number of subscriptions still unpaid. FRED. J. O. HELMORE, *Hon. Sec.*  
Canterbury, March 19th, 1894.

**The Kent County Association.**—Canterbury District.—The annual meeting of this District will be held at Ospringe, on Monday, April 16th. The tower will be open for ringing at 3 p.m. A Committee will be held in the vestry at 5 p.m. Travelling expenses allowed up to but not exceeding 2s.; and a tea will be provided for members whose names are sent to me on or before Friday, April 13th.

ALFRED FOREMAN, *District Hon. Sec.*  
Shalmsford, Canterbury.

**Norwich Diocesan Association.**—Halesworth District.—The next quarterly district meeting will be held at Wenhamston, on Saturday, April 21st. Bells ready at 4 p.m., meeting at 8 p.m. All ringers and friends are invited.

JOHN LARTER, *District Sec.*  
Henham.

**Birmingham and District Amalgamated Society.**—The half-yearly meeting will take place on Saturday, April 21st, at King's Norton. Ringing at the parish church at 4 o'clock. Meeting in the school rooms at 6. District members and friends cordially invited.

J. JENNINGS, *Hon. Sec.*  
19, Lionel Street, Birmingham.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Haslingden, on Saturday, April 21st. Bells ready at 4 o'clock. Meeting 6.30 p.m.

J. B. TAYLOR, *Sec.*  
7, Church Street, Waterfoot.

**Kent County Association.**—Lewisham District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, April 21st, at Lewisham. The tower of St. Mary's will be open for ringing from 3 p.m. Tea (6d. each) will be provided at 5.30 for all members who give notice to the Hon. Sec. on or before Wednesday, April 18th. Usual allowances will be paid at 5.30.

T. E. TEIGNMOUTH SHORE, *Hon. Sec.*  
25, Thornford Road, Lewisham, S.E.

**Sussex County Association.**—Western Division.—The next district meeting will be held at Midhurst, on Saturday, April 21st. Bells ready at 2 p.m. Tea and business at 5 p.m. Evensong at 6 p.m.

J. W. G. LODER COTTER, *Hon. Sec.*  
Yapton Vicarage, Arundel.

**St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.**—The usual quarterly meeting will be held on Tues-

day, the 24th inst., at 8.30 p.m., at the Tamworth Arms, Moor Street. Every member who can possibly make it convenient is requested to attend.

W. H. GODDEN, *Hon. Sec.*  
61, Rowland Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

**Liverpool Diocesan Guild.**—The Annual meeting of the Guild will be held at Christ Church, Aughton, on Saturday, April 28th. Full particulars by circular.

REV. W. T. BULPIT, } *Hon. Secs.*  
W. BENTHAM, }  
Aughton, April 9th, 1894.

**The Middlesex Association.**—A meeting of this Society will be held at St. Stephen's, Hampstead, on Saturday, May 5th. Ringing to commence at 4 o'clock.

PERCY HOWARD, *Hon. Sec.*  
23, Essex Street, Strand.

**Norwich Diocesan Association.**—Accidents having occurred recently to some of the bells of St. Nicholas, Great Yarmouth, which render them unusable for the present, the necessary repairs being deferred, the proposed visit of the Association in May must be regretfully abandoned.

As it is seventeen years since the Association visited Lynn, it has been thought well to arrange for the quarterly meeting to take place there, instead of at Great Yarmouth, on Whit-Monday, May 14th. Further particulars later.

H. EARLE BULWER, *Hon. Sec.*  
Stanhoe, April 9th, 1894.

**The Heavy Woollen District Association, Yorkshire.**—A (special) monthly meeting will be held at Kirkburton, on Saturday, April 21st, at 5 p.m. Meeting house The George inn. All members are earnestly requested to attend as business is important.

G. H. SIMON, *Hon. Sec.*  
19, Albert Street, Batley Carr.

**NOTICE OF LONG PEAL.**—The St. Peter's Society, Caversham, Oxon, will, all being well, attempt a peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major, 13,440 changes, on Saturday, April 21st, starting at one o'clock sharp.

## THE A. D. MILLS BENEFIT FUND.

The Crawley band of the Sussex County Association wish to thank the members and bands for the most kind and liberal manner in which they have responded to their appeal on behalf of A. D. Mills, one of their band, and would be pleased if any other member or band desirous of contributing would send to the Secretary on or before Saturday, the 21st inst., as the list will be closed on that date.

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JAMES PARKER, *Hon. Sec.*  
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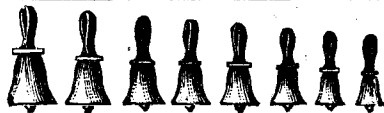
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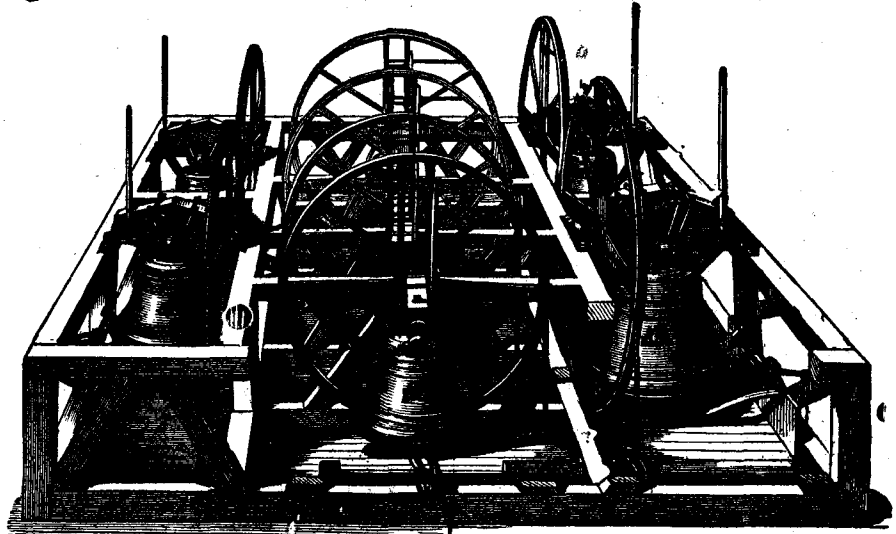
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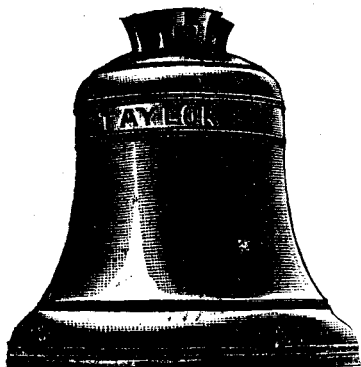
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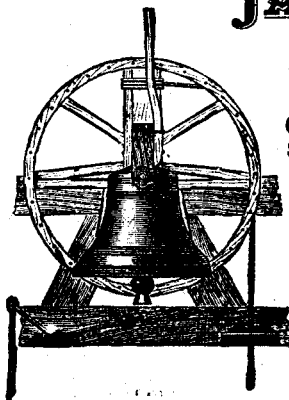
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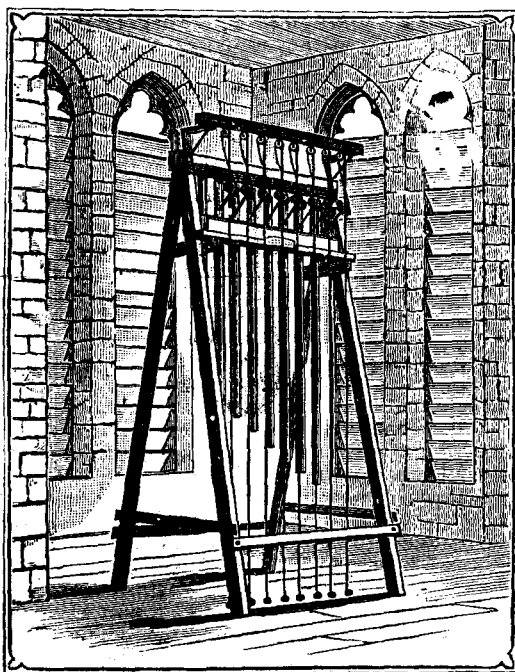
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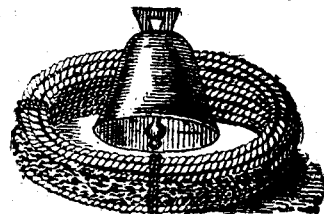
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A dinner was held at the Coffee Tavern, Market-place, at half-past one, when Mr. H. J. Toulmin, C.C., J.P., occupied the chair, and those also present included the Rev. W. C. Morgan, Messrs. E. P. Debenham (Hon. Secretary), E. Chapman, R. H. Weatherley, T. Conley, E. Hull, H. Brewer, J. W. Brewer, H. Lewis, W. Battle, W. H. Buckingham, A. Hallett, and J. C. Mitchell (St. Albans), J. Hare (Hitchin), G. Dent (Harlow, Essex), G. Munns (Graveley), W. E. Oakley and W. I. Oakley (Bushey), H. J. Wright and W. Hewitt (Aldenham), P. Stratton and J. Gray (Graveley), E. J. Webb (High Canons, Shenley), etc.

On the conclusion of the dinner, a business meeting was held, and the Hon. Secretary then stated that he had received letters from several gentlemen expressing their regret at inability to be present, including the President (Mr. Leonard Proctor, Bennington), the Bishop of St. Albans, the Ven. Archdeacon Lawrance, the Rev. Kenneth F. Gibbs (Aldenham), the Rev. J. Cruikshank (Sandridge), the Rev. T. Kynaston (Bushey), the Rev. G. H. P. Glossop, and the Rev. T. T. Blockley (St. Albans).

It was reported that Mr. Cawley and Mr. Whitnall, of Bushey, had been provisionally elected since the last district meeting, and their election was now unanimously confirmed. Messrs. J. Powers and W. Canham, of Hatfield, and Messrs. W. Hawkins and F. T. Childs, of Aldenham, were also elected members of the Association.

The Hon. Secretary next read his annual report. The statement of accounts was also submitted, the total receipts, including the balance of £9 rs. 2d. in hand at the commencement of the year, being £18 6s. 2d., and the expenditure only £8 19s. 3d., thus leaving the satisfactory balance in hand of £9 6s. 11d.

The Chairman said he thought it would ill become them to allow the proposed resignation of the Hon. Secretary to take effect without earnestly asking him to re-consider his decision. Personally, he did not believe that his own powers of persuasion would be sufficient to induce Mr. Debenham to change his mind, but there might be some present who were more intimately acquainted with the work of the Association who would be able to do so. His opinion was that they could not choose a better man than Mr. Debenham to look after their interests.

Mr. H. Lewis said he also sincerely hoped that Mr. Debenham would continue in office. Reference was made in the report to the necessity for efforts to be made to form other centres in the county for change-ringing. Mr. Debenham, whom he numbered among his oldest ringing friends, was a very able man, but able as he was he could not make this Association a thorough success without co-operation and assistance. When in the belfry he was not able to ring more than one bell, although he was very clever at chiming, and had chimed the St. Peter's bells in several methods—something that could not be heard in any other town or city in the Kingdom. At the present crisis of affairs he (Mr. Lewis) was sure they would all wish Mr. Debenham to serve them again as Hon. Secretary, for in the past he had done exceedingly well. He was one of those who proposed that Mr. Debenham should be appointed to the

office, as he felt sure that that gentleman would carry out the duties in a thoroughly satisfactory manner, and he unquestionably had done so; and he would very much like to see Mr. Debenham's efforts more cordially supported.

Mr. H. Brewer also strongly supported the suggestion that Mr. Debenham should be requested to continue to act as Hon. Secretary to the Association.

The report and balance-sheet having been adopted, it was unanimously decided on the proposal of Mr. E. Hull, seconded by Mr. Hallett, that Mr. L. Proctor should be re-elected President for the ensuing year.

The Chairman proposed, Mr. Hewitt seconded, and it was enthusiastically carried, that Mr. E. P. Debenham should be re-elected hon. secretary.

Mr. Debenham said he must take this as a vote of confidence in him, and he would again accept office. At the same time he would point out that he did not definitely resign, but he said in his report that the time was coming when he must do so. In a comparatively short time it would be imperative on him to resign, but if it was their wish that he should continue in office another year he would do so with the assistance of Mr. G. Cartmel. His difficulty was that he was not able now to get Saturday afternoons free, as his engagements were much more numerous than formerly, but with Mr. Cartmel as assistant, and Mr. Lewis to attend the district meetings when neither Mr. Cartmel nor himself could do so, they would get along all right in all probability.

Messrs G. Cartmel and H. Lewis were then unanimously elected assistant-secretaries, and Mr. Huntley, of Bushey, was re-elected auditor.

Mr. Mitchell called attention to two of the notices on the agenda for discussion at the Central Council, one being to the effect that no peal rung on handbells should be considered worthy of record unless vouched for by a competent umpire present throughout the performance, and the second, that owing to the present unsatisfactory manner in which members were allowed to be elected by associations it was desirable that for the future members should only be elected at annual, district, or general meetings, which had been duly called. Mr. Debenham was their representative on the Central Council, and he would like to know his opinion on those motions.

Mr. Debenham said that in the past all their handbell peals entered in the peal book had been entered as having an umpire present, and he believed it was a fact one was always present, nor did he know of any reason why that should not be continued, but what was meant by a "competent umpire" required definition. As to the election of members, he saw no reason why they should not adhere to their present practice—in cases where six members of the Association were desirous of ringing a peal they should have power to provisionally elect two members, but that provisional election must come up for confirmation at the following district or annual meeting. If the confirmation took place, the peal was booked, if it did not the peal was not recorded. That arrangement had worked very well in the past so far as this Association had been concerned, and he hoped it would be continued.

Mr. Mitchell agreed with Mr. Debenham's remarks, and thought it would be a hardship to remove from members the power of the provisional election of members.

Other members concurred in this view.

Mr. H. Lewis proposed, Mr. H. Brewer seconded, and it was cordially carried, that votes of thanks should be passed to Archdeacon Lawrance for the address he had delivered, and for permitting the use of the bells at the Cathedral, and to the Rev. H. N. Dudding, for allowing the use of the St. Peter's by the members of the Association.

It was decided to hold the next district meeting at Aldenham, in June; and the Chairman and Hon. Secretary having replied to votes of thanks the proceeding terminated.

SANDHURST (Gloucestershire).—On Sunday, April 1st, before evening service, at the parish church, forty-two 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, thirty-two with extremes, and ten with plain leads, each 6-score called differently, in 2 hrs and 32 mins. A. Price, 1; B. Etheredge, 2; A. Holford, 3; S. Newman, 4; W. Pugh (conductor), 5; G. Bennett, 6. First 5040 by A. Price and S. Newman. Messrs. Etheredge and Bennett hail from Maisemore, the rest are local men.



## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

(Concluded.)

## THE QUESTION OF CHEAP RAILWAY FARES.

The Rev. H. A. Cockey, reporting on behalf of this Committee, said the Committee had not yet succeeded in getting what was wanted. It was at first thought that it would be desirable to communicate with the individual railway companies and see what could be obtained from each. It was however thought best to collect information as to how many members there are in each Association, the number of the meetings held, etc., and put the whole before the authorities at the Railway Clearing Houses. It was intended to ask for tickets at single fares to those who could produce their receipt and show that they were travelling in connection with the Association to which they belonged. This it was thought would encourage ringers to travel about and meet one another as much as possible. It was understood that members of fishing clubs were granted these privileges, and the Committee saw no reason why the same should not be granted to ringers (laughter). There were some companies which granted tickets to ringers at single fares, and it was hoped that these would support the application when it came before the authorities at the Clearing House.

The President thought the Committee were to be congratulated upon going direct to the fountain head. He suggested the re-appointment of the Committee.

This was agreed to.

## PRIORITY OF NOTICE.

Mr. Attree said he gave notice of two motions at the last Council Meeting and he desired to know why they appeared at the end of the list as not forwarded in conformity with the rules.

The President said the Hon. Secretary was in this difficulty, that if the rules in such matters are not accurately conformed to, he could not transact his business properly. The rules stated that notices of motions must be sent a month before the meeting, counter-signed by another member. Mr. Attree's notices were not given in accordance with the rules, and the Hon. Secretary was right in placing them thus upon the agenda, but the rule in this case certainly appeared to work a little harshly, and might be amended.

Mr. Attree afterwards handed in his notice of motions for next year's meeting, and said that as his resolutions had been ruled out of order, he should not now press them. It was his intention to have called attention to the fact that although the resolution against publishing under the name of more than one Association was carried last year without a single dissenting voice, yet there were peals frequently appearing under the names of two and three Associations. He hoped that secretaries of Associations would bear in mind that these should only be entered in one peal-book.

## BENEVOLENT FUND.

In the absence of Mr. Pritchett, the Rev. H. J. Elsee moved: "That a Committee be appointed to consider the propriety of establishing a Benevolent Fund for the benefit of veteran ringers in poor circumstances, and, if deemed advisable, to report upon the best means of carrying such a scheme into effect." In support of the proposal he said he considered such a fund would be a benefit to many ringers. There were frequent appeals in "THE BELL NEWS" for veteran ringers which generally met with a hearty response. A fund to meet such appeals would bring ringers more together and unite them in closer brotherhood.

Mr. Grove seconded.

The President pointed out that the Council could not undertake to manage such a fund; if adopted it would have to be worked by a body distinct from the Council.

Mr. Snowdon said to adopt such a proposal would be most dangerous. There were friendly societies in existence to which all ringers should belong. A man should look to his trade and not to his recreation for an organization to support him. He should be sorry to vote against the proposal for fear it might be said that he was not prepared to stand by the working man, but he must protest against it for it would be raising false hopes. When the Yorkshire had such a case among its members it endeavoured to meet it, and he thought this was the best way to

deal with such cases. The proposal was one which would be best left in the hands of individual associations, and if any of these associations had a case they could not meet, let them appeal to others.

After some discussion as to the appointment of a Sub-Committee it was resolved to adjourn the question to the next meeting of the Council that the author of the motion might attend.

## TECHNICAL TERMS IN RINGING.

The Hon. Sec. in moving the following,

"That a Committee be appointed to revise the technical terms used in connection with the Art of Ringing, to suggest such corrections as may seem desirable, and to prepare a Glossary for the use of learners,"

said he considered it would be apparent to those present that there was a necessity to take some steps in this matter. It was one which, if a Committee was appointed, would take two years to complete, as it would be necessary for them to first bring up their report upon the first part of the resolution and afterwards proceed with the Glossary.

After a brief discussion it was resolved to strike out the word 'revise' and insert the word 'consider,' after which the following Committee were appointed on the motion of the Hon. Secretary, seconded by Mr. Attree. The President and Hon. Sec., Messrs. Dains, Pitstow, Snowdon and the Rev. C. D. P. Davies.

## DEFINITION OF PEALS OF MINOR.

Mr. Lees, in the absence of Mr. Story, moved the following: "that an addition be made to the definition of a peal on six bells allowing of fourteen 360s, or any greater number of true portions of true Minor Methods, no two being the same, each portion to exceed a plain course, and the whole to reach a total of 5000 changes, or more.

Mr. Lees having read a letter from Mr. Story, said the latter thought that the Council had taken a wrong course in the matter and that the previous decision was too hastily come to.

The Rev. G. F. Coleridge in seconding, said he had himself taken part in such a performance and considered it a creditable one.

Mr. Snowdon, stating that he was in entire sympathy with the motion, expressed his thanks to Mr. Story for having defended this question at the Oxford Meeting in his, the speaker's, absence. He feared however that the matter was not yet in its best form. The Yorkshire Association Committee had the matter under their consideration, and he felt sure it would come out of their hands in a shape that would stand against the Council, whom he thought had not half considered the matter. Mr. Snowdon then quoted from the last report of his Association the whole paragraph of which we annex:—

"In our recent Reports we have expressed our interest in the doings of the Central Council, which we have so far supported to the best of our ability. We greatly regret that we find ourselves unable to fall in with their last decision on the question of Minor peals in a multiplicity of methods. A more, to us, unsatisfactory decision could not have been given, and we reluctantly consider it our duty to act in opposition to it. We hope to report further on this matter because such peals may possibly be open to some slight theoretical objection on account of no complete set of 720 changes being then and there rung as a foundation on which to build the repetitions which custom has allowed. The point is a somewhat fine one, but it will be well to put the matter into the best possible form—practically and theoretically—and then leave time to act as the referee."

Mr. Snowdon added, that in his opinion the Council had much to learn on this six-bell question.

Mr. James called attention to the possibility of ringing fourteen 360s in plain methods by starting in one method, calling a single at the end and turning into another method without the bells coming round until the completion of the 720, so as to ensure rounds or any other change coming only seven times in a 5040.

The President said Mr. Jas. Wilde had sent him a true 720 consisting of several methods. If seven such 720s could be composed he would be the first to congratulate the northerner upon the performance of such a peal. It was clearly the duty of the Council to formulate as high a standard as possible in all ringing matters. It was only out of consideration for six-bell

ringers that the Exercise had come to allow seven true 720s to constitute a peal. To repeat any change more than seven times was unduly to lower the standard. Let Yorkshiremen, if they wanted to ring fourteen methods, emulate the splendid achievement of their district in such performances as the notable peal of 16,000 in twenty-one methods. The Council did not desire to coerce the Yorkshire Association, whose members could not be forced to come up to the standard, but ringers that did so would, he thought, stand higher in the opinion of the Exercise at large.

Mr. Snowdon said a hope was expressed that "THE BELL NEWS" would not publish anything that the Council did not approve of, and Mr. Attree was asked not to include such performances in his list; was not this coercion?

Mr. Attree said it was so, and the list which would appear that week would show that such peals had been omitted.

Mr. Snowdon thought this was doing more than pointing the way.

The President said the Council could not enforce anything upon anyone, but they would endeavour to get their decisions, carried by such large majorities, adopted as far as possible.

Mr. Lockwood said it was more difficult to ring fourteen 360's than to ring seven 720s. By not adopting the resolution the Council was not encouraging those in the art that had the ability to accomplish such performances.

Mr. Snowdon: It is said that the Council is showing us the way. We say we are showing you the way.

The Rev. C. D. P. Davies thought that the Council could not take any other course than it had already done.

The President pointed out that the question had been before three meetings of the Council. If any question had ever been thrashed out it was this one, and Mr. Snowdon was not correct in saying that the Council had not half considered the matter.

The resolution was put and lost by a large majority.

#### HANDBELL PEALS AND UMPIRES.

Mr. Newman, in moving the following:—

"That no peal rung upon handbells shall be considered worthy of record, unless vouched for by a competent umpire throughout the performance," said there had been handbell peals rung recently without any umpire, which he thought ought not to be acknowledged.

Mr. Dains seconded.

The Rev. C. D. P. Davies expressed an opinion that there should be two umpires.

Mr. Buckingham considered it necessary to define what a competent umpire was.

Mr. James said he had to raise his voice against the resolution. There were cases in which men met but an umpire could not be got; were they going to debar a band from doing anything upon such an occasion? He considered that so long as a band allowed the door to remain open so that anyone could enter, that peals should be permitted to be rung. He did not say that a band should close the door and bar it against the entrance of anyone, but if they adopted what he had suggested he did not see why such performances should not be credited.

The Rev. S. Willett asked why umpires should be required for handbell peals and not for peals rung in the tower.

The President replied that those outside the tower could and did sometimes listen to peals (laughter), whereas this was impossible in the case of handbell peals, which were therefore not open to public criticism.

Mr. Debenham suggested that a Committee should be appointed to consider how far such a resolution was desirable, and if so, what should be the duties of umpires.

Mr. Buckingham having seconded, the following Committee was appointed: Messrs. Buckingham, Carter, Debenham, Newson, James, Winny, and Bastable.

#### A COLUMN FOR MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL.

Mr. Snowdon moved the following:

"That with a view to thorough ventilation of current questions and such subjects as are likely to be brought before the Council, it is desirable that (a) some special channel should be provided for the interchange of opinions by the Members of the Council between one meeting and another; and that (b) to that end the Editor of "THE BELL NEWS" be requested by the Council

kindly to grant the privilege of a column set apart solely for the correspondence of Members of the Council. No letters to be published except above the actual name of the writer, to which must be annexed the name of the Society he represents. The President and Hon. Secretary to be empowered to regulate correspondence, if found necessary."

In supporting the resolution, the mover said it appeared to him desirable that there should be some channel through which members of the Council could ventilate matters from time to time. It appeared to him that there was not sufficient time at the Council Meetings to thrash matters out, and so some things were passed by for the want of more time. His aim in moving the resolution was to enable members to deal with questions during the year. At the present they were going at a high pressure. There was not time enough to do the work. If adopted it would be the means of bringing them more in touch one with another. If they asked for information, those in possession of it could furnish it. It had been said that everyone would see what was going on. Well, what if they did. Parliament was doing the same thing. People saw what was done, and if it went wrong, there were soon meetings held to set it right (laughter). Of course it would be understood that no decision was to be arrived at in the columns of "THE BELL NEWS," but that it was simply to afford the members an opportunity of thrashing out questions before they came to the Council meetings. As an illustration of the want of time at the Council meetings, Mr. Newson had started upon a discussion when, just as it was becoming interesting, Mr. Dains helping him, the President suggested the Sub-Committee should further deal with the matter, and there, for the present, it stood.

Mr. W. D. Smith seconded.

The Rev. C. D. P. Davies asked if a member of the Council would not be considered as transgressing the rules of propriety in writing upon Council matters.

A member asked if all could not correspond in "THE BELL NEWS."

The President said according to the resolution this was to be a column set aside for the members of the Council only.

The Hon. Secretary said the Editor said he should be pleased to do so. He (the Hon. Sec.), thought, however, that if the resolution was adopted, it would be best to have a Sub-Committee to regulate the correspondence. It was a matter neither himself or the President were prepared to undertake. The President having concurred,

Mr. Snowdon said he would accept the amendment. His aim was to get the members of the Council in touch one with another.

The Rev. T. L. Papillon suggested that the whole of the last sentence should be struck out.

Mr. Strange thought the course proposed would be cumbersome to work. If the Associations had confidence in electing the members as representatives he thought they might be left to deal with matters at the Council without corresponding upon them.

The suggestion made by the Rev. T. L. Papillon was seconded and adopted, and the resolution carried.

The Rev. H. J. Elsee desired to know if a member of the Council was unable to attend whether another member of the same Association could do so.

The President replied that if a representative resigned, the Association to which he belonged could elect another at any time.

A vote of thanks to the President and Hon. Sec. having been passed, the members afterwards sat down to a dinner with the President in the Chair.

Through the kindness of the London ringers, the towers of St. Martin-in-the-fields, St. Michael's, Cornhill, and others, were visited in the course of the evening.

#### CHEETHAM BATHS, MANCHESTER.

A large clock with four five feet illuminated dials, and striking the hours and quarters has just been fixed in the tower of these new buildings. The work has been carried out for the Corporation of Manchester, under the direction of the Architects, Messrs. Booth and Chadwick, Manchester, by John Smith and Sons, Derby, makers of St. Paul's Cathedral clock.

## THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

The dinner of this Society to celebrate the 110th Anniversary of the 12,000 Treble Bob Royal, rang at St. Leonards church, Shoreditch, took place at The Bedford hotel, on Saturday 7th, inst. After justice had been done to all that was provided, an excellent concert of vocal and instrumental music was given by the members and their friends, interspersed by various toasts.

The master of the Society, Mr. B. Foskett, was in the chair, and Mr. W. Antill occupied the vice-chair. Mr. H. S. Thomas was absent through a family bereavement, Mr. H. A. Hopkins was absent through illness. Letters of apology were received from each of these gentlemen.

The first toast, that of "The Queen and the rest of the Royal Family," was given and duly recognised.

In giving the toast of "The Society," the master said that all who belonged to it had reason to be proud, for in looking back through the records they saw that from the very commencement of the Society there were not only men enrolled upon the books well-skilled in the noble art of change-ringing, but also men of endurance. They not only found that these men rang the 12,000 of Treble Bob Royal but previous to that they rang peals of lengths varying from 5000 to 11,000, and it was very satisfactory to find that the Society still contained members of the same ability and endurance as recent events had shown. As to the future they all must be glad to see so many young members coming forward not only as peal ringers, but as composers and conductors.

Mr. W. Antill briefly responded.

The toast, "The memory of the performers in the 12,000" was given by Mr. G. Newson, who said that this performance had stood as the record for 110 years, and no doubt it would be a long time before it was beaten, but should it be so, he had no doubt that a band could be found to regain the laurels for this society. This toast was drank in silence.

Mr. P. Howard gave "Composers and Conductors." Mr. H. Dains and Mr. G. Newson responded.

The toast of "Visitors and kindred Societies" was given by Mr. W. Baron. Mr. R. Newton, of the College Youths responded.

"The Press," by Mr. H. Dains, who remarked that at one time there were no ringing papers, all performances finding their way into *Bell's Life*. Now they had their two ringing papers which he hoped were well patronised.

"The Health of the Master" was proposed by Mr. W. Antill, who briefly referred to the Society forty years ago. This toast was received with musical honours, to which the master suitably replied.

Mr. G. T. McLaughlin, on behalf of the Ancient Society of College Youths, said that he wished to express the sympathy of that Society towards the members of the Royal Cumberlands on the unfortunate occurrence at Brentwood, and said he hoped that at the next attempt they would be successful.

The Master thanked Mr. McLaughlin for his kind words, and said it showed that although the Societies were rivals as ringers they were not so in friendship. "Auld Lang Syne" concluded this very enjoyable evening.

## WALDRON, SUSSEX.

WEDDING AND PRESENTATION.—On Saturday April 7th, was celebrated at All Saints parish church the nuptials of Mr. Albert Reid and Miss Harriett Hobbs. The ceremony was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. W. J. Humble Crofts. Mrs. Humble Crofts presided at the organ, and played the Wedding March. Several touches of Grandsire Doubles and Triples were rung, most of the ringers being present. Mr. Reid himself being a member of the local band, advantage was taken of this as a suitable time for the presentation to him of a handsome marble timepiece, the gift of his fellow-ringers. The clock chimes the half as well as the hours, and was considered by all to be a handsome and useful present, and was suitably acknowledged for by the recipient. Some friends from Lewes assisted in the ringing. The presents were numerous and useful. The ringers are glad to state that Mr. Reid has settled down in Waldron, and hope to have many more happy hours ringing with him. They all join in best wishes for the health and happiness of the happy couple. Some good ringing took place on Sunday morning to commemorate the event.

## OPENING OF ILFRACOMBE PARISH CHURCH BELLS.

Mr. W. T. Pates, Master of the Cheltenham society, being instructed to select a company of ringers to open the above bells, on Easter Tuesday morning the band met at the railway station to go by the 4.30 a.m. train, due at Bristol at 6.0 a.m., the rest of the journey, 75 miles, being by water, Ilfracombe being reached at 2 p.m., five hours thus being on the water, a period which proved too much for some of the band. Arriving at Ilfracombe the party were met by the local ringers, who invited them to a substantial repast, which was much appreciated. This being over the band visited the tower, to try the go of the bells, and ringing several touches, the remainder of the evening was enlivened with tunes on the handbells, a course of Grandsire Triples being given by two of the members. On Tuesday morning one of the visitors showed discouraging signs, from the water trip. A touch of 686 changes was rung for the opening service, after service a peal of Grandsire Triples was attempted, but unfortunately after one hour's excellent striking, one of the ringers was taken faint, and the peal was with much regret brought to an abrupt conclusion.

The ring of bells at Ilfracombe was formerly six, but through the generosity of the Vicar (Rev. Martin), the tower can now boast of a musical peal of eight, in the key of G. The go of the bells is everything to be desired. The two new bells are from Messrs. Mears & Stainbank, London.

Later in the afternoon a touch of 1288 changes was rung, and a touch in which R. C. Chichester, of Hall, took part. The time had now come to face the briny ocean, and after wishing their Ilfracombe friends good-bye, the visitors were once more on the water. The handbells were brought out to the great delight of everyone but the musicians on board, who came and asked the ringers not to play any more on deck. They then took the bells to the saloon where tunes, &c., were given to the great delight of the passengers, one of them saying,—"They surpass the Poland Street Company." Cheltenham was reached about 3 a.m. Wednesday. The band were as follows. G. Bowen (Ilfracombe), 1; W. T. Pates (conductor, Cheltenham), 2; A. Humphries (Cheltenham), 3; F. Townsend (Cheltenham), 4; N. Dyer (Cheltenham), 5; T. Hooper (Cheltenham), 6; F. Musty (Cheltenham), 7; G. Dadds (Ilfracombe), 8.

The ringers wish to take this opportunity of thanking the Vicar and the local company for their kindness while at Ilfracombe. The whole of the expenses were defrayed by the Vicar. Great credit is due to the conductor for the manner in which he looked after the wants, &c., of his band.

## RAUNDS AND WELLINGBOROUGH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 31st, at the invitation of the the Rev. E. C. Channer, Vicar of Ravensthorpe, some members from Northampton had a pleasant drive to have a pull on the very pretty ring of five bells there, change-ringing being in a very low way at present, but the vicar hopes to have it again revived in the village. Having rang a few 6-scores on the tower bells, a move was made to the vicarage, where a substantial tea was awaiting the ringers and friends; having done full justice to the good things provided, a walk was taken round the garden, and then some Triples and Doubles with the handbells on the lawn, much to the delight of those present, and some more ringing on the tower bells brought an enjoyable outing to a close. The ringers wish through the medium of this paper to thank the Vicar for his invitation, and also for so kindly providing tea, and hope to make another visit at some future time. There is only one bell (the tenor) provided with a stay.

DEPTFORD (Kent).—On Sunday, April 1st, at St. John's church, 500 Grandsire Doubles (four 6-scores and two leads), with 4-6-8 covering. W. Jefferies, 1; J. Rose (conductor), 2; W. J. Jefferies, 3; C. Venables, Esq., 4; J. Laws, 5; F. Peckham, 6; F. Palmer, 7; F. Davis, 8.

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## Central Council Correspondence.

SIR,—The report of the question asked by me at the Central Council meeting with reference to the printing of the Council's Decisions, and of the Honorary Secretary's answer is slightly inaccurate. I asked not whether it would be possible, but whether it would be *permissible* to print the decisions in the Annual Reports of Guilds and Associations. The Secretary replied that the Council could not interfere in the business of local Associations. There was no actual statement, but it was clearly inferred that Associations were at liberty to print them in their Reports, if they liked to do so. This is, perhaps, a small matter, but I venture to take the opportunity afforded by the 'Central Council Column' to suggest to other Secretaries this easy mode of giving a more permanent publicity to the Council's decisions.

FREDK. J. O. HELMORE.

Canterbury.

Hon. Sec. Kent County Association.

## STOKE-ON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

The monthly meeting of the above Association was held at Kidsgrove, on Saturday, April 7th, when over forty members were present from the following towers: Bucknall, Biddulph, Kidsgrove, Leek, Longton, Norton, Tunstall, Wolstanton, and Alsager. The tower was open for ringing at 3.30 p.m., and the bells were raised by a mixed band, and touches of Grandsire, Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Woodbine Treble Bob, and other methods were rung, the different conductors being Mr. J. Johnson (Tunstall), Mr. E. Glover (Norton), Mr. T. Miller, Mr. C. Ollier (Wolstanton), Mr. G. Woods (Longton), and Mr. W. Twigg (Bucknall). At 5.30 p.m., the members adjourned to Joynson's Refreshment Rooms where an excellent tea had been provided by the Kidsgrove ringers and which all present heartily enjoyed. After tea was over, Mr. W. Twigg (Hon. Secretary of the Association) proposed a vote of thanks to the Kidsgrove ringers for the excellent tea which had been provided by them and said he was pleased to see such a large company present, for all the meetings of the Association this year had been very successful; he then referred to Mr. Attree's analysis of peals published in "THE BELL NEWS" of March 31st, and pointed out that the Stoke Association stood higher on the list than they had ever done before, being number 28, for they had no peals in 1892 and only one in 1891, but he hoped that they would still improve their position.

Mr. E. Glover (Norton), seconded the vote of thanks, but he said he was sorry that the clergy did not take more interest in the Association, for he was sure that if the clergy and churchwardens would only come amongst them more, the Association would do a far greater work than it was doing at present. Mr. J. Mason responded on behalf of the Kidsgrove ringers, and said that he was very pleased to welcome the Association ringers to Kidsgrove, for they had been disappointed with several meetings, but this one was a success. The Kidsgrove ringers, he said, had been looking anxiously forward and hoping that the day would be a fine one so that it would be an enjoyable one for the visitors. He stated on behalf of the Vicar (Rev. R. W. B. Moore) that he would have been present amongst them, but owing to sickness in the parish he was unable to be present, he would gladly give them the use of the bells and trusted that all would enjoy themselves. The tower was again visited, and after several attempts a 720 of Woodbine Treble Bob was rung by the following:—W. Gibson (Norton), 1; E. Glover (Norton), 2; J. E. Wheeldon (Bucknall), 3; W. Harratt (Tunstall), 4; W. Twigg (conductor, Bucknall), 5; J. Johnson (Tunstall), 6. The proceedings were brought to a close about 9 p.m., a most enjoyable day having been spent.

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## BIDDENHAM, BEDS.

On Thursday, March 29th, the ringers of Olney, Bucks, paid a visit to the above village for the purpose of having a ring on the peal of six bells, permission having been previously given by the Vicar, the Rev. W. E. B. Norman. Arriving at Biddenham about 3 p.m., after a lovely drive of about ten miles, they were met by Mr. Percy Howard, and taken to the belfry, where ringing commenced without delay. In the evening they were met by the local ringers, who also gave them a hearty welcome and joined in with them in touches of Grandsire Doubles, Bob Minor, etc., and later on being reinforced by the appearance of Mr. C. W. Clarke, of the Bedford company, at once started for a 720 of Bob Minor, which with the help of one of the Olney ringers, was brought round; and to finish up, a 6-score of Stedman Doubles was rung. The Olney men not having learnt to ring Minor alone were content to ring one at a time with the Biddenham company, although the ringing of Grandsire Doubles was a credit to them on strange bells. The visitors wish through "THE BELL NEWS," to thank the Vicar of Biddenham for his kindness, and also the local company for giving them such an hearty welcome.

## Miscellaneous Gouches.

(Continued from page 598.)

DARLINGTON.—On Tuesday, February 22nd, for practice at Holy Trinity church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. E. Cox, 1; J. Lynn, 2; K. Wilson, 3; —, Clough, 4; G. W. Park, 5; G. A. Overton (conductor), 6. \*Hails from Otley, Yorks. On Sunday, February 27th, for Confirmation Service by the Bishop of Durham, 720 Plain Bob. W. Kingdon, 1; G. J. Lungley, 2; E. Cox, 3; J. Lynn, 4; G. W. Park, 5; G. A. Overton (conductor), 6. On Sunday evening, March 18th, for Divine Service, 720 Plain Bob. H. St. P. Armstrong, 1; W. M. Stephenson, 2; E. Cox, 3; J. Lynn, 4; G. J. Lungley, 5; G. W. Park (conductor), 6. On Sunday, March 25th, for early Communion, 720 Plain Bob. G. Kenworthy, 1; T. Lungley, 2; E. Cox, 3; G. W. Park, 4; R. B. Wilson (conductor), 5; G. J. Lungley, 6. For morning service 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. E. Cox, 1; G. J. Lungley, 2; R. B. Wilson, 3; T. Lungley, 4; G. W. Park, 5; G. A. Overton (conductor), 6. On Sunday morning, April 1st, for Divine Service, 720 Grandsire. H. St. P. Armstrong, 1; G. J. Lungley, 2; E. Cox, 3; T. Lungley, 4; R. B. Wilson, 5; G. W. Park (conductor), 6. For evening service 720 Plain Bob. H. St. P. Armstrong, 1; W. M. Stephenson, 2; E. Cox, 3; G. J. Lungley, 4; T. Lungley, 5; G. W. Park (conductor), 6.

EASTBOURNE (Sussex).—On Sunday, March 18th, for morning service at Christ Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins. J. Hunnisett, 1; E. Willoughby, 2; J. Sharp, 3; J. Smith, 4; W. Lawrance, 5; T. Lewis, 6; B. Hobbs (conductor), 7; J. Osborne, 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to Mr. W. R. Whiting, a supporter of the Society, whose wife was buried on the Wednesday previous. On Tuesday, March 20th, for practice, 504 in the same method, in 18 mins. J. Osborne, 1; A. Piper, 2; J. Hunnisett, 3; J. Newman, 4; W. Lawrance (conductor), 5; B. Hobbs, 6; J. Sharp, 7; T. Deadman, 8. On Tuesday, March 27th, for practice, 518 in the same method, in 16 mins. J. Osborne, 1; A. Piper, 2; F. Harding, 3; K. Hart, 4; W. Lawrance (conductor), 5; E. Willoughby, 6; B. Hobbs, 7; T. Dedman, 8.

NEWPORT (Monmouthshire).—On Tuesday, March 27th, the following members of St. Woolos Guild rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (Taylor's) in 48½ mins. H. Millard, 1; R. H. Le Vescomte, 2; J. W. Jones, 3; G. H. Rogers, 4; J. Butler, 5; E. Davies, 6; J. Trowbridge (conductor), 7; A. Longville, 8. This is the first time Grandsire Triples has been rung at St. Woolos, the addition of a new tenor, weighing 20 cwt., and a treble, having only been completed by Mears and Stainbank on Saturday, March 24th.

WIDFORD (Essex).—On Friday, April 6th, for practice, 560 Bob Major. W. Emery, 1; A. Tarbun, 2; G. Sorrell, 3; A. Shuttleworth, 4; C. Waskett (longest touch of Major), 5; W. J. Piper, 6; A. Speller, 7; W. Lincoln, 8; and 336 Grandsire Triples. E. Davis, 1; A. Tarbun, 2; A. Head, 3; G. Head, 4; G. Sorrell, 5; C. Waskett, 6; W. Lincoln, 7; E. Houghton, 8.

WRITTELE (Essex).—On Monday, March 26th, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples. \*W. Emery, 1; \*J. Beams (late of Ewell, Surrey), 2; A. Speller, 3; G. Sorrell, 4; \*T. Lincoln, 5; W. J. Piper, 6; W. Lincoln (composer and conductor), 7; \*F. Edwards, 8. \*First quarter-peal in the method.

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

SATURDAY, APRIL 21, 1894.

## The Provinces.

WIGAN, LANCASHIRE.

On Thursday, April 5, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

REEVES' TEN-PART. Tenor 28 cwt.

JOHN E. GUMMERSON .. Treble.	SAMUEL HALL .. .. . 6.
JOHN BARKER .. .. . 2.	ROBERT FISHER .. .. . 7.
ALEXANDER SHAW .. .. . 3.	JOHN FISHER .. .. . 7.
WALTER MARSDEN .. .. . 4.	JONATHAN F. HALL .. .. . Tenor.
WILLIAM MAJOR .. .. . 5.	GEORGE H. STANLEY .. .. .

Conducted by WALTER MARSDEN.

UFFORD, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 7, 1894, in Five Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 10,176 CHANGES;**  
IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 14½ cwt.

JAMES MOTTS .. .. . Treble.	EDWARD SHERWOOD .. .. . 5.
WILLIAM MOTTS .. .. . 2.	EDGAR PEMBERTON .. .. . 6.
WILLIAM WARD .. .. . 3.	CHARLES WARD .. .. . 7.
WILLIAM G. CRICKMER .. .. . 4.	FREDERICK J. TILLET .. .. . Tenor.

Composed by the late W. HARRISON, of Mottram-in-Longdendale, Cheshire, and Conducted by J. MOTTS.

Messrs. J. and W. Motts, E. Pemberton and F. J. Tillett, are members of the St. Mary-le-Tower Society, Ipswich; W. G. Crickmer, hails from Earl Soham; Messrs C. and W. Ward and E. Sherwood are members of the Ufford Society. This is the longest peal upon the bells.



BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 7, 1894, in Hours and Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
THURSTANS' COMPOSITION. Tenor 22 cwt.

JOHN EVANS .. .. Treble.	FRED BIGGS .. .. 5.
J. GOODCHILD .. .. 2.	J. C. TRUSS, JUN. .. 6.
H. STRATFORD .. .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
F. BOREHAM .. .. 4.	RALPH BIGGS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

LEWISHAM, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 10, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 22 cwt.

CHARLES BEDWELL .. .. Treble.	THOMAS CHANDLER .. .. 5.
ALBERT PHEASANT .. .. 2.	HARRY BARRETT .. .. 6.
ARTHUR C. BEDWELL .. 3.	HARRY WARNETT .. .. 7.
WILLIAM BEDWELL .. .. 4.	CHARLES WALKER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM BEDWELL.

OXFORD.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, April 10, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST PETER-IN-THE-EAST.

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

C. FOWLER .. .. Treble.	C. HOUNSLOW .. .. 5.
A. C. HAWES .. .. 2.	A. FOX .. .. 6.
W. BLACKBOURN .. .. 3.	J. W. WASHBROOK .. .. 7.
E. BANNISTER* .. .. 4.	*I. MOGRIDGE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by C. HOUNSLOW.

\*First peal.

TUNBRIDGE, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 12, 1894, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 21 cwt.

CAPTAIN C. E. WARNER* Treble.	GEORGE SMITHERS .. .. 5.
EDWARD MANKELOW .. .. 2.	WILLIAM STEED .. .. 6.
REV. F. J. O. HELMORE .. 3.	WILLIAM LATTER .. .. 7.
CHARLES GOBLE† .. .. 4.	GEORGE H. STONESTREET Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. J. O. HELMORE.

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

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

On Friday, April 13, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,  
ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

AT THE HOUSE OF MR W. TROLLOP, 52 ST. GEORGE'S MIDDLE ST.,  
A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES.

J. ARMIGER TROLLOP .. 1-2.	JOHN E. BURTON .. .. 5-6.
GEORGE P. BURTON .. 3-4.	CHARLES E. BORRETT .. 7-8.
EDWARD FRANCIS .. .. 9-10.	

Composed and Conducted by EDWARD FRANCIS.

Reference to this peal will be found on another page.

DERBY.—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 14, 1894, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
JOHNSON'S TEN-PART. Tenor 21 cwt.

WILLIAM SHARDLOW .. Treble.	WILLIAM H. FOUND .. .. 5.
THOMAS ALTON .. .. 2.	*SAMUEL MASKREY .. .. 6.
CHARLES T. DOWELL* .. 3.	CHARLES E. HART .. .. 7.
CHARLES DRAPER .. .. 4.	*BENJAMIN ROBOTHAM .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES E. HART.

\*First peal in the method.

REDENHALL, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 14, 1894, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,  
AT ST. MARY'S CHURCH,

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

EDWARD SMITH .. .. Treble.	ROBERT WHITING .. .. 5.
GEORGE PRIME .. .. 2.	*JAMES TANN .. .. 6.
JAMES BOUGHTON* .. .. 3.	FREDERICK SMITH .. .. 7.
FREDERICK BORRETT .. 4.	JAMES SOUTER .. .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS and Conducted by EDWARD SMITH.

\*First peal in the method. This peal is in two equal parts. The 2nd bell is never in 6th place at a course-end, and it is now rung for the first time.

BLOXWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, April 14, 1894, in Three Hours and Twenty-nine Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE MAJOR, 5328 CHANGES.

W. GRIFFIN .. .. Treble.	D. CHAPMAN .. .. 5.
G. ASTON .. .. 2.	F. HALLSWORTH .. .. 6.
E. LIGHTWOOD .. .. 3.	W. JOHNSON .. .. 7.
W. WALKER .. .. 4.	J. ASTBURY .. .. Tenor.

Composed by the late W. HALLSWORTH and Conducted by  
W. JOHNSON.

Messrs. Aston, Chapman, and Johnson were proposed members of the above society before starting for the peal. This peal is a half of the 10,656 with the tenors together.

LOW MOOR, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday April 14, 1894, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5014 CHANGES;  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14 cwt.

HERBERT SIMPSON .. Treble.	EDWIN WHEATER .. .. 5.
FRED HARGREAVES .. .. 2.	ABSALAM WILKINSON .. 6.
FRANK WOOD .. .. 3.	JAMES W. EMMETT .. .. 7.
RUFUS THORNTON .. .. 4.	CHARLES DRACUP .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES DRACUP.

Messrs. Hargreaves and Thornton hail from Drighlington; Wheeler from Tong; the rest belong to the local company.

GAINSBOROUGH, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 14, 1894, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

REV. R. BOND* .. Treble.	†W. W. BUST .. .. 5.
W. D. TINKER .. .. 2.	*H. W. KIRTON .. .. 6.
G. WILSON† .. .. 3.	*F. T. W. BUTLER .. .. 7.
J. T. LADD .. .. 4.	*R. T. LAKIN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. D. TINKER.

\*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. ‡Aged 17.

BUXTED, SUSSEX.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 14, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
A VARIATION OF THURSTANS. Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

GEORGE A. KING .. Treble.	EDWARD C. MERRITT .. 5.
GEORGE F. ATTREE .. 2.	KEITH HART .. .. 6.
GEORGE WILLIAMS .. 3.	JAMES N. FROSSELL .. 7.
HARRY WESTON .. .. 4.	EDWARD BUTLER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

First peal of Stedman on the bells.



## OLD WINDSOR, BUCKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 14, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt.

GEORGE HOARE .. .. Treble.	TOM GOSLING .. .. 5.
JOSEPH J. PARKER .. .. 2.	REUBEN FLAXMAN .. .. 6.
GEORGE STANBROOK .. .. 3.	JESSE PUPLETT .. .. 7.
T. EUSTACE HARWOOD, Esq. 4.	GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by REUBEN FLAXMAN.

Jesse Puplett hails from Hoddesdon.

## TUNSTEAD, NORFOLK.

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

On Sunday, April 15, 1894, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

J. ARMIGER TROLLOP .. Treble.	EDWARD FRANCIS .. .. 5.
PHILIP SADLER .. .. 2.	JOSEPH GOWER .. .. 6.
GEORGE HOWCHIN .. .. 3.	CHARLES E. BORRETT .. 7.
ALFRED W. BRIGHTON .. 4.	FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN .. Tenor.

Composed by J. S. WILDE, of Hyde, and Conducted by

J. ARMIGER TROLLOP.

Reference to this peal will be found on another page.

## WOOLWICH, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 16, 1894, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5050 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S BOB-AND-SINGLE.

Tenor 13 cwt.

ARTHUR J. NEALE .. Treble.	RICHARD G. CARTER .. 5.
HENRY G. HILL .. .. 2.	JAMES C. HARVEY .. .. 6.
WILLIAM J. ALDRIDGE .. 3.	WILLIAM G. GROVE .. .. 7.
HENRY HARVEY .. .. 4.	JOHN E. BEAVEN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM GEORGE GROVE.

This is the first peal on the bells since being rehung with new frame and fittings by T. Blackburn, and the go of the bells is all that can be desired.

## HILLINGDON, NEAR UXBRIDGE, MIDDLESEX.

On Monday, April 16, 1894, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt. 25 lbs.

SIDNEY SMITH .. .. Treble.	ARTHUR FINCH .. .. 5.
WILLIAM H. JOINER .. .. 2.	HENRY WILKINSON .. .. 6.
HARRY HICKS .. .. 3.	JOSEPH J. PRATT .. .. 7.
JOSEPH J. PARKER .. .. 4.	ALBERT T. O. DAMPIER .. Tenor.

Conducted by J. J. PARKER.

This is the first peal by all the band except the conductor.

## HALEWOOD, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 17, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

JOSEPH GRACE .. .. Treble.	ALBERT GRACE .. .. 5.
JAMES LOWE .. .. 2.	THOMAS AMBROSE .. .. 6.
GEORGE CALLAND .. .. 3.	THOMAS GRIFFITHS .. .. 7.
JAMES HAUGHTON .. .. 4.	RICHARD BRIERS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN ASPINWALL and Conducted by T. AMBROSE.

\*First peal by the local company.

## SAWSTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

## THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Tuesday, April 17, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt.

GEORGE F. WOODHOUSE .. Treble.	C. E. EARLE BULWER .. 5.
E. BANKES JAMES .. .. 2.	REV. CHARLES A. CLEMENTS 6.
CYRIL W. O. JENKYN .. 3.	REV. H. LAW JAMES .. 7.
REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY .. 4.	W. JAMES CONYBEARE .. Tenor.

Conducted by REV. H. LAW JAMES.

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

## ROMFORD, ESSEX.

## THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Wednesday, April 18, 1894, in Eight Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 13,440 CHANGES.

Tenor 17½ cwt. in F.

BENJAMIN FOSKETT .. Treble.	CHARLES WILKINS .. .. 5.
EDWIN BARNETT .. .. 2.	ALBERT PITTAM .. .. 6.
HENRY DAINS .. .. 3.	ARTHUR JACOB .. .. 7.
GEORGE SMITH .. .. 4.	GEORGE NEWSON .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE NEWSON.

The band is the same as in the attempt at Brentwood on Easter Monday, and were stationed at the same bells. On that occasion the treble rope broke after ringing 13,072 changes in 8 hrs. 15 mins. Brentwood tenor is 19½ cwt., and this fact will account for the difference in the time. This is the first time the extent with the tenors together has been rung in this method.

The peal of Grandsire Triples rung at Dunster, and reported last week in our columns should have been headed "Bath and Wells Diocesan Association," as all the ringers are members of the Association.

## Date Touches.

## THE NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LINCOLN.—On Sunday morning, March 25th, for Divine Service at the church of St. Peter-at-Arches, a date touch of 1894 Kent Treble Bob Major, in 1 hr. 12 mins. W. A. Hodson, 1; F. W. Walker, 2; J. B. Fenton, 3; J. Austin, 4; C. Wells, 5; G. Lindoff (composer and conductor), 6; J. W. Watson, 7; C. W. P. Clifton, 8. J. Austin hails from Gloucester.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SKIPTON (Yorkshire).—On Sunday, April 8th, at the parish church for evening service, a date touch of Kent Treble Bob Major (1894 changes), in 1 hr. and mins. E. Metcalfe, 1; J. Boothman, 2; S. Doughty, 3; F. Metcalf, 4; T. Burslem, 5; H. Horner, 6; W. Billows, 7; W. D. Hillary, 8. Composed by A. Sykes, of Huddersfield, and conducted by W. Billows. Tenor 18½ cwt.

## THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ECKINGTON (Derbyshire).—On Saturday, March 24th, at the parish church, with the bells muffled, a date touch, being a 720 of Violet and Duke of York, and 454 of Oxford Treble Bob, in 1 hr. and 11 mins. F. Hancock, 1; W. Price, 2; G. Newman (conductor), 3; G. Marsden, 4; W. H. Turton, 5; T. Lunn, 6.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

UPCHURCH (Kent).—On Tuesday, March 13th, a date touch, 1894 changes, in 1 hr. 6 mins., being 454 Bob Minor, 720 Canterbury Pleasure, and 720 Grandsire Minor. H. Shipp, 1; G. Capeling, 2; W. T. Hyland, 3; W. Laker, 4; A. Dunster, 5; G. A. Ransom (composer and conductor), 6. First date touch on the bells.

## Miscellaneous.

## THE ALL SAINTS' SOCIETY, FULHAM.

FULHAM (Middlesex).—On Sunday evening, April 1st, for Divine Service at All Saints' church a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1280

changes), in 47 mins. A. Ough, 1; J. Green, 2; E. H. Adams, 3; W. Meaton, 4; W. Elson, 5; H. Rowland, 6; W. E. Garrard, 7; C. Charge (conductor), 8.

#### THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

**COGGESHALL (Essex).**—On Monday, April 2nd, for practice at the parish church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. R. Potter, 1; W. Dyer, 2; C. Norfolk (first 720 of Kent), 3; D. Elliott, sen., 4; E. W. Beckwith, 5; D. Elliott, jun. (conductor), 6. On Sunday morning, April 8th, 1008 Bob Major. R. Potter, 1; C. Norfolk, 2; W. Dyer, 3; D. Elliott, sen., 4; J. Sadler, 5; J. Nicholls, 6; E. W. Beckwith, 7; D. Elliott, jun (conductor), 8. J. Nicholls hails from Fulham.

**ROMFORD (Essex).**—On Monday, March 26th, at St. Edward's church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 45 mins. A. J. Perkins (conductor), 1; A. Deards, 2; W. Pye, 3; E. Pye, 4; W. H. Doran, 5; G. R. Pye, 6; H. Randall, 7; W. Watson, 8.

**SOUTH WEALD (Essex).**—On Sunday, March 25th, after evening service, 720 Double Court Bob Minor. A. Pittam, 1; G. R. Pye, 2; E. Pye, 3; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 4; A. Jacob, 5; G. Newson, 6.

**STANSTED (Essex).**—On Sunday, March 25th, at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, in the early morning, a 720 Plain Bob Minor in 26 mins. J. Cavill, 1; T. Jordan, 2; G. Jordan, 3; G. Gray, 4; J. Luckey, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. And for morning service a 720 Cambridge Surprise in 25 mins. J. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; W. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; J. Luckey, 5; T. J. Watts (conductor), 6. On Monday, March 26th, a 720 Woodbine Treble Bob. J. Cavill, 1; G. Jordan, 2; T. J. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; W. Watts, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. This 720 was rung on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. Hammond's daughter. On March 28th, for practice, a 720 Stansted Double Bob. T. Jordan (first 720 in the method), 1; G. Jordan (first 720 in the method with a bob bell), 2; I. Hammond, 3; T. J. Watts, 4; J. Luckey, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. And 720 Bristol Surprise. G. Jordan, 1; I. Hammond, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; W. Watts, 5; T. J. Watts (first 720 in the method as conductor), 6. On Sunday, April 1st, for morning service, a 720 York Surprise in 25 mins. J. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; W. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. This makes T. J. Watts 700th 720. And for afternoon service a 720 College Single (5th the observation). T. Jordan, 1; G. Jordan, 2; I. Hammond, 3; G. Gray, 4; J. Luckey, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. On Wednesday, April 4th, for practice, a 720 Yorkshire Court Bob (5th the observation). T. Jordan (first 720 in the method), 1; G. Jordan (first 720 in the method with a bob bell), 2; I. Hammond, 3; J. Luckey, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. And a 720 London Surprise in 25 mins. G. Jordan, 1; I. Hammond, 2; T. J. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; W. Watts, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. And a 720 Double Bob Minor. T. Jordan (first 720 in the method), 1; G. Jordan (first 720 in the method with a bob bell), 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; W. Watts, 5; T. J. Watts (first 720 in the method as conductor), 6. On Sunday, April 8th, for Divine Service in the morning, a 720 Durham Surprise (nine bobs) in 25 mins. J. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. Composed by N. Spindlow, of Ducklington. Tenor 13 cwt.

**GALLEYWOOD (Essex).**—On Wednesday, April 11th, 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Blomfield, 1; C. Waskett, 2; H. Brazier, 3; J. Moore, 4; F. Lemon, 5; E. Prince, 6; H. F. de Lisle (conductor), 7; J. Barton, 8. And several courses of Grandsire Triples on handbells. J. Moore, 1-2; C. Waskett, 3-4; H. F. de Lisle, 5-6; E. Prince, 7-8.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

**BROMLEY (Kent).**—On Sunday, March 25th, for Early Celebration, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins. J. Town, 1; R. Humphery, 2; E. Dunn, 3; F. Sanders, 4; G. Durling (conductor), 5; G. Simpson, 6; T. Harford, 7; W. James, 8. For the 11 o'clock service 560 Bob Major. G. Simpson, 1; R. Humphery, 2; W. Smith, 3; P. H. Harman, 4; G. Durling, 5; J. Emery, 6; T. Harford, 7; T. Groombridge (conductor), 8.

**PENGE (Surrey).**—On Sunday, April 1st, for afternoon service, 720 Bob Minor, in 25 mins. J. Town, 1; H. P. Harman, 2; G. Wickens, 3; T. Harford, 4; E. Dunn, 5; G. Durling (conductor), 6.

**WESTERHAM (Kent).**—On Sunday, March 25th, for early service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins. H. V. Selby, 1; R. Stone, 2; G. B. Selby, 3; G. Steer, 4; E. R. J. Dunk, 5; H. J. Selby (conductor), 6; J. Heath, 7; A. H. Collins, 8. Longest length by the ringers of the treble and tenor.

**WILLESBOROUGH.**—On Monday, March 26th, 720 Bob Minor (thirty singles and six bobs), in 27½ mins., with the bells deeply muffled, as a last token of respect to Mr. E. Ruck, of Mersham, who was buried on Saturday, March 24th, and from whom several of the Willesborough band received a lot of instruction when learning the art. R.

Cook, 1; S. Price, 2; W. Hills, 3; C. Young, 4; E. J. Dixon (conductor), 5; W. Clapson, 6. On Wednesday, March 28th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor (thirty bobs and two singles), in 27 mins. R. Cook, 1; W. Hill, 2; J. Swinerd, 3; C. Young (first 720 as conductor), 4; E. Dixon, 5; W. Clapson, 6.

**UPCHURCH (Kent).**—On Sunday afternoon, March 18th at St. Mary's church, 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles) in 26 mins. A. T. Hyland, 1; W. Seamer, 2; W. T. Hyland, 3; W. Laker, 4; G. Dennis, 5; G. A. Ransom (conductor), 6. On Sunday evening, March 18th, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and eighteen singles) in 27 mins. A. T. Hyland, 1; W. Seamer, 2; W. T. Hyland, 3; W. Laker, 4; G. Dennis, 5; G. A. Ransom (conductor), 6.

#### THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

**ROMSEY (Hants).**—On Sunday morning, April 1st, for Divine Service, 630 Bob Triples (twenty-two bobs and one single). For evening service 532 Bob Triples (twenty bobs and two singles). C. Cole, 1; T. Cole, 2; G. Newman, 3; A. Newman, 4; J. Walker, 5; F. Russem, 6; J. Elcombe (conductor), 7; G. Saint, 8.

**WINCHESTER.**—On Thursday, March 29th, for practice at the Cathedral, on the back eight, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins. A. E. Macey, 1; W. J. Sevier, 2; G. Smith, 3; C. J. North, 4; W. C. Lampard, 5; J. Weaver, 6; W. H. George (conductor), 7; D. Froom, 8.

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

**UFFINGTON (Lincolnshire).**—On Tuesday, March 27th, at the parish church, a 6-score of Canterbury Doubles. F. Dennison, 1; E. Popple, 2; R. Wyche, 3; C. Harper, 4; R. H. Law James (conductor), 5. Also two 6-scores of Grandsire, two 6-scores of Stedman, one 6-score of Bob, and one 6-score of St. Dnnstan's Doubles. R. Wyche, 1; E. Popple, 2; C. Harper, 3; F. Dennison, 4; Rev. H. Law James (conductor), 5. Tenor 17 cwt.

#### THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

**HORBURY (Yorks).**—On Sunday, March 4th, at the parish church 720 Wells Surprise. A. Yelland, 1; E. Brook, 2; G. Hunt, 3; H. Rowley (conductor), 4; G. F. Pickles, 5; R. Thickett, 6. On Tuesday, March 6th, on the occasion of a Confirmation Service by the Lord Bishop of Wakefield, a 720 Chichester Surprise, standing as above. On Thursday, March 8th, for practice, 720 Whitchurch Delight. Composed by the Rev. —. Davies, of Whitchurch, and is the first 720 in the method by all, and the first in the method on the bells. G. Horner, 1; the rest as before. On Sunday, March 18th, 720 London Surprise. A. Yelland, 1; the rest as above. On Sunday morning, March 25th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. For evening service 720 Violet standing as above. On Sunday, April 1st, 720 Worcester Surprise standing as above. Tenor 10 cwt, 12 lbs.

#### BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

**TAUNTON (Somerset).**—Recently, at St. James's church, a 720 of Grandsire Minor. H. Pearce (first 720), 1; J. Maddock, 2; F. Millard, 3; H. Poole, 4; G. Yandall, 5; J. Burge (conductor), 6. And another 720 Grandsire Minor. W. Rowe (first 720), 1; J. Maddock, 2; F. Millard, 3; A. Doble, 4; G. Yandall, 5; J. Burge (conductor), 6. W. Rowe hails from Hunshill. On Sunday, March 25th, at St. George's church, Wilton, a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles. T. Whyatt, 1; J. Garland, 2; H. Mogridge, 3; W. Nayward, 4; J. Maddock (conductor), 5; G. Yandall, 6. Another 6-score. S. Whyatt, 1; F. Millard, 2; J. Maddock, 3; H. Poole, 4; G. Yandall (conductor), 5; W. Nayward, 6. And another 6-score. S. Whyatt, 1; J. Garland, 2; H. Mogridge, 3; W. Nayward, 4; E. Whyatt (conductor), 5; J. Whyatt, 6. First 6-score by Messrs. Whyatt, Garland, Mogridge and Nayward. The rest of the band belong to St. James's, Taunton. Great credit is due to the St. James's ringers for instructing the Wilton company in the art, as they only commenced about three months ago.

#### SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

**TAMWORTH (Staffordshire).**—On Sunday, March 25th, for evening service at St. Editha's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. J. Windridge, 1; J. Pratt, 2; A. Everett, 3; C. Chapman, 4; W. Chapman, 5; J. Timms (conductor), 6; R. Brinkley, 7; A. Dains, 8. This quarter-peal was composed by J. J. Parker.

#### THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

**HOLM LACY.**—On Saturday, March 3rd, for practice, eight members of the Hereford Cathedral Society rang several touches of Grandsire Triples, viz., 168 and 360 by Messrs. Gains, Fussell, C. H. Doughton (late of Ryde), J. Jones, Hobby, Davies, Lewis and Chamberlain, and

168 and 462 by Chamberlain, 1; Lewis, 2; J. Jones, 3; C. H. Douton, Esq., 4; T. Hobby, 5; J. Davies, 6; W. H. Fussell (conductor), 7; H. Gaines, 8. Tenor 16 cwt.

HEREFORD.—On Saturday, March 17th, in the vestry of St. Peter's church, on handbells, 360 Grandsire Triples by Gaines, 1; Jones, 2; Lewis, 3; Fussell, 4; Hobby, 5; Davies (conductor), 6; Douton, 7; Chamberlain, 8; and 504 by Chamberlain, 1; Jones, 2; Fussell (conductor), 3-4; Lewis, 5; Douton, 6; J. Davies, 7-8. On Sunday, March 25th, in the early morning, 360 Grandsire Triples on the back eight. On Wednesday, March 28th, for practice, 360 Grandsire Triples. W. Greenleaf, 1; T. Lewis, 2; C. H. Douton, 3; J. Jones, 4; T. Hobby, 5; T. Davies (conductor), 6; W. H. Fussell, 7; J. Chamberlain, 8. Tenor 40 cwt.

#### STOKE-ON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

BUCKNALL.—On Sunday, March 4th, at the parish church, 720 Double Bob. C. Preston, 1; D. Preston (first in the method with a bob bell), 2; J. E. Wheeldon, 3; W. Wheeldon, 4; G. Hobbs, 5; W. Twigg (conductor), 6. On Sunday, March 11th, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob. R. W. Twigg, 4; the others as before; also 720 Yorkshire Court. D. Preston's first 720 with a bob bell in both the above methods. On Sunday, March 18th, 720 Bob Minor. On Tuesday, March 20th, 720 London Surprise. D. Preston, 1; J. E. Wheeldon, 2; R. W. Twigg, 3; C. Preston, 4; W. Wheeldon, 5; W. Twigg (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method by all. On Friday, March 23rd, with the bells half-muffled, 720 Oxford Bob. C. Preston, 1; D. Preston, 2; J. E. Wheeldon, 3; W. Wheeldon, 4; G. Hobbs, 5; W. Twigg (conductor), 6. On Sunday, March 25th, 720 Violet Treble Bob. W. Wheeldon, 1; C. Preston, 2; R. W. Twigg, 3; J. E. Wheeldon, 4; G. Hobbs, 5; W. Twigg (conductor), 6; and for evening service, 720 New London Pleasure, standing as before. On Tuesday, March 27th, 720 London Surprise. D. Preston, 1; J. E. Wheeldon, 2; R. W. Twigg, 3; C. Preston, 4; W. Wheeldon, 5; W. Twigg (conductor), 6.

#### THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

BEESTON (Notts).—On Sunday, March 25th, for evening service at St. John's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 42 mins. J. Paling, 1; W. Clifford, 2; J. Lowe, 3; G. Oldham, 4; A. Lowe, 5; J. Hutchby, 6; W. Clifford, sen. (conductor), 7; J. Lowe, 8.

#### THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ECKINGTON (Derbyshire).—On Friday, March 25rd, at the parish church, with the bells muffled, a 720 of Violet. F. Hancock, 1; W. Price, 2; G. Norman (conductor), 3; G. Marsden, 4; W. H. Turton, 5; T. Lunn, 6. Tenor 16 cwt. 14 lb.

#### LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—ROSSENDALE BRANCH.

BACUP.—On Sunday, March 11th, at Christ Church, 720 Primrose in 27 mins. L. Holt, 1; J. Smith, 2; G. Shottin, 3; J. S. Lomas, 4; E. J. Cockroft, 5; J. H. Smith (conductor), 6. On Friday, March 16th, 720 Tulip 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. First 720 in the method for all the band, and also on the bells. On Sunday, March 18th, 720 Primrose in 26½ mins. L. Holt, 1; J. Smith, 2; G. Shottin, 3; J. S. Lomas, 4; E. J. Cockroft, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6; and 720 Woodbine in 27 mins. L. Holt, 1; J. Smith, 2; G. Shottin, 3; Z. Lord, 4; E. J. Cockroft, 5; W. Smith (conductor), 6. On Monday, March 19th, 720 Tulip in 27 mins. L. Holt, 1; J. Smith, 2; Z. Lord (first 720 in the method), 3; J. S. Lomas, 4; E. J. Cockroft, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6.

HEPTONSTALL (Yorkshire).—On Friday, March 23rd, at St. Thomas' Church, 720 Woodbine. A. Burn, 1; J. Smith, 2; J. Armstrong, 3; W. Ingham, 4; E. J. Cockroft, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. A. Burn, J. Smith, J. H. Barnes and E. J. Cockroft belong to Bacup, the rest are local men. On Sunday, March 25th, 720 Primrose in 26 mins. J. H. Smith, 1; T. Robertshaw (first 720), 2; G. Shottin, 3; J. S. Lomas, 4; E. J. Cockroft, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6.

#### THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

TIVERTON (Devon).—On Easter Sunday, before morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 47 mins. E. Munday, 1; J. Grater, jun., 2; H. Grater, 3; J. Grater, 4; R. Grater, 5; T. Harvey, 6; J. Babbage (conductor), 7; J. Hart, 8. On Easter Monday (churchwarden's day), 840 Stedman Triples, in 30 mins. E. Mundy (conductor), 1; J. Grater, jun., 2; W. Grater, 3; W. Clements, 4; J. Grater, 5; T. Harvey, 6; J. Babbage, 7; J. Hart, 8. On Wednesday, April 4th, for practice, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 48 mins. E. Munday, 1; W. Grater, 2; F. Taylor, 3; W. Clements, 4; J. Grater, 5; J. Babbage (conductor), 6; T. Harvey, 7; R. Tossill, 8. Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

#### THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

WOOBURN (Bucks.).—On Sunday morning, March 25th, for Holy Communion at 8 a.m., 168 Grandsire Triples (six singles). W. Wheatley, 1; W. E. Yates (conductor), 2; J. West, 3; J. Garrell, 4; J. Howard, 5; F. Cousins, 6; F. Healey, 7; G. Whiteman, 8. Also before morning and evening service, several courses of Grandsire Triples and 6-scores of Doubles were rung in which G. Rockell, F. Wheeler, W. House and F. Whiteman took part. And in the afternoon, at the house of Mr. J. Garrell, on handbells, a course of Grandsire Caters. W. Wheatley, 1-2; F. Healey, 3-4; J. Garrell, 5-6; W. E. Yates, 7-8; F. Wheeler, 9-10; also four courses of Grandsire Triples and several 6-scores of Doubles conducted by W. E. Yates. On Monday, March 26th, seven courses of Grandsire Triples. W. Wheatley, 1-2; F. Wheatley, 3-4; W. E. Yates, 5-6; J. West, 7-8.

CHALFONT ST. GILES (Bucks.).—On Monday, March 26th, the Wooburn ringers visited the parish church and rang four 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles.

CHALFONT ST. PETER (Bucks.).—On Monday, March 26th, several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles were rung, the following taking part: W. Wheatley, J. Howard, F. Healey, J. West, G. Rockell, J. Garrell, G. Whiteman and W. E. Yates. All the above belong to the local band at Wooburn except W. E. Yates who hails from Great Marlow.

#### THE WATERLOO SOCIETY AND THE ST. PETER'S SOCIETY, WALWORTH.

WALWORTH.—On Tuesday, March 13th, at St. Peter's church, an attempt was made for a peal of Treble Bob Major, but after ringing 2 hours it came to grief owing to the gas being turned off. W. Meads, 1; T. Langdon, sen., 2; H. N. Davis, 3; F. Perrin, 4; A. R. Davis, 5; P. Howard, 6; \*J. E. Davis (conductor), 7; E. P. O'Meara, 8. On Sunday, March 25th, another attempt was made, which also proved unsuccessful through the treble rope slipping wheel. W. Meads, 1; F. Perrins, 2; H. N. Davis, 3; F. S. Bayley, 4; A. S. Davies, 5; P. Howard, 6; \*J. E. Davis (conductor), 7; E. P. O'Meara, 8. \*First attempt as conductor. Composed by H. Dains.

#### THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

MIDHURST (Sussex).—On Sunday, March 11th, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob. C. Tribe, 1; T. E. Ellis, 2; W. H. George (conductor), 3; A. B. Bennett, 4; C. Soane, 5; J. Lee, 6. On Sunday, April 8th, 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 11th, Annable's 720 of Bob Minor (thirty-two bobs and two singles. G. Boswell, 1; T. E. Ellis, 2; W. H. George (conductor), 3; C. Tribe, 4; C. Soane, 5; A. B. Bennett, 6.

ASHTAD (Surrey).—On Saturday, March 31st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins. \*H. Corbett, 1; \*J. Page, 2; \*W. Otway, 3; \*W. Crockford, 4; \*W. Cook, 5; J. Crawford, 6; J. Wyatt (conductor), 7; J. Martin, 8. \*First quarter-peal.

BALCOMBE (Sussex).—On Sunday, March 25th, for morning and evening services, 360 College Single. J. Bates, 1; R. Bourn, 2; C. Holman, 3; A. Gasson, 4; E. Streeter, 5; J. Gasson (conductor), 6. And 720 Kent Treble Bob. E. Stoner, 1; E. Streeter, 2; F. Streeter, 3; A. Gasson, 4; C. Holman, 5; J. Gasson (conductor), 6. Also 720 Plain Bob. E. Streeter, jun., 1; C. Holman, 2; F. Streeter, 3; E. Stoner, 4; J. Gasson, 5; E. Streeter (conductor), 6. And 720 Violet Treble Bob. F. Stoner, 1; C. Holman, 2; F. Streeter, 3; A. Gasson, 4; E. Streeter, 5; J. Gasson (conductor), 6. On Monday, March 26th, 720 Violet. E. Stoner, 1; C. Holman, 2; F. Streeter, 3; \*A. Gasson, 4; J. Gasson, 5; E. Streeter (conductor), 6. \*First 720 in the method with a bob bell.

BIRMINGHAM.—On Sunday, March 25th, after morning service, at St. Chad's Roman Catholic Cathedral, Johnson's 1008 of Grandsire Triples in 33 mins. H. Bluck (first 1008 in the method), 1; J. Porter, 2; W. Bryant, 3; T. Miller (conductor), 4; R. Hunt, 5; R. Huckleby, 6; A. Huckleby, 7; G. King, 8. And after evening service, the same touch was rung in 33 mins. W. Sanigar, 1; J. Porter, 2; W. Bryant, 3; T. Miller (conductor), 4; R. Hunt, 5; A. Huckleby, 6; R. Huckleby, 7; J. Ring, 8. Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qrs. 11 lbs. in F.

SANDHURST (Gloucestershire).—On Monday, March 20th, at the parish church, a 720 of Grandsire Minor in 26 mins. H. Bluck (first 720 of Minor), 1; J. Porter, 2; A. Holford, 3; S. Newman (first 720 of Minor), 4; T. Miller (conductor), 5; W. Pugh, 6. Messrs. Bluck, Porter and Miller hail from Birmingham, the rest are local men. And two 6-scores Grandsire. H. Bluck, 1; W. Hancox, 2; A. Holford, 3; W. Pugh, 4; J. Porter, 5; W. Hunt, 6. First two 120s in the method by W. Hancox and W. Hunt who hail from Birmingham. Tenor 14 cwt.

## Notices.

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**Norwich Diocesan Association.**—Halesworth District.—The next quarterly district meeting will be held at Wenhamston, to-day, Saturday, April 21st. Bells ready at 4 p.m., meeting at 8 p.m. All ringers and friends are invited.  
JOHN LARTER, *District Sec.*  
Hemham.

**Birmingham and District Amalgamated Society.**—The half-yearly meeting will take place to-day, Saturday, April 21st, at King's Norton. Ringing at the parish church at 4 o'clock. Meeting in the school rooms at 6. District members and friends cordially invited.  
J. JENNINGS, *Hon. Sec.*  
19, Lionel Street, Birmingham.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Haslingden, to-day, Saturday, April 21st. Bells ready at 4 o'clock. Meeting 6.30 p.m.  
J. B. TAYLOR, *Sec.*  
7, Church Street, Waterfoot.

**Kent County Association.**—Lewisham District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held to-day, Saturday, April 21st, at Lewisham. The tower of St. Mary's will be open for ringing from 3 p.m. Usual allowances will be paid at 5.30.  
T. E. TEIGNMOUTH SHORE, *Hon. Sec.*  
25, Thornford Road, Lewisham, S.E.

**Sussex County Association.**—Western Division.—The next district meeting will be held at Midhurst, to-day, Saturday, April 21st. Bells ready at 2 p.m. Tea and business at 5 p.m. Evensong at 6 p.m.  
J. W. G. LODGE COTTER, *Hon. Sec.*  
Yapton Vicarage, Arundel.

**St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.**—The usual quarterly meeting will be held on Tuesday, the 24th inst., at 8.30 p.m., at the Tamworth Arms, Moor Street. Every member who can possibly make it convenient is requested to attend.  
W. H. GODDEN, *Hon. Sec.*  
61, Rowland Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

**Liverpool Diocesan Guild.**—The Annual meeting of the Guild will be held at Christ Church, Aughton, on Saturday, April 28th. Full particulars by circular.  
REV. W. T. BULPIT, } *Hon. Secs.*  
W. BENTHAM, }  
Aughton, April 9th, 1894.

**The Middlesex Association.**—A meeting of this Society will be held at St. Stephen's, Hampstead, on Saturday, May 5th. Ringing to commence at 4 o'clock.  
PERCY HOWARD, *Hon. Sec.*  
23, Essex Street, Strand.

**Norwich Diocesan Association.**—Accidents having occurred recently to some of the bells of St. Nicholas, Great Yarmouth, which render them unusable for the present, the necessary repairs being deferred, the proposed visit of the Association in May must be regretfully abandoned.

As it is seventeen years since the Association visited Lynn, it has been thought well to arrange for the quarterly meeting to take place there, instead of at Great Yarmouth, on Whit-Monday, May 14th. Further particulars later.  
H. EARLE BULWER, *Hon. Sec.*  
Stanhoe, April 9th, 1894.

**The Heavy Woollen District Association, Yorkshire.**—A (special) monthly meeting will be held at Kirkburton, to-day, Saturday, April 21st, at 5 p.m. Meeting house The George inn. All members are earnestly requested to attend as business is important.  
G. H. SIMON, *Hon. Sec.*  
19, Albert Street, Batley Carr.

**North Lincolnshire Association.**—The annual meeting will be held at Lincoln on April 28th. Permission has been obtained for the following towers to be open for ringing during the afternoon:—The Cathedral (eight), St. Peter-at-Arches (eight), St. Peter-at-Gowls (six), St. Botolph's (five). Tea will be provided in the Oddfellows Hall, Broadgate, by ticket, free to members who have paid their subscriptions for the current year, at 4.45 p.m. The business meeting will be held immediately after tea.  
GEORGE CHESTER, *Hon. Sec.*  
142, Portland Street, Lincoln.

**United Counties' Association.**—The quarterly meeting will be held at Hayfield, on Saturday, April 28th. Tea will be provided at 1s. each for the number sent in to Mr. Isaac Booth, Bridge inn, Hayfield, on or before April 24th. Also a contest on tower bells, and three prizes given in money for the best touch of 720 changes, practice allowed till 12 o'clock same day. Entries received till 2 o'clock.  
JOSEPH RADCLIFFE, *Sec.*  
Church Road, Uppermill.

**The Lancashire Association.**—The quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, April 28th, at the parish church, Eccles. Ringing from 2 p.m., meeting in the schools at 5.30 p.m.  
J. REDFORD, } *Hon. Secs.*  
A. E. WREAKS, }

**Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.**—The usual monthly ringing meeting of the Society will be held at Guiseley, on Saturday, April 28th. Bells open from 1 p.m. (peal of eight). Meeting house the Ring of Bells inn.  
R. BINNS, *Hon. Sec.*  
43, Low Moor Side, Holbeck.

**Llandaff Diocesan Association.**—The next meeting of the above will be held at St. Wollo's, Newport, Mon., on Saturday, April 28th, at 3 p.m. Archdeacon Bruce will preside. Bells open till 7 p.m. W. A. DOWNING, *Hon. Sec.*  
Llandaff.

**Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.**—Preliminary and important notice. The annual meeting for the election of officers and passing of accounts will be held in Bath, on Saturday, May 5th. Service in St. Mary's, Bathwick, at 2 p.m. Business meeting at 3. Various peals of bells open for ringing. It is earnestly requested that every member will attend as the business will be of the most important character.  
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**Kent County Association.**—The Annual General Meeting will be held on Whit Monday, May 14th, at Tunbridge. Further particulars will be announced. Dinner tickets will be issued only to those members whose subscriptions are paid up.  
FREDERICK J. O. HELMORE, *Hon. Sec.*  
Canterbury, April 13th, 1894.

**Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.**—Meeting on Whit Monday, May 14th, at Barnard Castle. Committee meeting at 12, dinner (cold), at 1 p.m. both at The Turk's Head inn. Members 1s. Non members 2s. Belfries of Barnard Castle (except between 11 and 12) and Cotherstone open during the day.

## LONG PEAL ATTEMPTS.

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**—On Saturday, April 21st, an attempt will be made for a long peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major at Hagley, Worcestershire. Start at 1.30 p.m.

On Thursday, April 26th, 1894, all being well, four members of the Norwich, St. Peter Mancroft Society, will attempt the long peal of Bob Major, 13,440 changes, on handbells, in the Parish Rooms, St. Peter Mancroft, immediately under the tower, starting at 3 p.m. sharp.

## NOTES TO PEALS.

**THE PEAL AT SAWSTON.**—This is the first tower-bell peal ever rung by the Cambridge University Guild, their three previous peals having been rung in hand. It was rung at the third attempt, the ringers of the treble, 3rd, 5th and tenor scoring their first peal. Three of the band belong to Trinity College; three to Caius; one to St. Catherine's; and one to Selwyn. Five are still in residence and the other three have only recently ceased to reside. This is the first peal of Triples on the bells.

**THE PEAL AT NORWICH.**—This is the first peal of Royal by all, and the first of Bob Royal ever rung in Norwich either on tower or handbells. It is also supposed to be but the third peal ever rung in the method on handbells, all of which have been scored by the Norwich Diocesan Association. The ringers wish to thank Mr. Muskett for the use of his handbells on this and several other occasions.

**THE PEAL AT TONSTEAD.**—This is but the second peal on the bells, the previous one, Oxford Major, having been rung in 1882, in which the late Rev. G. H. Harris took part. Mr. J. Gower is a local ringer, and was elected a member of the Association previous to starting for the peal. The composition is a four-part, and contains the 5th and 6th their extent in 6ths place and is the first peal either composed or rung with these qualities. It was rung immediately after a sermon by the Vicar Rev. E. Ives, on "Bells and Bell Traditions."

**NOTICE.**—All communications respecting ringing at Bromsgrove church must be addressed to me, George Hayward, 44 Court, Worcester Street, Bromsgrove, Worcestershire.

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS.**—Mr. W. L. Catchpole, Steeplekeeper to the St. Mary-le-Tower Society, Ipswich, has removed to 5, Glencroft Terrace, Philip Road, Stoke, Ipswich.

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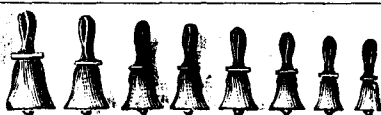
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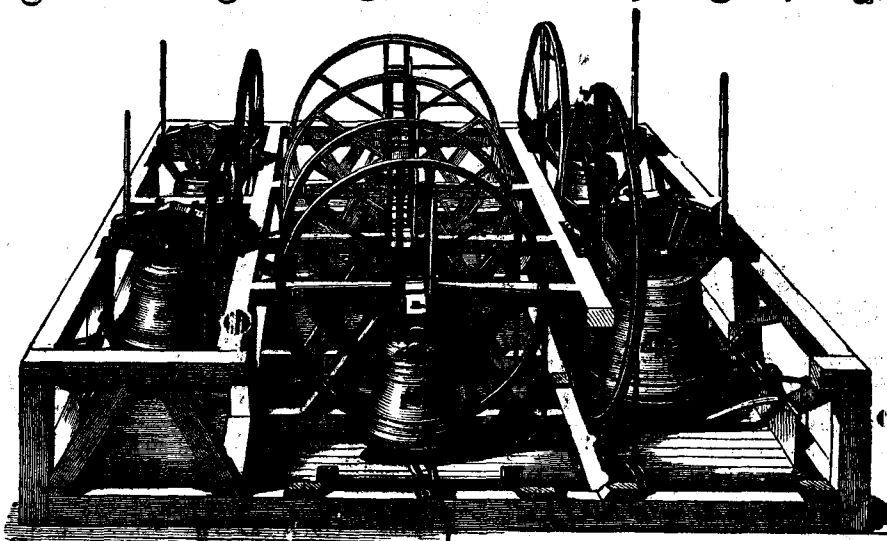
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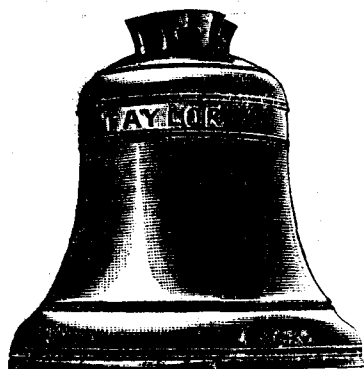
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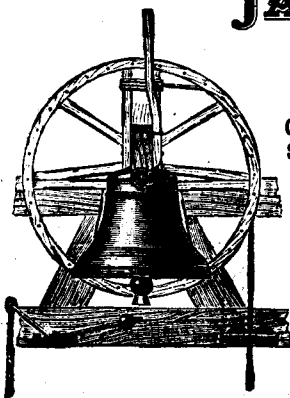
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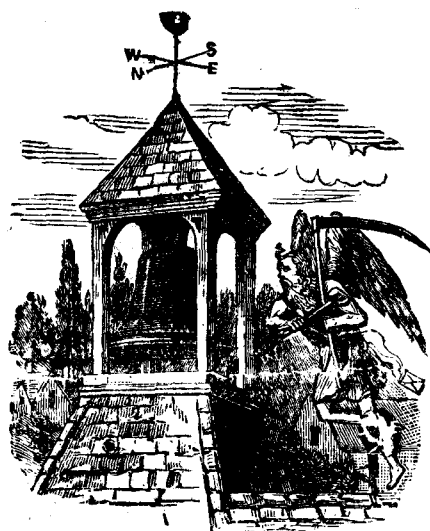
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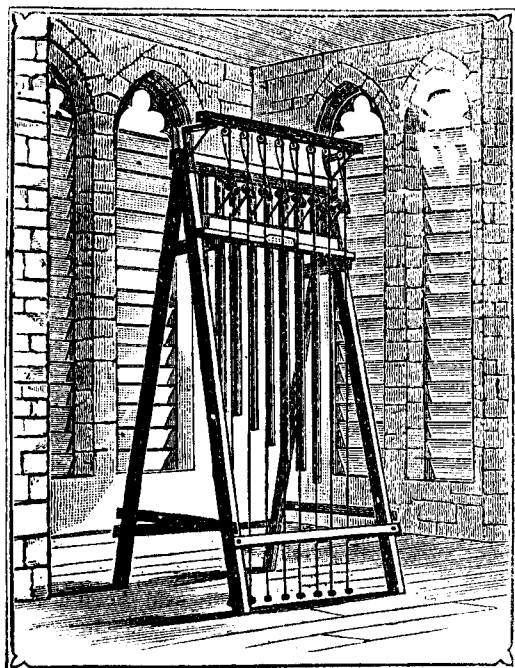
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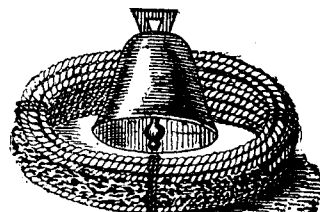
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## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

A quarterly meeting of the above Guild was held at Wooburn, on Saturday, April 7th. Representatives came from High Wycombe, Hughenden, Farnham Royal, Boyn Hill, Slough, Marlow, and Reading. The following clergy of the diocese attended: Rev. F. E. Robinson, of Drayton, Berks, Master of the Guild; Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis, of Dunsden, Reading, Hon. Sec. of the Guild; Rev. A. H. Drummond, Boyn Hill, Rev. M. Scott, Rev. H. O. Fearnley Whittingstall, Vicar of Marlow, Rev. M. E. Kirkland, of Hedsor, and Rev. A. Woodin, of Wooburn. Amongst the ringers present were Messrs. W. Newell and J. Hern, of Reading, A. H. Cocks, J. C. Truss, and W. E. Yates, of Marlow (instructor to the Wooburn ringers). During the afternoon a number of touches were rung on the bells, including 504 of Stedman Triples, 560 of Bob Major, and 546 of Grandsire Triples. Several of the ringers, including Rev. F. E. Robinson (Master), J. C. Truss, jun., J. Evans, H. Stratford, Fred Biggs, Ralph Biggs, Sidney Goodchild, and F. Boreham, journeyed over to Beaconsfield, for a peal of Stedman Triples. As Mr. Evans was on his way there he had the misfortune to be thrown out of the trap in which he was driving, and received some severe cuts about his face. He, however, very pluckily proceeded to the Church, and took part in the ringing. At 5.30 the members and friends assembled in Wooburn Church, and engaged in a special service of shortened evensong, conducted by the Vicar. The rev. gentleman preached an appropriate sermon from the words—"And His sound shall be heard when He goeth in unto the holy place before the Lord," from Exodus xxviii. 35. After a description of the high priest's garment, around the hem of which were pomegranates and golden bells, the Vicar said that the costly adornment of the Jewish priest's garments was a divine appointment, and every detail of the ritual of worship was designed and ordered by the Lord, and this fact alone formed a strong argument in upholding a didactic beauty in Christian worship. The object of the elaborate ritual practised by the Jews was to inspire the people with a deep sense of the solemnity of approach to God, and to render the ministrations of the church real and awful, that the people might be struck with reverence and godly fear who thus came into God's presence. The whole design and plan was summed up in one general idea, namely, holiness to the Lord, and that should be the keynote of all their movements. The sound of the golden bells would advise the assembled people at the precise moment when the high priest went into the holy place to offer incense, and this call to worship appeared to be the origin of church bells. For about 1200 years bells have been used in this land, and in Scotland ever since the sixth century. The greatest possible gratitude must be felt by all lovers of the belfry to see the vast improvements during the last thirty years. The belfry, instead of being a disgrace and dishonour to God, had become as it was always intended to be, a sanctified part of the sacred edifice, and many costly bells, instead of being used as mere instruments for ringing in so much beer, very often to be consumed on the premises, had now assumed their proper functions and rang out to summon people to God and prayer. Many of the members of the Guild were now, as they all ought to be, communicants of the Church, and their aim should be to live a life of holiness and glory to their Master, and let all their bell-ringing be done to the glory of God. The vicar advised the ringers to let their watchword be "Holiness to the Lord," and in every practice and every peal to remember that they were part of the sacred house, and if they wanted peace at last, when their ringing was all over in this world, while they were strong in the body they should be strong in the Lord Jesus Christ. In concluding the address, which was listened to with close attention, the vicar urged the men to let everything they did be acceptable to God, and if they took away only the three words, Holiness to God, then their meeting would not have been in vain.

After the service the ringers and friends, to the number of 57, adjourned to the schoolroom, where a most excellent tea had been prepared. Full justice having been done to the good things provided, and grace duly said, the Master of the Guild (Rev. F. E. Robinson) rose and said that they must all agree that they had had an excellent tea, and he wished to thank

those who had so kindly provided it. He also wished to thank the vicar for the bright service and sermon. The small attendance at some of the quarterly meetings had made him somewhat dispirited, but he congratulated himself on the good number assembled that afternoon, and felt stimulated and encouraged to go on. He was told that they had had some excellent ringing that day, and if they could only get such hearty meetings in every part of the diocese, then he felt they would be doing all they could to ensure the progress of the Guild. He proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to all who had ministered to their enjoyment.

The Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis (Guild Secretary), in seconding the vote of thanks, said he had the pleasure to report that they had fifty-four newly-elected change-ringing members this year, as against twenty probationers, and that day he was told that the Chalfont St. Peter ringers were going to join. He was glad to know that the Wooburn belfry stood second on the list in quantity of peals. He had attempted to get the G.W.R. to allow bell-ringers to travel return journeys a one and a quarter fare, but the Company replied that they could not see their way to do so at present.

The Rev. A. Woodin, who was received with loud applause, said he was delighted to see them there that day. Although not a bell-ringer himself, yet he took an interest in the Guild, and on the old principle that unity was strength he was doing all he could to strengthen the bell-ringers. They had got a splendid band of young ringers at Wooburn, and the instructor (Mr. W. E. Yates) was most painstaking in his work. He thought the money had been exceedingly well laid out, and he was inclined to ask for twelve more lessons, especially as the Secretary had told him no one else had applied for instruction. It was a great pleasure to him to have entertained the Guild, and he thanked Mr. Robinson for speaking so kindly to him. He thought they had given him much more than his due, and he appreciated the kind sentiments very heartily indeed.

A number of the members, with the Guild Master, then proceeded to the church tower and rang a course of London Surprise, thus bringing to a close a very pleasant day's gathering.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN BRANCH.

On Saturday, April 7th, the monthly meeting of the above society was held at St. Michael's, Huyton. The only tower represented beside the local band was Warrington. The tower was open for ringing at two o'clock. The business meeting was held at the Infants' Schoolroom, at which Mr. Rimmer, of Huyton, presided. The minutes of the previous meeting held at Biscot, were read and confirmed. Mr. Rimmer said he did not know how it was that there was such a poor meeting, and he asked Mr. Moore whether he could account for it. Mr. Moore said that he had heard that the bells were so heavy and hard to ring that ringers would not come, but he did not think they were hard ringing, but that they ran very well for their weight, and it was a shame to propose a meeting where they would not turn up better than they did. It was proposed by J. Tickle, and seconded by J. Copple, that A. Rose, of Huyton, become a member of the association. It was proposed by J. Tickle, seconded by J. Copple, that Wigan be the next meeting place. A vote of thanks to the chairman for presiding, also to the rector and churchwardens for the use of the bells, &c., and to the local company for having everything in readiness, terminated the meeting.

## BORDEN, KENT.

On Friday, April 20th, being the practice-night of the Borden company, the members took the opportunity of presenting Mr. Charles Willshire with a silver watch-chain and pipe, as a slight mark of their appreciation of his efforts in reviving change-ringing in this tower, which had been in abeyance for the past eighty years. The company rung their first peal on the 7th instant, as duly recorded in this paper. After a short touch of Grandsire Triples the presentation was made by the Rev. E. Phillips (curate of the parish), who is a practising member, in a few well-chosen remarks.

### RE-OPENING OF THE BELLS OF ST. MARY, LEWISHAM, KENT.

An interesting event took place on Saturday, March 24th, at the parish church of Lewisham. This was the re-opening of the bells which had been silent since June of last year. A special service was held in the church, at which most of the clergy of the district were present, also a large congregation, the Lord Bishop of Southwark officiating. The service commenced with the singing of the hymn commencing "Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens adore Him," followed by the Lord's Prayer and the proper versicles and responses intoned by the Bishop standing before the Communion Table, and Psalm 150. His lordship, accompanied by the clergy and choir, then proceeded to the west end of the church, where the Bishop offered prayer that Almighty God, who by the mouth of His servant Moses did command the making of two silver trumpets for the convocation of solemn assemblies, would be pleased to accept the offering of His people, and grant that through this and succeeding generations the bells might continually call together His faithful people to praise and worship. Other prayers followed for blessings on those who would listen to the sound of the bells and enter the House of Prayer, for those who by reason of sickness or other necessity would be hindered, and for those for whom the "passing bell" would be heard. Psalm 122 was then sung, and the Bishop, clergy and choir returned to the chancel, whence his lordship delivered a brief address. A course of Grandsire Triples was then rung, and the hymn "Hark on high the joyful music!" was sung during the offertory—which amounted to upwards of £10, and was on behalf of the bells account. The Benediction was then given by the Bishop, and clergy and choir left the church whilst "Now thank we all our God" was sung.

Several of the congregation afterwards availed themselves of the opportunity of inspecting the belfry, and several touches on the bells were given by the ringers of the church.

The work has been admirably carried out by Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough, the total cost being £257, of which £15 was required prior to the service on Saturday. The bells are now hung from an iron frame instead of one of oak as formerly, and are now all on the same level. They are fitted with Hastings' tongues and guiders in place of the usual sliders, this being an invention of the Rev. Edward Horne, of Bishop's Down, Tunbridge Wells, and in that respect are perfectly unique. The seventh bell—that which has been recast—bears the date of founding (1766) and of recasting (1894), with the names of the present vicar of Lewisham and churchwardens (Messrs. T. A. Warrington and G. W. J. King) in addition to the following Latin inscription from an ancient Christmas hymn in the Mayence Hymnary:—

Gloria tibi Domine.  
Qui natus es de Virgine.

("Glory to thee, O Lord, Who was born of the Virgin.")

The "go" of the bells is now all that can be desired. All change-ringers will be given a hearty welcome at St. Mary's. The bells are rung on Sundays from 10 to 11 a.m. and 5.30 to 6.30 p.m., also on Mondays at 8 p.m. for practice. The first peal was rung on the bells on Tuesday, April 10th, and was recorded in its proper place.

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

The nineteenth annual meeting of the above society was held in the belfry of the parish church on Tuesday evening, April 10th, under the presidency of the Rev. S. W. E. Bird, M.A., also present H. Hems, G. Hems, S. Herbert, A. C. Bird, Esq., and F. and E. Shepherd, J. Moss, C. Carter, T. Mudge, W. Drake, A. Southcott, T. Townsend, S. Perkins, B. Mundy, W. Richardson, T. J. Lake, E. Sargent and F. Davey. The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, the treasurer's and secretary's reports were read and adopted. The former show a balance in hand after paying something like five pounds odd towards outings, &c. The secretary's report showed that the society had rung one peal of 5040, four quarter-peals and several touches, making a total of about 15,000 changes having been rung true and complete. There were twenty-six members on the books who took a lively interest in the doings of the society. The places visited during the year had been Chagford, Drewsteignton, Witheridge, Axminster, Chard, Withycombe, (Ex-

mouth), Thorverton, Colyton, Pinhoe, and various towers in the city. It touched generally on the proud position the society held in the county, and expressed a hope that more peals would be rung during the coming year. Mr. B. Mundy proposed the following officers, and Mr. J. Moss seconded: Presidents—The rector, Rev. S. W. E. Bird, M.A.; Vice-Presidents: H. Hems, S. Herbert, G. Hems, and A. C. Bird, Esqrs.; Ringing Master: Ferris Shepherd; Treasurer: Edwin Shepherd; Secretary: Frank Davey. Mr. Squires was elected a hon. member of the society. On the proposition of F. Shepherd, seconded by J. Moss, a vote of thanks was accorded to Miss Templer, who kindly gives a present every year to the member who attends most regular, the winner this year being Mr. T. Mudge.

At the last annual meeting something was said about having a stained glass window for the belfry, but nothing was actually done in the matter. Mr. B. Mundy now proposed that the officers of the society form themselves into a committee and see what could be really done. This was seconded by S. Herbert, Esq., who remarked that the tracery of the window was very grand and worthy to have stained glass fixed into it. He proposed that Mr. Mundy be on the committee, which was carried. Several other little matters of a minor character were agreeably disposed of, and a vote of thanks to the chairman was proposed by H. Hems, Esq., who, in a very able speech, spoke of the high respect and regard the members one and all had for him, their rector. In replying, the Rev. S. W. E. Bird thanked them for their kind wishes, and remarked that as this was his seventh year of office, his term of apprenticeship so to speak, had expired, he would now go on as an improver. His only regret was he was sorry he was not able to get associated with a peal of bells during his ministry until too late to take an active part. He, however, was often with them in mind, and was proud of them. They could not ring too often or too long for him.

### THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—PRESENTATIONS AT LUDLOW, SHROPSHIRE.

On Monday evening, the 9th instant, an interesting presentation was made in the belfry of St. Lawrence's church, Ludlow, by the members of the local company, to the Rev. J. P. Cranstoun, Master of the society, on his removal from Ludlow. There was a full attendance of members. The presentation consisted of a miniature bell—a model of the tenor now in the belfry—with inscriptions upon it. The frame was made from a piece of the old oak of the frame in which the bell was hung before the restoration. The presentation was made by the Rev. E. ff. Clayton (rector), who expressed the regret felt by the members of the society at the departure of Mr. Cranstoun, and at the same time their wishes for his success in his new sphere of labour. Mr. Cranstoun suitably returned thanks, and Mr. Robert Marston spoke of the great efforts of Mr. Cranstoun in the town.

On Wednesday evening, the 11th instant, the Rev. J. P. Cranstoun was the recipient of an address and a handsome silver-mounted ink-stand from the congregation of St. Leonard's church. The presentation was made by the Mayor of Ludlow. On the same evening another presentation was made to the rev. gentleman at the Grammar School, on the occasion of his retirement from the position of head master. This was made by Mr. C. R. Warren, on behalf of the masters and scholars. Mr. Warren said that perhaps he, more than any other present scholar, was able to testify to Mr. Cranstoun's care and efforts on behalf of his pupils, and he wished to thank him personally for his care and kindness. Mr. R. Tillyard said it was fitting that the last in the series of presentations should be one from the scholars. It was impossible for any headmaster and staff to have worked more harmoniously together than they had at Ludlow. Mr. Cranstoun, in reply, said he should carry away from Ludlow those marks of good feeling, and they would remind him of the happy days spent at Ludlow. It was indeed a great pleasure to him to know that he and they were parting such good friends. At the close three cheers were given for Mrs. Cranstoun.

The presentation consisted of a framed address, illustrated with local views, a telescope on stand, and a handsome drawing-room lamp.



## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—GILLINGHAM BRANCH.

UNVEILING OF PEAL TABLETS.—On Saturday, March 31st, the ceremony took place of unveiling four tablets recording twelve peals rang as follows: three peals of Kent Treble Bob Major, a peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major, a peal of Double Norwich, a peal of Stedman Triples, a peal of Superlative Surprise Major, a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major. The above eight peals were conducted by G. Lindoff. A peal of Bob Triples, two peals of Kent Treble Bob Major, and a peal of Double Norwich Major, conducted by W. Haigh. The peals of Oxford, Superlative, and Cambridge, are the first peals rang in these methods by the Kent County Association. Miss Cheffins, of "The Grange," Gillingham, who had kindly promised to unveil the tablets, was accompanied by the vicar and Miss Robins. The local ringers mustered in good force, and welcomed the visitors. The captain called upon Miss Cheffins to unveil the tablets. The vicar, the Rev. Dr. W. H. Robins (who is blind), asked his daughter to read the records to him, and afterwards congratulated the ringers on their success. Miss Cheffins had a desire to see how change-ringing was performed, and the ringers rang a course of Grandsire Triples. The captain, on behalf of the ringers, thanked her for coming to unveil the tablets. Miss Cheffins in reply said she was very pleased in having the honour, and wished the ringers continued success.

## ST. JOHN'S GUILD, BROMSGROVE.

A meeting of the above Society was held at St. John's church, on Saturday, March 10th, when ringers were present from Bromsgrove, Stoke Prior, Hanbury and Feckenham, and 575 of Grandsire Caters was rung. G. Mason, 1; O. James, 2; B. Morris, 3; T. Albutt, 4; W. James, 5; G. Hayward (conductor), 6; J. Mason, 7; A. Moore, 8; G. Bourn, 9; J. Parry, 10. Touches of Grandsire Triples and Bob Major were also rang. A meeting was afterwards held, G. Hayward presiding. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Hanbury. A vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and a vote of thanks to the Master for presiding concluded an enjoyable evening. A meeting of the above was also held at Hanbury, on Saturday, April 7th, when there was a good muster of members present. Touches of Treble Bob, Grandsire Triples and Minor were rung. The next meeting was held at Feckenham, on Saturday, April 21st, where ringers received a hearty welcome. A vote of thanks was passed to the Rector for the use of the bells. Several new members were elected, and a most enjoyable evening was spent. Any ringers wishing to become members can receive any information from the Secretary.

## LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—ROCHDALE BRANCH.

The monthly meeting of the above was held at All Saints, Hamer, on Saturday, April 7th, for the re-opening of the bells, members being present from Ashton, Bacup, Shaw, Oldham the local company also being present. The bells were re-opened by a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor. J. Barton (Shaw), 1; J. W. Travis (Shaw), 2; T. H. Lucas (Shaw), 3; S. Stott (conductor, Oldham), 4; J. W. Cockcroft (Shaw), 5; J. Harrison (Heywood), 6. The meeting was held in the school-room, presided over by Mr. Cockcroft, and it was decided to have the next meeting at Healey, on Saturday, May 12th. A vote of thanks to the vicar for the use of the bells brought the meeting to a close. The ringers again visited the tower and rang touches of Oxford, Violet, Kent Treble Bob Minor, Plain Bob, and Grandsire Minor. An attempt was made for a 720 of Violet, which came to grief after 600 changes had been rung through a change-course taking place.

DENHAM (Bucks).—On Monday, April 9th, at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 5¼ mins. W. Joiner, 1; R. Flaxman, 2; J. J. Parker (conductor), 3; A. Finch, 4; G. A. Newman, 5; H. Wilkinson, 6; J. Pratt, 7; Rev. R. H. Lathbury, 8.

\* \* A number of touches are unavoidably crowded out. They will all appear in due course.

## THE HEAVY WOOLLEN DISTRICT ASSOCIATION, YORKSHIRE.

The April meeting of this Association was held at Kirkburton, a village situate about four miles from Huddersfield. The day being fine, a large muster assembled together from Batley, Dewsbury, Osssett, Earlsheaton, Birstal, Mirfield, Brighouse, Shotley, Batley Carr, Thornhill, Liversedge, and other places. The meeting for business took place at The George inn, the chair being occupied by the President. The business transacted at the meeting was gone through as speedily as possible to allow companies present, who were competing at the coming contest, having their practice. The Kirkburton branch handed into the meeting the sum of £1 towards the six-bell cup. The contest at this place will be held on Saturday, May 12th, when the local company intend presenting to the competitors prizes in addition to the cup. A vote of thanks to the local company for their endeavours to make the contest a success, and to the vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells, brought the meeting to a close.

## 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 RECENT PEAL AT DUNSTER.

SIR,—I was surprised to see in your last issue that some one had taken the trouble to inform you that the peal should have been headed "The Bath and Wells Diocesan Association," as I was under the impression that a band of ringers belonging to more than one society had a perfect right to record their peals under which society they thought proper, and it was the wish of the band that this peal should be recorded as sent by me. Should any more information be required it might be had by applying to

The Ball, Dunster.

W. W. THORNE.

## CORRECTIONS.

SIR,—In the current number of "THE BELL NEWS," it is stated in the note to the peal rung at Norwich on the 13th inst. "that it is supposed to be the third peal ever rung in the method on handbells, all of which have been scored by the Norwich Diocesan Association." If the writer of this paragraph will kindly refer to "THE BELL NEWS," vol. vii., page 595, he will find the record of a peal of Bob Royal of 5000 changes, rung on Saturday, February 16th, 1889, at St. Albans, composed and conducted by Mr. W. H. L. Buckingham.

25, Childebert Road, Balham, S.W.

JNO. C. MITCHELL.

SIR—The peal of Stedman Triples rung at Beaconsfield on April 7th, and published in your issue of April 21st, should have been timed 2 hrs. and 54 mins.

Hughenden Road, High Wycombe.

F. BIGGS.

## PRIORITY OF CLAIMS.

SIR,—Anent the question of who has the priority of the composition of the peal laying between A. Percival Heywood, Esq. and Mr. Lindoff, is I think a matter of great, if not vital interest to the Exercise in general. Inasmuch as to where is the utility of a ringer devoting his time to composition when as he assumes he is scaling the ladder unfettered, to find when approaching the higher rungs he is flung, figuratively, to the ground? For instance, were I to compose here, in America, peals to-day and not publish them, and another ringer published them twenty years later, I could not cavil as to the owner, as I did not take the precaution to publish them through the proper channel, i.e. "THE BELL NEWS," which we all acknowledge as our only medium. Now, Mr. Editor, as an old ringer, I know that you are anytime "for the benefit of the Exercise" only too glad to publish anything for the advancement of the art, and I think if the quarter-peals and dates were omitted by so many aspirants to composition we might soon have all the original peals before us, and then those mostly interested might be able to publish their peals, and I think too, that the peal as composed and first reaching the publisher, should have the priority with the composer's name affixed. As a reader of "THE BELL NEWS" from its birth, I trust you will publish this, as I think the majority of ringers have the same opinion, and I would like to see this acted upon.

JOHN WRIGHT.

331, Fourth Street, Jersey City, New York, U.S.A.



## THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Easter Monday, March 26th, the above society held their annual general meeting at Staveley in summer-like weather, a large muster of ringers being present from Eckington, Killamarsh, Dronfield, Rotherham, Sheffield, Treeton, Bolsterstone, Norton, and Headingley. Service was held in the parish church, and was well attended by ringers and friends. The Rev. H. E. Ferry, President of the Association, preached a very touching and interesting sermon, which was listened to with great interest, the same being the rev. gentleman's farewell address. The members regret to learn that their President is leaving the district, he having been a generous supporter of the Association, and all work connected with the church and tower. He joined the Eckington company at the end of the ropes, and made himself one of the band, doing all that was possible to make the ringers feel what good results could be derived from the presence and assistance of the Clergy. They always take a pleasure to join them at their meetings, no matter where it was held, if the ringers thought well to have a business meeting at the club-room of a village inn, their shepherd would not leave his sheep. The loss of such a friend one and all will deeply regret; but they hope at the same time that some other company of ringers, whoever they may be, will have the pleasure to welcome the friend which they will miss.

Dinner was provided at The Elm Tree inn by Mr. Crofts, to which ample justice was done. After the usual toasts, the President, the Rev. H. E. Ferry, took the chair. The minutes having been confirmed as read, the Secretary next read the statement of accounts for the year ending December 31st, 1893. The society have again been able to place a small amount to the reserve fund, and also increased the number of members.

On the motion of Mr. G. Marsden, seconded by Mr. J. Harris, the accounts were passed.

The following officers were elected:—President—Mr. C. Severn; Vice-Presidents—Mr. H. Madin and Mr. D. Brearley; Hon. Treasurer—Mr. T. Lunn (re-elected); Hon. Secretary—E. James; Committee—Messrs. Price, Harris, Tarlton, Allen, Bettison, Clough, Hattersley, Platts and Nicholson.

The next quarterly meeting will be held at Dronfield.

The printing of the reports, etc., were ordered to be left in the Secretary's hands, and the usual vote of thanks concluded a very enjoyable meeting.

## GREAT DUNMOW, ESSEX.

On Sunday, April 15th, Messrs. T. S. and A. Barker, E. Hynds, E. Claydon and H. Emery, of Stebbing; M. Moore, Bocking, and C. H. Howard, Braintree, paid a visit to St. Mary's church, and by kind permission of Rev. C. C. Naters, rang the bells for Divine Service throughout the day, commencing with an attempt for a 720 Bob Minor for the morning service, which was successfully brought round in 30 mins. H. Emery, 1; J. T. Barker, 2; W. Moore, 3; E. Hynds, 4; E. Claydon, 5; C. H. Howard (conductor), 6. After several shorter touches in the same method, and Grandsire and Bob Doubles, the ringers attended the morning service. And for service in the afternoon, an attempt was made for 720 Bob Minor, but soon came to grief owing to the second rope catching in the pulley-wheel, and after temporarily remedying it, a 6-score Grandsire Doubles was rung. A. Barker, 1; H. Emery, 2; M. Moore, 3; E. Hynds, 4; T. S. Barker, 5; C. H. Howard (conductor), 6. The ringers again assembled at 5 p.m. to have a good long ring for the 6.30 evening service, and again attempted Bob Minor (Penning's one-part), which however came to grief after about 420 changes had been rung, the second rope again catching. Afterwards, having again tried our best to effect a remedy, we made a second attempt, but disappointment again doomed us, and a 6-score each of Grandsire and Bob Doubles was rung to finish the day's ringing. A. Barker, 1; T. Barker, 2; H. Emery, 3; C. H. Howard (conductor), 4; E. Claydon, 5; H. Noon (Dunmow), 6. The ringers wish through the medium of this paper to thank the Rev. C. C. Naters for the use of the bells, and the kind reception he gave them, and to the local ringers for having everything ready for them. The bells are a musical peal, tenor 25 cwt., and are with the exception of the second, in capital ringing order. H.

## WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—YATELEY.

The annual meeting of the Yateley band of change-ringers was held on Tuesday, April 17th, at Hatfield, the residence of the esteemed president of the Yateley society. Before the business commenced, the president rose and thanked the ringers for having rang the bells on the occasion on the birth of his first grandchild, and also for ringing on Sunday, April 15th, after the baptism of the baby, which took place in Yateley church on that day. Both himself and Mrs. Stilwell were quite touched by the expression of goodwill shown by the ringers towards themselves and also to their son and daughter (Mr. and Mrs. Holt Stilwell) and he hoped the same good feeling might exist for many years to come. Mr. H. Hilton, the foreman ringer, in a few chosen words responded in the name of the ringers. It always gave himself and his brother-ringers great pleasure to do what they could as a feeble return to Mr. and Mrs. Stilwell for the great good they done in the parish, not only to the ringers, but to any other good object brought under their notice.

The president having briefly responded, the business commenced. The minutes of the last year's meeting having been read and confirmed, the usual business was gone through, and the financial position of the society was found to be in a very good state indeed, thanks being due to the liberal-minded gentleman at the head of affairs, who has always been such a friend to the ringers. The president and foreman having been re-elected, and there being no other business, the meeting was declared closed. A vote of thanks to the president was proposed by Mr. Hilton, and seconded by W. Tice.

The ringers were afterwards entertained to supper by Mr. and Mrs. Stilwell, which consisted of the good old English fare of roast beef and plum pudding, to which ample justice was done, every one having refreshed the inner man, "Stand" was called, and the president again came into the room to say "Good-night," after which the ringers dispersed to their homes, every one remarking what a pleasant evening had been spent.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ROSSENDALE BRANCH.—A meeting was held at Newchurch, on Saturday, March 31st, and was well attended by members from Bacup, Heywood, Helmshore, Ramsbottom, Rawtenstall, and Waterfoot, besides the local company. The bells were set going about 4 o'clock, and an adjournment was made to the school where a tea was provided by the Rector, and after ample justice had been done to the good things provided, an adjournment was made to the upper room, where the meeting was held, the Rev. T. B. Eddrup, curate, presiding, in absence of the Rector. The minutes being passed, it was proposed that a peal-book be provided for the branch, and all peals rung by the branch be entered therein. Another member was added to the roll. The next meeting will be held at Haslingden, on Saturday, April 21st. All members are expected to attend if possible. Votes of thanks were given to the Rector for providing the tea, and to all that waited at the tables; also to the Rector and wardens for the use of the bells and belfry, and to the ringers for having all in readiness; also to the chairman for presiding; that ending the meeting. The tower was again visited, when touches of Grandsire Triples, Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob Major, Oxford Treble Bob Minor, and a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, were rung.

## THE REV. H. DALE, LATE RECTOR OF WILBY, NORTHANTS.

Death has called away an aged and respected clergyman in the person of the Rev. Henry Dale, for nearly thirty-eight years rector of Wilby, near Wellingborough, and whose funeral took place at Wilby, on Tuesday week last. The tenor bell of Wellingborough parish church was tolled from 10.45 to 11.15 on Tuesday morning, as the funeral passed from the station through the town, on its way to Wilby. During the many years the late rev. gentleman was Rector of Wilby, the church was restored, the bells were re-hung, the tenor re-cast, and a new treble added to make a ring of four. A new clock was also placed in the tower. On the evening of the funeral, the local ringers rang muffled peals on the church bells, which were recently increased to five.

## DEDICATION OF BELLS AT PINHOE, DEVON.

The new peal of bells, recently placed in the parish church, and first rung for Divine service on Easter Day, was dedicated on Sunday morning, April 1st, by the Lord Bishop of Exeter. At the conclusion of matins, and previous to the commencement of the Communion office, a short voluntary was played, after which the Bishop, accompanied by the Vicar and choir, proceeded to the belfry chanting the 150th Psalm. The Bishop then offered prayers of an appropriate character. The ringers chimed the bells with nice effect for two or three minutes, when the procession returned to the chancel singing the hymn, "Hark on high the joyful music! hark the concert of the bells!" The sermon was preached by the Bishop, on the words, "Peace be unto you," from the Gospel for the day. He alluded to the mottoes placed on the new bells, and congratulated the parishioners on the happy accomplishment during the past few years of so many good works, including the thorough restoration of the ancient parish church at a cost of more than £1500; the erection of new day schools; the conversion of the old schools into a commodious mission church for the village; the repair of the Sunday schools; the construction of a new organ for the church at a cost of 200 guineas; and, lastly, the restoration and enlargement of the peal of bells now dedicated to the service of God. In the afternoon, before and after service, several well-struck touches were rung by bands from Honiton Clyst, St. David's and St. Sidwell's, Exeter, conducted respectively by Messrs. Broughton, Searle, and Shepherd. The bells are now six in number, two trebles having been added, and the old second recast by Warner. Of the old bells of Pinhoe the treble (now the third) is a "Jesus" bell, and bears the mediæval inscription, "Est mihi collatum istud nomen IESUS." The new treble has for its motto the word "Alleluia." The new second is the bell of peace and of the Resurrection, its inscription being, "Peace be unto you." The fourth is the Advent bell, bearing the inscription, "I will come again." The sixth bell is the bell of humility, with the ancient inscription in old English lettering, "Pres not thyself." The cost of the bells has been defrayed by the parishioners and others, and the whole work has been well carried out by Mr. Harry Stokes, church bell-hanger, of Woodbury. The new bell fund had been started by a fine old Churchman, Mr. Charles Wimbolt, residing in Pinhoe, at the commencement of last year. On hearing that the Vicar had expressed a wish for better bells, the aged man left his house (at the advanced age of 92), ascended the long hill, and placed in the Vicar's hands a cheque for £10. The new "cage" of well-seasoned English oak, a splendid piece of carpentry, was given by Mrs. Norris, of Beacon Downes, in addition to a considerable donation in money from herself and family.

## THE LUDLOW GUILD.

The above named Society in connection with the Hereford Diocesan Guild, had an Easter Holiday on Tuesday, 27th March, when seventeen members of the Guild took advantage of the occasion and the fine weather.

The programme, effectively arranged by the Master and Secretary, consisted of a journey to Hereford by the morning train, where they surveyed the Cathedral and its noble peal of ten bells under the guidance of Mr. R. Phillips, and the most courteous permission of the Chapter through the Rev. Canon Smith. After a substantial luncheon at The Mitre hotel, the visitors wended their way, accompanied by Mr. George Chester, of Lincoln, and W. H. Fussell (Guild instructor), of Hereford, to the town of Lugwardine, four miles out, and received a most hearty welcome from the Vicar, Rev. A. C. Lee (Hon. Sec. of the Guild). Here some Doubles, conducted by R. Marston, Esq., G. Chester, and J. Jones respectively was rung, and some Minor, in which all took a part as well as some of the local ringers, including W. R. Turner. Tea was thoughtfully provided in the parish room adjoining the churchyard, to which exactly a quarter of a hundred sat down, the Rev. J. P. Cranstoun, in the chair, and Rev. A. C. Lee, vice-chair. Several business and Guild matters were discussed, and a numerous and pleasant gathering came to a close only too soon, to allow of the Ludlow Company's departure for home.

## Central Council Correspondence.

SIR,—I was extremely sorry that I was unable to remain at the Council meeting until the discussion on "Handbell peals and Umpires" was reached. I have read your report in today's "BELL NEWS" with much interest. My experience of peal-ringing on handbells has convinced me that it is very necessary to have an umpire who should be a change-ringer (if possible a handbell ringer), of considerable standing, and he should have a clear copy of the figures of the course-ends, or better still the lead-ends, *throughout the peal*, with all calls duly marked. Mr. James' suggestion that the door should be allowed to remain open when a handbell peal is being rung strikes me as being most impracticable. A handbell peal is much more easily lost than a tower peal, and yet I suppose not one band in fifty would consent to start for a peal with the tower door unlocked. It is most irritating and distracting to a handbell ringer to have any movement about the room during the progress of the peal. I sympathise with him as to the difficulty in some cases of getting an umpire, my colleagues and I, both in London and St. Albans, having had considerable difficulty in this respect, in fact, on November 19th, 1887, we did ring at St. Albans a peal of Grandsire Triples without an umpire, the ringer who had consented to be present failing to appear. This was nearly seven years ago, and I doubt if any of the band would do the same again, certainly not with a peal of any consequence. J. C. MITCHELL, Hon. Member Central Council.

25, Childebert Road, Balham, S.W., April 21st, 1894.

## THORVERTON, DEVON.

Considerable interest was manifested by the villagers on Tuesday last, in the conveyance of the two new treble bells from the Railway Station, to be placed in the church, and dedicated next Sunday evening by the Bishop of Exeter, who is announced to preach on that occasion. The bells, cast by Mears and Stainbank, of Whitechapel Foundry, were placed on a wagon, drawn by four powerful horses, and decorated very tastefully with arches of evergreen and spring flowers. The Vicar's warden, who has taken a very lively interest in the bell fund, supplied the conveyance, and all his men did their utmost to lend *elal* to the occasion. They were all posted by the side of the bells; one of them acting as postilion with the front pair of horses. One old man was noticed who had worked on the farm for very many years, to all appearance highly pleased to take part in the ceremony. After being photographed, the wagoners safely deposited their burden on the Churchyard step, and the bells were then placed in the aisle of the church. After their dedication, Mr. Harry Stokes, of Woodbury, will undertake the hanging in the place left for them in the cage, when it was restored two years ago. The committee are contemplating an opening day on the next Bank Holiday, Monday in Whitsun-week.

## EGLOSHAYLE, CORNWALL.

A ringing contest took place at Egloshayle, on Monday, by permission of the Vicar (Rev. G. Durno), and churchwardens (Messrs. M. Symons and E. Pollard). Sets from the following parishes competed:—St. Kew, St. Minver, St. Kew jun., St. Veep, St. Veep jun., Lanivet, St. Mabyn, Lanhydrock, Roche, St. Tudy, Lanlivery, St. Teath, St. Columb, St. Stephens-by-St. Austell, Lanreath, and St. Wenn. A special service for the ringers was held at noon, and an able address was delivered by the vicar. After the practice peals were over, the rules were read by the vicar, who was accorded three hearty cheers. The arrangements were admirably carried out by a committee of Egloshayle ringers, with Mr. R. Menhenick, treasurer, and Mr. A. Cleave, secretary. The judges were Mr. T. Biddick of Probus, Mr. P. Elford of St. Breward, and Mr. C. Lean of St. Kew; and their decision, which gave great satisfaction, was:—1st prize, St. Columb; 2nd, Lanreath; 3rd, St. Wenn; 4th, Lanhydrock; 5th, Lanlivery; 6th, St. Mabyn. Messrs. H. Biddick and W. Rickard acted as time-keepers with the judges, and Messrs. J. Matthews and E. Rickard in the tower. The ringing was good throughout.—*Western Morning News*.

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SATURDAY, APRIL 28, 1894.

## The Metropolis.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Tuesday, April 17, 1894, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, BATTERSEA,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 13 cwt.

W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM .. Treble.	THOMAS GROVES .. .. 5.
WALTER SORRELL .. .. 2.	ALFRED P. GODDARD .. 6.
CHARLIS F. WINNEY .. .. 3.	WILLIAM T. COCKERILL .. 7.
ERNEST E. HUNTLEY .. .. 4.	WILLIAM E. GARRARD .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER and Conducted by C. F. WINNEY.

E. E. Huntley hails from Bushey; Groves and Goddard from Salisbury.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, April 21, 1894, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SEPULCHRE, SNOW HILL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES.

Tenor 32 cwt. in D.

JOHN ROGERS .. .. Treble.	HENRY WARNETT .. .. 6.
CHARLES E. MALIM .. .. 2.	ALBERT CHURCH .. .. 7.
JOHN NELMS .. .. 3.	WALTER HASTED .. .. 8.
WILLIAM TRUSS .. .. 4.	FREDERICK J. PITTS .. 9.
JOSEPH BARRY .. .. 5.	ARTHUR DEANS .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JOHN ROGERS.

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

**The Provinces.****PEASENHALL, SUFFOLK.****THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

On Wednesday, April 18, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

**FORTY-TWO SIX-SCORES OF DOUBLES IN THE FIVE FOLLOWING METHODS;**

Being eight 6-scores of St. Simon's, Hudibras, and Doubles; and nine 6-scores of Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles.

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WILLIAM BACON .. .. 2.	WILLIAM NICHOLLS .. .. 4.
FREDERICK RODWELL .. .. Tenor.	

Conducted by FREDERICK RODWELL.

\*First 5040.

**CHARLTON KINGS, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.**

On Thursday, April 19, 1894, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

J. H. MIDWINTER* .. .. Treble.	†J. MIDWINTER .. .. 5.
F. TOWNSEND .. .. 2.	W. DYER .. .. 6.
G. HAMLETT* .. .. 3.	W. JAMES .. .. 7.
W. BRINKWORTH* .. .. 4.	*F. TURNER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. DYER.

\*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. This is the first peal by the local company since the augmentation of the bells from six to eight in June last.

**SWINTON, LANCASHIRE.****THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, April 21, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

TAYLOR'S BOB-AND-SINGLE.

E. OWEN .. .. Treble.	J. BROCKBANK .. .. 5.
C. CASH .. .. 2.	J. URMSTON .. .. 6.
R. PEARSE .. .. 3.	E. CASH .. .. 7.
J. WELSBY .. .. 4.	J. T. JONES .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by E. CASH.

First peal by Messrs. Owen and Brockbank. J. Welsby hails from Walkden: the rest are of the local company.

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

(THE ST. PETER'S SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, April 21, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.**

Tenor 14 cwt.

HENRY SIMMONDS .. .. Treble.	GEORGE ESSEX .. .. 5.
ERNEST W. MENDAY .. .. 2.	ARTHUR W. PIKE .. .. 6.
HARRY BRIDGEMAN .. .. 3.	HENRY SMITH .. .. 7.
JOSEPH HANDS .. .. 4.	THOMAS NEWMAN .. .. Tenor.

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

The band had intended to have attempted the 13,440 of Double Norwich, but finding the Cumberlands had been a few days before them, the above peal was rung by way of consolation.

**CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.****THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, April 21, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

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

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

FREDERICK R. HOUNSELL* Treble.	WILLIAM GIBSON .. .. 5.
ARTHUR A. FULLER .. .. 2.	FREDERICK HOUNSELL .. .. 6.
GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. 3.	PETER BENNETT .. .. 7.
JAMES SEARLE .. .. 4.	JAMES BATTS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

\*First peal. Messrs. Fuller, Batts, and Williams hail from Brighton; Searle from Burgess Hill; the remainder are local men.

**TONBRIDGE, KENT.****THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**

On Saturday, April 21, 1894, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.**

Tenor 21 cwt.

G. H. STONESTREET* .. Treble.	WILLIAM LATTER .. .. 5.
JAMES BAKER .. .. 2.	GEORGE A. CARD .. .. 6.
EDWARD MANKELOW .. .. 3.	†ALBERT E. EDWARDS .. .. 7.
JAMES MAYNARD .. .. 4.	THOMAS CARD .. .. Tenor.

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

\*First peal of Major. †First peal of Major with a bob bell. First peal in the method on the bells. G. H. Stonestreet was elected a member of the above society previous to starting for the peal.

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

On Saturday, April 21, 1894, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 20½ cwt.

JAMES BALDWIN .. .. Treble.	ALFRED NAYLOR .. .. 5.
WALTER WOOD .. .. 2.	ARTHUR CRAVEN .. .. 6.
CHARLES PRATT .. .. 3.	FREDERICK W. DIXON .. .. 7.
T. M. THOMPSON .. .. 4.	DAVID YORKE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, of Chesterfield, and Conducted by ARTHUR CRAVEN.

This peal, which is in thirteen courses, contains the 5th the extent in 6ths place, and the 6th the extent each way in 5-6, with eleven of the twelve 8-6-7s and 8-6s, and is now rung for the first time. Messrs. Baldwin, Thompson, and Dixon hail from Guiseley; Pratt from Calverley; Yorke from Holbeck; the rest are of the local company.

**FLIXTON, LANCASHIRE.****THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, April 21, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

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

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt.

J. HUNTER* .. .. Treble.	S. COLLIER .. .. 5.
J. M. RIDEHALGH* .. .. 2.	*S. STOTT .. .. 6.
J. GRATRIX .. .. 3.	*G. W. SHAW .. .. 7.
J. EACHUS .. .. 4.	*T. HARPER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by J. M. RIDEHALGH.

\*First peal. Messrs. Gratrix and Eachus hail from Manchester. Messrs. Stott and Shaw are Wardens; J. Hunter is a Sidesman of the church.

**MIDDLETON, LANCASHIRE.****THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, April 21, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.**

Tenor 12½ cwt.

THOMAS OLDHAM .. .. Treble.	DAN. RENSHAW .. .. 5.
EDMUND SCHOFIELD .. .. 2.	EDWIN B. SHAW .. .. 6.
JOSEPH CROSSLEY .. .. 3.	SAMUEL STOTT .. .. 7.
GEORGE HOYLE .. .. 4.	JOHN HARRISON .. .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY HUBBARD and Conducted by J. HARRISON.

J. Harrison hails from Heywood, and this is his first peal in the method as conductor.

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

On Saturday, April 21, 1894, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.**

Tenor 23 cwt. in E flat.

HENRY A. HALL† .. .. Treble.	SAMUEL SPITTLE .. .. 5.
BENJAMIN DALBON* .. .. 2.	JOHN SMITH .. .. 6.
WILLIAM R. SMALL .. .. 3.	*ROWLAND CARTWRIGHT .. .. 7.
JAMES GEORGE* .. .. 4.	*JAMES E. GROVES .. .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER and Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

†First peal of Major. \*First peal of Grandsire Major. Further reference to this peal will be found on another page.

## ARMLEY, YORKS.

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

On Monday, April 23, 1894, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

ARTHUR CRAVEN .. .. 1-2.	HARRY WILLIAMS .. .. 5-6.
JOSEPH THACKRAY .. .. 3-4.	JOHN WHITAKER .. .. 7-8.

Conducted by HARRY WILLIAMS.

Referee—Mr. John Thackray. This peal is the reduced number of H. J. Tucker's 6144, containing all the combinations of 4-5-6. It is the first peal in the method on handbells ever rung in the city of Leeds.

## HEENE, WORTHING, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 24, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES. Tenor 10½ cwt.

KEITH HART .. .. Treble.	GEORGE A. KING .. .. 5.
JAMES N. FROSSELL* .. .. 2.	GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. 6.
ARTHUR A. FULLER .. .. 3.	HARRY WESTON .. .. 7.
GEORGE BAKER .. .. 4.	GEORGE F. ATTREE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by H. JOHNSON and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

\*First peal of Cambridge with a bob bell. First peal of Cambridge on the bells.

Mr. W. H. L. Buckingham writes;—"Whilst congratulating our friends at Norwich on their peal of Bob Royal on handbells, retained in hand, I beg to point out that we rang a peal in that method at St. Albans in the year 1881."

## Date Touches.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

RAWMARSH (Yorkshire).—On Sunday, April 15th, for morning service at St. Mary's church, a date touch of Bob Major (1894 changes) in 1 hr. H. Bunce, 1; T. Whitworth (conductor), 2; S. Walker, 3; J. Ensor, 4; J. Farmery, 5; W. Hawkins, 6; R. Whitworth, 7; T. Wild, 8. Composed by P. Brickell, Northenden, Cheshire.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

WICKHAM SKEITH (Suffolk).—On Wednesday, April 4th, at St. Andrew's church, a date touch of Bob Minor, 1894 changes, in 1 hr. 13 mins. G. Kemp, 1; T. Davey, 2; D. Mays, 3; C. Nun, 4; G. Cattermole (conductor), 5; S. Kemp, 6.

## EAST LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HOLTON HOLEGATE (Lincolnshire).—On Monday evening, March 26th, a date touch, 1894 changes, in three different methods, comprising 454 Plain Bob, 720 Oxford Treble Bob, and 720 Kent Treble Bob, in 1 hr. 15 mins. G. Chapman, 1; A. Simm, 2; W. Hastings, 3; T. Seagrave, 4; J. Seagrave, 5; J. Haw (conductor), 6. Longest length on the bells.

## THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

ORMSKIRK (Lancashire).—On Tuesday, April 3rd, at the parish church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1894 changes, in 1 hr. 7 mins. J. Prescott, 1; C. Withington, 2; J. Sholicar (composer and conductor), 3; J. Pilkington, 4; P. H. Harvey, 5; H. J. Ellis, 6; J. Watts, 7; G. Prescott, 8.

## Miscellaneous.

## THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

OTTERY ST. MARY (Devon).—On Thursday, April 12th, at St. Mary's church, 1512 Grandsire Triples in 1 hr., being the first three parts of Holt's ten-part peal. G. Godfrey, 1; S. Godfrey (conductor), 2; J. Baker, 3; Rev. M. Kelly, 4; J. Godfrey, 5; G. White, 6; A. Pike, 7; T. Lovering, 8. Tenor 18 cwt. Longest touch on the bells by the local company.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

FARNHAM ROYAL (Bucks.).—On Sunday, March 25th, for evening service, 720 Grandsire Minor. J. Parker, 1; G. Basden, 2; J. J. Parker (conductor), 3; A. Crook, 4; J. Bovington, 5; C. Clark, 6. On Wednesday, March 28th, 720 Grandsire Minor. On Thursday, April 4th, 720 Oxford Bob. A. Crook, 1; J. Elderfield, 2; J. J. Parker, 3; G. Newman, 4; R. Flaxman, 5; C. Clark (first 720 as conductor), 6.

CAVERSHAM (Oxon).—On Friday, March 23rd, with the bells half-muffled, 1260 Stedman Triples. On Sunday, March 25th, 504 Stedman Triples. E. Woodley, 1; E. Menday, 2; H. Bridgeman, 3; G. Essex, 4; H. Smith, 5; A. W. Pike (conductor), 6; E. W. Menday, 7; H. Simmonds, 8. Also 560 Double Norwich. H. Simmonds, 1; E. Menday, 2; H. Bridgeman, 3; G. Essex, 4; H. Smith, 5; A. W. Pike, 6; E. W. Menday, 7; T. Newman (conductor), 8. On Sunday, April 1st, 560 Double Norwich. H. Simmonds, 1; J. Hands, 2; H. Bridgeman, 3; E. W. Menday, 4; H. Smith, 5; G. Essex, 6; A. W. Pike, 7; T. Newman (conductor), 8. On Sunday, April 8th, 1260 Grandsire Triples, Holt's Original. E. Woodley, 1; T. Newman, 2; E. Menday, 3; E. W. Menday (conductor), 4; J. Hands, 5; A. W. Pike, 6; G. Essex, 7; H. Simmonds, 8.

READING (Berks.).—Handbell Ringing.—On Friday, March 30th, at 50, Connaught Road, 504 Grandsire Triples. On Friday, April 6th, 504 in the same method. C. Giles, 1-2; A. W. Pike, 3-4; R. T. Hibbert, 5-6; F. Hopgood (conductor), 7-8. Also a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles. Mrs. F. Hopgood, 1; C. Giles, 2; A. W. Pike, 3; R. T. Hibbert, 4; F. Hopgood, 5-6.

HAGBOURNE (Berks.).—On Friday, March 21st, with the bells half-muffled, at St. Andrew's church, first 504 of Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples. E. Windus, 1; H. Mills, 2; E. Richardson, 3; T. East (conductor), 4; J. Savage, 5; A. R. Bosley, 6; J. Sawyer, 7; J. Hitchman, 8. And the last 504 of the same peal. E. Windus, 1; H. Mills, 2; E. Richardson, 3; A. R. Bosley, 4; J. Savage, 5; T. East, 6; J. Sawyer (conductor), 7; F. Shorey, 8. On Sunday, March 25th, 546 Grandsire Triples. E. Windus, 1; H. Mills, 2; E. Richardson, 3; J. Savage, 4; D. Napper, 5; T. East (conductor), 6; J. Sawyer, 7; J. Hitchman, 8. And 504 in the same method. E. Windus, 1; H. Mills, 2; E. Richardson, 3; J. Savage, 4; T. East, 5; J. Sawyer (conductor), 6; D. Napper, 7; F. Storey, 8. On Wednesday, April 4th, for practice, 168 Stedman Triples. E. Richardson, 1; H. Mills, 2; E. Butler, 3; J. Savage, 4; T. East, 5; A. R. Bosley, 6; J. Sawyer (conductor), 7; A. Woodley, 8. And 336 Grandsire Triples. E. Butler, 1; H. Mills, 2; E. Richardson, 3; J. Savage, 4; A. Woodley, 5; A. R. Bosley, 6; J. Sawyer (conductor), 7; T. East, 8.

WINKFIELD (Berks.).—On Wednesday, April 4th, for practice at St. Mary's church, 720 Grandsire Minor. G. Bailey (first 720), 1; W. Holdway (first 720), 2; W. Walker, 3; W. Bailey, 4; G. Worsfold (first 720), 5; J. W. Wilkins (conductor), 6.

## EAST LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SPILSBY (Lincolnshire).—On Sunday morning, March 25th, 720 College Single. G. Towle, 1; G. Chapman, 2; A. Simm, 3; T. Seagrave, 4; J. Seagrave, 5; J. Haw (conductor), 6. Also for evening service, 720 Bob Minor. G. Towle, 1; A. Simm, 2; \*J. R. Lilley, 3; T. Seagrave, 4; J. Seagrave, 5; J. Haw (conductor), 6. \*First in the method, and hails from Boston. On Sunday evening, April 8th, for Divine Service, 720 Duke of York. J. Chapman, 1; \*E. Mason, 2; T. Ladds, 3; T. Seagrave, 4; J. Seagrave, 5; J. Haw (conductor), 6. \*First 720 in the method, and hails from Boston.

HOLTON HOLGATE (Lincolnshire).—On Saturday, April 7th, 720 Bob Minor. W. Hastings, 1; J. Seagrave, 2; A. Simm, 3; H. Daulton, 4; G. Ladds, 5; J. Haw (conductor), 6. G. Ladds hails from Pinchbeck.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—LIVERPOOL BRANCH.

WARRINGTON.—On Sunday, February 25th, 720 Plain Bob Minor in 24 mins. W. Brammer, 1; F. Stout, 2; A. Oxley, 3; G. Bebbington, 4; J. J. M. Moore (first 720 with a bob bell), 5; E. Edwardson (conductor), 6. On Sunday, March 11th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor in 25 mins., standing as above, except first and fifth, who were reversed. On Sunday, April 1st, 720 Plain Bob Minor in 25 mins. W. Brammer (conductor), 5; and 720 Canterbury Pleasure, A. Oxley (conductor), 3. On Sunday, April 15th, 720 Oxford Bob Minor in 25 mins. Conducted by E. Edwardson.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

BEESTON (Notts.).—On Sunday evening, April 8th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 602 Grandsire Triples in 22 mins. R. Clifford, 1; J. C. Dickens, 2; W. Clifford, 3; G. Oldham, 4; J. Hutchby, 5; W. Clifford, sen., 6; J. Barrow (conductor), 7; J. Paling, 8. Messrs. Dickens and Barrow hail from Long Eaton.



## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

BIDSTON.—On Sunday morning, March 18th, 720 Canterbury (twenty-six bobs ten singles). J. Povall, 1; C. Rimmer, 2; J. Walter, 3; W. Wilcox, 4; G. Royden, 5; T. Povall, 6. On Sunday morning, March 25th, 720 Plain Bob (three bobs eighteen singles), standing as before. On Wednesday, March 28th, for practice, 720 Kent (fifteen bobs). J. Povall, 1; C. Rimmer, 2; J. Walter, 3; G. Kendrick, 4; G. Royden, 5; W. Wilcox, 6. On Sunday, April 1st, for morning service, 504 Kent. J. Povall, 1; C. Rimmer, 2; J. Walter, 3; J. Griffiths, 4; W. Wilcox, 5; T. Povall, 6; and for evening service, 720 Canterbury (twenty-six bobs ten singles). G. Kendrick, 4; the rest as before. On Sunday evening, April 8th, 720 Plain Bob (four bobs fourteen singles). J. Povall, 1; C. Rimmer, 2; J. Walter, 3; G. Kendrick, 4; W. Wilcox, 5; J. Griffiths, 6. On Sunday evening, April 15th, 720 Grandsire (thirty-four bobs two singles). J. Povall, 1; C. Rimmer, 2; W. Wilcox, 3; G. Kendrick, 4; G. Royden, 5; T. Povall, 6. All conducted by W. Wilcox.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

FRINDSBURY (Kent).—On Friday, April 6th, for practice at All Saints' church, 720 Grandsire Doubles in 27 mins. R. Hunts (first 720), 1; W. Cogger, 2; C. Tully, 3; C. Winsor, 4; \*T. Pattenden (conductor), 5. \*First 720 as conductor. Tenor 18 cwt.

LEWISHAM (Kent).—On Sunday, March 25th, at the parish church, a 630 Oxford Bob Triples. C. Bedwell, 1; F. Bayley, 2; A. C. Bedwell, 3; G. Daynes, 4; T. Chandler, 5; H. Warnett, 6; W. Bedwell (conductor), 7; C. Walker, 8. And 672 Grandsire Triples. C. Walker, 1; W. Bedwell (conductor), 2; H. N. Davis, 3; J. E. Davis, 4; T. Chandler, 5; H. Barrett, 6; H. Warnett, 7; A. C. Bedwell, 8. On Sunday, April 8th, a 516 of Grandsire Triples. C. Bedwell, 1; A. C. Bedwell, 2; W. H. Turner, 3; W. Tyack, 4; G. Daynes, 5; H. Warnett, 6; W. Bedwell (conductor), 7; C. Walker, 8. And 1260 Grandsire Triples. C. Bedwell, 1; A. C. Bedwell, 2; W. H. Turner, 3; G. H. Daynes, 4; T. Chandler, 5; H. Barrett, 6; W. Bedwell (conductor), 7; C. Walker, 8. On Sunday, April 15th, 1260 Grandsire Triples. W. Bedwell, 1; J. E. Davis (conductor), 2; W. H. Turner, 3; G. H. Daynes, 4; H. Flanders, 5; H. N. Davis, 6; H. Warnett, 7; T. Chandler, 8.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

RAWMARSH (Yorkshire).—On Sunday, April 15th, for evening service at St. Mary's church, quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 1260 changes, in 40 mins. H. Bunce, 1; J. Hawkins, 2; S. Walker, 3; J. Ensor, 4; T. Whitworth (conductor), 5; W. Hawkins, 6; T. Wild, 7; R. Whitworth, 8. Composed by Harry Franks. T. Whitworth and S. Walker hail from Treeton. Tenor 10 cwt.

## STOKE-UPON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

CHEDDLETON (Staffordshire).—On Sunday afternoon, April 15th, for Divine Service, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob in 23 mins. D. Preston, 1; G. Sheldon (conductor), 2; W. Wheeldon, 3; J. E. Wheeldon, 4; J. Clewes, 5; E. Spooner, 6. Messrs. Preston and Wheeldon (2) hail Bucknall; Sheldon from Leek; Clewes and Spooner belong to Cheddleton.

## NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

ANSTON (Yorks).—On Sunday, April 15th, for Divine Service, 720 Merchant's Return, in 25 mins. J. Foulds, 1; H. Turner, 2; H. Stenton, 3; R. Smith, 4; S. Smith, 5; C. Fowler (conductor), 6. And 240 in the same method. This is the first 720 in the method by Messrs. Turner, Stenton, and R. Smith.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

SUDBURY (Suffolk).—On Thursday, April 5th, at S. Peter's church, on the occasion of a wedding, touches of Bob Major, Grandsire Triples and Treble Bob was rung during the day. A touch of Kent Treble Bob Major (1248 changes) was rung as a finishing touch. F. Tolliday, 1; M. Silvester, 2; W. Howell, jun., 3; W. Howell, sen., 4; J. Campin, 5; A. Scott, 6; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 7; H. Harper, 8. On Saturday, April 14th, at St. Gregory's church, for practice, a touch of Kent Treble Bob (768 changes). F. Tolliday, 1; W. Bacon, 2; W. Howell, jun., 3; M. Silvester, 4; A. Scott, 5; J. Campin, 6; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 7; H. Harper, 8. And a course of Double Norwich. F. Tolliday, 1; W. Howell, 2; J. Campin, 3; M. Silvester, 4; W. Bacon, 5; C. Sillitoe, 6; H. Harper, 7; A. Scott, 8. On Sunday evening at All Saints, after service, a touch of Stedman Triples (672 changes). W. Howell, 1; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 2; W. Howell, jun., 3; M. Silvester, 4; J. Campin, 5; A. Scott, 6; H. Harper, 7; F. Tolliday and H. Brackett, 8. On the occasion of a meeting of the Essex Association here, the following rang a course of Grandsire Cinques on handbells, retained in hand. W. Hazell (Little Bentley), 1-2; W.

J. Nevard (Great Bentley), 3-4; C. Sillitoe (Sudbury), 5-6; S. Slater (Glensford), 7-8; W. Howell, sen. (Sudbury), 9-10; A. Bowell (Ipswich), 11-12. And courses of Grandsire Caters, Stedman Triples, Double Norwich, Treble Bob, etc.

## LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—BLACKBURN BRANCH.

BURNLEY (Lancashire).—On Friday, April 6th, at Holy Trinity church, for Confirmation Service, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor in 25 mins. H. Heyworth, 1; J. Wilkinson, 2; T. Redman (conductor), 3; M. Wood, 4; N. Townend, 5; T. Mounsey, 6. On Sunday, April 8th, for Divine Service in the morning, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor in 28 mins. H. Heyworth, 1; J. Wilkinson, 2; R. Ashworth, 3; M. Wood (conductor), 4; T. Redman, 5; T. Mounsey, 6. On Sunday evening, April 8th, for Divine Service, a 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor in 27 mins. D. Campbell, 1; R. Ashworth, 2; H. Heyworth (conductor), 3; T. Redman, 4; M. Wood, 5; T. Mounsey, 6.

## WORCESTER CATHEDRAL GUILD.

WORCESTER.—On Tuesday, April 3rd, at the Cathedral, in honour of the Royal visit of the Duke of York to the "Faithful City" to lay the foundation stone of the Victoria Institute, a building now being erected in which Science and Art, a Public Library and an Art Gallery and Museum will each find its place, the building being erected to commemorate the Jubilee of Her Majesty the Queen, the following members rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, 1259 changes, in 49 mins. W. Cotton, 1; B. S. Hill, 2; G. Hinton, 3; W. H. Johnson, 4; W. Powell, 5; L. Longney (conductor), 6; W. Bradford, 7; R. Horton, 8; W. Page, 9; T. Malin and W. Brant, 10. Also 572 of Grandsire Cinques. B. S. Hill, 1; W. Cotton, 2; G. Hinton, 3; W. Powell, 4; L. Longney (conductor), 5; W. H. Johnson, 6; W. Pudge, 7; W. Page, 8; W. Bradford, 9; R. Horton, 10; E. Davies, 11; T. Malin, 12. On Sunday, April 8th, for service, 827 Grandsire Caters (twenty-one bobs three singles). W. Bright, 1; B. S. Hill, 2; W. Cotton, 3; W. H. Johnson, 4; W. Pudge, 5; G. Hinton, 6; L. Longney (conductor), 7; W. Page, 8; R. Horton, 9; T. Malin, 10.

AYLSHAM (Norfolk).—On Sunday, April 15th, for morning service, 485 Grandsire Caters. D. Winterborne, 1; J. Moy, 2; J. Rought, 3; R. Stackwood, 4; A. W. Brighton (conductor), 5; W. Rought, 6; A. Rought, 7; J. Moy, 8; G. Moy, 9; J. F. Roberts, 10. And for evening service, 350 Grandsire Triples. D. Winterborne, 1; J. Rought, 2; R. Stackwood, 3; W. Rought, 4; A. Rought, 5; A. W. Brighton (conductor), 6; G. Moy, 7; J. F. Roberts, 8. A. W. Brighton hails from Norwich, the rest are local men.

ARMLEY (Yorks).—On Sunday, April 8th, for morning service at Christ Church, 840 changes, being 120 each of Tulip, Primrose, Violet, Woodbine, Merchant's Delight, Kent and Oxford. J. Thackray, 1; B. Cowling, 2; John Thackray (conductor), 3; J. Heckingbottom, 4; M. Broadbent, 5; J. Gray, 6. And for evening service, a 360 Oxford. J. Thackray, 1; F. Blackith, 2; B. Cowling, 3; J. Heckingbottom, 4; John Thackray (conductor), 5; J. Guy, 6. On Thursday evening, April 12th, for practice, 720 changes, being 240 each of Duke of York, Woodbine and Violet. J. Thackray, 1; B. Cowling, 2; Jno. Thackray, 3; A. Craven (of St. Michael's, Headingley, conductor), 4; J. Heckingbottom, 5; G. Barraclough (of Leeds parish church), 6. And 780 changes, being 240 Oxford, 240 Kent, 120 College Pleasure and 180 Plain Bob Minor. F. Blackith (longest length in the method), 1; J. Heckingbottom, 2; J. Thackray, 3; A. Craven, 4; John Thackray (conductor), 5; G. Barraclough, 6. Tenor 16 cwt.

BATTLE (Sussex).—On Sunday, March 25th, at 6 a.m. 720 Grandsire Minor on the back seven. F. Mathis, 2; J. Mathis, 3; C. J. Hyland, 4; W. Thomas, 5; H. Elliott, 6; W. Franks (conductor), 7; W. H. Eldridge (first 720), 8. On Tuesday, March 28th, 518 Grandsire Triples. F. Mathis, 1; W. Franks (conductor), 2; W. Thomas, 3; S. Saker, 4; C. J. Hyland, 5; W. R. W. Warren, 6; J. Mathis, 7; H. Elliott, 8. W. R. W. Warren hails from Maidstone. On Sunday, April 1st, for morning service, 504 Grandsire Triples in 17 mins. J. Curtis, 1; C. Hyland, 2; W. Thomas, 3; R. Curtis, 4; W. Franks, 5; A. J. Turner (conductor), 6; H. Elliott, 7; J. Mathis, 8. A. J. Turner hails from Lewes.

BEVERLEY (Yorks).—On Monday, April 9th, 1008 of Grandsire Triples was rung in honour of the induction of the Rev. J. C. W. Burnaby to the living of St. Mary's. F. Campey, 1; W. Whitfield, 2; H. F. Ushaw, 3; J. Youney, 4; C. Priestman, 5; G. E. Purdon, 6; H. H. Campey (arranger and conductor), 7; H. Ushaw, 8.

BOLTON, BRADFORD (Yorks).—On Sunday morning, April 8th, at St. James' church for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor with the tenor covering. J. Coulthard (first 720), 1; A. Benson, 2; H. Good, 3; S. Palframan, 4; W. Titterton (first 720 as conductor), 5; W. Joyce (first 720 with a bob bell), 6; E. Padgett, 7.



**BOURNEMOUTH (Hants).**—On Thursday, April 5th, for practice at St. Peter's church, 630 Grandsire Triples. A. Grist, 1; J. Chalk, 2; J. G. Bennett, 3; E. T. Green (conductor), 4; G. H. Plummer, 5; S. Merrett, 6; J. J. Bristow, 7; A. Goodenough (longest touch), 8. On Sunday morning, April 8th, for Divine Service, 518 in the same method. A. Grist, 1; J. Chalk, 2; J. G. Bennett, 3; E. T. Grist (conductor), 4; G. H. Plummer, 5; S. Merrett, 6; J. J. Bristow, 7; C. W. Goodenough, 8.

**BRAINTREE (Essex).**—On Saturday, April 7th, at St. Michael's church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor in 25 mins. F. Calthorpe, 1; \*E. Chaplin, 2; W. Hammond, 3; W. Grimwade, 4; F. Rudkin, 5; E. Radley (conductor), 6. \*First 720 in the method and first attempt. Messrs. Chaplin and Radley hail from Stisted.

**BRAMSHOTT (Hants).**—On Tuesday, April 3rd, at St. Mary's church, 720 Grandsire Doubles, each called differently. W. Stillwell, 1; W. Whiting, 2; Rev. H. C. Stokes, 3; G. Beagley, 4; W. Wheeler, 5; T. Burrows, 6. First 720 by all. Many thanks are due to the careful training of Mr. W. Wilkinson, of Petersfield, their instructor, and to the excellent work of Messrs. Taylor and Co., by whom the bells were rehung, and one recast, some months ago.

**CRAWLEY (Sussex).**—On Sunday, April 8th, for morning service, 504 Grandsire Triples. W. Ward, 1; J. Newnham, 2; C. W. Jenkyn, Esq., 3; W. Wadey, 4; R. Jordan, 5; W. Short, 6; J. Parker (conductor), 7; J. Rice, 8. And before evening service, 288 Kent Treble Bob Major, 384 Superlative Surprise, 546 Grandsire Triples, 336 of Grandsire Triples and 252 Stedman Triples, in which the following took part; W. Short, W. Wadey, F. Wickens, F. W. Cripps, F. W. Rice, R. Jordan, W. Ward, J. Rice, J. Newnham, F. Dench, and J. Parker. C. W. Jenkyn belongs to Cambridge University Guild, Short hails from Warnham, Wadey from Billingshurst, Wickens from Charlwood, Cripps from Lower Beeding, the rest belong to the local band.

**DARLINGTON (Durham).**—On Tuesday, April 3rd, for practice at Holy Trinity church, 720 Grandsire Minor. H. St. P. Armstrong, 1; R. B. Wilson, 2; G. W. Park, 3; \*W. Kingdon, 4; G. J. Lungley, 5; G. A. Overton (conductor), 6. \*First 720 away from the treble. On Sunday, April 8th, for Divine Service, 720 Grandsire Minor. G. Kenworthy, 1; G. J. Lungley, 2; R. B. Wilson, 3; \*G. Challener, 4; T. Lungley, 5; G. A. Overton (conductor), 6. \*First in the method, and hails from Coventry.

**EAST MOLESLEY (Surrey).**—On Thursday, April 12th, at the parish church, 1008 Grandsire Triples taken from Holt's Original. A. Boxall, jun. (age 17), 1; W. Hallt, jun. (age 17), 2; A. Boxall, sen., 3; W. Hallt, sen., 4; H. Sharman (conductor), 5; J. Baldwin, 6; S. Woods, 7; J. Apps, 8. This was rung as a farewell touch to Mr. A. Boxall who is leaving the district, and is the longest length of Triples ever rung by the local men. On Sunday, April 15th, at the parish church, for evening service, 700 Grandsire Triples. A. Boxall, jun., 1; W. Hallt, jun., 2; A. Boxall, sen., 3; W. Hallt, sen., 4; H. Sharman (conductor), 5; J. Baldwin, 6; S. Wood, 7; J. Apps, 8. Tenor 10 cwt.

**EMBLETON (Northumberland).**—On Sunday morning, April 15th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 120 Stedman Doubles, rung for the first time. T. McLaren, 1; C. Pattison, 2; R. McLaren, 3; C. Langley, 4; Rev. C. Buston (conductor), 5; J. Smailes, 6.

**FINCHLEY (Middlesex).**—On Thursday, April 12th, for practice at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor (twenty-two singles) in 20 mins. W. Russell, 1; H. S. Reeves, 2; W. Webb, 3; E. E. Pratchett, 4; W. H. Tubb, 5; W. Burrows (conductor), 6. And 360 Bob Minor. W. H. Tubb, 1; W. Webb, 2; W. Burrows, 3; E. E. Pratchett, 4; H. S. Reeves (conductor), 5; H. Chapman, 6.

**GALLEYWOOD (Essex).**—On Sunday, April 15th, for Divine Service, 700 Grandsire Triples. And after service a 840. J. Bloomfield, 1; C. Waskett, 2; H. F. De Lisle (conductor), 3; H. Brazier, 4; F. Lemon, 5; J. Moore, 6; E. Prince, 7; C. Hawkes, 8.

**LLANGOLLEN (North Wales).**—On Tuesday, April 10th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 46 mins. H. Jones (longest touch), 1; A. R. James, 2; T. Williams, 3; J. Davies, 4; T. Davies, 5; J. W. Bailey (longest touch with a bell), 6; J. W. W. Davies (conductor), 7; J. W. Roberts, 8. Composed by M. J. Morris.

**MILVERTON (Somerset).**—On Sunday evening, April 15th, for Divine Service at St. Michael's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 42 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 first quarter-peal by all.

**NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.**—On Thursday, April 5th, at the Cathedral church of St. Nicholas, on the back eight, 1260 Stedman Triples in 50 mins. J. Simm, 1; H. Dall, 2; T. Denton, 3; E. Wallis, 4; A. Hillier, 5; F. Lees, 6; W. Holmes (conductor), 7; R. Simm, jun., 8. Tenor 37½ cwt. Rung in honour of the visit of H.R.H. the Duke of York to Newcastle.

**NORWICH.—Handbell Ringing.**—On Thursday, April 12th, at 45 Oxford Street, 640 Oxford Treble Bob Major. J. A. Trollop, 1-2; J. E. Burton, 3-4; G. P. Burton, 5-6; C. E. Borrett (conductor), 7-8. First touch in the method double-handed by all.

**SKIRBECK (Lincolnshire).**—On Sunday morning, April 8th, for Divine Service at St. Nicolas' church, two 6-scores of Grandsire and one of Plain Bob. J. Colman, 1; J. E. Clark, 2; C. R. Lilley, 3; H. Palmer (conductor), 4; T. Woods, 5; and for evening service, a 6-score each of the following methods; Grandsire, Primrose, April Day, Plain Bob, Old Doubles and Earl Soham Delight. J. Colman, 1; J. E. Clark, 2; E. English, 3; H. Palmer (conductor), 4; C. R. Lilley, 5. Tenor 18 cwt. Rung as a birthday compliment to C. R. Lilley, his brother ringers wishing him many happy returns of the day.

**STEYNING (Sussex).**—On Tuesday, March 13th, for practice at the parish church, a 560 of Bob Major. J. Matthews, 1; \*E. Rapley, 2; \*H. Meetens, 3; W. Woolgar, 4; \*G. Gatland, 5; C. Smart (conductor), 6; J. Smart, 7; G. Smart, 8. \*First touch of Bob Major. †First touch in the method as conductor. On Thursday, March 15th, a 504 of Stedman Triples. G. Smart, 1; W. Woolgar, 2; C. Smart, 3; E. Rapley, 4; J. Smart, 5; C. Chambers, 6; A. Gatland (first 504 as conductor), 7; H. Meetens, 8. On Sunday, March 18th, for morning service, a 504 of Stedman Triples. C. Smart, 1; E. Rapley, 2; H. Meetens, 3; G. Gatland, 4; J. Smart, 5; G. Smart, 6; W. Woolgar (conductor), 7; A. Gatland, 8. And for evening service, a 504 in the same method. J. Matthews, 1; C. Smart (conductor), 2; G. Smart, 3; G. Gatland, 4; J. Woolgar, 5; C. Chambers, 6; J. Smart, 7; E. Hughes, 8. On Thursday, March 22nd, for practice, a 704 of Bob Major. A. Gatland, 1; C. Chambers, 2; G. Smart, 3; E. Rapley, 4; H. Meetens, 5; W. Woolgar, 6; J. Smart, 7; C. Smart (conductor), 8. And a 504 Grandsire Triples. W. Woolgar, 1; E. Rapley, 2; C. Smart, 3; J. Smart, 4; G. Smart, 5; H. Meetens (first 500 in the method as conductor), 6; G. Gatland, 7; E. Hughes, 8. On Easter Sunday, at six a.m. 500 of Stedman Triples. C. Smart, 1; G. Smart (conductor), 2; E. Rapley, 3; H. Meetens, 4; C. Chambers, 5; W. Woolgar, 6; J. Smart, 7; G. Gatland, 8. And a 504 of Grandsire Triples. H. Meetens, 1; E. Rapley, 2; G. Smart, 3; J. Smart, 4; C. Chambers, 5; A. Gatland, 6; C. Smart (conductor), 7; W. Woolgar, 8. And for morning service, a 504 of Stedman Triples. E. Rapley, 1; J. Smart, 2; A. Gatland, 3; G. Gatland, 4; W. Cellison, 5; W. Woolgar, 6; C. Smart (conductor), 7; H. Meetens, 8. And for Children's service in the afternoon, Brook's quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 43 mins. G. Smart, 1; E. Rapley, 2; A. Gatland, 3; H. Meetens, 4; J. Smart, 5; W. Woolgar, 6; C. Smart (conductor), 7; E. Turrell, 8. And for evening service, Thurstans' quarter-peal in the same method in 42 mins. C. Smart, 1; W. Woolgar, 2; A. Gatland, 3; J. Smart, 4; H. Meetens, 5; G. Gatland, 6; G. Smart (conductor), 7; E. Turrell, 8.

**STREATHAM (Surrey).**—On Monday, April 9th, at Emmanuel Church for practice, 756 Stedman Triples. G. Russell (aged eighty-four years), 1; W. J. Pell, 2; S. Greenwood, 3; A. G. Freeman, 4; F. Pates, 5; E. Moses (conductor), 6; G. Pell, 7; W. Shepherd, 8.

**TOTTENHAM (Middlesex).**—On Sunday, April 8th, for Divine Service at All Hallows church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. W. Dickinson, 1; H. Ellis, 2; J. Waghorn, sen., 3; W. Gibson, 4; J. Waghorn, jun., 5; C. Button, 6; G. B. Lucas, 7; W. Martin, 8. Conducted by J. Waghorn, sen.

**UPPER BEEDING (Sussex).**—On Monday, April 2nd, for practice at the parish church, a 720 of Bob Minor in 23 mins. E. Rapley, 1; G. Gatland, 2; H. Meetens, 3; T. Searle, 4; W. Woolgar, 5; C. Smart (conductor), 6. And 120 of Grandsire Doubles. G. Searle, 1; T. Searle, jun., 2; C. Smart, 3; T. Goddard (first 120 in the method), 4; T. Searle, sen. (conductor), 5; W. Woolgar, 6. And 120 in the same method. G. Searle, 1; T. Searle, jun., 2; L. Young (first 120 in the method), 3; G. Gatland, 4; T. Searle, sen. (conductor), 5; H. Meetens, 6.

**WIGSTON (Leicestershire).**—On Monday, April 9th, at the parish church, several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, each called differently, with the bells deeply muffled as a last token of respect to Mr. W. Humberstone, who died on Saturday, April 7th, aged seventy-four years, and for over fifty years was a ringer at the above church. The ringers were J. Wilson (conductor), J. W. Sampson, R. Roe, H. Smith, H. Vann, A. Penney, J. W. Chandler, C. H. Vann, and G. Bailey.

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**The Middlesex Association.**—A meeting of this Society will be held at St. Stephen's, Hampstead, on Saturday, May 5th. Ringing to commence at 4 o'clock.

PERCY HOWARD, *Hon. Sec.*  
23, Essex Street, Strand.

**Norwich Diocesan Association.**—Accidents having occurred recently to some of the bells of St. Nicholas, Great Yarmouth, which render them unusable for the present, the necessary repairs being deferred, the proposed visit of the Association in May must be regretfully abandoned.

As it is seventeen years since the Association visited Lynn, it has been thought well to arrange for the quarterly meeting to take place there, instead of at Great Yarmouth, on Whit-Monday, May 14th. Further particulars later.

H. EARLE BULWER, *Hon. Sec.*  
Stanhoe, April 9th, 1894.

**North Lincolnshire Association.**—The annual meeting at Lincoln to-day, Saturday, April 28th. Permission has been obtained for the following towers to be open for ringing during the afternoon:—The Cathedral (eight), St. Peter-at-Arches (eight), St. Peter-at-Gowls (six), St. Botolph's (five). Tea will be provided in the Oddfellows Hall, Broadgate, by ticket, free to members who have paid their subscriptions for the current year, at 4.45 p.m. The business meeting will be held immediately after tea.

GEORGE CHESTER, *Hon. Sec.*  
142, Portland Street, Lincoln.

**United Counties' Association.**—The quarterly meeting will be held at Hayfield, to-day, Saturday, April 28th. Also a contest on tower bells, and three prizes given in money for the best touch of 720 changes, practice allowed till 12 o'clock same day. Entries received till 2 o'clock.

JOSEPH RADCLIFFE, *Sec.*  
Church Road, Uppermill.

**The Lancashire Association.**—The quarterly meeting will be held to-day, Saturday, April 28th, at the parish church, Eccles. Ringing from 2 p.m., meeting in the schools at 5.30 p.m.

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**Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.**—The usual monthly ringing meeting of the Society will be held at Guiseley, to-day, Saturday, April 28th. Bells open from 1 p.m. (peal of eight). Meeting house the Ring of Bells inn.

R. BINNS, *Hon. Sec.*  
43, Low Moor Side, Holbeck.

**Llandaff Diocesan Association.**—The next meeting of the above will be held at St. Wollo's, Newport, Mon., to-day, Saturday, April 28th, at 3 p.m. Archdeacon Bruce will preside. Bells open till 7 p.m. W. A. DOWNING, *Hon. Sec.*  
Llandaff.

**Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.**—Annual Meeting at Bath, Saturday, May 5th. Dinner (1s. to members), 1 p.m., at West's Dining Rooms, Upper Borough Walls. Service, St. Mary's, Bathwick, 2 p.m. Preacher: Rev. A. Coode, M.A., Chaplain Wells Theological College. Business meeting at Church House Hall, Grove Street, 3 p.m. Business: Report for 1893; statement of accounts for 1893; election of officers for ensuing year; any

other business. The Incumbents of the following churches have kindly allowed members the use of their bells for the day: Peal of 10: Abbey. Peals of 8: St. Michael's, St. James', Christ Church, St. Andrew's, St. Saviour's, St. Michael's, Twerton. Peals of 6: St. Mary's, Bathwick, St. Mark's (new peal by Taylor, if ready), St. Matthew's, All Saints, Upper Weston.

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**Midland Counties Association.**—Nottingham District.—There will be a meeting at Long Eaton, on Saturday, May 5th. Belfry open at 4 o'clock. W. E. WHITE, *Hon. Sec.*  
43, Southey Street.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Liverpool Diocesan Branch.—The usual monthly meeting will take place at All Saints, Wigan, on Saturday, May 5th. Tower open at 2 o'clock. Business meeting to be held in the tower at 6 o'clock. J. J. M. MOORE, *Hon. Sec.*  
9, Mill Street, Warrington.

**Chester Diocesan Guild.**—Wirral Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held in the parish room (adjoining the church), Heswall, on Saturday next, May 5th. Tea at 5.30 (free). Tower open from 3 p.m. Members who intend to be present are requested to send notice not later than Monday, April 30, to

F. R. T. BOLTON, *Hon. Sec.*  
Braeside, West Kirby.

**Stoke-on-Trent Archidiaconal Association.**—The next meeting of the above will be held at Leek on Saturday next, April 5th. Members intending to be present are requested to give notice to Mr. T. Turner, Westwood, near Leek.

W. TWIGG, *Hon. Sec.*

**Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.**—Bath District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at the parish church, Keynsham, on Monday, May 7th, at 7.30 p.m.

JAMES FUSSELL, *Hon. Local Sec.*  
9, Cottage Place, Larkhall.

**Kent County Association.**—The Annual General Meeting will be held on Whit-Monday, May 14th, at Tunbridge. Further particulars will be announced. Dinner tickets will be issued only to those members whose subscriptions are paid up.

FREDERICK J. O. HELMORE, *Hon. Sec.*  
Canterbury, April 13th, 1894.

**Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.**—Meeting on Whit-Monday, May 14th, at Barnard Castle. Committee meeting at 11, dinner (cold), at 1 p.m. both at The Turk's Head inn. Members 1s. Non members 2s. Belfries of Barnard Castle (except between 11 and 12) and Cotherstone open during the day.

**The Norwich Diocesan Association.**—The Hon. Secretary of this Association is unable to send copies of the annual report to the following non-resident members, through not being in possession of a sufficient postal address in each case: Messrs. B. E. Battram, W. Button, Ed. Chapman, W. H. Fussell, A. H. Gardom, A. B. Goody, Johnson E. Hern, A. Osborne, M. C. Potter, T. Taylor T. Titchener, R. T. D. Woodley. He will be pleased to forward a copy to any of those named on receipt of a postcard giving address.

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Will Mr. A. Matthews, of Macclesfield, please send his address to William Willson, Church Street, Leicester?

## NOTES TO PEALS.

**THE PEAL AT ST. SEPULCHRE'S.**—This peal was rung as a farewell to the Ven. James Jackson, M.A., who has been Vicar of this parish for the last 42 years. It is the first peal, composed or rung, containing the qualities in a limited number, viz: the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th in regular rotation nine times behind the 9th. Thanks are due to Mr. Lovett for getting the bells in readiness, and to Albert Church for filling the place of an absentee.

**THE PEAL AT WOLVERHAMPTON.**—This peal was rang to commemorate one of the same method rang in this tower on April 21st, 1794. The following is a copy of a stone slab in the belfry: "On Monday, April 21st, 1794, was rung in this Church by Eight of the Society of St. Peter's Youths of Aston, near Birmingham, a true and complete peal of Grandsire Eight in, consisting of 6080 changes, which was completed in 4 hours and 2 minutes, by the following persons: Benj. Baylis (Treble); Wm. Thistlewood, 2; Jas. Pratt, 3; Thos. Phillips, 4; Wm. Hassell, 5; Jos. Silvester, 6; Thos. Wilmot, 7; Joshua Short, 8. Call'd. Besides the above there are other tablets in this tower, one recording 5088 Bob Major rung by the Albion society of Sbiaval on August 19th, 1786, being the first peal ever rung on the bells, which was until 1827 only a peal of eight, cast by Rudhall in 1698.

**NOTICE.**—John Holden will be one of the Saddleworth District representatives at the Northampton A.M.C. during Whit-week. His address will be Foresters' Hotel, Gold Street, where he will be pleased to see any ringing friends attending the A.M.C. Should this catch the eye of any of the local ringers I should be pleased to have a line from them. Address, 48, Stamford Road, Mossley.

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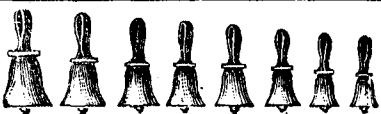
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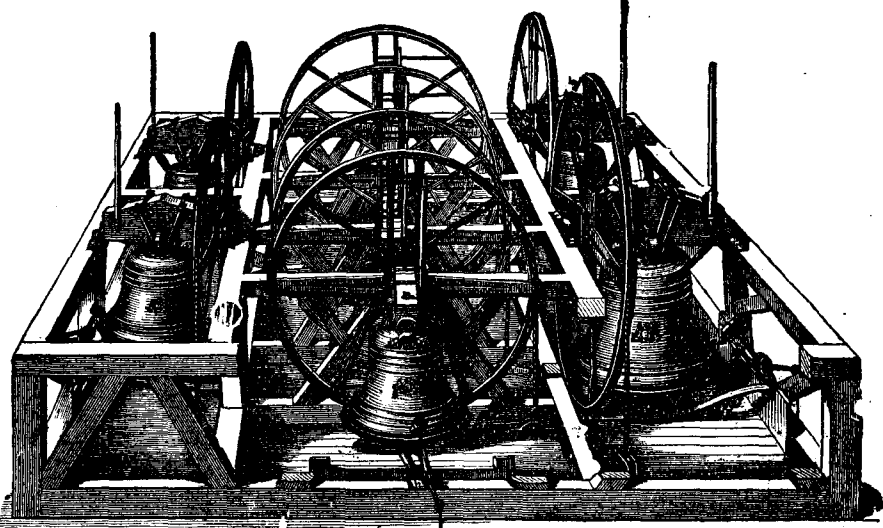
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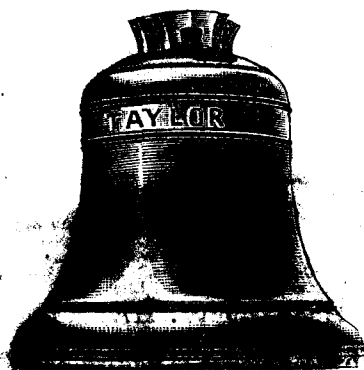
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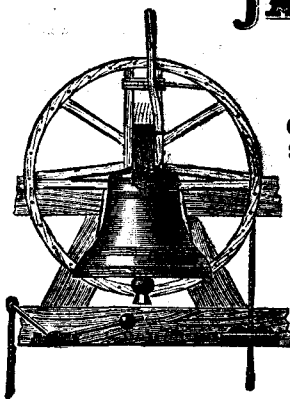
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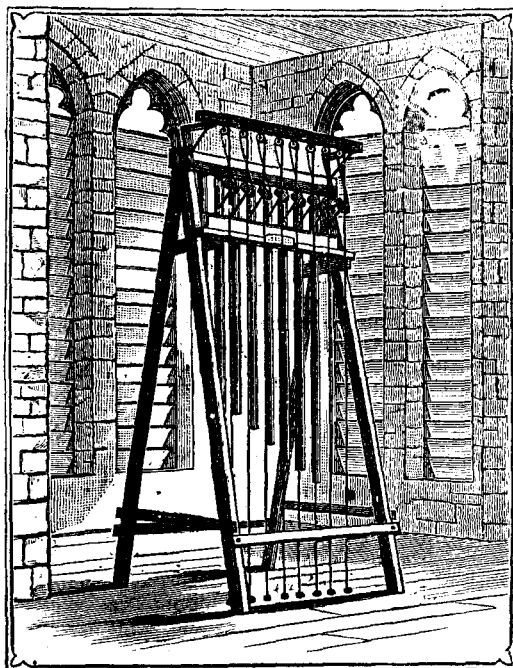
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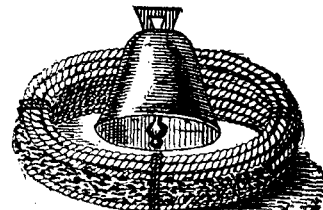
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There was great rejoicing in the Council Chamber of Berwick Townhall on Monday night, resulting from what may be called the inauguration of the new and restored peal of bells in the spire of that building. The original eight bells were put up 140 years ago during the Mayoralty of Mr. William Temple, and bore the inscription: "These eight bells were cast in the Mayoralty of Mr. William Temple, 1754, Berwick-on-Tweed; Thomas Lewis and Thomas Pack made us all." The foundry where the bells were cast, was, we believe, situate at White-chapel, London, and they have done duty from that time until quite recently, ringing out joyous peals on all occasions of national and local festivity. Some years ago, however, two of the bells were found to be badly cracked; one of them, indeed, was in such a dilapidated condition that it required to be bound together with a substantial iron hoop: and the ringing machinery had got into such a ruinous condition as to be absolutely unsafe to use. Under these circumstances, the matter having been brought officially under the cognisance of the Town Council, the latter, acting upon a report of the Farm and Works Committee, agreed to have two of the bells recast, and the remaining six rehung with new and improved machinery, at an estimated cost of about £150. The work was entrusted to the firm of Messrs. Charles Carr and Co., church bell founders, Smethwick, Birmingham, and the rejoicings on Monday night were to celebrate the completion of the contract. The peal consists of eight bells, tuned to the diatonic scale. The tenor which weighs 22 cwt., sounds E flat; the smallest, which weighs 5½ cwt., is an octave to it; consequently they run thus—E flat, F (16 cwt.), G (12 cwt.), A flat (9 cwt.), B flat (7 cwt.), C (6 cwt.), D (5½ cwt.), and E flat. Counting down, the second and fifth were defective; the second had its crown broken off, and had a cracked sound; the fifth—popularly known as the curfew bell—was cracked and broken also, and was consequently defective in sound. These bells required to be recast, and the chief object to be attained was to reproduce them so that they should occupy their proper position in the peal, so far as similarity and pitch and quality of tone are concerned. This has been done in a most satisfactory manner, and direct from the mould, no further tuning being required. The two new bells bear the inscription: "Restored 1894; Joseph Weatherston, Mayor; Messrs. Charles Carr and Co., Smethwick, contractors." The bells were rung at intervals during Monday evening under the superintendence of Mr. Thomas Statham, master bellringer, Councillor Turnbull, who has taken great interest in the movement to have the bells restored, occasionally taking one of the ropes. At half-past seven o'clock a large number of gentlemen assembled in the Council Chamber under the presidency of the Mayor. A liberal supply of cake and wine having been handed round,

The Mayor said: In the year 1754, or exactly 140 years ago, the present restored bells were first placed in the belfry of the Townhall, and for twice three-score-years and ten they have pealed forth right merrily on all royal and other days of national rejoicing, and on all local festivities of every kind. However, within the last fifteen or twenty years they have shown certain signs of decay, and have been very much out of order. I think I can recollect that some six or eight years ago Alderman Fleming called the attention of the Town Council to their condition, but nothing was done at that particular time. Then some eight or nine months ago Councillor Turnbull directed the attention of the Town Council to their state, and the matter was referred to the Farm and Works Committee to examine the bells and report upon their condition to the Council. Alderman Fleming showed great interest in the matter, and entered heartily into the work: two or three days after the subject had been referred to the Farm and Works Committee he went with me to the belfry, and with the master bellringer we made a very careful examination, as far at least as it was in our power to do so, of the bells and the ringing machinery, and after that examination, and from what we were told by the master bellringer, we came to the conclusion that the sooner we set about restoring the bells and machinery the better it would be, otherwise the lives of the ringers and others might be endangered. We found that two of the bells were in a very bad state, being specially damaged, and might come down at any time and

inflict great injury. Well, as I said, we came to the conclusion that the sooner the bells were restored the better it would be, and we communicated with many of the church bell founders throughout England, and ultimately we agreed to put the matter in the hands of the firm of Messrs. Charles Carr and Co., bell founders, Smethwick, Birmingham. In the course of a few days Mr. Buffery, who is here to-night to represent the firm, came to Berwick and made a minute examination of the bells. In the course of the following week we had two specifications and two tenders sent to us, one for the repairing of the bells, and the other for the bells and ringing machinery complete. These tenders were laid before the Council, who went in at once for the complete plan, and made an order that the work should be carried out. Afterwards Mr. Carr's men came down and set the work going, and it has been going on for the last six or eight weeks, Mr. Buffery, his representative, has been here during the whole of the time, and the work is now completed. I think we should drink the health of Messrs. Charles Carr and Co., bell founders, coupled with the name of Mr. Carr, who, however, cannot be here to-night, but he is represented by Mr. Buffery, who will reply for him.

Wine having been sent round the company, the Mayor said: In the first place I ask you to drink success to the bells, may they ring and give pleasure to young and old of many successive generations.

The Mayor: We will now drink success to the Smethwick bell foundry firm, and I rise to ask you to do that with greater pleasure, because I believe Mr. Carr has made a most excellent job of the bells. I ask you to drink the toast, coupled with the name of Mr. John Buffery.

Mr. Buffery, in returning thanks, said: I am only sorry that Mr. Carr is not here himself. I wrote to him last week, and in his reply he said he could come here on Monday; then he wrote again saying he had to be at Hastings to see about the casting of a large bell, but he would endeavour to be here; then I had a telegram saying he could not come. If I come down here at Whitsuntide I will endeavour to bring with me some change-ringers. I belong to the College Youths, the Durham and Newcastle Change-Ringers, and at a little expense I could get some of them to come down here at Whitsuntide, and ring some changes on the bells. I thank you very much for the way in which you have drank Mr. Carr's health.

Other toasts followed.

## THE BIRMINGHAM AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

The half-yearly meeting took place on Saturday, April 21st, at King's Norton. Ringing commenced about five o'clock, touches of Grandsire, Stedman, Darlaston and King's Norton Major being rung. Tea was provided in the school-room, to which seventeen members sat down, the Vicar presiding, to which ample justice was done. The business of the meeting was then transacted under the chairmanship of the Vicar, Rev. C. W. Barnard. The business terminated with a hearty vote of thanks, proposed by Mr. G. Walker, and seconded by Mr. J. Carter, for the hearty welcome manner he had received them, also for presiding and granting them the use of the bells and schools, and to Mr. J. S. Pritchett for his kindness in arranging tea, etc.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

IPSWICH DISTRICT.—On Saturday, April 21st, by the kind permission of the Rector, the Rev. J. H. Hocking, a meeting was held in the picturesque village of Copdock, situate four miles from Ipswich. The bells, a musical ring of six, were kept busily going from 4 to 6 o'clock, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Plain Bob, and Stedman Doubles being rung. At 6 o'clock, fifteen members sat down to an excellent tea at The Brook inn, Washbrook. After tea a pleasant evening was spent, three new members being initiated. Some excellent handbell ringing—a course of Treble Bob Royal, a course of Grandsire Caters, and a course of Double Norwich Major, by the brothers Motts, the brothers Mee, and Messrs. Catchpole, Tillett, and Durrant, interspersed with song and toast, brought a very pleasant evening to a close, the National Anthem being sung by all present.

## SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

The spring quarterly meeting of this Society, was held at Penkridge, on Saturday, April 4th. The bells have recently been rehung by Taylor of Loughborough, and the visit of the Society served at once as a formal re-opening ceremony, and also as a test of the results of the improvements effected. The verdict was quite satisfactory. In spite of a long draught and new ropes some good ringing was done, whilst the "go" of the bells left nothing to be desired. It is to be hoped that with such an excellent peal now at their service, the Penkridge ringers will take their place as one of the best change-ringing bands in the Archdeaconry.

At the Committee meeting, the Vicar, the Rev. W. Ticehurst Corfield, who presided, was elected an Hon. member of the Society, and nine ringing members were also elected. Subsequently Mr. W. R. Small, of Tipton, drew attention to the fact that ringers are too contented with having learnt one method, which is almost invariably Grandsire, and do little to endeavour to acquire knowledge of other methods. He urged that even ability to ring the four methods, commonly called Standard methods, ought not to satisfy those who take an intelligent interest in the art of change-ringing, and he therefore proposed the following resolution: That the next annual report of the Society contain directions how to ring Double Norwich Court Bob Major, and that members be encouraged to learn the same and to introduce it for practice at the quarterly meetings." This resolution was carried unanimously. It is to be hoped that the result may be to stimulate many of the members to further advance in their ringing education. It must have been very difficult for our grandfathers and great grandfathers to acquire the information needed to learn a new method; but now, thanks to the labours of the late J. W. Snowdon, any ringer can obtain all the information he requires, whilst there are no better companions for an intelligent ringer on a winter evening than his ringing book, of which for a few shillings he may become possessed of quite a little library. In addition to the above mentioned resolution, it was agreed that a Committee meeting should be held at Wolverhampton, on the last Saturday in May, at 3 p.m., to pass the accounts and draw up the annual report.

Subsequently thirty-five ringers sat down to tea, to which they did ample justice. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for presiding, for his kind reception of the ringers, and for his address at the Service held in the church.

## LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

The usual monthly ringing meeting of this society was held at Guiseley on Saturday, April 28th. There was a fair attendance of members from the following towers: Armley, Holbeck, Calverley, Tong, Ilkley, Otley, Skipton, Headingley, and Leeds. A band met early to attempt a peal, but in consequence of a funeral it had to be postponed until the Saturday following, May 5th. Ringing commenced soon after the solemn ceremony with Oxford Treble Bob.

The business meeting was opened at The Ring of Bells inn, Mr. J. Thackray, the president, in the chair. The minutes of the last meeting were passed as read, proposed by Mr. J. Baldwin (Guiseley), seconded by Mr. W. D. Clough (Otley). The vote of thanks to the Vicar, churchwardens, local company, and the worthy host (Mr. O. Frankland), for use of bells and kind hospitality, was proposed by Mr. F. Woodhead, seconded by Mr. M. Broadbent, and carried unanimously.

The handbells then had a turn, courses of Grandsire Caters and Stedman Triples being ably performed. The members then adjourned to the tower, where various Minor methods were rung, Touches of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob completed the day's ringing.

At the meeting-house afterwards, music and harmony held the sway. Mr. J. Horner, of Otley, manned the pianoforte, and Mr. Frankland the violin. These, with a local concertina and a travelling dulcimer, made a capital band, and the performers did full justice to their respective instruments. Songs were rendered by Messrs. T. Woodhead, Binns, and others. The weather being all that could be desired, every one appeared to enjoy their visit to this pleasantly-situated village;

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

FYLDE BRANCH.—A very successful meeting of this branch took place at Poulton-le-Fylde on Saturday, April 21st. There was a large number of members present from Blackpool, Lytham, and Kirkham, together with the local company. The belfry of St. Chad's church was visited, and during the afternoon various lengths of Bob and Grandsire Minor, and Grandsire Doubles, were rung. In the evening a meeting was held in the belfry, which was presided over by Mr. R. Clitheroe, of Blackpool, and there was a good attendance of ringers. The chairman said he hoped the result of the afternoon's ringing would be beneficial to Poulton ringers. The qualification under which ringers were privileged to join the Association was that they should be able to ring 120 changes, and it was to be hoped that the Poulton men would soon be able to ring that number, and so become members. The District Secretary (Mr. J. Fell) apologised for the absence of the vicar of the parish, the Rev. T. H. Guest, and stated that the membership of the Fylde branch was the same as reported at the last meeting. He hoped the Poulton ringers would before long take to the art of change-ringing, and praised them for the manner in which they raised and lowered the bells. They had certainly struck them in good compass, and he was sure they would soon learn half-pull ringing, and even gather their ideas from the printed forms they had in the belfry. Mr. Fell concluded by hoping they would take his remarks to heart, as they were uttered in a spirit of friendliness. It was decided to hold the next meeting on July 21st at Singleton. A vote of thanks was passed to the Rev. T. H. Guest for the use of the bells, and the meeting then closed.

ROSSENDALE BRANCH.—A meeting of this branch was held at Haslingden on Saturday, April 21st, and was attended by members from Burnley, Bacup, Cloughfold, Helmshore, Newchurch, Ramsbottom, Rawtenstall, Waterfoot, and the local company. The chair was taken by Mr. H. H. Nutter. The business over, the usual vote of thanks was given, and the tower again visited, touches of Grandsire Triples and Bob Major being rung during the afternoon and evening.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
PENARTH BRANCH.

On Easter Monday, the members of the Penarth branch of the above Association paid a visit to Pendoyland, a little village in the vale of Glamorgan, where there is a pretty ring of six lately put there by Mr. Carr. After several attempts for a 720 of Kent Treble Bob, which however failed, the last one through being disturbed when within a few courses from home, a start was made for a 720 of Plain Bob Minor, which was brought round in 26 minutes. J. Vinnicombe, 1; W. Biss, 2; C. Smith, 3; F. Bartlett, 4; — 5; D. Thomas (conductor), 6. This is the first 720 of Minor on the bells. After partaking of refreshments the visitors started for a two-and-half miles walk back to Peterston-super-Ely, and having obtained permission from the Rector, started for a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs), which was brought round in 26½ minutes. J. Vinnicombe, 1; W. Biss, 2; D. Thomas, 3; F. Bartlett, 4; — 5; C. Smith (conductor), 6. This is the first 720 in the method by W. Biss, and also the first on the bells. Also 720 Grandsire Minor. C. Smith, 1; W. Biss, 2; J. Vinnicombe, 3; F. Bartlett, 4; T. Northey, 5; D. Thomas (conductor), 6. First 720 away from the treble by J. Vinnicombe. After getting one of the local ringers, T. Kew, through two 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, the bells were lowered, and the visitors started for home having had a very enjoyable outing. They wish to thank the Vicar of Pendoyland and the Rector of Peterston for the use of the bells.

## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

Copies of the Report of the Committee on Calls and Classification of Peals may now be had on application to the Hon. Secretary of the Council at the price of twopence per copy, which must be remitted with order, to cover cost of printing and postage. Address: REV. H. EARLE BULWER, Stanhoe Rectory, King's Lynn.

## NEWNHAM, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

A BEQUEST OF £2,000.—The gratifying intelligence has been communicated to Mr. M. F. Carter, parish churchwarden of Newnham, that the late Mr. John Hill has left a sum of £2,000 to the parish. The deceased gentleman, whose death occurred in March last, was a retired indiarubber manufacturer, and for some years had resided at St. Margaret's, Streatham. He had friends in Newnham, and very frequently visited them, and was a great admirer of the town and neighbourhood. His will sets forth that out of the £2,000 shall be provided a clock and chimes for the tower of St. Peter's parish church; and the churchyard and town green are to be provided with proper and sufficient seats for the comfort and use of the public. The balance of the bequest is to be invested, and the dividend applied to providing warm clothing for the poor of the parish. The deceased gentleman was born in the house now occupied by Mr. Pyart, confectioner, and was the son of Mr. John Hill, butcher. Many members of the family are buried in St. Peter's churchyard, but there are none living in Newnham. As has been stated, he carried on the business of an indiarubber manufacturer and made a large fortune, out of which he made frequent and very handsome donations to various charities, institutions, and schemes that were brought under his notice, including £50 towards the rebuilding of the church, and £5 towards the expenses of promoting Newnham Bridge. It is mentioned as a curious coincidence that on the occasion of one of his later visits, a London clockmaker's workmen were doing some repairs in the neighbourhood, and having been approached on the subject an estimate was submitted for this very work, there being a feeling in the parish at the time that if funds were forthcoming such would be a capital finish to the present church. It chanced that these plans came to the notice of Mr. Hill, who, however, kept his own counsel, though he encouraged at least one parishioner not to despair, that wherewith might be available some day—and parishioners of Newnham are now contemplating its speedy approach.—*Local paper.*

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A divisional (Western), meeting was held at Midhurst, on Saturday, April 21st. The towers of Angmering and Billingshurst were the sole branches that were represented, mainly owing to the near approach of the annual meeting on May 14th, and the want of suitable train arrangements. The bells were raised at 2 p.m., and touches of Plain Bob, Oxford and Kent were rung. A 720 of Oxford was rung by F. R. Rump, 1; A. B. Bennett, 2; Dr. George, 3; C. Tribe, 4; C. Hills, 5; T. Chantler (conductor), 6. And 720 Bob Minor. G. Boswell, 1; T. Chantler, 2; T. E. Ellis, 3; C. Tribe, 4; A. B. Bennett (conductor), 5; J. Lee, 6. At 5 p.m. tea was provided in the Coffee Tavern under the presidency of the Vicar of Midhurst, the Rev. S. M. Campbell. Two hon. members, two independent and five practising members were duly elected. The Vicar addressed a few kindly words of welcome, expressing the hope that any future meetings at beautiful Midhurst, should be arranged when the railway company provided later trains. A cordial vote of thanks to him was unanimously given. The tower was again visited and many touches brought round.

## SOUTH AND WEST MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 28th, at Church House, Ealing, the above association was successfully floated, representatives from Hillingdon, Isleworth, Ealing, etc., being present. The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, Mr. J. Basden (Ealing), was elected Chairman, and he briefly explained the necessity of a change-ringing association for this division of Middlesex. The rules which had been drawn up by the Committee were unanimously adopted, and the officers of the society duly elected. A meeting has been arranged to take place at Hillingdon, Middlesex, on Saturday, May 26th, there will also be meetings arranged at Staines, etc., notices of which will appear in "THE BELL NEWS." After the meeting, touches of Stedman, Grandsire and Union Triples were rung at St. Mary's church, Ealing. Any information respecting the above association can be obtained of the Secretary, Mr. E. J. Walsom, 11, Venetia Road, South Ealing, Middlesex.

## NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

HALESWORTH DISTRICT.—The fourth quarterly meeting in connection with this District was held at Wenhaston, on Saturday, April 21st. The tower was open for ringing from four till nine, and the bells were kept going to Stedman, Grandsire, and Bob Doubles, Oxford Treble Bob, and Plain Bob Minor. At the meeting in the evening, which was well attended by members from Halesworth, Bramfield, Brampton, Westhall, Wrentham, and the local company, the Rev. J. B. Clare presided. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, and four new members were elected. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Westhall, in July. At the close of the meeting a vote of thanks was passed to the Rector for the use of the bells and the schoolroom, and also for presiding.

## ATTEMPTED PEAL AT YORK MINSTER.

By the kind permission of the very Rev. the Dean of York, an attempt was made on Saturday, April 29th, to ring a peal of Treble Bob Maximus, on the bells of York Cathedral, but after two hours and fifteen minutes it came to grief through one of the men being taken ill. They were stationed as follows: C. H. Hattersley (conductor), 1; T. Dixon, 2; T. Hattersley, 3; A. C. Fearnley, 4; F. Earnshaw, 5; G. Worth, 6; T. Haigh, 7; A. Haigh, 8; W. Morrell, 9; T. Hodgson, 10; S. Thomas, 11; G. Breed, 12. Tenor 54 cwt. The ringers of 1, 2, 3, and 11, hail from Sheffield, the rest are local men.

## THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 21st, a friendly gathering was held at Sandy, Bedfordshire, when members attended from Sandy, Bedford, Biddenham, and Eynesbury, the occasion being to erect a tablet recording the first 5040 in seven methods upon the bells. The thanks of the Association are due to Mr. C. Herbert and his son Cyril, more especially the band who rang the peal. The son, Cyril, very kindly made the tablet, free of expense except material, and his father very nicely wrote it. They have also erected several tablets in the belfry at Woburn, being a faithful record of all the peals that have been rung there.

## AN APPEAL.

ST. PETER'S SOCIETY, WALWORTH, LONDON.—The ringers of the St. Peter's Society are trying by permission of the Vicar to raise sufficient money for the repairs of the bells. The treble, 2nd, and 3rd want rehanging, etc., and the others are in a very bad state. The sum required is £20. The ringers of St. Peter's will be very grateful to all ringing friends who will feel kindly disposed to help us to raise the amount required. The smallest donations will thankfully be received. Donations to be sent to the Rev. J. W. Horsley, St. Peter's Vicarage, Walworth, or to F. G. Perrin, Hon. Sec., 42, Aylesbury St., Walworth, London. S.E.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.  
OFFICIAL MINUTES.

The Fourth Annual Meeting of the Council was held at the Inns of Court Hotel, Holborn, on Tuesday, March 27th. Of representative members, fifty-nine were present out of seventy-two, representing twenty-seven out of thirty Societies; and of Honorary members, five out of twelve. The minutes of the meeting of 1893 were read and confirmed.

Mr. Percival Heywood and the Rev. H. Earle Bulwer being the only persons nominated for the posts of President and Hon. Secretary, respectively, during the ensuing three years, Mr. Dawe proposed, and Mr. Hattersley seconded the former, and Mr. Foskett proposed, and Mr. Catchpole seconded the latter, both propositions being carried unanimously.

The Rev. F. E. Robinson proposed and Mr. Rees seconded, that the Rev. Canon Wigram, and Messrs. Pettit, Wakley, F. E. Ward, Hounslow, and J. C. Mitchell be elected as Hon. Members. The proposition was carried unanimously.

The Hon. Secretary read the statement of accounts shewing a balance from last year of £34 7s. 1½d., receipts from subscrip-

tions, etc., £9 rs. 1d., making a total of £43 8s. 2½d. The expenditure was £3 5s. 2d., leaving the present balance £40 3s. 0½d. On the motion of the Rev. G. F. Coleridge, seconded by Mr. Debenham, the accounts were passed.

The Standing Committee, consisting of the President, Hon. Secretary, the Revs. F. E. Robinson, and C. D. P. Davies, and Messrs. Strange, C. H. Hattersley, Washbrook, Rees, Attree, Dains, Snowdon, and Dawe were re-elected, with the addition of Mr. T. Lockwood, on the motion of Mr. Griffin, seconded by Mr. Grove.

It was moved by Mr. J. W. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Newson, and carried unanimously, that the decisions of each Council should be printed and circulated at the conclusion of the successive triennial periods.

Mr. Hattersley proposed, Mr. Attree seconded, and it was carried unanimously, that Sheffield be selected as the place for the Council meeting of 1895.

The President moved, Mr. Debenham seconded, and it was carried unanimously, that the following clause be added to Rule VIII:—"At the Annual meeting next after a triennial election, members of any Committee who have not been re-elected to the Council shall (when such Committee has a report to present) have the right to attend and vote upon any motion arising exclusively out of that report."

On the motion of the Rev. A. H. Boughey, seconded by the Rev. G. F. Coleridge, it was carried unanimously that: The President, Hon. Sec., with the Rev. Canon Wigram and the Rev. T. L. Papillon be appointed as the Church Congress Committee. It was also moved by the Rev. H. A. Cockey, seconded by the Rev. A. D. Hill, and carried unanimously that a Subcommittee be appointed, consisting of the Revs. G. F. Coleridge, H. A. Cockey, A. D. Hill, W. S. Willett, with Mr. Phillott, to take such steps as might seem fit for bringing the subject of ringing before those attending the Exeter Church Congress.

Mr. Strange having reported the progress he had made with a Bibliography, the subject was referred back to the Standing Committee on the motion of the Rev. T. L. Papillon, seconded by Mr. Rees, in order that Mr. Strange might continue the work.

The Rev. C. D. P. Davies moved and Mr. Hattersley seconded that the printed report of the Committee on Calls and Classification of peals, now in the hands of members, be adopted. The part of the report relating to Calls was adopted, with the omission of the recommendation as to the start in Stedman; the part relating to Compositions was referred back for further consideration to the Committee, consisting of the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, Mr. C. H. Hattersley, and Mr. N. J. Pitstow, who were re-elected on the motion of the Rev. F. E. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Strange.

The Rev. H. A. Cockey proposed the re-appointment of the Committee on cheap Railway Fares, consisting of Messrs. Storey and Griffin with himself, the work being unfinished. This was seconded by Mr. Dains, and carried unanimously.

The Rev. H. Earle Bulwer moved, Mr. Attree seconded, and it was resolved: that a Committee consisting of the President, Hon. Secretary, Rev. C. D. P. Davies, and Messrs. Dains, Pitstow, and Snowdon, be appointed to consider the technical terms used in the Art of ringing, to suggest such corrections as may seem desirable, and to prepare a Glossary for the use of learners.

Mr. Debenham moved, Mr. Buckingham seconded, and it was resolved that a Committee, consisting of Messrs. Newson, Carter, Debenham, Winny, Bastable, James, and Buckingham, be appointed to consider what action the Council should be recommended to take in regard to umpires during handbell peals.

Mr. Snowdon moved, Mr. W. D. Smith seconded, and it was

resolved: that, with a view to thorough ventilation of current questions and such subjects as are likely to be brought before the Council, it is desirable that (a) some special channel should be provided for the interchange of opinions by the members of the Council between one meeting and another, and that (b) to this end the Editor of "THE BELL NEWS" be requested by the Council kindly to grant the privilege of a column set apart solely for the correspondence of members of the Council. No letter to be published except above the actual name of the writer, to which must be annexed the name of the Society he represents.

A vote of thanks to the President concluded the meeting.

#### ATTENDANCE OF MEMBERS.

SOCIETY.	PRESENT.	ABSENT.
Ancient Society of College Youths. ...	F. E. Dawe. ... W. D. Smith. ... C. F. Winny. ...	
Royal Cumberland Society. ...	W. T. Cockerill. ... G. Newson. ... H. Dains. ... B. Foskett. ...	
St. James' Society. ...	A. Jacob. ... E. E. Richards. ... W. L. Buckingham. ...	
Bath and Wells Association. ...	(unrepresented). ...	Rev. C. W. Griffith. Rev. J. U. Todd.
Bedfordshire Association. ...	Rev. W. W. C. Baker J. Carter. ...	
Birmingham and District Society. ...	H. A. Heywood. ... W. Walmsley. ...	
Chester Diocesan Guild. ...	Rev. W. S. Willett. ... F. Lees. ...	Col. Troyte. R. S. Story. W. Nevard.
Devonshire Guild. ...	Rev. T. L. Papillon. ... F. G. Newman. ...	
Durham and Newcastle Association. ...	N. J. Pitstow. ...	
Essex Association. ...	Rev. H. A. Cockey. ... E. B. James. ... G. H. Phillott. ...	
Gloucester and Bristol Association. ...	J. T. Bratton. ... J. G. Wall. ...	
Hereford Diocesan Guild. ...	E. P. Debenham. ... Rev. E. W. Carpenter. ... Rev. F. J. O. Helmore. ...	
Herts. County Association. ...	A. Palmer. ... W. Bedwell. ...	
Kent County Association. ...	Rev. H. J. Elsee. ... T. Lockwood. ...	F. F. Linley. H. Bastable.
Lancashire Association. ...	N. E. Snow. ... (unrepresented). ...	
Leeds and District Association. ...	G. B. Lucas. ... A. P. Heywood. ...	
North Lincolnshire Association. ...	J. W. Taylor. ... J. Griffin. ... S. Cooper. ...	
St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham. ...	Rev. H. E. Bulwer. ... Rev. J. H. Pilkington. ... W. L. Catchpole. ...	
Middlesex Association. ...	R. H. Brundle. ... Rev. F. E. Robinson. ... Rev. G. F. Coleridge. ...	J. W. Washbrook.
Midland Counties' Association. ...	A. H. Cocks. ... Rev. A. D. Hill. ... S. Reeves. ...	T. Blackburn.
Norwich Diocesan Association. ...	A. B. Carpenter. ... E. F. Strange. ... Rev. C. D. P. Davies. ...	
Oxford Diocesan Guild. ...	G. F. Attree. ... J. Parker. ... A. E. Nye. ...	
Salisbury Diocesan Guild. ...	(unrepresented). ...	J. Holden.
Stafford Archdeaconry Society. ...	F. W. J. Rees. ... G. H. Barnett. ... G. Williams. ...	
Surrey Association. ...	H. White. ... R. E. Grove. ... W. Snowdon. ...	J. S. Pritchett. W. H. Howard. B. T. Copley.
Sussex Association. ...	C. H. Hattersley. ...	
United Counties' Association. ...		
Winchester Diocesan Guild. ...		
Worcestershire and Districts Assn. ...		
Yorkshire Association. ...		
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Societies represented	27
" unrepresented	3
Representatives present	59
" absent	13
Hon. members present	5
" absent	7
Total members present	66
" " absent	20



## Notices.

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**Norwich Diocesan Association.**—A Quarterly General Meeting will be held at King's Lynn, on Whit-Monday, May 14th. Luncheon at 1.30 will be served by kind permission of the Mayor in the card room at the Town Hall. Notice of intention to be present should reach the Hon. Sec. not later than Monday, May 7th, stating station (G.E.R.) of departure.

H. EARLE BULWER, *Hon. Sec.*

Stanhoe Rectory, King's Lynn.

**The Middlesex Association.**—A meeting of this Society will be held at St. Stephen's, Hampstead, to-day Saturday, May 5th. Ringing to commence at 4 o'clock.

PERCY HOWARD, *Hon. Sec.*

23, Essex Street, Strand.

**Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.**—Annual Meeting at Bath, to-day, Saturday, May 5th. Dinner (1s. to members), 1 p.m., at West's Dining Rooms, Upper Borough Walls. Service, St. Mary's, Bathwick, 2 p.m. Preacher: Rev. A. Coode, M.A., Chaplain Wells Theological College. Business meeting at Church House Hall, Grove Street, 3 p.m. Business: Report for 1893; statement of accounts for 1893; election of officers for ensuing year; any other business. The Incumbents of the following churches have kindly allowed members the use of their bells for the day: Peal of 10; Abbey. Peals of 8: St. Michael's, St. James', Christ Church, St. Andrew's, St. Saviour's, St. Michael's, Twerton. Peals of 6: St. Mary's, Bathwick, St. Mark's (new peal by Taylor, if ready), St. Matthew's, All Saints, Upper Weston.

CLEMENT W. H. GRIFFITH, *Master.*

8, Darlington Street, Bath.

**Midland Counties Association.**—Nottingham District.—There will be a meeting at Long Eaton, to-day, Saturday, May 5th. Belfry open at 4 o'clock. W. E. WHITE, *Hon. Sec.*

43, Southey Street.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Liverpool Diocesan Branch.—The usual monthly meeting will take place at All Saints, Wigan, to-day, Saturday, May 5th. Tower open at 2 o'clock. Business meeting to be held in the tower at 6 o'clock.

J. J. M. MOORE, *Hon. Sec.*

9, Mill Street, Warrington.

**Chester Diocesan Guild.**—Wirral Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held in the parish room (adjoining the church), Heswall, to-day, Saturday, May 5th. Tea at 5.30 (free). Tower open from 3 p.m.

F. R. T. BOLTON, *Hon. Sec.*

Braeside, West Kirby.

**Stoke-on-Trent Archidiaconal Association.**—The next meeting of the above will be held at Keele, on Whitsun Monday, May 14th. Members intending to be present are requested to give notice to Mr. G. Stanier, Keele.

W. TWIGG, *Hon. Sec.*

**Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.**—Bath District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at the parish church, Keynsham, on Monday, May 7th, at 7.30 p.m.

JAMES FUSSELL, *Hon. Local Sec.*

9, Cottage Place, Larkhall.

**Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.**—Meeting on Whit-Monday, May 14th, at Barnard Castle. Committee meeting at 11, dinner (cold), at 1 p.m. both at The Turk's Head inn. Members 1s. Non members 2s. Belfries of Barnard Castle (except between 11 and 12) and Cotherstone open during the day. Members intending to be present, please reply before May 7th to

THOMAS HUDSON, *Sec. pro. tem.*

314, High Street West, Sunderland.

**Waterloo Society, London.**—A fortnightly meeting of the Society will be held at Vassal Road, Brixton, commencing Tuesday, May 8th. Meeting time 8 till 9.30. Members please attend.

F. G. PERRIN, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Lancashire Association.**—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Christ Church, Healey, on Saturday, May 12th. Bells ready at 3.30 p.m. Meeting at Vicarage at 6.30.

E. SCHOFIELD, *Branch Sec.*

**Lancashire Association.**—Manchester Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Walkden, on Saturday, May 12th. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Meeting at 7 p.m.

WALTER BROWN, *Branch Sec.*

54, Wenlock Street, Hulme, Manchester.

**The Heavy Woollen District Association's Challenge Cup.**—A contest for the above will take place at Kirkburton, on Saturday, May 12th, 1894, commencing at 2.30 p.m. First prize, Silver cup and 8 silver alberts with silver medals attached; Second prize, 8 gold medals; Third prize, 8 half-dozs. knives and forks; Fourth prize, 8 silk handkerchiefs. The prizes in addition to the cup are kindly given by the local band.

**The Essex Association.**—The Annual Meeting will be held at Chelmsford, on Whit-Monday, May 14th. Divine Service at St. Mary's church, at 11 a.m. Preacher, Rev. F. B. Johnston, Vicar of Waltham Abbey. Business meeting at 12 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 (10 bells), Galleywood (8), Great Baddow (8), Widford (8), Writtle (8) and Springfield (6) will be open for ringing during the day. Return tickets for the day 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 9th, from what station members propose to start. Tickets issued from Liverpool Street will be available from Saturday to Monday.

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

Writtle Vicarage, Chelmsford, May, 1894.

**The Kent County Association.**—Annual Meeting at Tunbridge, Whitsun-Monday, May 14th, 1894. Committee meeting at 11.30 a.m. Service in parish church, with address by the Vicar, the Rev. T. Howard Gill, at 12.30 p.m. Dinner at 1.45 p.m. in the public hall, to be followed by the general business meeting. The following towers will be open for ringing before and after service and dinner: Tunbridge (8); Tunbridge Wells, St. Peter's (8); Hadlow (8); Speldhurst (8); Chiddington (8); Penshurst (6); Shipbourne (6); Leigh (5). Applications for dinner tickets to be made to the Secretary. Members are requested to notice that dinner tickets will not be issued to those whose subscriptions are not paid.

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

Canterbury, May 1st, 1894.

**North Notts. Association.**—The Annual Meeting will be held at Retford, on Whit-Monday. The bells of East Retford (10), West Retford (6), and Ordsall (6), will be at the disposal of ringers during the day by kind permission. Further particulars will appear next week. HENRY T. SLODDEN, *Hon. Sec.*

**Raunds, Wellingborough and District Association.**—The Annual Meeting of the above Society will, by kind invitation of the Rev. E. Biscoe, take place at the parish church, Irthlingborough, on Whit-Monday, May 14th. Ringing from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Divine Service in the church at 1 p.m., followed by dinner and business meeting at the school-room.

E. J. DENNES, *Hon. Sec.*

Wellingborough.

**Farnham Royal, Bucks.**—A friendly ringing meeting will be held at Farnham Royal, on Whit-Monday, to celebrate the 17th anniversary of the re-opening of the 'six bells.

J. J. PARKER.

**The Heavy Woollen District Association, Yorkshire.**—The next monthly meeting will be held at Earlsheaton, on Saturday, May 19th, at 6 p.m. Meeting house, Park Hotel.

GEO. H. SIMON, *Hon. Sec.*

19, Albert Street, Batley Carr.

**Salisbury Diocesan Guild.**—The Annual Meeting will be held on Monday, May 28th, 1894. Divine Service at 11.45 a.m. Meeting for election of officers and general business after service. Dinner at the Greyhound hotel at 1.30 p.m. (2s. 6d. per head). Travelling expenses up to 3s. per head, will be allowed to ringing members sending in their names to me, and stating how many dinner tickets will be required, not later than May 18th.

J. R. JERRAM, *General Secretary.*

## ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

A. JACOB, R. BINNS (and others).—Next week.

W. L. CATCHPOLE.—Is the remaining part of your letter intended for publication?

ROYAL OAK.—It is to be found in a novel entitled "Boscobel," by Harrison Ainsworth.

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS.**—Mr. A. Roberts, Honorary Secretary to the St. Michael's Junior Society, Gloucester, has removed to 34, Stratton Road, Gloucester.

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## The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, MAY 5, 1894.

WE hear that the North Lincolnshire Association has, at its Annual Meeting, recently held, passed a resolution condemning the Bill now before Parliament for the overthrow of the Church in Wales, and that a copy of such resolution has by this time been sent to the Council of the Church Defence Association.

There will be various opinions expressed upon this proceeding, in favor of it and otherwise. In our opinion it is most worthy of example. It is not for the thousands of Church Bell Ringers—the majority of whom are Churchmen—to remain passive when the assault is delivered upon what may be termed the outworks of the Church. To paraphrase the language of one of the threatened clergy—we are not to sit down with folded hands and calmly accept the attack as a thing that is to be. The Bill now before the House of Commons is an attack on the Church of England. Those who define it as anything else show very little foresight. Any attempt to overthrow the whole Church is too vast; the difficulties are too great to promise any reasonable hope of success. So that its outworks are attacked, the design being that it should be destroyed by pieces being broken off, as it were, piecemeal.

Sometimes we read of uninformed persons giving out that bellringers are an unworthy class of beings whose society was the reverse of pleasant, and whose acquaintance it was necessary to avoid. A host of libels has in fact been mouthed out against us time after time. We may have a faint idea that at one time ringers were to be found who possessed some unattractive habits. But

what has that to do with ringers of the present day? In the same manner has a loud indictment been brought against the Welsh Clergy because their predecessors many years ago failed in their duties. This is the fulcrum upon which the whole movement rests. But we have only to read the account of a recent discussion in Convocation to learn that the Clergy and laity in Wales are fully alive to the performance of their duties; and that the English Church in Wales is waxing stronger and stronger every hour. And yet to satisfy a few bitter people this progress is to be impeded.

And what do the despoilers think to gain in such a transaction? The funds which disestablishment and disendowment may set at liberty to be distributed in philanthropy (save the mark) will be ridiculously below the estimates fondly imagined by the liberationists. We fancy they are already much deceived at the apparent paucity of the spoil. It will be interesting to watch the process of distribution of the Church's property, if this Bill lives to become an Act.

### The Metropolis.

#### THE ALL SAINTS' SOCIETY, FULHAM.

On Saturday, April 14, 1894, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, FULHAM,

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

Tenor 21 cwt.

ANDREW S. OUGH .. .. Treble.	JAMES GEORGE .. .. 6.
EDWARD H. ADAMS .. .. 2.	CHARLES HINDS .. .. 7.
JOHN G. GREEN .. .. 3.	JAMES W. DRIVER .. .. 8.
WALTER J. SORRELL .. .. 4.	CORNELIUS CHARGE .. .. 9.
WILLIAM H. ROWLAND .. .. 5.	*HORACE ADAMS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by JAMES GEORGE and Conducted by J. W. DRIVER.

\*First peal. J. George hails from Rugby.

#### THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, April 28, 1894, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW, BETHNAL GREEN,

#### A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14 cwt.

I. GEORGE SHADE .. .. Treble.	YORK GREEN .. .. 5.
HENRY LANGDON .. .. 2.	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY .. .. 6.
JAMES PETTIT .. .. 3.	SAMUEL E. JOYCE .. .. 7.
MATTHEW A. WOOD .. .. 4.	WALTER PRIME .. .. Tenor.

Composed by the late HENRY JOHNSON and Conducted by I. G. SHADE.

The above was rung on the anniversary of the birthday of I. G. Shade, and also as a birthday compliment to H. Langdon, whose anniversary was on Friday, April 27th, the last-named date being the anniversary of the 15,840 Kent Treble Bob Major rung on the same bells.

### The Provinces.

#### OXFORD.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, April 17, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

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

#### A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

A. FOX .. .. Treble.	C. HOUNSLOW .. .. 5.
P. A. HIND .. .. 2.	T. PAYNE .. .. 6.
C. H. FOWLER .. .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. .. 7.
K. PAYNE .. .. 4.	J. W. WASHBROOK .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by J. W. WASHBROOK.

#### SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.

#### THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 25, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. Treble.	ROBERT J. DAWE .. .. 5.
JOHN GOLDSMITH* .. .. 2.	RICHARD W. HOATHER .. .. 6.
FREDERICK W. HARDING .. .. 3.	KEITH HART .. .. 7.
JAMES BATTS .. .. 4.	ALFRED J. TURNER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

\*First peal of Stedman. This is the conductor's 200th peal.

#### SALISBURY, WILTS.

#### THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, April 25, 1894, in Two Hours and Twenty-nine Minutes,

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

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.
THOMAS BLACKBOURN .. 3-4.	ARTHUR W. BARKUS .. 7-8.

Conducted by ARTHUR W. BARKUS.

#### ASHBY-DE-LA-ZOUCH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

#### THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 26, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

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

E. B. JAMES' TEN-PART.

Tenor 17 cwt.

GEORGE HATTON .. .. Treble.	JOSEPH CURTIS .. .. 5.
WALTER CANNER .. .. 2.	HERBERT CANNER .. .. 6.
E. W. BEADSMOORE .. .. 3.	JOHN H. DUNMORE .. .. 7.
ARTHUR HITCHCOCK .. .. 4.	GEORGE THORNLEY .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WALTER CANNER.

#### NORWICH.

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

On Thursday, April 26th, 1894, in Five Hours,

AT THE PARISH ROOMS, ST. PETER MANCROFT,

ON HANDBELLS RETAINED IN HAND,

#### A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 11,200 CHANGES.

J. ARMIGER TROLLOP .. 1-2.	JOHN E. BURTON .. .. 5-6.
GEORGE P. BURTON .. 3-4.	CHARLES E. BORRETT .. 7-8.

Composed by J. ARMIGER TROLLOP and Conducted by CHARLES E. BORRETT.

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#### BACUP, LANCASHIRE.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, April 27, 1894, in Two Hours and Forty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,

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

VICARS' SIX-PART.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

FRED. HOWORTH .. .. Treble.	THOMAS LORD .. .. 5.
JOHN A. BROWN .. .. 2.	*JOSEPH SUTCLIFFE .. .. 6.
JOHN SHEPHARD .. .. 3.	WILLIAM ASHWORTH .. .. 7.
JAMES T. STANDRING .. 4.	WILFRED LAW .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOSEPH SUTCLIFFE.

\*First peal in the method as conductor. Rung as a birthday peal to Messrs. Howorth and Ashworth.

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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
THURSTANS' COMPOSITION. Tenor 20 cwt.

FRANK HOPGOOD .. .. Treble.	CHARLES CHAPMAN .. .. 5.
CHARLES GILES* .. .. 2.	RICHARD T. HIBBERT .. 6.
ARTHUR W. PIKE .. .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
J. MARTIN ROUTH, Esq. .. 4.	LEWIS ROLFE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

\*First peal of Stedman. Messrs. J. M. Routh and C. Chapman belong to the local band; A. W. Pike to Caversham; the Rev. F. E. Robinson to Drayton; the rest to Reading.

## SALISBURY, WILTS.

## THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 28, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

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

ALFRED J. CALLAWAY .. Treble.	ARTHUR W. BARKUS .. .. 5.
JAMES ELCOMBE .. .. 2.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. 6.
ALFRED PEARCE .. .. 3.	CHARLES H. WATTS .. .. 7.
SIDNEY MACEY .. .. 4.	SIDNEY AMES .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by ARTHUR W. BARKUS.

Rung on the occasion of the opening of the new church of St. Mark.

## LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 28, 1894, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;**  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

ALBERT J. LINCOLN* .. Treble.	STANFORD WOLFE .. .. 5.
WILLIAM TAYLOR** .. .. 2.	GEORGE WILSON .. .. 6.
FRANCIS COOPER† .. .. 3.	JOHN M. BUTTON** .. .. 7.
CHARLES SAMPSON† .. .. 4.	GEORGE HARDY .. .. Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF and Conducted by A. J. LINCOLN.

\*First peal in the method as conductor. \*\*First peal in the method. †First peal of Treble Bob. ‡First peal. G. Hardy hails from Kelsale; the rest belong to the local company.

## PORTSMOUTH, HANTS.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 28, 1894, in Three Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, PORTSEA,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
J. J. PARKER'S 1-PART. Tenor 16½ cwt.

ALFRED E. MACEY .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM J. SEVIER .. .. 5.
JOHN STAPLES .. .. 2.	GEORGE INSTRALL .. .. 6.
GEORGE H. BARNETT .. 3.	REV. R. C. M. HARVEY.. 7.
HENRY JENNINGS .. .. 4.	JAMES T. MATTHEWS .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM J. SEVIER.

## WEST BROMWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, April 28, 1894, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qrs. 12 lbs.

HENRY HIPKISS .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM ROCK SMALL .. 6.
WILLIAM H. GODDEN .. 2.	THOMAS HORTON .. .. 7.
SAMUEL REEVES .. .. 3.	JAMES E. GROVES .. .. 8.
JOHN R. FRISBY .. .. 4.	REUBEN HALL .. .. 9.
HARRY MASON .. .. 5.	JAMES HALL .. .. Tenor.

Composed by the late JOHN COX, of London, and Conducted by SAMUEL REEVES.

This peal, which has the 5th and 6th each twenty-three courses behind the ninth, was rung with the bells half-muffled as a last tribute of respect to the late Samuel Marsh, of West Bromwich, who was formerly leader of the Christ Church Society of Change-Ringers, also a composer in the Treble Bob method. He died at the age of 74, and was interred at All Saints on Saturday, April 21st, 1894, and was much respected by all who knew him.

## HIGHAM FERRERS, NORTHANTS.

## RAUNDS AND WELLINGBOROUGH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 28, 1894, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
HOLT'S SIX-PART. Tenor 22 cwt. 3 qrs. 1 lb.

WILLIAM PETTET .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM HALL .. .. 5.
GEORGE RANDALL .. .. 2.	WILLIAM PARKER .. .. 6.
ISAAC HILLS .. .. 3.	ALFRED H. MARTIN .. 7.
CHARLES W. CLARKE .. 4.	JOHN B. MARTIN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARKE.

Messrs. Clarke and Hills hail from Bedford; the rest belong to Higham Ferrers.

## HAWLEY, HANTS.—THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 28, 1894, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.**  
Tenor 16½ cwt.

THOMAS CURTIS .. .. Treble.	BARZILLA HAWKINS .. .. 5.
GEORGE HAWKINS .. .. 2.	JOHN J. JONES .. .. 6.
FRANK BENNETT .. .. 3.	HENRY WHITE .. .. 7.
THOMAS BLACKBOURN .. 4.	EDGAR COLLINS .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

This peal contains the 4th twelve times, the 5th eighteen times, and the 6th fourteen times in 6ths place; the 2nd and 3rd never there; and is now rung for the first time. This is the conductor's fiftieth peal.

## NEWNHAM-ON-SEVERN, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, April 28, 1894, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

ERNEST E. DAVIES .. .. Treble.	WALTER T. BENNETT .. 5.
FRANCIS E. HART .. .. 2.	FRANCIS E. WARD .. .. 6.
E. BANKES JAMES .. .. 3.	ADOLPHUS ROBERTS .. 7.
JOHN AUSTIN .. .. 4.	†ERNEST BARTLEET .. Tenor.

Composed by REV. W. H. THOMPSON and Conducted by E. BANKES JAMES.

†First peal. First peal in the method by all. This peal is No. 1, page 46, of Mr. Thompson's pamphlet.

## OSWESTRY, SHROPSHIRE.

On Saturday, April 28, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 16 cwt.

W. MORRIS .. .. Treble.	W. H. JONES .. .. 5.
D. DAVIES .. .. 2.	R. EDWARDS .. .. 6.
R. MARTIN .. .. 3.	R. EVANS .. .. 7.
E. JONES .. .. 4.	J. R. WELLINGS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by D. DAVIES.

First peal by a purely local band since 1731.

## ARMLEY, LEEDS.

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

On Monday, April 30, 1894, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES.**

ARTHUR CRAVEN .. .. 1-2.	HARRY WILLIAMS .. .. 5-6.
JOSEPH THACKRAY .. .. 3-4.	JOHN WHITAKER .. .. 7-8.

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN and Conducted by HARRY WILLIAMS.

Referee—Mr. J. Whitaker of Headingley, and Mr. J. Barraclough of Leeds. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. John Thackray, president of the above Society, and this is his first peal in the method. This is a six-part peal with all the full combinations of 4-5-6 in 5-6; the 2nd and 2rd being only once each in 5th place in each part; and is now rung for the first time.

**YATELEY, HANTS.—THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Tuesday, May 1, 1894, 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 (No. 1).

S. RIDDLE .. .. . Treble.	R. HILTON .. .. . 5.
G. HAWKINS .. .. . 2.	W. B. TICE .. .. . 6.
W. FILMORE .. .. . 3.	J. R. BUNCH .. .. . 7.
B. HAWKINS .. .. . 4.	C. HILTON .. .. . Tenor.

Conducted by G. HAWKINS.

The first peal on the bells by local men. All the band were born in Yateley, are living there now, and were all baptised at the font round which they stood to ring the peal.

**SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.****THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Tuesday, May 1, 1894, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

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

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 21 cwt.

H. TIDY, JUN.* .. .. . Treble.	E. J. BOTTLE .. .. . 5.
T. W. JARRETT* .. .. . 2.	A. HARDY .. .. . 6.
H. E. SIMPSON .. .. . 3.	G. A. RANSOM .. .. . 7.
C. MILWAY .. .. . 4.	W. J. WALKER .. .. . Tenor.

Conducted by G. A. RANSOM.

**CORRECTION OF PEAL.**—The peal of Bob Major recorded last week was the first on handbells by the Yorkshire Association.

**DEFECTIVE REPORT.**—We have received a report of a peal of Treble Bob rung at Lincoln, without a date. Will our correspondent kindly amend?

**Date Touches.****THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.**

**CAMBRIDGE.**—*Handbell Ringing.*—On Monday, April 23rd, in the President's rooms, Trinity College, a date touch of Bob Minor, 1894 changes, in 45 mins. Rev. A. H. F. Boughy (Trinity), 1-2; C. E. Earle Bulwer (Selwyn), 3-4; G. F. Woodhouse (Caius, conductor), 5-6.

**STOKE-ON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.**

**NORTON (Staffordshire).**—On Tuesday evening, April 17th, at the parish church, a date touch, 1894 changes, in 1 hr. 4 mins., being 720 each of Plain and Oxford Bob, and 454 Grandsire. A. Pyles, 1; J. H. Naylor, 2; E. Johnson, 3; J. Gibson, 4; T. Johnson, 5; E. Glover (conductor), 6. Longest touch by all except the conductor.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

**HEMPSTEAD (Gloucestershire).**—On Sunday evening, April 15th, after Divine Service, a date touch of Plain Bob Minor, consisting of two 720s and 454, in 1 hr. 2 mins. E. E. Davis, H. Mitchell, C. Jones, A. T. Brunsden (conductor), A. E. Peglar, W. T. Peglar. Tenor 12 cwt. H. Mitchell belongs to Barnwood, Messrs. Jones and Brunsden to Gloucester, the rest are local men.

**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

**SITTINGBOURNE (Kent).**—On Sunday, April 22nd, for evening service at St. Michael's church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1894 changes, in 1 hr. 6 mins. F. Shedd, 1; T. W. Jarrett, 2; F. Ockwell, 3; E. J. Bottle, 4; H. E. Simpson, 5; J. G. Elliott, 6; G. A. Ransom (conductor), 7; J. H. Champion, 8. Ockwell and Champion hail from Rainham (Kent), the rest belong to the local company.

**DRIFHLINGTON (Yorks).**—On Sunday, April 15th, at St. Paul's church, a date touch of Kent Treble Major was rung for Divine Service in 1 hr. 4 mins. F. W. Hargreaves, 1; J. Thornton, 2; G. H. Wilson, 3; H. S. Clapham, 4; D. Newton, 5; L. Snowdon, 6; F. Barker, 7; R. Thornton (conductor), 8.

**BACUP (Lancashire).**—On Tuesday, April 18th, at St. Saviour's church, a date touch of Bob Major, 1894 changes, in 1 hr. 6 mins. F. Howorth, 1; J. A. Brown, 2; A. Whitworth, 3; J. T. Standing, 4; T. Lord, 5; J. Sutcliffe, 6; W. Ashworth, 7; J. Shephard (composer

and conductor), 8. First date touch in the method by all except the conductor, and the first date touch in the method in the Rossendale valley by any local company.

**Miscellaneous.****THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

**WINCHESTER.**—On Thursday, April 5th, for practice at the Cathedral, 532 Grandsire Triples in 21 mins. A. E. Macey, 1; C. J. Chovet, 2; R. White, 3; C. J. North, 4; W. J. Sevier, 5; J. Weaver, 6; W. H. George (conductor), 7; D. Froome, 8. And two courses of Grandsire Caters. A. E. Macey, 1; C. J. North, 2; W. Andrews, 3; \*C. J. Chovet, 4; \*R. White, 5; W. J. Sevier, 6; W. C. Lampard, 7; J. Weaver, 8; W. H. George (conductor), 9; D. Froome, 10. Tenor 32 cwt. \*First touch of Caters. Also 168 Grandsire Triples. W. S. Lampard, 1; C. J. Chovet, 2; R. White, 3; C. J. North, 4; W. C. Lampard, 5; J. Weaver, 6; W. H. George (conductor), 7; C. Russell, 8. And two courses in the same method with C. Russell, 1; F. Smith, 8. First touch of Triples by W. S. Lampard and Russell away from the treble. On Thursday, April 12th, at the Cathedral, two courses of Grandsire Caters. C. J. North, 1; W. J. Sevier, 2; W. Andrews, 3; C. J. Chovet, 4; G. Smith, 5; R. Hasted, 6; W. C. Lampard, 7; J. Weaver, 8; W. H. George (conductor), 9; D. Froome, 10. And 420 Grandsire Triples. J. Weaver, 1; C. J. Chovet, 2; R. Hasted, 3; C. J. North, 4; W. C. Lampard, 5; W. J. Sevier, 6; W. H. George (conductor), 7; J. H. Harris, 8. Also 420 in the same method. W. J. Sevier, 1; C. J. Chovet, 2; G. Smith, 3; R. Hasted, 4; W. C. Lampard, 5; J. Weaver, 6; W. H. George (conductor), 7; J. W. Elkins, 8. And two courses with J. W. Elkins and J. H. Harris on the treble, and W. Payne, tenor. On Thursday, April 19th, two of courses Grandsire Caters. A. E. Macey, 1; C. J. North, 2; W. Andrews, 3; R. White, 4; R. Hasted, 5; W. J. Sevier, 6; W. C. Lampard, 7; J. Weaver, 8; W. H. George (conductor), 9; J. H. Harris, 10. On Thursday, April 26th, 532 Grandsire Triples. W. J. Sevier, 1; R. Hasted, 2; G. Smith, 3; C. J. North, 4; T. Newnham, 5; W. C. Lampard, 6; W. H. George (conductor), 7; J. H. Harris, 8. And 280 in the same method. C. J. North, 1; C. J. Chovet, 2; R. Hasted, 3; W. J. Sevier, 4; W. C. Lampard, 5; J. Weaver, 6; W. H. George (conductor), 7; W. Payne, 8. Tenor 32 cwt.

**ROMSEY (Hants).**—On Wednesday, April 25th, at the Abbey, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 1260 changes, in 45 mins. A. E. Macey, 1; W. J. Sevier, 2; C. J. North, 3; J. Elcomb, jun., 4; W. C. Lampard, 5; T. Cole, 6; W. H. George (composer and conductor), 7; J. Walker, 8. Tenor 25 cwt. This was rung after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal.

**NORTH STONEHAM.**—On Wednesday, April 4th, the following paid a visit to this place, and rang three 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles on the musical ring of six, which were opened just twelve months ago. Tenor 7½ cwt. A. Macey, 1; W. J. Sevier, 2; E. Finden, 3; C. J. Chovet, 4; W. H. George (conductor), 5; W. Payne, 6. Afterwards several more 6-scores were rung, in which the following members of the Stoneham band, who have been under the instruction of W. H. George, rang their first 120. E. Mundy, G. Bennett, F. Adams, W. Ball, and W. Rowe.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

**BARNWOOD (Gloucestershire).**—On Tuesday, March 13th, by the local band, at the parish church, 720 Plain Bob Minor (eighteen bobs two singles), in 25 mins. A. Howley, H. G. Gardner, R. A. Barrett, G. Miles, H. Mitchell, A. A. Waite (conductor). This was rung with the bells muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Mr. Thomas C. Taynton, Solicitor, who died at Gloucester, and was interred at Barnwood churchyard on this day. Likewise the whole pull and stand was rung to denote the age of 46 years of the deceased gentleman. On Tuesday, March 27th, for practice, 720 in the same method (eighteen bobs two singles), in 25 mins. G. Miles, A. E. Peglar, W. T. Peglar, H. G. Gardner, H. Mitchell, R. A. Barrett (conductor). Messrs. A. and W. Peglar hail from Hempstead.

**HEMPSTEAD (Gloucestershire).**—On Monday, April 2nd, at the parish church, for practice, 2880 Plain Bob Minor in 1 hr. 45 mins. E. E. Davis, H. Mitchell, C. Roles, F. Knight, A. E. Peglar, W. T. Peglar (conductor). H. Mitchell belongs to Barnwood, C. Roles to Deerhurst, and F. Knight to Quedgeley.

**SANDHURST (Gloucestershire).**—On Monday, April 9th, four members of the Barnwood band visited this place, and assisted by B. Etheredge of Maisemore, and W. Pugh, local man, rang 720 Plain Bob Minor (nine bobs six singles), in 22 mins. A. Rheam, B. Etheredge, G. Miles, W. Pugh, H. Mitchell, A. A. Waite (conductor). And a few 6-scores of Stedman and Grandsire Doubles, the Stedman was conducted by B. Etheredge, and the Grandsire by H. Mitchell. The bells

were then lowered in peal, and the ringers adjourned to The White Horse inn for a little refreshment, and a few courses of Grandsire Caters and Triples were rung on the handbells.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

**BROMLEY (Kent).**—On Sunday morning, April 22nd, for Divine Service, 1056 Bob Major. G. Simpson, 1; H. P. Harman (conductor), 2; E. Dunn, 3; P. F. Harman, 4; G. Durling, 5; I. Emery, 6; F. S. Bayley, 7; T. Groombridge, 8. On Tuesday, April 24th, for practice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, taken from the middle of Holt's Original, and finishing with the singles. J. Town, 1; T. Groombridge, 2; E. Dunn, 3; I. Emery, 4; G. Simpson, 5; G. Durling, 6; H. P. Harman (conductor), 7; W. James, 8. F. J. Bayley hails from Greenwich.

**ASHFORD (Kent).**—On Tuesday, April 17th, for practice at the parish church, 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-four bobs and two singles) with the second left out. G. Head, 1; T. Tabret, 3; H. N. Horton, 4; E. Duff, 5; E. Dyson, 6; A. J. Dyson (conductor), 7; H. Willis, 8. First 720 by all the band with the exception of E. Duff.

**TUNBRIDGE WELLS (Kent).**—On Sunday evening, April 8th, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Major. J. Muggridge, 1; G. Smithers, 2; E. Mankelov, 3; S. Perkins, 4; T. Card, 5; F. Lambert, 6; C. Goble, 7; W. Latter (conductor), 8. T. Card hails from Southborough; F. Lambert from Horsmonden. On Sunday, April 15th, 350 Oxford Bob Triples. R. Burfield, 1; G. Smithers, 2; J. Muggridge, 3; S. Perkins (conductor), 4; H. Porter, 5; E. Mankelov, 6; W. Porter, 7; C. Goble, 8. And 504 Stedman Triples. W. Porter, 1; E. Mankelov, 2; H. Porter, 3; G. Smithers, 4; S. Perkins, 5; C. Goble, 6; W. Latter (conductor), 7; J. Muggridge, 8. Also 336 Grandsire Triples. R. Burfield, 1; W. Latter (conductor), 2; C. Goble, 3; H. Porter, 4; J. Muggridge, 5; W. Porter, 6; S. Perkins, 7; G. Smithers, 8.

**BORDEN (Kent).**—On Sunday morning, April 22nd, at the church of SS. Peter and Paul for Divine Service, the last 742 of Holt's Original in 27 mins. S. E. Collard, 1; E. Allen (conductor), 2; S. Hutson, 3; A. Hardy, 4; C. Dutnall, 5; R. Staines, 6; C. Willshire, 7; W. Tassell, 8. For evening service a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 42 mins. S. E. Collard, 1; A. Hardy, 2; S. Hutson, 3; E. Allen, 4; C. Dutnall, 5; R. Staines, 6; C. Willshire (conductor), 7; W. Tassell, 8. Tenor 23 cwt.

#### NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

**EAST RETFORD.**—On Saturday evening, April 21st, 378 Grandsire Triples. J. E. Whetstone, 1; G. Swannack, 2; H. Haigh (conductor), 3; H. T. Denman, Esq., 4; W. Skelton, 5; H. Warburton, 6; G. Chester, 7; J. B. Joynes, 8. On Sunday, April 22nd, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters in 47 mins. T. Spurr, 1; J. Swannack, 2; J. T. Bottomley, 3; H. Warburton, 4; J. F. Haigh, 5; G. Chester, 6; W. Skelton, 7; H. Haigh (conductor), 8; J. B. Joynes, 9; W. Metcalfe, 10. And for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 43 mins. G. E. Sharpe, 1; G. Swannack, 2; J. T. Bottomley, 3; H. T. Denman, Esq., 4; W. Skelton, 5; H. Warburton (first quarter-peal as conductor), 6; T. Spurr, 7; J. Swannack, 8.

**WEST RETFORD.**—Recently, 360 Bob Minor. H. Warburton, 1; J. T. Bottomley, 2; W. Skelton, 3; J. B. Joynes, 4; H. Haigh (conductor), 5; G. Chester, 6.

**ORDSALL.**—Recently, 720 Canterbury Pleasure in 25 mins. W. Preston, 1; J. E. Whetstone, 2; G. Chester, 3; J. B. Joynes, 4; H. Haigh (conductor), 5; J. White, 6. First 720 in the method by the ringers of the treble and fourth bells.

#### WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

**NETHERTON (Worcestershire).**—On Sunday, April 8th, 720 Oxford Bob in 26½ mins. G. Smith, 1; J. Prestidge, 2; J. Townsend, 3; J. Smith, 4; E. Hampton, 5; R. Round (conductor), 6. On Sunday, April 15th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure in 25 mins. J. Prestidge, 1; N. Holyoake, 2; Jno. Smith, 3; J. Smith, 4; E. Hampton, 5; R. Round (conductor), 6. On Thursday, April 19th, 720 Plain Bob in 25 mins. \*J. W. Smith, 1; S. Spittle, 2; G. Smith (first 720 with a bob bell), 3; J. Smith, 4; J. Pagett, 5; G. H. Pagett (conductor), 6. \*First 720 in any method, and is under 16 years of age.

**DUDLEY (Worcestershire).**—On Tuesday, April 17th, for practice at St. Thomas's church, on the back six, 720 Plain Bob Minor. H. Fawkes, 1; G. Pearsall, 2; A. Spittle, 3; J. Mills, 4; J. Goodman, 5; J. Pagett (conductor), 6. Also 720 Grandsire Minor. G. Cadman, 1; G. Pearsall, 2; J. Pagett, 3; J. Goodman, 4; \*H. Fawkes, 5; \*A. Spittle (conductor), 6. \*First 720 with a bob bell. †First 720 as conductor. First 720 of Bob Minor on the bells. Tenor 22 cwt. in E flat.

#### THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

**STANSTED (Essex).**—On Wednesday, April 11th, at the church of

St. Mary the Virgin, for practice, a 720 Stansted Court Bob. T. Jordan (first 720 in the method), 1; G. Jordan (first 720 in the method with a bob bell), 2; T. J. Watts, 3; W. Watts, 4; I. Hammond, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. On Sunday, April 15th, for Divine service, 720 York Surprise 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. And for afternoon service, a 720 Cambridge Surprise. J. Cavill, 1; G. Jordan, 2; I. Hammond, 3; G. Gray, 4; W. Watts, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. On Wednesday, April 18th, for practice, a 720 Plain Bob Minor (fourteen singles and four bobs). Composed by N. Spindlow, of Ducklington. T. Jordan, 1; I. Hammond, 2; J. Sibley, 3; G. Gray, 4; W. White, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. And a 720 Worcester Surprise in 25 mins. G. Jordan, 1; I. Hammond, 2; G. Gray, 3; W. Watts, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. And 720 Plain Bob Minor in 26 mins. T. Jordan, 1; W. Watts, 2; J. Sibley, 3; J. Luckey, 4; W. White, 5; T. J. Watts (conductor), 6. On Sunday, April 22nd, for Divine Service in the morning, a 720 of Yorkshire Court Bob (5th the observation). T. 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 Violet Treble Bob in 25 mins. J. Cavill, 1; G. Jordan, 2; I. Hammond, 3; G. Gray, 4; W. Watts, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. Messrs. White and Sibley hail from Farnham, Essex. Tenor 13 cwt.

**ROMFORD (Essex).**—On Sunday, April 15th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, taken from the centre of Holt's Original, in 45 mins. T. James, 1; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 2; W. Watson, 3; E. Pye, 4; G. Roughton, 5; G. R. Pye, 6; J. Dale, 7; W. Pye, 8.

**WALTHAMSTOW (Essex).**—On Saturday, April 21st, at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Brook's), in 45 mins. F. A. Nunn, 1; T. Maynard, 2; G. Grimwade, 3; G. R. Pye, 4; J. H. Wilkins, 5; W. B. Manning, 6; W. Pye (conductor), 7; W. H. Freeman, 8.

#### LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—BLACKBURN BRANCH.

**BURNLEY.**—On Sunday, April 15th, for morning service, 360 Kent Treble Bob Minor. T. Baldwin, 1; J. Wilkinson, 2; R. Ashworth, 3; M. Wood, 4; T. Mounsey, 5; T. Redman (conductor), 6. And for evening service, 576 Kent Treble Bob Major. \*T. Duxbury, 1; D. Campbell, 2; H. Heyworth, 3; J. Wilkinson, 4; R. Ashworth, 5; M. Wood, 6; T. Mounsey, 7; T. Redman (conductor), 8. \*T. Duxbury hails from Padiham, and this is his longest touch in the method. On Tuesday, April 17th, for practice, 288 Kent Treble Bob Major. T. Baldwin, 1; J. Wilkinson, 2; H. Heyworth, 3; R. Ashworth, 4; N. Townend, 5; M. Wood, 6; T. Mounsey, 7; T. Redman (conductor), 8.

#### THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

**BOLNEY (Sussex).**—On Sunday afternoon, April 22nd, an attempt was made for Penning's five-part peal of Grandsire Triples, but it came to grief through the conductor missing a bob at the 476th change. \*G. Walder, sen., 1; G. Walder, jun. (conductor), 2; \*J. Prevett, 3; G. Williams, 4; F. Scutt, 5; J. Searle, 6; W. Walder, 7; \*J. Osborne, 8. G. Williams hails from Brighton, J. Searle from Burgess Hill, the rest belong to the local band. \*Longest length.

#### THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

**CAMBRIDGE.**—*Handbell Ringing.*—On Sunday, April 29th, in Mr Bulwer's rooms, two 720's of Bob Minor. C. W. O. Jenkyn (Trinity), 1-2; C. E. Earle Bulwer (Selwyn), 3-4; G. F. Woodhouse (Caius, conductor), 5-6. Also a non-conducted 720 of Bob Minor.

**ALYSHAM (Norfolk).**—On Sunday, April 22nd, at St. Michael's church, for Divine Service, a 504 of Grandsire Triples. R. Stackwood, 1; J. Rought, 2; W. Freestone, 3; B. Cushing, 4; A. Rought, 5; A. W. Brighton (conductor), 6; J. Moy, 7; G. Moy, 8. And for evening service, a 350 Grandsire Triples. J. Rought, 1; A. W. Brighton (conductor), 2; W. Freestone, 3; W. Rought, 4; A. Rought, 5; B. Cushings, 6; G. Moy, 7; J. M. Roberts, 8. A. W. Brighton hails from Norwich, and W. Freestone from Norton Subcourse. Tenor 20 cwt.

**BOLSTERSTONE (Yorks).**—On Monday, April 2nd, at St. Mary's church, for practice, a 336 of Bob Major. R. Dyson, 1; W. Steel, 2; J. Aspinwall, 3; G. Jackson, 4; J. Shaw, 5; J. Hattersley, 6; H. Sampson, 7; D. Brearley (conductor), 8. This is the first touch of Bob Major by an entirely local company. And a 240 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. J. Aspinwall, 1; W. Steel, 2; J. Shaw, 3; J. Hattersley, 4; G. Jackson, 5; D. Brearley (conductor), 6. This is also the first touch of Oxford Treble Bob by all except the conductor. On Sunday, April 8th, for Divine Service, a 336 of Bob Major. D. Brearley, 1; W. Steel, 2; J. Aspinwall, 3; G. Jackson, 4; J. Shaw, 5; J. Hatters-

ley, 6; H. Sampson, 7; A. Brearley (conductor), 8. A. Brearley hails from Bradfield. On Saturday, April 21st, the Bradfield company visited Wortley, and being joined by a few of the Bolstertone band, the Bolstertone men succeeded in ringing their first 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor. \*J. Aspinwall, 1; \*W. Steel, 2; \*J. Shaw, 3; \*J. Hattersley, 4; D. Brearley, 5; G. H. Uttley (conductor), 6. \*First 720.

BOLNEY (Sussex).—On Sunday, March 25th, for Divine Service at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. J. King, 1; G. Walder, sen., 2; J. Prevett, 3; W. Walder, 4; F. Scutt, 5; H. Chapman, 6; G. Walder, jun. (conductor), 7; J. Osborne, 8. On Sunday, April 1st, a 672 in the same method with G. Walder, jun. (conductor), 4, and W. Walder, 7, the rest as before. On Saturday, April 21st, for practice, a quarter-peal in the same method in 46 mins. the band standing as above, G. Walder, jun. (conductor).

DEPTFORD (Kent).—On Sunday, April 22nd, for evening service, six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles in 25 mins. W. Jefferies, 1; J. Rose (conductor), 2; W. J. Jefferies, 3; F. Davis, 4; F. Palmer, 5; C. Venables, 6.

ELY (Cambs.).—On Tuesday, April 17th, at the church of St. Mary, 720 Bob Minor, with 6-8 covering. A. Seymour, 1; A. Pilgrim, jun., 2; G. H. Ridout, 3; Rev. W. H. Abbot, 4; A. Pilgrim (conductor), 5; J. Southrell, 6; J. Vail, 7; R. Moden, 8. Tenor 20 cwt.

GLEMSFORD (Suffolk).—On Saturday evening, April 28th, in 1 hr. 40 mins., 360 each of the following methods: College Single, Double Court, Yorkshire Court, Woodbine, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. S. Slater, 1; Z. Slater, 2; G. Smith, 3; R. Theobald, 4; R. Brett, 5; R. Gowers (conductor), 6. It was intended to have started for a 5040 in the above seven minor methods, but by an unforeseen circumstance the above had to be rung instead. Rung in honour of R. Theobald's 23rd birthday, which took place this day.

LONDON (Norfolk).—On Tuesday, April 17th, at the church of The Holy Trinity, 896 Bob Major in 37 mins. \*E. Lincoln, 1; S. Smith, 2; S. Goate, 3; W. Falgate, 4; J. E. Burton, 5; G. P. Burton, 6; \*W. Freeston, 7; A. W. Brighton (conductor), 8. \*Longest touch in any method. Messrs. Lincoln and Falgate hail from Bungay; Freeston from Norton; the Burtons and Brighton from Norwich, the rest are local men. And on handbells, a course of Grandsire Caters. W. Falgate, 1-2; A. W. Brighton, 3-4; G. E. Burton, 5-6; G. P. Burton, 7-8; S. Smith, 9-10.

LYNDHURST (Hants).—On Tuesday, April 17th, a 120 of Grandsire Doubles. H. Gale, 1; T. W. Jennings, 2; B. C. Pratchett, 3; S. Carpenter, 4; C. W. Tucker, 5; H. Pearce, 6. And 120 with W. T. Pink, 3; and B. C. Pratchett, 4. On Saturday, April 21st, a 360 of Grandsire Doubles. H. Gale, 1; T. W. Jennings, 2; C. W. Tucker, 3; S. Carpenter, 4; B. C. Pratchett, 5; H. Pearce, 6. And 120 with J. Fisher ringing the tenor. *Handbell Ringing*.—On Thursday, April 12th, 120 of Grandsire Doubles. T. W. Jennings, 1; C. W. Tucker, 2-3; S. Carpenter, 4; H. Gale, 5; H. Pearce, 6. On Thursday, April 19th, a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles. H. Gale, 1; T. W. Jennings, 2; W. T. Pink, 3; S. Carpenter, 4; C. W. Tucker, 5; H. Pearce, 6. And 120 with B. C. Pratchett, 1-2; W. T. Pink, 3; C. W. Tucker, 4-5; H. Pearce, 6. All conducted by C. W. Tucker, who has been instructing the Lyndhurst ringers. These are the first 6-scores by all except Messrs. Pratchett and Tucker. B. C. Pratchett hails from Hendon; C. W. Tucker (formerly of Hendon), from Brockenhurst.

MILDENHALL (Suffolk).—On Monday, April 23rd, at the church of St. Andrew, 1080 Bob Minor (twenty-seven bobs and three singles), with 6-8 behind. G. Sharp, 1; T. Hogsflesh, 2; H. Turner (conductor), 3; Rev. H. B. Woolley, 4; G. Turner, 5; W. Hensby, 6; C. Carpenter, 7; F. Hensby, 8. The above was accomplished in an attempt to ring two 720's, which broke down after ringing for forty minutes. Tenor 17½ cwt in E flat.

### Correspondence.

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

#### AUTHORSHIP OF COMPOSITIONS.

SIR,—As the subject of priority of claim has again cropped up after a lull of many years, I venture to send you my views upon it. It seems to me that it depends on the single question of *testimony*, and on that alone. The actual first composer of a peal is the composer. No one, I should think, would dispute this. The object is to find him out. Now in court a matter such as this is proved by testimony. Testimony is manifold. The greater the number of credible witnesses the more sure is the testimony. It therefore follows that in the case of a peal immediate publication is the best and most satisfactory

course for all concerned. Accordingly the late Mr. Jasper Snowdon, who did more than any other one man to lift ringing out of the quagmire of selfish concealment, clique, and pettiness in general, laid it down that if a man wished to secure to himself his authorship of any composition, he should publish it forthwith. And I think that this is by far the best way, and it is the road that I have always followed myself. But if by *other credible testimony* the truth can be established—well—it is established, and no one can gainsay it. If on the other hand the claimant elects to keep his figures fast locked up in the barren womb of sterile obscurity, *i.e.*, in the pencil notes in his own breast pocket, or even a step less advanced than this, *viz.*, in the lucubrations of his inmost brain, all I can say is that he must take his chance, which, *me judice*, is a very poor one indeed.

CHARLES D. P. DAVIES.

#### THE PEAL OF BOB ROYAL AT NORWICH.

SIR,—As the sender of the report of the handbell peal of Bob Royal in your issue of April 21st, allow me to offer my apologies to Messrs. Buckingham and Mitchell for the inaccuracy of the footnote to it. In the report of the Ipswich peal in "THE BELL NEWS" of March 3rd, 1888, it was stated that it was "supposed to be the first ever rung in the method." As it was not contradicted, I supposed that it was so, but of course Mr. Buckingham's peal of 1881 upsets that claim. How I came to overlook the St. Albans peal of 1889 I do not know. Whilst on the subject of handbell peals, I must say that I thoroughly endorse Mr. Mitchell's remarks in his letter of last week with regard to the difficulty in obtaining umpires, and I am sure that if the Rev. C. D. Davies had ever experienced this, he would not have moved the amendment "that there should be two umpires" at the last Central Council meeting. Only last week the composition of a 13,440 of Bob Major which we had arranged to start for had to be curtailed to 11,200, owing to the fact that business unavoidably made one of the umpires, who had consented to officiate, an hour and a half late.

Lower Quebec Road, Norwich.

CHAS. E. BORRETT.

SIR,—The Norwich claims to all previous handbell peals of Bob Royal would not hold good even if the St. Albans peal did not put them out of court. It may interest your readers and the Exercise generally, to know that the first handbell peal ever rung was one of Bob Royal. It was rung in the eighteenth century, as the following record taken from a journal for March, 1777, will shew:—

[COPY.]

"Perhaps there never was an instance before Monday, the 25th ultimo of three such capital performances (in the art of ringing) being rung on one and the same day as was done on that, for besides the 10,080 Caters at S. Margaret's, Leicester, and the 10,080 Major at S. Mary's, Shrewsbury, there was also rung on that day at Abingdon in Berkshire, a peal of 5040 (ten in) on 10 handbells by five persons, in 3 hours, 10 minutes, which was the first peal ever rung on handbells in the kingdom, and is thought to exceed the course of Treble Bob twelve in rung on 12 handbells by six of the society of Cumberland Youths in London."

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#### DEFINITION OF PEALS OF MINOR.

SIR,—In reading over the report of the Central Council with respect to not allowing 360 changes in fourteen different methods—or as the motion was put, to constitute 5002—I think it is for want of six-bell experience on the Council. In the first place I should like to ask how many of the delegates that were present (particularly in the majority), have accomplished a 5000 in seven methods, which is only one-half of fourteen. Then the Exercise could judge whether they were capable of dealing with the question; because I think the Art of six-bell ringing is in the number of intricate methods, and the striking of the same, that makes a good peal. Take for instance fourteen different methods, 360 changes each, which is not to be recognised by the Council, a feat worthy to be placed on record by the side of a 5040 of Grandsire Triples or Treble Bob Major. But what is the difference between the two for a ringer to accomplish! I shall not trouble you with a long letter, as the Yorkshire representatives gave the meeting to understand that they were lacking in judgment on six-bell ringing.

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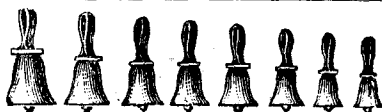
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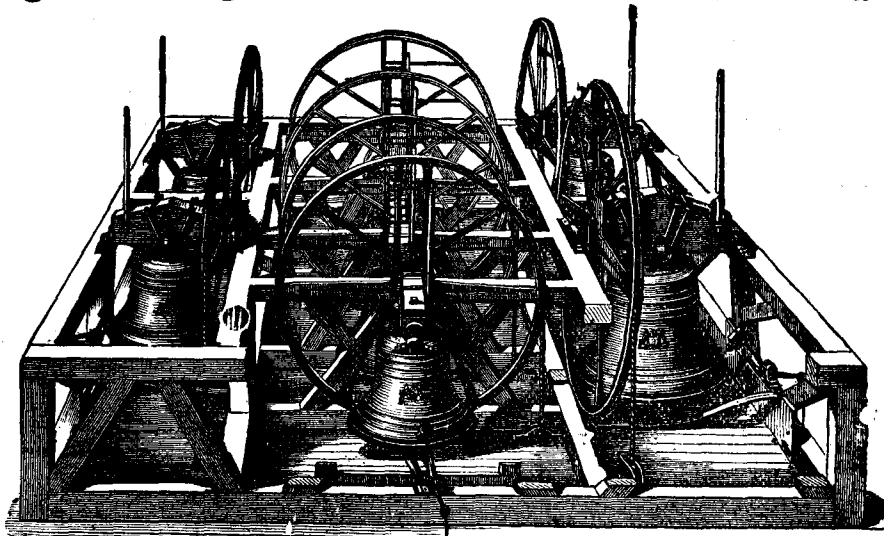
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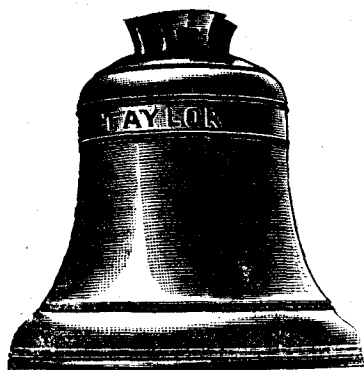
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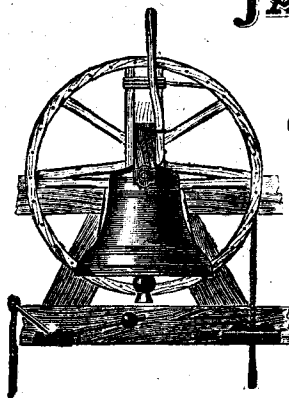
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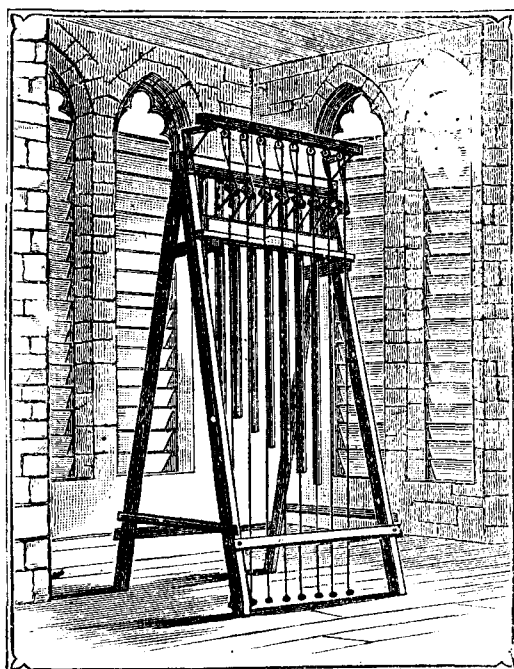
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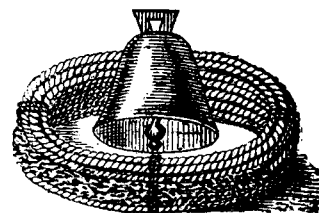
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## THE NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The Annual Meeting of this Association was held at Lincoln, on Saturday, April 28th, and was well attended by the ringers from the various towers connected with the Association, together with friends from Sheffield, Barnsley, Beeston, and Eckington. At about 5 o'clock 140 members and friends assembled at The Oddfellows Hall, in Broadgate, for tea. After the cravings of the inner man had been satisfied the usual business meeting was held under the presidency of Mr. F. F. Linley (Vice-President of the Gainsborough centre) supported by the Rev. Precentor Venables, the Rev. R. Jeffries (Scothorne), Rev. R. Bond (Gainsborough), Rev. H. L. James (Stamford), Rev. A. Chadwick (Caistor), Mr. N. E. Snow (Sleaford), and others. The Chairman in opening the meeting, said that before the usual business commenced he felt sure that all would agree with him that the association ought, at this their first meeting, after the death of Dean Butler, their late President, pass a resolution expressing their sorrow and condolence with Dr. Butler's family. Mr. Linley, after eulogising upon the work of the late Dean Butler, submitted the following resolution, which was passed: "The members of the North Lincolnshire Association of Church Bell-Ringers in General Meeting assembled, record with deepest sorrow and regret the death of their late President, and respectfully desire to offer their heartfelt sympathy to the family of the late Dr. Butler, whose generous assistance and sympathy were always readily and voluntarily given to the Association, and whose vacant place they feel cannot be adequately filled."

Mr. Linley read a letter from Mr. W. Snowdon, President of the Yorkshire Association who had been invited to attend and deliver an address, apologising for his inability, through illness in his family, to be present.

Precentor Venables referred sympathetically to the late Dean, whose characteristics of thoroughness and sincerity he held up before the meeting as examples for them to follow both as bell-ringers and churchmen. The new Dean he commended to them as a thorough churchman and christian. He was, he said, very thankful indeed that they had had such a Dean sent to them. The Rev E. C. Wickham was a very calm and quiet man and in that respect was the opposite of the late Dean. He was also very courteous and decided, and had a well-balanced mind, and he, (the Precentor) was sure that if he took a leading part in the working of this Association, whatever advice he gave them would be sound. He had been accustomed to manage men, and knew how to do it, not by driving but by leading them. Writing to him (the Precentor) from Rome he said he felt a great deal of awe in following such a man as Dean Butler, but that his highest privilege would be in co-operating with the Chapter in carrying on the work of the Cathedral. He felt grateful to him for saying that—he knew it was meant—and he thought they would all have reason to be thankful for having such a Dean.

The report and balance sheet for the eight months ending December 31st last, was presented and confirmed. The report, after expressing deep regret at the death of the late Dean of Lincoln stated, that since the last report the association had increased its membership by thirteen, bringing the total number of members to 272. Three complete peals had been rung, and each peal had had a different conductor, but attention was called to the fact that there was not much variation in the ringers names, and the committee urged the junior members to gain more knowledge in the art of change-ringing. The financial condition of the association showed a slight decrease in the balance in hand. This was no doubt owing to the fact that the report only covered eight months since the last balance sheet was issued. The committee, in conclusion, urged upon every member to do his utmost to promote the interests of the Association.

The Chairman announced that the new Dean had written saying he should be very glad to accept the office of President if the Association were pleased to elect him to it. He was elected unanimously and applause, on the motion of the Rev. R. Bond, seconded by Mr. W. R. Stiles (Lincoln).

Canon Andrews (Claxby), Canon Young (St. James', Grimsby), Mr. F. F. Linley (Gainsborough), and Mr. S. F. Hood (Nettleham Hall), were re-elected Vice-Presidents, and Mr. Herbert Gadd (Market Rasen), was re-appointed Hon. Treasurer. The re-election of Mr. G. Chester (Lincoln), as Hon. Secretary was

proposed, but Mr. Chester regretted that other duties would prevent him continuing in the office. He received a special vote of thanks for his past services, and the Rev. R. Bond, of Gainsborough was appointed his successor, Mr. Chester promising to render the new secretary any assistance he might require. Mr. H. Maidens gave notice that at the next quarterly meeting he would move that a secretary be appointed for each district with a general secretary.

Mr. F. F. Linley (Gainsborough), and Mr. J. W. Wakon (Lincoln), were re-elected auditors.

Mr. N. E. Snow (Sleaford), gave a brief report on the proceedings of the Central Council held on Easter Tuesday, at London, which he attended as the representative of the Association.

Four honorary, twelve efficient (which included eight from Barton-on-Humber), twenty-eight probationary, making a total of forty-eight new members were elected. It was decided to hold the July quarterly meeting at Grimsby.

A resolution condemning the Welsh Disestablishment Bill, on the motion of Mr. J. C. Tinker (Gainsboro'), seconded by Mr. G. Ladd, was passed and ordered to be forwarded to the Church Defence Association.

The meeting accorded a vote of thanks to the Dean and Chapter of the Cathedral and the incumbents of the city churches for the use of their bells, together with a vote of thanks to the chairman for presiding.

After the meeting had terminated, the members dispersed to the various towers and kept the bells rolling to Treble Bob, Plain Bob Major, and Grandsire Triples, until late in the evening.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 28th, the Clun valley and Teme-side branch of the Guild held the first of a series of monthly meetings in the belfry of the parish church at Knighton.

The easy going and musical peal of six bells were kindly placed at the disposal of the ringers by the Rev. W. Rickards. Ringers from Ludlow and Clun met the local men, when the bells were kept going in the Grandsire method from 4 p.m. until 8.30 o'clock.

Tea was provided at six o'clock at the Temperance Hotel, the Rev. H. F. Bagshaw in the chair.

Various 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles were rung, conducted by R. Marston, Esq., in which the local ringers took part, they having received instructions during the week, and are now qualified as change-ringing members. A 720 of Grandsire Minor was rung in 25 mins. by J. Palmer, 1; W. R. Nash, 2; J. Roberts, 3; W. Mead, 4; J. Chester, 5; W. H. Fussell (conductor), 6. This is the first 720 of Minor on church bells by all except the conductor, the first on the bells, and possibly the first ever rung in the county of Radnorshire.

Previous to adjourning for tea the vicar visited the belfry and welcomed the visitors, and spoke a few words on the benefits of Guilds, and said he should be very glad to entertain them on their next visit.

Another 720 of Minor was attempted but "stand" was called after about 400 changes had been rung, there being barely time for the visitors to catch their train. T. Burge, 1; W. R. Nash, 2; J. Roberts, 3; W. Mead, 4; R. Marston, Esq., 5; W. H. Fussell (conductor), 6. Many thanks are due to the Rev. H. Bagshaw, who is deeply interested in the belfry and ringers, for making the arrangements for ringing and tea.

Several improvements have been effected in the belfry and in the go of the bells, at the suggestion of Mr. W. H. Fussell, the Guild instructor. The following members of the local company will now receive their certificates, viz.: Rev. H. F. Bagshaw, Messrs. T. Burge, E. Griffiths, J. Jones, F. Pewtress, and J. Peeks. General regret was expressed at the absence of the master of the Guild, Mr. J. G. Buchanan, Clun, through indisposition.

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On Monday evening, May 7th, a very interesting ceremony took place in the belfry of the above church, under the auspices of the Bishop of Coventry, rector. This was the unveiling by the Bishop of two peal tablets commemorating the first two peals (one of Grandsire and one of Stedman Caters), rung in the method on these bells since their restoration and rehanging in 1892, and also the hanging of the portraits of the Bishop of Coventry, A. Percival Heywood, Esq., President of the Central Council of Change-Ringers, and Mr. John Carter, Ringing-Master of St. Philip's.

The Bishop, accompanied by the Rev. F. T. Clark, who officiated for Dr. Malins owing to the unavoidable absence of the latter through business, arrived at 6.45, and was received by Mr. J. S. Pritchett, of King's Norton, the band of St. Philip's, and several visiting friends from King's Norton, Tipton, West Bromwich, Old Hill, etc. Mr. Coleman, owing to his recent severe illness, was not able to be present.

His Lordship having inaugurated the proceedings with a short prayer, Mr. John Carter addressed the assembly, and remarked that the object of the meeting was to unveil two tablets recording the two first peals in the method which had been rung upon St. Philip's bells since their rehanging. Another point of interest was that these were the first tablets erected since the year 1844, a period of fifty years. Mr. Carter further remarked that these peals had been rung by service ringers—ringers who met every Sunday morning and evening to perform their duties as a labour of love, and for the greater glory of God; they would still continue to do so, and he (Mr. Carter) hoped that they would be able in the course of time to fill up all the available space in the belfry with similar tablets.

His Lordship was then invited to unveil the tablets, and accept them as the property of the church.

The Bishop having performed the ceremony of unveiling, read the tablets through, and expressed his satisfaction that the bells were rung by men who had a heart in their work and did not regard it merely as pulling ropes, but as the summons of the people to the House of God. He further remarked that his own liking for bell-ringing was very great, in fact he could not have too much of it. He was also pleased to compliment the ringers on the clean, neat state of the belfry.

Mr. Geo. Walker then asked the Rev. F. T. Clark, on behalf of the Birmingham amalgamated Society, to hang up a large photo of the Bishop of Coventry.

His lordship in acknowledgement, said he felt it a great honour that his likeness should be hung in the belfry, and he hoped that when he had passed away they would look at it, and sometimes think of their old rector.

Mr. John Jennings then asked Mr. J. S. Pritchett, of Kings Norton, to hang up the photos of Mr. A. Percival Heywood, President of the Central Council, and Mr. John Carter, ringing master of St. Phillips. They were hung underneath the portrait of the Bishop.

Mr. Pritchett spoke in very eulogistic terms of Mr. Heywood and of Mr. Carter, both as composers and ringers; also remarking that Mr. Heywood, through his liberality and hospitality, was an invaluable friend to the Exercise, and that Mr. Carter had rendered great service to young ringers by his kindness and readiness to assist, even at the cost of his own convenience. They were worthy of the honour that their likenesses should appear close to that of the Bishop.

Mr. Carter made a suitable acknowledgement, and a vote of thanks was passed to the Bishop of Coventry and the Rev. F. T. Clark.

Before the Bishop left, a touch of Grandsire Caters was rung by Messrs. Prickett, Jennings, Bowkett, Walker, Jones, Sparkes, Hitchman, Perry, Carter, and Painter; and after his departure touches of Stedman Caters were rung by Messrs. Jones, Jennings, Walker, Perry, Small, Pritchett, Mason, Reynolds, Carter, and Painter. And some touches of Bob Royal by Messrs. Barnacle, Jennings, Small, Horton, Jones, George, Hitchman, Walker, Reynolds, and Carter. Also some touches of Darlaston Bob Caters by Messrs. Martineau, Walker, Small, Jennings, Jones, Sparkes, Hitchman, Perry, Carter, and Mumford.

### THE LONG PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH AT ROMFORD.

The first attempt of this 13,440 changes of Double Norwich Court Bob Major was made on Whit-Monday, 1892, at St. Edmund's, Romford, which collapsed after ringing 5 hrs. and 30 mins. The band on this occasion was W. Meads, A. Jacob, A. Pittam, E. Barnett, C. Wilkins, G. Welling, J. H. Cheeseman and G. Newson. The second attempt was made at the same place by the same band, on Bank holiday, August 1st, of the same year, when they rang 3 hrs. and 10 mins. On the third attempt, which took place at St. Thomas the Martyr, Brentwood, on Easter Monday, 1893, the bells were brought round after ringing 4 hrs., there being a change-course.

At the next attempt, which took place on Easter Monday of this year at Brentwood, it became necessary to rearrange the band by reason of some of the old band removing and others being unable to attend. Messrs. H. Dains, B. Foskett and G. Smith were asked to take a rope, and all went well for 8 hrs. and 15 mins. when suddenly, and without the least warning, the treble rope came down, the faces of each of the band at once changed from that of determination and satisfaction to dismay, etc. As it was inside the tower so it was outside, for when the band came down there were a great number of ringers waiting to receive them with faces equally as long as their own.

It was afterwards arranged by the same band to make another attempt on Whit-Monday, but owing to a notice in this paper that an attempt for the same peal would be made by another band at Caversham at an earlier date, the conductor of the Cumberland band at once consulted with his men and found that all of them were ready to go at any time for another attempt to secure the laurels which they had so near won on Easter Monday. And with the assistance of Mr. A. J. Perkins the necessary permission was gained to go for the peal at St. Edmund's, Romford, on Wednesday, April 18th last, with the grand and satisfactory result which has been announced in our columns. It may be well to add that at the close of the peal each of the band was in a good condition, and could have stood a much longer time if necessary.

The band wishes to publicly express their best thanks to the Vicar and Churchwardens for so kindly granting the use of the bells, and to Mr. A. J. Perkins for having all in readiness, and to compliment him on the go of the bells he has under his care, which is all that can be desired. The ropes after being examined were found to be little the worse for their long use. The letters of congratulation being very numerous, the band wish through the medium of "THE BELL NEWS" to thank those gentlemen, one and all, for the kind expressions they have received from so many of their brother-strings.

### ROLVENDEN, KENT.

On Wednesday, April 11th, a dinner was held at the Bull hotel to commemorate the erection of a peal-board recording a peal of Grandsire Triples that was rung on December 27th, 1893, being the first peal on the bells for fifty years. Thirty-seven in all sat down to dine, with A. F. Tweedie, Esq., churchwarden, in the chair, and S. Pile, Esq., in the vice-chair, there being also present Rev. E. H. Jones, late Vicar, J. Snoad, Esq., churchwarden, G. Hilder, Esq., C. Avery, Esq., A. S. Richards, Esq., and several other gentlemen. Mr. Shoesmith kindly presided at the piano. A capital spread was served by Host and Hostess Bishop, which was done justice to. A very enjoyable evening was spent, speeches and songs being the order.

NEW BELL CATALOGUE.—We have received from Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough, a copy of their new Bell Catalogue, just issued. In addition to the usual features of these publications, there are well-executed photographs of the firm's foundry and various workshops and yards, with bells lying about awaiting departure to their several destinations. In the photograph of the wheel for "Great Paul" we discern fair portraits of Mr. Taylor, sen., and Mr. Denison Taylor. A plan of the foundry is annexed.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The second quarterly meeting of the year was held at the parish church, Eccles, on Saturday, April 28th, the bells being rung at intervals during the afternoon. The meeting took place in the schools at 5.30 p.m. The Rev. D. W. Mountfield presided (in the unavoidable absence of the vicar, who was engaged to preach in Westminster Abbey the following day). Supporting him were the Rev. H. J. Elsee, President, and J. Redford, Secretary, Messrs. Wreaks and H. W. Jackson were also present. Representatives attended from Manchester, Rusholme, Worsley, Garston, Bolton, Tyldesley, Swinton, Walkden, Bacup, Pendlebury, Flixton, etc.

The Chairman, in the name of the Vicar and Wardens, gave the members a hearty welcome. He said that he should have been pleased to have had a cup of tea with them had they thought of the matter before. He also remarked that the existence of Associations like this were calculated to strengthen the Church in this her time of need. He further addressed them on the importance of the work in which they were engaged.

The President said the quarterly meetings were not so well attended as he should wish, although they had that day a very representative one; he however did not despair, as he believed great activity prevailed in the various branches, and could speak from personal experience of the vigorous meetings held by the Manchester branch. Perhaps they held more meetings during the year than many Associations, which he thought was the cause of smaller attendance at the quarterly meetings. He next dwelt on several matters which had been discussed at the meeting of the Central Council, and concluded by expressing a hope that the Association would send four members to the meeting to be held at Sheffield in 1895.

Four new members were elected, including the Revs. D. W. Mountfield, and C. S. Parker, curates of Eccles parish church. The latter was also present at the meeting.

The Secretary proposed, and Mr. Gough, Garston, seconded the customary votes of thanks to the authorities.

The number was greatly augmented by the arrival of members from short distances, after the business meeting.

## TUNSTALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

On Saturday evening, April 28th, the ringers of Christ Church unveiled a peal board in commemoration of 5040 changes rung upon the bells. The meeting was presided over by the vicar (Rev. A. Penny, M.A.). Mr. J. Johnson explained the object of the meeting, and stated that since Tunstall had a church there never was any ringing but "call changes," but during the last three or four years they had made rapid progress in ringing, through the kind help of the hon. secretary (Mr. W. Twigg, Bucknall). Several methods in ringing had been learned, and they having accomplished a 5040 in seven methods it was their wish to raise a tablet in commemoration of it. Mr. W. Twigg unveiled the tablet, and read the inscription upon it.

"Christ Church, Tunstall: 5040 Changes were rung in this church on November 25th, 1893, in seven Minor methods, 720 of the following, viz: Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Grandsire, Canterbury Pleasure, Oxford Bob, College Single and Plain Bob, in 3 hours and 3 minutes. Ringers, J. R. Whitmore, 1; G. A. Smith, 2; E. Horne, 3; W. H. Harratt, 4; W. Rigby, 5; J. Johnson, 6. Conducted by J. Johnson."

The Rev. A. Penny then thanked the ringers for the tablet, and hoped they would continue to still improve in the art of change-ringing, for now they were becoming good ringers he wanted to press upon them that while they drew the people to worship not to neglect it themselves. He was pleased to see some of his ringers attending the services regular, and trusted that while they continued to use the instruments (bells), in God's house, they would become instruments themselves in His sight. Mr. J. Johnson thanked the vicar for presiding, and Mr. Twigg for unveiling the tablet, to which each gentleman responded. Ringing was afterwards indulged in by Messrs. Twigg and Wheildon (Bucknall), Mason (Kidsgrave), Johnson, Rigby, Harratt, Smith, Horne, Whitmore, Foden and others in several methods, and 720 of New London Pleasure by the following. J. R. Whitmore, 1; W. Wheildon (Bucknall), 2; G. A. Smith, 3; W. H. Harratt, 4; W. Rigby, 5; J. Johnson (conductor), 6.

## RINGERS' SUPPER AT FLIXTON.

On Friday evening, April 27th, at the kind invitation of Captain Stott, the ringers and choir and a few friends sat down to an excellent supper at the Greyhound hotel, Flixton. After full justice had been done to the good things provided, Captain Stott, in a few well-chosen remarks, gave the visitors a hearty welcome, and opened the evening's entertainment by proposing the toast of "The Queen and Royal Family," and expressed a hope that they would all see Her Majesty shortly in connection with the opening of the Ship Canal. After a hearty acceptance, Mr. Churchwarden Shaw suitably responded. The next toast, that of "The Army, Navy, and Reserve Forces," was ably proposed by Captain Stott, he having been connected with the latter force for a number of years. Mr. Wilkie responded. Mr. Radcliffe then sang "Be of good cheer." The Rev. A. W. Smith responding. After a song "Ting a ling" by Mr. Ridehalgh, the Captain proposed "The Choir and Ringers," alluding with pleasure to the successful peal lately rung. Mr. Wilkie responded on behalf of the choir, and Mr. Ridehalgh for the ringers. A well-struck course on the handbells followed, in which Messrs. Eachus, W. Collier, J. Royle, and J. Gratrix took part, and received deserved applause. The Rev. A. W. Smith then proposed the health of "The Host, Hostess, and Family," which was heartily received, Captain Stott responding. Mr. W. Johnson next delighted the company with the song "I've worked eight hours this day," after which Mr. Smith, in a short address, thanked the choir and ringers for their past services. After a song by Mr. T. Campbell, "The Midshipmite," the handbells were again brought into tune by the same band as before. Mr. Shawcross sang "The Kings Own," followed by a capital rendering of "Miss Nightingale" by Mr. S. Collier. "Tom Bowling" was then given by Mr. Ridehalgh, and the National Anthem and "Auld Lang Syne" brought a most enjoyable evening to a close.

Previous to assembling for supper, eight of the ringers met in the belfry and rang a short touch, standing as follows: J. Eachus, 1; J. M. Ridehalgh, 2; J. Royle, 3; J. Gratrix, 4; S. Collier, 5; S. Stott, 6; G. W. Shaw, 7; T. Harper, 8.

## PENARTH, SOUTH WALES.

On Tuesday, April 10th, the second annual dinner of the St. Augustine's choir and ringers was held at the Esplanade hotel. The chair was taken by the Rev. W. Sweet-Escott, B.A., Rector, and the vice-chair by Mr. H. Snell, Rector's warden, who was supported by Mr. G. Thomas, Organist. The chairman was supported by Mr. D. Rees, parisoners' warden, and Mr. H. Vellacott the senior member of the choir. The repast, which was a *recherché* one was well supplied by Host Kerper. After dinner the evening was given over to conviviality, several members of the choir and ringers enlightening the proceedings with songs, principally of a humorous character. The toast of "The Choir" was proposed by the chairman, and responded to by Mr. Vellacott. The other important toast, viz., that of the "Ringers" being placed in the hands of Mr. T. S. Lloyd, who in a few pithy remarks stated that at least for one evening the ringers were unable to look down from their lofty position upon the choir. Capt. D. Thomas responded, and expressed the wish of the other members of his band present, viz., Messrs. Vinnicombe, Jones and Northey, that the amicable feeling existing between the choir and ringers might still continue, and if possible, be closer cemented.

## THORNE, YORKSHIRE.

On Thursday evening, April 18th, the Thorne handbell ringers met to try their newly augmented peal of handbells, an extension which has been very creditably carried out by J. F. Mallaby, of Barnby Don. At the conclusion all the ringers unanimously agreed that the splice, tone and workmanship throughout was all that could be possibly desired.

## SOUTH MOLTON, NORTH DEVON.

A large clock has just been erected in the parish church through the munificence of A. F. Terrell Shapland, Esq. It shews the time on one 7-o dial, chimes the Cambridge quarters upon four bells, and strikes the hours. John Smith and Sons, Midland Clock Works, Derby, have carried out the work.

## Ringers' Outing.

GOOLE (Yorkshire).—On Monday, April 16th, the members of the parish church Society had their first annual outing to Thorne, Scunthorpe and Hatfield. Leaving Goole at 7.15 a.m. for Thorne, there being only a short time to stay at that place, the members at once proceeded to the tower and rang a short touch of Grandsire Triples, after which they left by the 9.22 train for Scunthorpe, arriving there at 10 a.m. The church was at once visited, and after an inspection of what some of the members named a "model church," for it is one of the prettiest churches several of the company had ever had the pleasure of visiting, a move was made for the belfry and some short touches of Grandsire Triples were rung on the musical ring of eight, recently put in by Taylor, of Loughborough, the "go" of which reflect great credit on that well-known firm. After regaling the inner man at Clark's restaurant, the company betook themselves off to see the places of interest in Scunthorpe and Frodingham, the latter place being noted for its immense iron and steel works. Meeting again at 1.30 at the tower, a start was made for a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, which was brought round after some good striking in 48 mins. C. West, 1; J. T. Walsh, 2; J. F. Mallaby, 3; A. Haines, 4; W. H. Sanderson, 5; F. Tate, 6; W. Welch (conductor), 7; J. Swingle, 8. During the time of ringing the Rev. E. Ackenhead, Vicar of Scunthorpe, visited the tower and gave the visitors a hearty welcome to the church, and expressed a hope that the time was not far distant when his own company would be able to master the art of change-ringing. On the motion of Mr. W. Welch, seconded by Mr. A. Haines, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells, to which the rev. gentleman responded. Train time was now fast approaching, the company being bound for Hatfield, which was reached a little after five, having about a mile to walk from Stainforth station in a down pour of rain. Arriving at the Blue Bell Inn, Hatfield, the company sat down to an excellent meat tea, to which those present did ample justice, their appetites proving equal to the occasion. A start was now made for the tower, which was not far distant, and a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was attempted, but it came to grief shortly after starting. The visitors had now been augmented by three Thorne ringers, and touches of Grandsire Triples were rung with mixed hands. The hands of the clock were now beginning to point to train time, and after again refreshing the inner man, the journey was made on "shanks' pony" to Stainforth station, which was reached in good time. The company arrived at Goole shortly before 10 p.m., all being well pleased with the day's outing, and expressing a hope that when the time came round for their next outing it would be spent as enjoyable as the past one. Mr. J. F. Mallaby hails from Barnby Don, and joined the Goole company at Thorne.

## THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

By kind permission of the Ven. Archdeacon of Monmouth, the quarterly meeting was held at St. Woolo's church, Newport, on Saturday, April 28th. The chair was taken at 3.30 by the Archdeacon, and the business transacted in the Clifton Road Mission-room. It was decided to ask permission to hold the annual meeting at Aberdare. A satisfactory balance was handed over by the hon. sec., the Rev. Minor Canon Downing, to the treasurer, Mr. De Winton. An election of new members then brought up the total strength of the society to fifty members. A few encouraging remarks from the chairman, and a vote of thanks for his kindness was followed by an adjournment to the tower, where the remainder of the evening was spent in ringing touches of Triples on the newly completed octave. The following towers were represented: Llandaff, Penarth, Chepstow, Pontypool, Newport and Carleon. The recent improvements in the tower were considered in every respect satisfactory. The members who attended wish to record their thanks to the Archdeacon for the use of the bells, and to Mr. Woodall, the steeple-keeper, for having everything in such admirable order for their visit.

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## Compositions.

## TWO PEALS OF BOB MAJOR.

By THE REV. J. HOLME PILKINGTON, Framlingham, Suffolk.

5120.						5024.					
2	3	4	5	6	W B M H	2	3	4	5	6	W B M H
4	2	3	5	6	-	5	2	4	3	6	-
3	5	2	6	4	-	3	5	4	2	6	-
2	6	5	3	4	-	4	2	5	3	6	-
3	2	4	5	6	-	2	6	5	3	4	-
4	5	3	2	6	-	2	4	3	5	6	-
3	2	5	6	4	-	5	2	6	3	4	-
5	6	3	2	4	-	3	5	6	2	4	-
3	5	2	4	6	-	2	3	6	5	4	-
2	4	3	5	6	-	6	5	2	3	4	-
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6	3	5	2	4	-	2	5	3	6	4	-
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2	3	5	4	6	-	6	3	5	2	4	-
5	4	2	3	6	-	2	3	5	4	6	-
3	5	6	2	4	-	5	4	2	3	6	-
6	2	3	5	4	-	3	5	2	4	6	-
4	3	2	5	6	-	4	3	2	5	6	-
2	5	4	3	6	-	2	5	4	3	6	-

Repeated.

This peal contains only the 4th and 6th in 6th's place at the course-ends. By the substitution of

in the place of the bracketted courses in one of the parts, the peal is reduced to 5040.

The above peals are believed to be the first peals obtained on this plan with only two singles.

Repeated.

This peal was first rung by the Norwich Diocesan Association at Framlingham, on March 31st, 1894, conducted by George Wightman. It contains only the 4th and 6th in 6th's place at the course-ends, and the 2nd never dodges with the tenor in 7-8.

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS.

By H. N. DAVIS, Camberwell.

5003.								
2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
3	5	4	2	6	7	8	9	9th in three.
*3	5	4	2	6	9	7	8	7th in and out at 3 with a double
5	4	3	2	6				7-8
3	4	6	2	5				8-9
6	4	5	2	3				8-9
4	5	6	2	3				7-8
5	6	4	2	3				7-8
4	6	3	2	5				8-9
6	3	4	2	5				7-8

The calling of the last eight courses four times repeated, calling a 9-7 and a 8-9 instead of the calling of the course marked \* and a 8-9 instead of the last 7-8 in the fifth part, produces—

2	5	4	6	3				9th in three
4	2	5	6	3				Round as usual.

This composition, which is in five almost regular parts, has the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th in consecutive order behind the 9th, and is believed to be the first ever composed or rung with such qualities in this limited number of changes, and was first rung by the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths at St. Giles', Camberwell, on March 31st, 1894, conducted by its composer.

ST. PETER'S SOCIETY, WOLVERHAMPTON.—Mr. J. Fowler's 75th birthday will be celebrated by a Smoking Concert at The Lamb Inn, on Saturday, May 26th. Chair to be taken at 8.0 p.m. by Mr. C. W. Ironmonger.

Shepherd Street, Wolverhampton.

J. E. GROVES.

# Notices.

Norwich Diocesan Association.—A Quarterly General Meeting will be held at King's Lynn, on Whit-Monday, May 14th. Luncheon at 1.30 will be served by kind permission of the Mayor in the card room at the Town Hall. Notice of intention to be present should reach the Hon. Sec. not later than Monday, May 7th, stating station (G.E.R.) of departure.

H. EARLE BULWER, Hon. Sec.  
*Stanhoe Rectory, King's Lynn.*

Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.—Meeting on Whit-Monday, May 14th, at Barnard Castle. Committee meeting at 11, dinner (cold), at 1 p.m. both at The Turk's Head inn. Members 1s. Non members 2s. Belfries of Barnard Castle (except between 11 and 12) and Cotherstone open during the day. Members intending to be present, please reply before May 7th to

THOMAS HUDSON, Sec. pro. tem.  
 314, High Street West, Sunderland.

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Christ Church, Healey, to-day, Saturday, May 12th. Bells ready at 3.30 p.m. Meeting at Vicarage at 6.30.

E. SCHOFIELD, Branch Sec.

Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Walkden, to-day, Saturday, May 12th. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Meeting at 7 p.m.

WALTER BROWN, Branch Sec.  
 54, Wenlock Street, Hulme, Manchester.

The Heavy Woollen District Association's Challenge Cup.—A contest for the above will take place at Kirkburton, to-day, Saturday, May 12th, 1894, commencing at 2.30 p.m. First prize, Silver cup and 8 silver alberts with silver medals attached; Second prize, 8 gold medals; Third prize, 8 half-dozs. knives and forks; Fourth prize, 8 silk handkerchiefs. The prizes in addition to the cup are kindly given by the local band.

The Essex Association.—The Annual Meeting will be held at Chelmsford, on Whit-Monday, May 14th. Divine Service at St. Mary's church, at 11 a.m. Preacher, Rev. F. B. Johnston, Vicar of Waltham Abbey. Business meeting at 12 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 tower of St. Mary's, Chelmsford (10 bells), will be open for ringing up to 11 a.m., and after dinner; those of Galleywood (8), Great Baddow (8), Widford (8), Writtle (8) and Springfield (6) before 10 a.m., and after 2 p.m. It is particularly requested that members will, if possible, attend the service at 11 a.m. Return tickets for the day 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. Tickets issued from Liverpool Street will be available from Saturday to Monday.

T. L. PAPILLON, Hon. Sec.  
*Writtle Vicarage, Chelmsford, May, 1894.*

The Kent County Association.—Annual Meeting at Tunbridge, Whitsun-Monday, May 14th, 1894. Committee meeting at 11.30 a.m. Service in parish church, with address by the Vicar, the Rev. T. Howard Gill, at 12.30 p.m. Dinner at 1.45 p.m. in the public hall, to be followed by the general business meeting. The following towers will be open for ringing before and after service and dinner: Tunbridge (8); Tunbridge Wells, St. Peter's (8); Hadlow (8); Speldhurst (8); Chiddington (8);

Penshurst (6); Shipbourne (6); Leigh (5). Applications for dinner tickets to be made to the Secretary. Members are requested to notice that dinner tickets will not be issued to those whose subscriptions are not paid.

FREDK. J. O. HELMORE, Hon. Sec.  
*Canterbury, May 1st, 1894.*

North Notts. Association.—The Annual Meeting will be held at Retford, on Whit-Monday. The bells of East Retford (10), West Retford (6), and Ordsall (6), will be at the disposal of ringers during the day by kind permission. Divine Service at West Retford church at 2.30, followed by general meeting at National School, East Retford. Tea at 4.30 at The Swan inn, Carolgate, price to non-members 1s. 3d. Visitors of other ringing Associations will be welcome.

HENRY T. SLODDEN, Hon. Sec.

Raunds, Wellingborough and District Association.—The Annual Meeting of the above Society will, by kind invitation of the Rev. E. Biscoe, take place at the parish church, Irthlingborough, on Whit-Monday, May 14th. Ringing from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Divine Service in the church at 1 p.m., followed by dinner and business meeting at the school-room.

E. J. DENNES, Hon. Sec.

Wellingborough.

Farnham Royal, Bucks.—A friendly ringing meeting will be held at Farnham Royal, on Whit-Monday, to celebrate the 17th anniversary of the re-opening of the six bells.

J. J. PARKER.

The Heavy Woollen District Association, Yorkshire.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Earlsheaton, on Saturday, May 19th, at 6 p.m. Meeting house, Park Hotel.

Geo. H. SIMON, Hon. Sec.  
 19, Albert Street, Bailey Carr.

The Ely District Association.—The next meeting will be held at Ramsey, Hunts, on Whitsun Monday, May 14th. Dinner 2.0 p.m.

EDWARD F. TEASDALE, Secretary.

The Sussex County Association.—The Annual Meeting will be held at Brighton, on Monday, May 14th, at 9.30 a.m. Towers of SS. Peter and Nicholas open for ringing and that of S. Paul as notified on the day at 12 noon. A short Special Service in S. Nicholas, the address being given by the Rev. R. B. Knatchbull-Hugessen, Rector of West Grinstead. All members should feel bound to attend. 1.0 p.m.—Dinner in the Central Schools, chairman Rev. C. W. Bond, vicar of S. Nicholas. Tickets 1s. 6d. 2.0 p.m.—Business meeting, election of officers and members. Report for 1893, the question of fresh certificates, the irregular payment by branches, and any other business. 5.0 p.m.—Tea provided as ordered. 9.0 p.m.—Closing of Towers.

REV. W. G. LODER-COTHER, Hon. Sec.  
*Yapton Vicarage, Arundel.*

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—A District Meeting will be held at Christchurch, on Thursday, May 24th. Members wishing to have tea ordered for them are requested to communicate with the Hon. Secretary.

REV. R. C. M. HARVEY,  
*The Vicarage, Portsea.*

Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—The Annual Meeting will be held at Blandford, on Monday, May 28th, 1894. Divine Service at 11.45 a.m. Meeting for election of officers and general business after service. Dinner at the Greyhound hotel at 1.30 p.m. (2s. 6d. per head). Travelling expenses up to 3s. per head, will be allowed to ringing members sending in their names to

me, and stating how many dinner tickets will be required, not later than May 18th.

J. R. JERRAM, General Secretary.

The Yorkshire Association.—The next general meeting will be held on Saturday, June 2nd, at Ecclesfield, near Sheffield. The local secretary is Mr. George Shaw, The Wheel, Ecclesfield. Circulars and further particulars in due course.

BEN. T. COPLEY, Hon. Sec.  
 3, St. Jude's Square, Bradford.

## PROPOSED LONG PEAL ATTEMPTS.

On Monday, May 14th, eight members of the Worcestershire and Districts Association will attempt a peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major, 17,024 changes, at Hagley, all being well.

Twelve members of the Ashton-under-Lyne Society propose attempting a long peal of Grandsire Cinques at the parish church, Ashton-under-Lyne, on Whit-Friday, starting at 6 a.m.

JOHN HOPWOOD, Hon. Sec.  
 25, Egerton Street, Ashton-under-Lyne.

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## MEMORIAL TO THE LATE HENRY HUBBARD, JUN., LEEDS.

Subscription List, Balance Sheet and Statement of Accounts in connection with purchasing and working Memorial Stone, March 1893-4.

Subscriptions, 1893.	£	s.	d.
Meeting at St. Michael's, Headingley	0	1	10
" St. Chad's, Headingley	0	0	9
" Wakefield	0	0	10
Hull Society—Per H. W. Needham	0	1	3
Meeting at Bramley	0	0	5
" Rothwell	0	0	0
" Leeds, Annual 1893—Per Wm. Stainthorpe	0	1	0
Collection	0	3	0
1894.—Leeds Parish Church Society	0	5	0
Meeting at Woodlesford—Collection	0	3	0
" Leeds—Wm. Stainthorpe	0	2	6
Collection	0	4	6
	£1	5	6

EXPENDITURE.	£	s.	d.
By Stone and Lettering per A. Naylor	0	18	0
March 25th, 1893.			
By right of placing stone at Humslet Burial Ground—Per Leeds Corporation	0	7	6
July 5th, 1893.			
	£1	5	6

Audited and found correct.  
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 J. LOGAN.

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

SATURDAY, MAY 12, 1894.

DURING the past few weeks we have detailed at length the proceedings of the Central Council, and in our issue of last week we presented the official minutes, as forwarded to us, in which are set forth the resolutions arrived at by the meeting. It is not our present purpose to comment upon the individual motions—in relation to certain of which, however, we may have something to say at another time—but one consideration of a more general character was brought into prominence on Easter Tuesday, in connexion with which we feel it incumbent on us to offer a few remarks.

The Central Council is elected triennially, the first meeting of each successive Council is appointed to be held in London, and the two subsequent ones in the country. The primary meeting, as that under notice, of a new Council is of necessity severely handicapped in regard to time by the purely formal business of appointing officials and committees. The real work for which the members are met is thus postponed to so late a period of the day that it is impossible to give to the more important subjects that minute consideration which they so imperatively demand. There is an additional reason for regret in that the London meetings have hitherto proved the most largely attended; such questions, therefore, as come up for ventilation in the metropolis have an opportunity of being

handled more competently than elsewhere. When the ablest ringers have gathered from all parts of England, that there should be any impediment to adequate discussion is to be deplored, and it would seem in the highest degree desirable that some mode of avoiding this dilemma should be devised. By the rules of the Council it is provided that a meeting may be extended to additional sittings on the same or the following day, and we would venture to suggest the advisability of considering whether the time has not arrived for putting this provision into practice.

The Council is now a firmly established instrument of the Exercise, and nothing is more evident than the steadily growing interest in its decisions, shewn in the more frequent and pointed criticisms directed at various of its proceedings, and in other ways. Hence there must be no shirking of duty by the members, who must be prepared to put up with some slight personal inconvenience for the sake of the Societies who have honoured them by election.

We have heard more than one member take exception to the tedium involved in a four hours sitting. This is absurd. Of course most of us regard the position of a member of parliament with heartfelt commiseration, but it can hardly call forth our sympathy that representative ringers should be subjected to a single sitting, or two, once in the year, in no way comparable as to length with those which every M.P. is expected to attend, almost continuously, for more than six months out of the twelve. Indeed we hardly call to mind any annual meeting of a representative body which is content with so short a period of labour; but it is to be feared that the love of a pull in good company on fresh bells, especially in London with its many campanological attractions, is a severe temptation to some who seldom come within its reach. Still business is business, and whatever disinclination may be felt by any delegate to an additional period of hard work should be promptly checked, and the welfare of the Exercise placed first. The fact is that the Central Council has plenty of work to do; work which, if we are not mistaken, will annually increase. The delegates are thus growing to be more important and responsible persons, from whom their several Societies, and the Exercise generally, will require an even greater persistence and a more assiduous attendance than was exhibited in the fully representative and painstaking meeting of last Easter Tuesday.

### The Metropolis.

#### ALL SAINTS' SOCIETY, FULHAM.

On Saturday, May 5, 1894, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

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

ANDREWS S. OUGH .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM T. ELSON .. .. 6.
WILLIAM H. ROWLAND .. .. 2.	EDWARD H. ADAMS .. .. 7.
JOHN G. GREEN .. .. 3.	JAMES NICHOLS .. .. 8.
JAMES W. DRIVER .. .. 4.	*CORNELIUS CHARGE .. .. 9.
FRANK M. BUTLER .. .. 5.	ROBERT H. BURGESS .. Tenor.

Composed by JAMES GEORGE and Conducted by  
CORNELIUS CHARGE.

\*First peal as conductor, and it was rung at the first attempt.

### The Provinces.

#### PINNER, MIDDLESEX.

#### THE WATERLOO SOCIETY, LONDON.

On Sunday, May 6, 1894, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

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

Tenor 19½ cwt.

WILLIAM F. MEADS .. .. Treble.	ARTHUR R. DAVIS .. .. 5.
JAMES E. DAVIS .. .. 2.	JAMES GEORGE .. .. 6.
HAROLD N. DAVIS .. .. 3.	CHARLES H. MARTIN .. .. 7.
FREDERICK J. PITTS .. .. 4.	*PERCY HOWARD .. .. Tenor.

Composed by JAMES GEORGE, of Rugby, and Conducted by  
HAROLD N. DAVIS.

\*First peal in the method. Mr. Martin was elected a member in the tower, and hails from Hendon. This is a regular five-part peal, and is now rung for the first time, the figures of which will appear in due course. The ringers desire to thank the Rev. C. E. Grenside and churchwardens for the use of the bells, and also Mr. H. Lobb for assisting to have everything ready.

#### LINCOLN.—NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 2, 1894, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

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

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 20 cwt.

JOSEPH B. FENTON .. .. Treble.	†RICHARD DAWSON .. .. 5.
FREDERICK W. WALKER .. .. 2.	JOHN W. WATSON .. .. 6.
ROBERT E. CLARK† .. .. 3.	GABRIEL LINDOFF .. .. 7.
COOK WELLS .. .. 4.	C. W. P. CLIFTON .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

†First peal in the method.

#### HELMSHORE, LANCASHIRE.

#### LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—ROSSENDALE BRANCH.

On Thursday, May 3, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

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

HOLT'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 10 cwt.

J. H. ENTWISTLE .. .. Treble.	R. WALLWORK .. .. 5.
T. P. BRANDWOOD .. .. 2.	T. WALLWORK .. .. 6.
J. BANKS .. .. 3.	J. H. BANKS .. .. 7.
G. H. LAW .. .. 4.	J. ENTWISTLE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by J. H. BANKS.

First Association peal on the bells, and first by all except the conductor.

#### MONEWDEN, SUFFOLK.

#### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, May 4, 1894, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

#### 5040 CHANGES IN SEVEN DIFFERENT METHODS UPON SIX BELLS;

Being 720 each of the following:

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

EDWARD W. BROOKE .. .. Treble.	EDGAR WIGHTMAN .. .. 4.
JOSEPH TARRANT .. .. 2.	†WILLIAM ARCHER .. .. 5.
JAMES DURRANT .. .. 3.	ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN .. Tenor.

Conducted by ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN.

†First 5040 in seven different methods with a bob bell.

#### MELBOURNE, DERBYSHIRE.

On Saturday, May 5, 1894, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

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

Tenor 16 cwt.

ARTHUR LEE* .. .. Treble.	HARRY HOLLINGWORTH .. 5.
FREDERICK HOLLINGWORTH* 2.	CHARLES E. HART .. .. 6.
WILLIAM EARLE* .. .. 3.	*THOMAS HOLLINGWORTH.. 7.
CHARLES DRAPER .. .. 4.	SAMUEL MASKREY .. .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER and Conducted by H. HOLLINGWORTH.

\*First peal in the method. Messrs. Draper, Hart, and Maskrey hail from Derby.



## CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 5, 1894, 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.

PETER TYLER .. .. Treble.	ROBERT JORDAN .. .. 5.
JAMES SEARLE .. .. 2.	KEITH HART .. .. 6.
HARRY WESTON .. .. 3.	JAMES PARKER .. .. 7.
FREDERICK DENCH .. .. 4.	GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

This is the first peal of Superlative by the Winchester Guild. This peal, in three equal parts, has the 5th and 6th the extent in 5-6, and is now rung for the first time.

## STANSTEAD, SUFFOLK.

On Saturday, May 5, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

5040 CHANGES IN SEVEN DIFFERENT METHODS  
UPON SIX BELLS;

Being 720 each of the following:

Double Court, College Single, Yorkshire Court, Woodbine,  
Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Bob Minor.

Tenor 11 cwt. in G♯.

RICHARD THEOBALD .. .. Treble.	ALBERT J. CLARKE .. .. 4.
ROBERT BRETT .. .. 2.	SAMUEL SLATER .. .. 5.
GEORGE SMITH .. .. 3.	ROBERT GOWERS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by ROBERT GOWERS.

Reference to this peal will be found on another page.

## GUISELEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE LEEDS AND  
DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

On Saturday, May 5, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-three 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.
ROBERT BINNS .. .. 2.	JOHN THACKRAY .. .. 6.
CHARLES PRATT .. .. 3.	FREDERICK W. DIXON .. .. 7.
THOMAS M. THOMPSON .. .. 4.	DAVID YORKE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by H. HUBBARD and Conducted by F. W. DIXON.

Messrs. Binns and Woodhead hail from Leeds; Yorke from Holbeck; Thackray from Armley; Pratt from Calverley; the rest belong to the local company.

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

On Saturday, May 5, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight ½ Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 23 cwt.

THOMAS E. COLLARD* .. Treble.	CHARLES DUTNALL .. .. 5.
ARTHUR HARDY .. .. 2.	CHARLES WILLSHIRE .. .. 6.
STANLEY HUTSON .. .. 3.	RICHARD STAINES .. .. 7.
ERNEST W. ALLEN .. .. 4.	WILLIAM TASSELL .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES WILLSHIRE.

\*First peal, and rang at the first attempt. Messrs. Collard, Hutson, Allen, Willshire and Staines are members of the Royal Cumberland Youths.

## TWERTON, NEAR BATH.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 5, 1894, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

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

SEPTIMUS RADFORD* .. Treble.	HANKY BROWN .. .. 5.
THOMAS DOBLE .. .. 2.	THOMAS W. RADFORD .. .. 6.
JOSEPH WHALE* .. .. 3.	GEORGE TEMPLE .. .. 7.
CHARLES GOODENOUGH .. 4.	GEORGE BUTLER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY BROWN.

\*First peal. Rung on the occasion of the annual meeting held in Bath.

## WRAYSBURY, BUCKS.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, May 8, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
PARKER'S ONE-PART. Tenor 12 cwt.

GEORGE STANBROOK .. .. Treble.	*JOHN MILLS .. .. 5.
REV. J. H. HINDSON .. 2.	GEORGE WHATMORE .. .. 6.
HENRY SHANKS .. .. 3.	REUBEN FLAXMAN .. .. 7.
JOSEPH J. PARKER .. .. 4.	JOSEPH GUTTRIDGE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by J. J. PARKER.

\*First peal.

## CHADDESLEY CORBETT, WORCESTERSHIRE.

On Tuesday, May 8, 1894, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

JOHN HORNE* .. .. Treble.	*WILLIAM HEMMING .. .. 5.
E. GILBERT* .. .. 2.	JOSEPH PERRINS .. .. 6.
JOHN CHANCE* .. .. 3.	JAMES BROAD .. .. 7.
ALBERT JACKSON* .. .. 4.	*THOMAS ROBERTS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES BROAD.

\*First peal. This is supposed to be the first peal rang on the bells by a local band.

PEAL CORRECTIONS. — Mr. A. W. Brighton umpired the peal of Bob Royal rung on handbells, on April 13th last. — In the report of the peal of Bob Major rung at Hawley, April 28th, the number of changes is stated as 5040, it should have been 5008.

## Date Touches.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

EASTBOURNE (Sussex). — On Saturday, April 28th, at Christ Church, a date touch of 1894 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 9 mins. J. Osborne, 1; J. Smith, 2; J. Hunnisett, 3; E. Willoughby, 4; W. Lawrence (conductor), 5; J. Sharp, 6; B. Hobbs, 7; T. Deadman, 8. Composed by W. J. Fisher (late of Eastbourne).

LEYLAND (Lancashire). — On Thursday, April 26th, at the parish church, a date touch, 1894 changes, in 1 hr. 8 mins., being 360 of Canterbury Pleasure, 360 Leyland Exercise, 360 London Single Bob, 360 College Single, 360 Plain Bob, and 94 Victoria Treble Bob. O. Worden (conductor), 1; T. Bowling, 2; S. Watkinson, 3; J. Riding, 4; R. Bowling, 5; J. Banister, 6. This is the longest length rung on the bells for over fifty years. Tenor 18½ cwt.

## Miscellaneous.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

UPCHURCH (Kent). — On Sunday morning, April 22nd, at St. Mary's church, 720 Plain Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles) in 26 mins. G. Dennis, 1; G. Capeling, 2; W. T. Hyland, 3; H. Wood, 4; G. A. Ransom, 5; W. Seamer (conductor), 6. H. Wood hails from Rodmersham, and is his first 720, and was rung at the first attempt. Also 120 Canterbury Pleasure Minor. G. Dennis, 1; W. Laker, 2; G. Capeling, 3; H. Wood, 4; W. T. Hyland, 5; G. A. Ransom (conductor), 6.

TOWN MALLING (Kent). — On Tuesday, April 24th, an attempt was made to ring Holt's Original peal of Grandsire Triples, but it unfortunately came to grief after ringing 1 hr. 30 mins. J. Capon, 1; J. Worsley, 2; E. Perrin, 3; Rev. A. L. Brine, 4; W. Wood, 5; J. Wood, 6; W. French (conductor), 7; J. W. Leonard, 8. Messrs. Perrin, Wood (2), and French hail from Aylesford. On Tuesday, May 1st, for practice, 720 Bob Minor. J. Capon, 1; \*W. Smith, 2; J. Worsley, 3; D. Hall, 4; Rev. A. L. Brine, 5; J. W. Leonard (conductor), 6. \*First 720 with a bob bell.

DEAL (Kent). — On Sunday, April 22nd, for morning service at St. Leonard's church, 720 Bob Minor (four bobs and fourteen singles), in 25 mins. A. Denne, 1; H. Denne, 2. S. Mockett (first 720 with a

bob bell), 3; G. Denne (conductor), 4; W. Ongley, 5; H. Castle, 6. On Sunday, April 29th, for morning service, 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty bobs and thirty singles), in 25 mins. A. Denne, 1; H. Denne, 2; C. H. Sone (first 720 as conductor in the method), 3; G. Denne, 4; W. Ongley, 5; H. Castle, 6. Tenor 9½ cwt. in G.

LAMBERHURST (Kent).—On Wednesday, April 25th, 720 Bob Minor eighteen bobs and two singles in 25 mins. T. Lambert, 1; G. Hodge, 2; F. Butchers, 3; W. Lambert, 4; J. Beach, 5; F. Lambert, (conductor), 6. Also several 120s of Grandsire Doubles in which some of the local ringers took part.

#### OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

NORTH WINGFIELD (Derbyshire).—On Saturday, April 28th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor (thirty bobs and twelve singles). G. Burton, 1; T. Allibone, 2; F. Knowles, 3; T. Millington (conductor), 4; W. Butler, 5; T. Clough, 6. Two 720s of Canterbury Pleasure were started for, but lost a few leads from the end. Tenor 18½ cwt. in F.

#### WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

COCKLEY.—On Saturday, February 24th, 720 each of College Single and Oxford Bob Minor. W. H. Barber, 1; G. Davis, 2; N. Davis, 3; T. J. Salter (conductor), 4; W. Smith, 5; E. C. Hunt, 6.

HARTLEBURY.—On Monday morning, March 26th, at the parish church, 240 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Minor. T. Salter (conductor), 1; E. C. Hunt, 2; W. H. Barber, 3; J. Barber, 4; W. Short, 5; H. Martin, 6.

KIDDERMINSTER.—On Sunday, February 18th, 480 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. J. Bennett, 1; N. Davis, 2; E. C. Hunt, 3; J. Bennett, 4; W. H. Barber, 5; J. Crane, 6; T. J. Salter, 7; W. H. Smith (conductor), 8. On Sunday, March 4th, for Divine Service, in the morning, 400 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. J. Bennett, 1; E. C. Hunt, 2; J. Bennett, 3; W. H. Barber, 4; W. H. Smith, 5; G. Salter, 6; T. J. Salter (conductor), 7; J. Crane, 8. And in the evening, 504 Stedman Triples. G. Salter, 1; N. Davis, 2; W. H. Barber, 3; E. C. Hunt, 4; W. H. Smith (conductor), 5; J. Crane, 6; T. J. Salter, 7; T. Walters, 8. On Sunday, March 25th, 504 Stedman Triples, non-conducted. J. Bennett, 1; E. C. Hunt, 2; G. Salter, 3; N. Davis, 4; T. J. Salter, 5; J. Bennett, 6; W. H. Smith, 7; T. Walters, 8. On Sunday, April 1st, a silent 252 Stedman Triples. J. Bennett, 1; N. Davis, 2; G. Salter, 3; E. C. Hunt, 4; J. Bennett, 5; T. J. Salter, 6; J. Crane, 7; T. Walters, 8. On Wednesday, April 11th, 640 Cambridge Surprise Major. E. C. Hunt, 1; N. Davis (first in the method), 2; G. Salter, 3; T. J. Salter, 4; R. E. Grove, 5; J. Pagett, 6; J. Crane, 7; W. H. Smith (conductor), 8. On Sunday, April 15th, 480 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. J. Bennett, 1; W. R. Small, 2; J. Bennett, 3; N. Davis, 4; E. C. Hunt, 5; T. J. Salter, 6; J. Crane, 7; W. H. Smith (conductor), 8. And 896 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. N. Davis, 1; W. R. Small, 2; J. Bennett, 3; G. Salter, 4; E. C. Hunt, 5; T. J. Salter, 6; J. Crane, 7; W. H. Smith (conductor), 8. W. Small hails from Tipton, Staffordshire. On Sunday, April 22nd, 400 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. J. Bennett, 1; G. Salter, 2; J. Bennett, 3; N. Davis, 4; E. C. Hunt, 5; T. J. Salter, 6; J. Crane, 7; W. H. Smith (conductor), 8.

#### STOKE-ON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

NORTON (Staffordshire).—On Sunday evening, April 29th, for Divine Service, 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-eight bobs and twenty-two singles) in 26 mins. E. Johnson, 1; J. H. Naylor, 2; J. Naylor, 3; T. Johnson, 4; E. Glover (conductor), 5; J. Brindley, 6. And 720 Oxford Bob Minor in 27 mins. A. Ryles, 1; J. Naylor, 2; J. Gibson, 3; T. Johnson, 4; E. Glover (conductor), 5; J. Brindley, 6.

#### THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

EPSOM (Surrey).—On Sunday evening, April 29th, at Christ Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. A. Mann, 1; T. Miles, 2; J. Crawford, 3; \*G. Saunders, 4; T. Tutte, 5; H. Kenten, 6; †A. Gower (conductor), 7; J. Martin, 8. \*First quarter-peal. †First quarter-peal as conductor.

#### THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

HENDON.—On Wednesday, March 7th, at the parish church, for practice, 720 Kent Treble Bob (fifteen bobs). E. Pratchett, 1; F. Pratt, 2; H. J. Martin, 3; J. Cawley, 4; C. H. Martin (conductor), 5; C. Crampton, 6. And 240 Plain Bob. C. H. Martin, 1; H. J. Martin (conductor), 2; E. Pratchett, 3; J. Barrett, 4; J. Cawley, 5; C. Crampton, 6. On Sunday, March 25th, a 720 Kent Treble Bob. E. Pratchett, 1; B. C. Pratchett, 2; H. J. Martin, 3; F. Pratt, 4; C. H. Martin (conductor), 5; C. Crampton, 6. And 720 Plain Bob (nine bobs and six singles). J. Barrett, 1; C. H. Martin (conductor), 2; H. S. Reeves, 3; E. Pratchett, 4; F. Pratt, 5; C. Crampton, 6. On

Wednesday, March 28th, a 720 Plain Bob (thirty-two bobs and two singles). H. Martin, 1; C. H. Martin (conductor), 2; H. S. Reeves, 3; F. Pratt, 4; E. Chapman, 5; C. Crampton, 6. On Sunday, April 1st, a 360 Plain Bob. F. Jones, 1; B. C. Pratchett, 2; H. J. Martin, 3; J. Barrett, 4; C. H. Martin, 5; C. Crampton, 6. And 360 each of Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Canterbury Pleasure, by C. Crampton, H. S. Reeves, H. J. Martin, E. Pratchett, W. Tubb, W. Burrows, J. Nixon, F. Pratt and C. H. Martin. On Saturday, April 7th, a 720 of Plain Bob (eight bobs and six singles). F. Jones, 1; F. Pratt, 2; B. C. Pratchett, 3; E. Pratchett, 4; C. H. Martin (conductor), 5; C. Crampton, 6. On Sunday, April 15th, a 720 Canterbury Pleasure (ten bobs and ten singles). H. Martin, 1; H. J. Martin, 2; H. S. Reeves (first 720 in the method), 3; F. Pratt, 4; C. H. Martin (composer and conductor), 5; C. Crampton, 6. Rang on the conductor's twenty-seventh birthday. On Wednesday, April 18th, 200 Grandsire Doubles. S. Foster (first 120 in the method), 1; C. H. Martin, 2; F. Pratt, 3; J. Barrett, 4; H. S. Reeves, 5; E. Pratchett, 6. *Handbell Ringing*.—On Friday, March 4th, a 504 Bob Triples. F. Jones, 1; F. Pratt, 2; H. J. Martin, 3-4; C. H. Martin, 5-6; C. Crampton, 7-8. On Friday, March 11th, 252 Bob Triples and a course of Grandsire Triples. W. Church, 1; F. Pratt, 2; H. J. Martin, 3-4; C. H. Martin, 5-6; C. Crampton, 7-8.

#### THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

SWANMORE (Hants).—On Wednesday, April 18th, at the parish church for confirmation service, 720 Bob Minor. E. Linter, 1; G. Raskett, 2; W. Cooper, 3; C. Apps, 4; A. Millard, 5; W. Linter, 6. After service 720 Oxford Bob Minor. E. Linter, 1; E. Jacobs, 2; W. Cooper (first 720 in the method), 3; G. Plaskett, 4; A. Millard, 5; W. Linter, 6. And 720 Grandsire Minor. E. Linter, 1; E. Jacobs, 2; W. Cooper, 3; A. Millard, 4; G. Plaskett, 5; W. Linter (conductor), 6. W. Cooper hails from Shedfield.

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

HANDSWORTH (Staffordshire).—On Saturday, April 28th, at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. T. Reynolds, 1; G. Williams, 2; T. Gibbs, 3; T. Verry, 4; J. Porter, 5; T. Westwood (conductor), 6; W. Verry, 7; W. Painter, 8. Composed by H. Johnson.

#### DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CHESTER-LE-STREET.—On Sunday evening April 29th, for Divine Service, a 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. \*G. Siddle, 1; \*G. A. Ward, 2; G. Curry, 3; J. Anderson, 4; A. Meyers, 5; W. Sheraton (conductor), 6. \*First 720 in the method. On Monday, April 30th, for practice, 720 Canterbury Pleasure. A. Thompson, 1; G. A. Ward, 2; W. Sheraton, 3; W. Brown, 4; G. Curry, 5; A. Meyers (conductor), 6.

#### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

EAST DEREHAM (Norfolk).—On Sunday evening, March 25th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 1008 Bob Triples in 40 mins. A. Crispe (first 1000), 1; J. W. Marjoram, 2; E. G. Burleigh, 3; F. M. Aldis, 4; J. Wells, 5; W. Leggatt (conductor), 6; S. F. Burleigh, 7. On Thursday, April 19th, for practice, a quarter-peal of Bob Triples, 50 mins. A. Crisp (first quarter-peal), 1; F. M. Aldis, 2; F. G. Burleigh, 3; J. W. Marjoram, 4; J. Wells, 5; W. Leggatt, 6; S. F. Burleigh (conductor), 7. Tenor 24 cwt. in E flat.

LEISTON (Suffolk).—On Saturday, April 21st, for practice, at St. Margaret's church, 1760 Kent Treble Bob Major. G. Wilson, 1; W. Taylor, 2; F. Cooper, 3; A. J. Lincoln (conductor), 4; F. Thompson, 5; H. J. Button, 6; J. Button, 7; G. Hardy, 8. Tenor 20½ cwt. in E. Messrs. Thompson and Hardy hail from Kelsale, the others belong to the local company.

#### THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

WELSHPOOL (Montgomeryshire).—On Tuesday, April 10th, 6-score Stedman Doubles. J. Lloyd, 3; Rev. T. Hughes, 4; W. Maddox, 5; D. Williams, 6; T. J. Bratton, 7; A. Grice, 8. This was rung at the first attempt, and is the first in the method by the band, also on the bells. On Tuesday, April 17th, several 6-scores of Stedman Doubles, standing as above.

#### THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HARROGATE (Yorkshire).—On Sunday, April 15th, at St. Mary's church, for morning service, a 576 Bob Major. J. Benson, 1; H. Dickenson, 2; A. Atkinson, 3; H. Robinson, 4; J. Vickers, 5; J. Ireland, 6; H. Brown, 7; W. Turner (conductor), 8. On Thursday, April 19th, for practice, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor in 27 mins. J. Benson, 1; H. Dickenson, 2; F. Durdy, 3; A. Atkinson, 4; H. Brown, 5; W. Turner (conductor), 6. First in the method by all.

## THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

PENARTH (South Wales).—On Tuesday, March 27th, a 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. J. Vinnicombe, 1; W. Biss, 2; G. Smith, 3; F. Bartlett, 4; T. Northey, 5; D. Thomas (first in the method as conductor), 6. On Tuesday, April 3rd, a 720 Plain Bob Minor. T. Northey, 1; W. Biss, 2; J. Jones, 3; F. Bartlett, 4; J. Vinnicombe (first in the method with a bob bell), 5; D. Thomas (conductor), 6. On Sunday, April 8th, a 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. J. Vinnicombe, 1; D. Thomas, 2; J. Jones, 3; F. Bartlett, 4; T. Northey, 5; C. Smith (conductor), 6. On Sunday, April 15th, a 720 Plain Bob Minor. J. Clutterbuck, 1; D. Thomas, 2; J. Vinnicombe, 3; F. Bartlett, 4; T. Northey, 5; C. Smith (conductor), 6.

## THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

ORDSALL (Notts).—On Tuesday night, April 3rd, for practice, 720 College Single Minor in 25 mins. H. Merrills, 1; J. C. Whetstone, 2; H. Blagg, 3; H. Lambert, 4; H. Haigh (conductor), 5; J. White, 6. First 720 in the method by all, and first 720 in the method on the bells. And a course of Canterbury Pleasure Minor with J. B. Joynes, 4; the others standing as above. First touch in the method by all. On Sunday morning, April 8th, for Divine Service, 720 Plain Bob Minor in 24 mins. H. Merrills, 1; W. Preston (conductor), 2; H. Blagg, 3; H. Lambert, 4; J. C. Whetstone, 5; J. White, 6. On Wednesday, April 18th, on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. T. Langford Smith, of Tyle Mill, Sulhamstead, Berks, to Miss Annie Hopkinson, only daughter of Councillor Hopkinson, Bee Hive Works, Retford, two 720s of Grandsire Minor (forty-two singles eighteen bobs), and (thirty-six singles twenty-four bobs), and 720 Plain Bob (forty-two singles), also 720 each of College Single and Canterbury Pleasure, the latter method being rung for the first time at the first attempt. H. Merrills, 1; J. C. Whetstone, 2; H. Blagg, 3; H. Lambert, 4; H. Haigh (conductor), 5; J. White, 6.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

ABINGDON (Berks).—On Thursday, April 26th, for practice at St Helen's church, the first 504 of Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples. F. Clark, 1; A. Blay, 2; F. Juggins, 3; G. Staniland, 4; A. R. Bosley (conductor), 5; T. Short, 6; G. Holloway, 7; W. Absalom, 8. Also 629 Grandsire Caters. A. Blay, 1; E. Humfrey, 2; J. Brown, 3; J. Juggins, 4; G. Staniland, 5; A. R. Bosley, 6; T. Short (conductor), 7; E. Aldworth, 8; G. Holloway, 9; W. Carter, 10. On Sunday evening, April 29th, for Divine Service, 629 Grandsire Caters. F. Juggins, 1; E. Humfrey, 2; A. R. Bosley, 3; J. Brown, 4; G. Staniland, 5; H. Hollifield, 6; T. Short (conductor), 7; E. Aldworth, 8; G. Holloway, 9; W. Carter, 10.

HAGGOURNE (Berks).—On Monday, April 30th, an attempt was made for a peal of Grandsire Triples, which unfortunately came to grief after ringing upwards of 2000 changes owing to a change-course. E. Windus, 1; V. R. Hitchman (longest length), 2; T. Short, 3; A. R. Bosley (conductor), 4; D. Napper, 5; J. Sawyer, 6; A. Thomas, 7; A. Woodley, 8.

CAVERSHAM (Oxon).—On Sunday morning, April 22nd, for Divine Service, 1260 Stedman Triples. E. Woodley, 1; T. Newman, 2; J. Hands, 3; E. W. Menday, 4; H. Smith, 5; G. Essex, 6; A. W. Pike (composer and conductor), 7; H. Simmonds, 8. For evening service 560 Bob Major. E. Woodley, 1; T. Newman, 2; H. Bridgeman, 3; A. W. Pike, 4; E. W. Menday (conductor), 5; H. Smith, 6; J. Hands, 7; H. Simmonds, 8.

OXFORD.—On Thursday, April 26th, at the church of St. Peter-in-East, a quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise Major. A. C. Hawes, 1; P. A. Hind, 2; C. H. Fowler, 3; A. Dubber, 4; C. Hounslow, 5; Rev. F. E. Robinson, 6; W. Baston, 7; J. W. Washbrook (conductor), 8.

ALTON (Hants).—On Monday, April 23rd, for practice at the parish church, 1554 Grandsire Triples. J. Ward, 1; Rev. F. Whyley, 2; E. Bryant, 3; G. Reading, 4; W. G. Withers, 5; H. Withers (conductor), 6; A. Burgess, 7; H. Forder, 8.

ANGMERING (Sussex).—On Tuesday, April 24th, on the occasion of the marriage of Miss Margaret Orme, second daughter of the rector, the Rev. J. B. Orme, with Mr. Gerald Edward Penfold Wyatt, B.A., Christ Church, Oxford, and Clapham, Worthing, a 720 Oxford Treble Bob. H. Finch, 1; F. Finch, 2; J. Hills, 3; T. Linfield, 4; T. Parsons, 5; C. Hills (conductor), 6. Also 720 Kent Treble Bob. H. Finch, 1; C. Hills, 2; F. Finch, 3; J. Hills, 4; T. Parsons, 5; T. Linfield (conductor), 6. And 720 Duke of York Treble Bob. H. Finch, 1; F. Finch, 2; T. Linfield, 3; C. Hills, 4; J. Hills, 5; T. Parsons (conductor), 6. Also 720 Violet Treble Bob. H. Finch, 1; F. Finch, 2; C. Hills, 3; T. Parsons, 4; T. Linfield, 5; J. Hills (conductor), 6. And 720 Oxford Treble Bob. H. Finch, 1; T. Linfield, 2; C. Hills, 3; T. Parsons, 4; H. Finch, 5; J. Hills (conductor), 6.

BATTLE (Sussex).—On Tuesday, March 13th, two courses of Stedman Triples. F. Mathis, 1; R. Curtis, 2; C. Hyland, 3; J. Curtis, 4; J. Mathis, 5; W. Thomas, 6; W. Franks, 7; H. Anscombe, 8. On Thursday, April 19th, 720 Grandsire Minor. F. Mathis, 1; J. Mathis, 2; W. Thomas, 3; C. Hyland, 4; \*J. Curtis, 5; W. Franklin (conductor), 6; C. Eldridge, 7; W. H. Eldridge, 8. On Tuesday, April 24th, 720 Grandsire Minor. \*J. Liuermore, 1; F. Mathis, 2; H. Elliott, 3; W. Thomas, 4; J. Curtis, 5; W. Franks (conductor), 6; J. Mathis, 7; C. Hyland, 8. \*First 720.

BENHILTON (Surrey).—On Friday, April 27th, at All Saints' church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. Gebson and Miss Hoole, residents of Sutton. \*W. Richardson, 1; James Trendell, 2; G. Trendell, 3; C. Dean, 4; W. P. Routh, Esq., 5; H. Bryant, 6; John Trendell (conductor), 7; G. Turner, 8. \*Longest length.

BESTHORPE (Norfolk).—On Sunday evening, April 22nd, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Doubles, each 6-score called differently. F. Kerry, 1; A. Howes, 2; R. Etteridge, 3; J. Howes (conductor), 4; J. Lawrence, 5.

BLOXWICH (Staffordshire).—On Tuesday, April 3rd, at the parish church, a 672 of Grandsire Triples. E. Washbrook, 1; W. Barton, 2; J. Barton, 3; J. Adams, 4; D. Chapman, 5; A. Turley, 6; T. J. Elton (conductor), 7; J. Elton, 8. On Saturday, April 28th, a quarter peal in the same method in 43 mins. E. Washbrook (first quarter-peal), 1; W. Barton (first quarter-peal), 2; J. Barton, 3; J. Adams, 4; D. Chapman, 5; A. Turley (first quarter-peal), 6; T. J. Elton (longest length as conductor), 7; R. Frost (first quarter-peal), 8. Tenor 14 cwt.

BLAKENHALL HEATH (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, April 29th, for evening service, at the parish church, a 720 Grandsire Doubles in 25 mins, being six 6-scores each called differently. S. Wilcox, 1; J. Hough, 2; C. Stone, 3; J. Adams, 4; T. J. Elton (conductor), 5. Longest length by ringers of first three. Tenor 8½ cwt.

CHADDESLEY CORBETT (Worcestershire).—On Sunday evening, May 6th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 720 Grandsire Minor with the tenor covering. J. Horne, 1; E. Playdon, 2; F. Jackson (first 720), 3; E. Gilbert, 4; A. Jackson, 5; J. Chance (conductor), 6; T. Roberts, 7.

DARLSTON (Staffordshire).—On Thursday, April 26th, for practice, the St. Lawrence's society rang 1008 Grandsire Triples in 37 mins. J. Mark, 1; †E. Unitt (conductor), 2; J. Tinsley, 3; T. Lowe, 4; \*J. Foster, 5; J. Gough, 6; W. Smith, 7; \*J. Jones, 8. Composed by the late Henry Johnson, and contains the twenty-four 6-7s, twelve 7-5-6s, and twelve 6-7-5s. \*Longest length. †Longest length as conductor.

DARLINGTON (Durham).—On Saturday, April 21st, at Holy Trinity church, in honour of the marriage of Mr. F. Tovey, organist of the above church, a 720 Oxford Treble Bob. E. Cox, 1; J. W. H. Lynn, 2; R. B. Wilson, 3; G. W. Park, 4; G. R. Overton (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, April 24th, for practice, a 720 Oxford Treble Bob in 23 mins. G. A. Overton, 1; J. Lynn, 2; G. J. Lundley, 3; R. B. Wilson, 4; G. Park, 5; G. W. Park (first in the method as conductor), 6. G. Park belongs to St. Cuthbert's.

GALLEYWOOD (Essex).—On Sunday afternoon, April 22nd, after Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. W. Emery, 1; J. Beams (late of Ewell, Surrey, conductor), 2; G. Sorrell, 3; \*J. Moore, 4; T. Lincoln, 5; T. Prince, 6; C. Waskett, 7; F. Lemon, 8. Composed by H. P. Harman, of Bromley. Messrs. Emery, Sorrell, and Lincoln hail from Writtle; the rest are local men.

GUILDFORD (Surrey).—*Handbell Ringing*.—On Sunday, March 18th, a 504 of Grandsire Triples. F. Bennett (conductor), 1-2; S. Lawrence, 3-4; A. P. Goddard, 5-6; J. J. Jones, 7-8. On Sunday, March 25th, a 504 in the same method. G. Nest, 2; F. Bennett (conductor), 3-4; A. P. Goddard, 5-6; W. Grove, 7-8. On Monday, April 9th, a 504 in the same method. A. Adsett, 1; A. Brown, 2; F. Bennett (conductor), 3-4; F. Baker, 5; C. Eades, 6; J. Jones, 7-8. On Sunday, March 25th, at the church of St. Nicholas, for afternoon service, a 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. J. Heathorn, 1; A. P. Goddard, 2; J. J. Jones, 3; F. Bennett (conductor), 4; F. W. J. Rees, 5; W. Grove, 6. This was rung on the front six, being the first 720 ever rang on them. On Sunday, April 8th, a 720 Grandsire Doubles, called differently. W. Freakes, (first 720 in the method), 1; F. Bennett (conductor), 2; F. Baker (first 720 in the method), 3; C. Eades (first 720 in the method), 4; J. J. Jones, 5; H. E. Hart, 6. And for evening service, 168 Grandsire Triples. \*W. Freakes, 1; \*F. Baker, 2; \*W. Pye, 3; J. Heathorn, 4; J. J. Jones, 5; C. Eades, 6; F. Bennett, 7; H. E. Hart, 8. \*First touch of Grandsire Triples.

**HALSTEAD (Essex).**—On Sunday morning, April 29th, at the parish church, 360 Court Single. J. Cant, 1; W. Rogers, 2; F. Davey, 3; W. Ward, 4; W. Root, 5; H. Wiffen (conductor), 6. In the afternoon, 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. D. Claydon, 1; W. Rogers, 2; F. Davey, 3; G. Galley, 4; W. Ladham, 5; E. Ladham (conductor), 6. And 360 Court Bob. W. Rogers, 1; W. Ward, 2; F. Davey, 3; G. Galley, 4; D. Claydon, 5; E. Ladham (conductor), 6. Also 360 Oxford Treble Bob. W. Rogers, 1; D. Claydon, 2; F. Davey, 3; W. Ward (conductor), 4; W. Root, 5; H. Wiffen, 6. E. and W. Ladham and G. Galley hail from Great Tey, F. Davey from Bocking, D. Claydon and W. Rogers from Earls Colne, the rest belong to the local company.

**HENFIELD (Sussex).**—On Thursday, April 5th, 504 Stedman. L. Payne, 1; E. Rapley, 2; H. Meetens, 3; G. Payne, 4; W. Hillman, 5; C. Smart, 6; A. W. Groves (conductor), 7; C. Tyler, 8. And 504 in the same method. E. Rapley, 1; H. Meetens, 2; A. Groves, 3; G. Holder, 4; W. J. Alliss, 5; A. W. Groves, 6; C. Smart (conductor), 7; C. Tyler, 8. On Sunday, April 8th, for Divine Service, two 504s Stedman. C. Tyler, 1; W. J. Alliss, 2; A. Groves, 3; W. Hillman, 4; G. Payne, 5; L. Payne, 6; A. W. Groves (conductor), 7; A. Hodges, 8. C. Tyler, 1; W. Hillman, 2; W. J. Alliss, 3; G. Holder, 4; A. W. Groves, 5; G. Payne, 6; L. Payne (conductor), 7; A. Heasman, 8. On Tuesday, April 10th, for practice, two 504s Stedman. C. Tyler (conductor), 1; G. Payne, 2; G. Holder, 3; J. Boniface, 4; L. Payne, 5; W. Hillman, 6; H. Chandler, 7; A. Hodges, 8. H. Chandler, 1; L. Payne, 2; A. Groves, 3; C. Tyler, 4; G. Payne, 5; W. J. Alliss, 6; A. W. Groves (conductor), 7; A. Heasman, 8. On Sunday, April 15th, for Divine Service, 504 Stedman. G. Payne, 1; C. Tyler (conductor), 2; A. Groves, 3; L. Payne, 4; W. J. Alliss, 5; A. W. Groves, 6; W. Hillman, 7; A. Hodges, 8. And a quarter-peal of Stedman (Brook's variation), in 40 mins. C. Tyler (conductor), 1; W. J. Alliss, 2; A. Groves, 3; G. Payne, 4; L. Payne, 5; W. Hillman, 6; A. W. Groves, 7; A. Heasman, 8. On Sunday, April 22nd, for Divine Service, 504 Stedman. C. Tyler, 1; W. J. Alliss, 2; W. Hillman, 3; G. Holder, 4; G. Payne, 5; L. Payne, 6; A. W. Groves (conductor), 7; A. Hodges, 8. On Tuesday, April 24th, 504 Stedman. C. Tyler (conductor), 1; W. J. Alliss, 2; F. Knight, 3; J. Smart, 4; L. Payne, 5; W. Hillman, 6; A. W. Groves, 7; H. Chandler, 8. And 480 Bob Major. C. Smart, 1; W. J. Alliss, 2; J. Smart, 3; F. Knight, 4; W. Hillman, 5; L. Payne, 6; A. W. Groves, 7; H. Chandler (conductor), 8. And 504 Grandsire Triples. C. Tyler, 1; W. J. Alliss, 2; F. Knight (conductor), 3; L. Payne, 4; J. Smart, 5; H. Chandler, 6; A. W. Groves, 7; C. Smart, 8. E. Rapley, J. and C. Smart and H. Meetings hail from Steyning, F. Knight from Quedgeley, the rest are local men.

**ISLEWORTH (Middlesex).**—On Sunday, April 1st, for men's service in the afternoon, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples in 43 mins. L. Copsey, 1; E. J. Watson, 2; J. Basden (conductor), 3; W. Foster, 4; E. Harris, 5; F. Goddard, 6; A. H. Taber, 7; W. Ward, 8. All, with the exception of F. Goddard hail from Ealing. On Sunday, May 6th, after an unsuccessful attempt for a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, a 504 and 168 in the same method. A. H. Taber, 1; E. J. Watson, 2; W. Elson, 3; W. Meaton, 4; C. Charge, 5; E. H. Adams, 6; J. Basden (conductor), 7; W. Ward, 8.

**LICHFIELD (Staffordshire).**—On Sunday, April 15th, two 720s of Grandsire Minor. First 720: C. Davis, 1; W. Dempster, 2; H. Meacham, 3; G. Wright, 4; A. Bowler, 5; J. F. Cope (conductor), 6. Second 720: J. Milner, 1; C. Davis (first 720 with a bob bell), 2; F. Sedgwick, 3; G. Wright, 4; H. Meacham, 5; F. J. Cope (conductor), 6. On Wednesday, April 18th, another 720. C. Davis, 1; W. Dempster, 2; F. Sedgwick, 3; H. Meacham, 4; A. Bowler, 5; F. J. Cope (conductor), 6. The above were rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late Mr. G. Dean, formerly a ringer at St. Michael's.

**LONDON.**—On Sunday, April 29th, at the church of St. Michael and All Angels, Paddington, 504 Grandsire Triples in 23 mins. W. Smith, 1; D. W. Griggs, 2; E. Jones, 3; R. Bevan, 4; J. Nixon, 5; N. Alderman (conductor), 6; G. Smith, 7; H. Ellis, 8. Tenor 20 cwt. Rung as a farewell touch to E. Jones, who is leaving for the country.

**NEWPORT (Monmouthshire).**—On Sunday evening, April 22nd, the members of the St. Woolo's Guild rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, taken from Parker's twelve-part, in 46 mins. H. Millard, 1; J. W. Smythe, 2; J. W. Jones, 3; G. H. Rogers, 4; J. Butler, 5; F. Attlewell, 6; J. Trowbridge (conductor), 7; D. Thomas, 8. Tenor 20 cwt.

**READING (Berks).**—On Wednesday, April 18th, for practice at St. Lawrence's church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 47 mins. C. Giles, 1; H. Tucker, 2; J. F. Tarrant, 3; A. Pike, 4; F. Hopgood, 5; W. Newell, 6; W. J. Williams (conductor), 7; H. Simmons, 8.

**SANDY (Beds.).**—On Saturday, April 21st, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs two singles). A. Barnes (first 720), 1; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 2; H. J. Sutton, 3; C. Chasty, 4; Chas. Chastv, 5; I. Hills, 6. And 720 Kent Treble Bob (nine bobs). C. Chasty, 1; W. Shimmans, 2; W. Davison, 3; H. King, 4; H. Sharp (conductor), 5; C. W. Clarke, 6. And 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-four bobs two singles). J. Davison (first 720), 1; W. Davison (first 720 in the method with a bob bell), 2; H. J. Sutton, 3; C. W. Clarke, 4; I. Hills, 5; H. Sharp (conductor), 6. And 720 Bob Minor (nine bobs six singles). F. C. Fox (first 720), 1; I. Hills, 2; H. J. Sutton, 3; W. Davison, 4; H. Sharp, 5; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 6. And a 6-score Stedman Doubles. H. Sharp, 1; W. Shimmans, 2; W. Davison, 3; I. Hills, 4; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 5; R. Shimmans, 6. And four 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, the local ringers taking part.

**SHEDFIELD (Hants).**—On Thursday, April 26th, at the parish church for practice, 720 Grandsire Minor thirty-four bobs and two singles, in 24 mins. G. Winter, 1; G. Chequer, 2; W. Cooper, 3; E. Walker, 4; S. Cummings, 5; W. Linter (conductor), 6. Cooper and Linter are members of the Winchester Diocesan Guild; W. Linter hails from Swanmore.

**STALYBRIDGE (Cheshire).**—On Sunday afternoon, April 22nd, at St. Paul's church, 1512 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. J. Pownall, 1; H. Shaw (conductor), 2; E. Schofield, 3; A. Byrom, 4; J. Gratrix, 5; A. Fielding, 6; J. Bradley, 7; J. Chumley, 8. J. Gratrix hails from Manchester; the rest belong to the local company.

**STANSTEAD (Suffolk).**—On Tuesday, April 10th, 720 College Single and 18-score of Yorkshire Court. R. Theobald, 1; R. Brett, 2; G. Smith, 3; A. Clarke, 4; S. Slater, 5; R. Gowers (conductor), 6. On Wednesday, April 18th, for confirmation service, 720 Kent Treble Bob. R. Theobald, 1; R. Brett, 2; G. Smith, 3; A. Clarke, 4; S. Slater, 5; R. Gowers, 6. And 720 Oxford Treble Bob. R. Theobald, 1; R. Brett, 2; S. Slater, 3; A. Clarke, 4; C. Sillitoe (Sudbury), 5; R. Gowers (conductor), 6. And 720 Woodbine Treble Bob. R. Gowers, 1; R. Theobald, 2; G. Smith, 3; A. Clarke, 4; S. Slater, 5; R. Brett, 6; and 18-score of Court Bob standing as before. Both conducted by R. Brett. On Saturday, April 21st, an attempt was made for a 5040 in seven different methods, but came to grief after ringing about 3400, through the second rope breaking. The ringing was as follows: 720 Court Bob, 720 College Single, 720 Yorkshire Court, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob and 520 Kent Treble Bob, in 1 hr. 55 mins. R. Theobald, 1; R. Brett, 2; G. Smith, 3; A. Clarke, 4; S. Slater, 5; R. Gowers (conductor), 6. Tenor 12 cwt.

**SHENSTONE (Staffordshire).**—On Saturday, April 21st, two 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. R. Hiley (first 6-scores and first attempt to ring changes, 1; F. Sedgwick, 2; W. Dempster, 3; H. Meacham, 4; F. J. Cope, 5; F. Jones (first 6-scores), 6.

## Correspondence.

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

### WAS THE READING CONFERENCE A FAILURE?

SIR,—One of the speakers at the recent Council meeting is reported to have remarked that the Reading Conference was a failure. Surely it showed the necessity of a body upon similar lines or possibly broader lines than the present Council, in fact a Committee was appointed to bring such a body into existence. Had it had the courage to have done the work it was appointed for, we should have long since had our two days annual gathering of the National Association of Ringers, bringing together on the first day the great guns of the Exercise, and on the second day the best debating power to be found among ringers in general. ONE WHO WAS AT READING.

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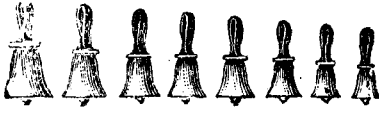
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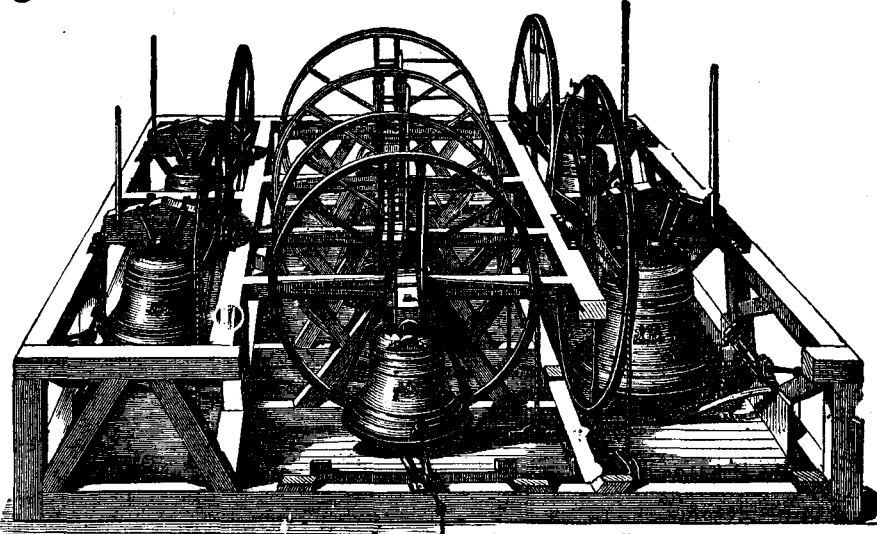
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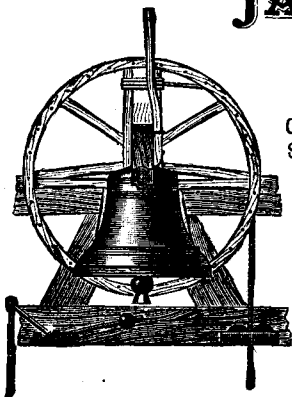
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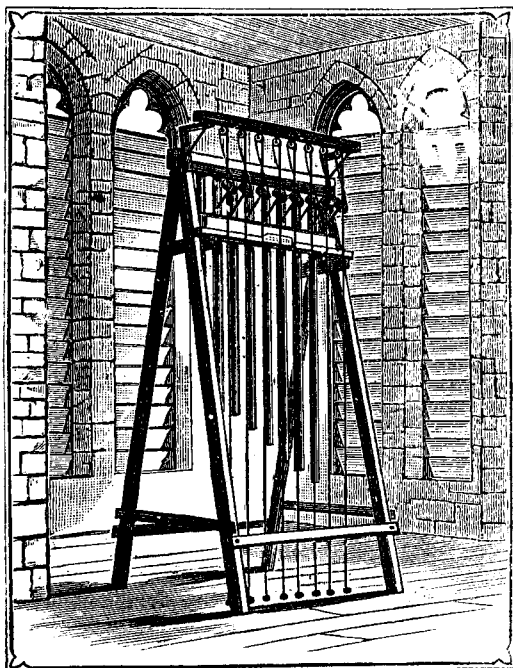
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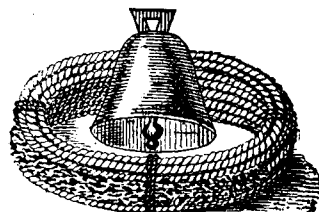
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BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the members of this Association was held in Bath, on Saturday, May 5th. The city parishes were all represented, while a goodly number from other parts of the diocese attended. During the morning ringing took place in the Abbey tower, and at some other churches, and at one o'clock the members sat down to dinner at Findley's Dining Rooms, Upper Borough-walls, about fifty being present. The chair was taken by the Master of the Association, the Rev. C. W. H. Griffith (curate of St. Mary's Bathwick), who was supported by the Revs. J. U. Todd (Minehead), H. Cockey (Oldland, Bitton), and A. Coode (Wells), Messrs. Rupert Lewis (Secretary), Boutflower, Fussell, and others. This was followed by service at St. Mary's, Bathwick, the office used being one which had just received the approval of the Bishop of the diocese. The Master read the prayers, while the lesson was read by the Rev. J. U. Todd. The other clergy present were the Rev. G. Baker (St. Mary's), and the Rev. A. Coode (chaplain of Wells Theological College), the last named of whom preached an appropriate sermon from Psalm viii. 4, 5. Prebendary Shaw (Twerton), was also in the church. Mr. Phippen presided at the organ, and the choir boys of St. Mary's assisted at the service.

The annual meeting was afterwards held at St. Mary's Church House. The chair was taken by the Master, and among those present were Prebendary Stokes Shaw, Messrs. Lascelles, Doble, Fussell, Scudamore, Kingman, Tomkins, the Secretary, and others.

The Master explained the circumstances under which he had called the meeting. He regretted the failure of the Association in the past year, and said he looked upon it as entirely due to the inactivity of the officers, chief as well as local. Meetings had not been called and no reports had been printed for three years. He hoped that this would be altered in the future, and as the Association was one of members and not of officers, he appealed to them to band themselves together and take their part in setting right the affairs of the Association, for which he predicted a great future. He concluded by reading his report, which expressed the opinion that during the year 1893 the Association did little good to justify its existence, but it was reassuring to observe that the cause of the failure was not that the Association had been found to be a needless or superfluous institution, but was entirely due to inactivity and negligence in its conduct and management. The report went on to say that there was no reason to doubt that if the Association were properly and faithfully worked it would have as prosperous and useful a career as any other in the Kingdom. That was a fact which had been overlooked in some quarters, but was one which was full of hope and confidence for the future. In the Bath Branch, owing to the vigorous activity of the local secretary, regular and good work had been carried on; and both in that and in the Minehead and Dunster branch a great sign of progress was to be found in the fact that bands for Stedman ringing had been successfully formed and attained considerable proficiency. During the year nine peals had been recorded, two of Plain Bob, six of Grandsire Triples, and one of Grandsire Doubles. Naturally, as nothing had been expended, their finances were in excellent condition, there being a balance of about £19. Thanks were given to the clergy, organists and choirs of the churches where Association meetings had been held, for their kind and voluntary aid, and for their hearty welcome in all cases. The report concluded by saying that it was in the hands of the members to right the affairs of the Association, to take care that in the future the past should not be repeated, and thus easily to secure that prosperity, progress and success which undoubtedly awaited an association of ringers in the diocese.

Mr. Boutflower proposed the adoption of the report, and in doing so re-echoed the remarks of the Master, as did also the Rev. J. U. Todd, who seconded.

The Secretary regretted that he had not been able to give the attention he could have wished, but he still continued to take great interest in ringing matters. He complained of the lack of assistance from local secretaries, and the neglect to carry out

his suggestions. The reason the reports had not been printed was owing to his inability to get the requisite information.

The report was then adopted.

The Secretary presented the accounts, which showed the receipts to be £24 2s. 6d., and the expenditure £5 8s. 1½d., leaving a balance of £18 14s. 4½d.

On the proposition of Mr. F. Beasley, seconded by Mr. Doble, the accounts were passed. The question as to fixing two peal-boards, sanctioned at last year's meeting, was allowed to stand over for the present.

The meeting then proceeded to elect the officers. The Vice-Presidents were re-elected with the addition of Archdeacon Denison. The Master explained that the old committee was a perfectly unworkable one, and it was left to him to appoint a committee who would assist him in carrying out his duties.

The Rev. J. U. Todd proposed the re-election of the Master, saying that they could make no better choice. He had shown his ability in rescuing the Association from chaos, and only needed to be backed up to make it a success.

Mr. Beasley seconded, and remarked that the Master was always willing to help them in every way that he could. The motion was carried by acclamation, and Mr. Griffith, in returning thanks, alluded to his wish to retire, but he would not think of doing so till the Association had righted itself.

Mr. Doble proposed the election of Mr. H. W. Tomkins, of Old Clevede, as general secretary, and the Rev. J. U. Todd seconded.

Mr. J. S. Flower proposed, and Mr. G. Temple seconded the re-election of Mr. Lewis.

On a vote being taken the former was elected.

The representatives to the Central Council, the Master and the Rev. J. U. Todd, were re-appointed.

The next meeting of the Association was fixed to be held at Highbridge in July.

On the motion of Mr. Fussell, seconded by Mr. Brown, it was decided to purchase a peal-book.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Rev. A. Coode for his sermon, and to the Rector and churchwardens, organist and choir boys of St. Mary's for their services. A similar vote to the Chairman concluded the proceedings.

The members then dispersed to ring at the various towers of the city, all of which had been kindly placed at their disposal by the clergy.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A small but very pleasant quarterly meeting was held on Whit-Monday, at King's Lynn. About twenty-five members and friends attended from Norwich, Aylsham, Beccles, and Stanhoe, together with the local company. From Nayland came also F. W. J. Rees, Esq. to revisit the scenes of his youth; Mr. George Taylor from Cambridge, and Mr. Markwell from Wilburton, in the Isle. The bells of St. Margaret were found to be in capital going order after their last year's overhaul, and their fine tone was much admired by everyone. The bells of St. Nicholas, unfortunately, owing to serious illness near the chapel, could not be rung.

The Association was cordially welcomed by the Rev. E. G. A. Winter, the esteemed Vicar of Lynn, and the Rev. E. S. Daubeney, Curate, who takes much interest in the belfry. The former took the chair at luncheon and expressed the pleasure he had in welcoming the association to Lynn, and trusted the visit might be repeated.

The Hon. Secretary addressed a few words to those assembled on the progress of the Association in point of numbers and work, exhorting all present to give more attention to the study and practice of the higher methods of change-ringing. He also pointed out the growing importance to the welfare of the Art of thorough good Churchmanship on the part of church bell ringers, declaring that indications were not wanting which served to show that more and more stress would be laid upon this as a necessary qualification in a ringer as time went on, and that loyalty and fidelity to the church of their forefathers, with willing obedience to her ordinances, were of far greater importance than proficiency and advancement in the Art.

Twenty new members, viz.: three honorary, nine performing, and eight probationers were elected at this meeting.

## THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 28th, the Annual Meeting of this Guild was held at Christ Church, Aughton. Previous to the meeting a short service was held in the church, at the conclusion of which, the rector, the Rev. C. W. Markham, delivered an excellent and appropriate address. The members afterwards adjourned to the schools and partook of a good tea provided by the members of Christ Church. Tea being over, a further adjournment was made to an adjoining room for the purpose of the meeting. The Rev. C. W. Markham presided, being supported by the Revs. A. Markham, A. B. Pattison, W. T. Bulpit, and Messrs. W. L. Hutton, J. Martin, and J. Smith, etc., and there was about forty members present. The chairman extended a hearty welcome to those present. He said he was glad to learn that their society, though young, showed signs of health. Their membership had increased to 143. Their society had only been formed four years, and it was really doing its work well. He thought they could bear witness in their own parish as to the good it was doing. They had in their officers an excellent ringing secretary, and one who was quite alive to the business of their society. He (the chairman) had lately been in Cornwall, where the same keenness was exhibited in ringing, and an excellent ringing contest took place, eight or ten belfries contesting. He would read them some lines he had copied from a Cornish belfry, and which he considered was excellent advice. They were as follows:

"Keep attentively your time,  
Every Sabbath mind to chime;  
Ring Changes off in proper season,  
Never drink to hurt your reason."

The chairman said the first business of the meeting was the appointment of a representative to the Central Council, and on the proposition of Mr. Martin (Blundellsands), seconded by Mr. Watts (Upholland), Mr. W. Bentham, Ringing Secretary, was elected as representative of the Guild.

The Rev. W. T. Bulpit (Crossens), moved that the reports be accepted. He was pleased to see that they had a balance in hand of £5 2s. 11d. on the ordinary account, and £8 9s. 11d. in the Benevolent Fund. Coming to work done, he found that several 720s. date touches, and peals had been rung. He did not think a more satisfactory report had been presented by the Guild than that of the past year, both financially and in regard to the Art of ringing. He would suggest that in future reports mention should be made of some of the summer meetings, and suggestions should also be embodied for the work of the coming year.

Mr. Holden (Southport), seconded, and the reports were passed.

Mr. Hutton moved the re-election of the retiring officers for the ensuing year. He did not think they needed any change, looking at the results of the past year. He thought that all who knew anything about ringing, would compliment the Guild upon the work done, and the proficiency of its members, and he was sure this would compare with the work of other Guilds.

Mr. Fielding (Southport), seconded the motion, which was carried.

On the motion of the Rev. W. T. Bulpit, the next meeting was arranged to take place at Crosby. Several new names were submitted for membership, and these were passed. It was resolved that the sum of £2 2s. be given from the Benevolent Fund to the relatives of the late John Howard, of Crosby, a ringer.

Mr. Hutton suggested that in future the Honorary Members should be advised of the meetings. There were a number of them who had been churchwardens, and they must of necessity take some interest in the belfries and the ringers. If they could get a strong body of clergy and laity to come forward, the Guild would progress more rapidly.

The Rev. W. T. Bulpit thought Mr. Hutton's suggestion a valuable one and thought that if their churchwardens associated with the belfries they would take a greater interest in the work.

Mr. Hutton then moved that the honorary members should be summoned to the annual meeting and Mr. Bentham seconded, which was carried. The usual vote of thanks closed the proceedings. The methods rung were Grandsire and Stedman Triples, and Bob Major.

## EMBLETON, NORTHUMBERLAND.

On Saturday, April 28th, an interesting ceremony took place in the belfry of Embleton parish church, when the Rev. C. Buston (who to the universal regret of the parishioners is shortly leaving the parish) was presented with a handsome set of carvers, with buckhorn and silver handles, on behalf of the ringers of the above church, sixteen in number, whose signatures appear below. The following address was read by Mr. J. Smailes:—

"To the Rev. C. BUSTON.

We, the undersigned ringers at the parish church of the Holy Trinity, Embleton, request your acceptance of the accompanying set of carvers, as a slight testimony to our sense of the unfailing patience and interest you have shown in the task of forming and training the band of ringers which now exists in the parish. Had it not been for you, though the bells might have been obtained, yet the various kinds of change-ringing now practised would have been quite unknown among us, and we should probably have been contented with "rounds" and "call-changes."

We desire further to express our deep sense of the loss the parish is sustaining in your departure, quite apart from our own regret at the severance of the tie which has existed between us in the belfry ever since the bells were dedicated eighteen months ago.

We most heartily wish you God-speed, and our best wishes will follow you to your new sphere of work, wherever it may be.

Embleton, April, 1894.

## [SIGNATURES.]

T. W. Craster.	John Carss (senior).
T. G. Smailes.	Margaret Osborn.
T. Appleby.	Hilda Osborn.
C. Pattison.	Henry G. Graham.
R. Wood McLaren.	James Henderson.
T. McLaren.	Thomas Welsh.
Chas. Langley.	Andrew Reid.
John Carss (junior).	James Straughan."

The Rev. C. Buston, in returning thanks for the handsome gift just presented to him, expressed his sorrow at saying farewell, and the pleasure he had experienced in teaching the ringers at Embleton. He also congratulated them on the excellent position they now held, assuring them that of all the bands of ringers he had ever taught, none had made such rapid progress in the art of change-ringing as the band he was now addressing. In eighteen months they had learnt Bob Doubles, Bob Minor, Grandsire, and Stedman, and he thought they would very soon learn Kent Treble Bob. He exhorted them all to keep well together, and to keep the rules of their Society. At the close of the meeting a hearty wish was expressed by all the ringers that he would one day return to Embleton, and again hear the Embleton bells.

## NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.—ANNUAL MEETING.

The eighth annual meeting of this Association was held at Retford on Whit-Monday. The weather being beautifully fine a large number of ringers took advantage of visiting the old borough town, and trying their skill on the three rings kindly placed at their disposal by the Revs. Canon Ebsworth, Watkin Homfray and S. K. Stothert. The following towers were represented: Anston, Blythe, Harworth, Worksop, Shireoaks, East and West Retford and Ordsall, in addition to these a hearty welcome was given to members of other associations, and Retford was favoured with the presence of several well-known ringers from Gainsborough, East Markham, Killamarsh, and last, but not least, the old veteran W. H. Howard, from York Minster, and member of the Central Council of ringers. The bells of all three towers were swinging early in the day to the methods of Grandsire Caters and Triples, and many six-bell methods, including Killamarsh, Violet, Duke of York and Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. At 2.30, Divine Service was held at West Retford church, where upwards of fifty were present. After prayers, Psalms and lessons, the Rev. H. T. Slodden preached a splendid sermon, and gave a practical address relative to the duties of bellringers and the importance of their services as church-workers.

The general business meeting was afterwards held at the Parish Room, East Retford, the Rev. H. Cowgill, of Shireoaks, being elected to the chair. The secretary, Rev. H. T. Slodden,

read the minutes of last meeting, which were confirmed, and on the proposition of Mr. Swinburn, seconded by Mr. S. Smith, the balance-sheet for the year ending December, 1893, was unanimously adopted. It shows that the society is progressing numerically and financially, the balance of last year being £10 8s. 1d., and this year £12 12s. 2d., a saving on the year of £2 4s. 1d., with a membership of eighty-four performers and probationers, and twelve honorary members. Upwards of twenty new performing and unattached members were duly elected, including three from Gainsborough, and three from Killamarsh. The president, vice-presidents, with the addition of Rev. W. C. Ridding, of East Retford, the secretary, treasurer and working committee, with the addition of Mr. H. Haigh, were re-elected.

On the proposition of Mr. W. Hargreaves, of Shireoaks, seconded by Mr. Beeston, of Blythe, it was proposed to hold the next annual meeting at Worksop. Mr. Farr moved as an amendment, and Mr. Joynes seconded, that the annual meeting be held again at Retford. Before the voting took place, the Rev. H. T. Slodden pointed out, for his own personal convenience, it would be much better to hold it at Worksop, it would save him the trouble of having to come to Retford to transact business, but, on the other hand, Retford was the most central place, and had three towers for the use of ringers, whereas Worksop had only one. Ultimately it was carried by nineteen votes for Worksop, to eighteen votes for Retford. This result was in consequence of the non-attendance of many East Retford ringers, only four being present.

It was also proposed, and carried, that the next quarterly meeting be held at Harthill, on Saturday, September 22nd, 1894. The next business was a motion brought before the quarterly meeting at Worksop, on Easter Monday, and afterwards submitted to the Finance committee, May 5th, re the advisability of making a grant of £5 from the Association funds, to the Restoration Committee at Misson, the sum to be entirely devoted towards the purchase of six new bells to replace the old peal of four destroyed by lightning last autumn. On the proposition of Mr. Haigh, seconded by Mr. Drake, the resolution was unanimously carried amidst loud applause.

The meeting was brought to a close by a vote of thanks being proposed to the Rev. H. Cowgill for presiding, the vice-presidents, secretary, treasurer and the working committee for the past year's work, with hopes for another as successful. The ringers next adjourned to The Swan inn to partake of a good meat tea, provided by host and hostess Anderson, after which the ringers once more made for the tower, and wound up their day's enjoyment by ringing several good touches in various methods, until a late hour in the evening.

#### THE CHELTENHAM AND DISTRICT GUILD.

The annual meeting of this Guild was held on Saturday, May 5th, at the Sydney Arms Hotel, Cheltenham. Thirty-seven members and friends sat down to dinner, under the chairmanship of the Rev.—Ledger, curate of the parish church, supported by the Rev. R. E. Trye, vicar of Leckhampton, and Messrs. T. J. Parkinson, churchwarden of Prestbury, G. H. Phillott, C. Williams, T. H. Packer, F. E. Ward, and representative ringers from Cheltenham, Charlton Kings, Prestbury, Leckhampton, St. Mark's, and other places. The toasts comprised "The Clergy and Churchwardens" (by Mr. Ward), "The Guild" (by Mr. F. Musty), to which Mr. Phillott, the retiring president, responded; "The Diocesan Association" (by Mr. Phillott), and responded to Mr. F. E. Ward, hon. treasurer, who referred to the useful work of belfry reform and improvement of belfries and ringers effected by its aid since its formation in 1878; "The conductor of the two record peals recorded in Cheltenham belfry," responded to by Mr. W. T. Pates, who expressed his indebtedness to his fellow-ringers who helped in these clever performances, the longest of which occupied nine hours and forty-three minutes in accomplishment, thus beating all previous performances on ten bells. Votes of thanks brought the programme to an end. Rev. Ledger then vacated the chair in favour of Mr. Phillott, and the business of electing officers for the ensuing year was proceeded with. The President, in retiring, congratulated the members upon the steady increase in the membership and the satisfactory increase of its funds. Several

nominations for the presidentship were made, and in the end Mr. F. E. Ward was elected unanimously, regret being expressed that Mr. W. Dyer, of Charlton Kings, would not accept the post. The Hon. Secretary (Mr. A. W. Humphris, of Uckington) was re-elected with acclamation. The retiring members of the committee were re-elected with the exception that Mr. W. Dyer replaced Mr. Hamlet as representative of Charlton Kings, and Messrs. C. Williams and W. Brinkworth were appointed auditors. With votes of thanks to the officers for their services for the past year, the proceedings took a merrier turn, and the campanological and vocal efforts of the members brought the hour of midnight all too soon.

#### 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."

#### PEAL COMMITTEES.

SIR,—I think elections of members of Peal Committees wants something said about them just now. I was at a meeting on Whit-Monday when choosing a peal committee was on, and I thought that people was being proposed because they were old friends or acquaintances. One ringer was proposed who wouldn't stand because he said he wasn't good enough; but he stood before, and was elected. 'How about that? One man was proposed who nobody heard tell of before, and he got about three votes. What's the good of having a peal committee of men like this? I say, Mr. Editor, it is stupid for any man to be on a peal committee if he isn't able to proof any peal of Treble Bob.

OLD READER.

[As our correspondent prefers to be anonymous, we have eliminated those parts of his letter wherein ringers' names appear.—Ed.]

#### Re FIRST HANDBELL PEALS.

SIR,—In course of the discussion upon the above, Mr. Hattersley stated that the first peal was rung in Sheffield. It would be very interesting to ringers generally, and to our society in particular, if he would publish in "THE BELL NEWS" the full particulars of the three peals that he mentioned: Treble Bob Major, Treble Bob Royal, and Treble Bob Maximus. The following was taken out of the *Suffolk Chronicle* for February 5th, 1814. "Ringing.—On Tuesday se'night was rung on ten handbells at the Bell inn, Waltham, Essex, a complete peal of Oxford Treble Bob Royals, which was accomplished in 9 courses with 45 bobs in 2 hrs. and 95 (?) minutes by Rich. Tirrel, first; Danl. Olive, second (called the bobs); John Valentine, third; William Archer, fourth; and Charles Westwood, fifth." It does not say "retained in hand," and we judge that they were lapped, a common practice at that time. Can any brother-ringer give further information upon the same.

W. L. CATCHPOLE.

5, Glencroft Terrace, Philip Road, Stoke, Ipswich.

#### A CORRECTION.

SIR,—The peal of Bob Triples rang at Melbourne on Saturday, May 5th, should have been under the heading of the Midland Counties' Association.

H. HOLLINGWORTH.

#### THE ENGLISH CHURCH UNION.

Mr. Mitchell asks us to repeat the following:—

SIR,—The thirty-fifth Anniversary Festival of the E.C.U. will be held in the second week of June, and I am arranging a band of members of the Union to ring a peal in London on the occasion. Will you kindly allow me through the medium of "THE BELL NEWS" to ask any brother-strings who would like to be in the band to communicate with me as soon as possible. Date, place and method to be arranged later.

JNO. C. MITCHELL, *Ex-Hon. Sec.*, St. Albans Branch, E.C.U.  
25, Childebert Road, Balham, S.W.

WOOLWICH (Kent).—On Sunday, May 6th, 1894, at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. H. Harman, 1; H. Beaven, 2; H. Harvey, 3; H. G. Hill, 4; W. Aldridge, 5; W. G. Grove, 6; R. G. Carter (first quarter-peal as conductor), 7; J. C. Harvey, 8.

WOMBURN (Staffordshire).—On Tuesday, May 1st, 720 Bob Minor. P. Sadler, 1; J. Bate, 2; W. Devey, 3; G. Astley, 4; W. Anslow, 5; R. Cartwright (conductor), 6. On Sunday, May 6th, a quarter-peal of Bob Triples. J. Bate, 1; G. Little, 2; W. Devey, 3; G. Astley, 4; A. Little, 5; H. Deans, 6; R. Cartwright (conductor), 7; P. Sadler, 8.



## Central Council Correspondence.

SIR,—The Committee of the Yorkshire Association have drawn up the following as their definition of a six-bell peal. This will be submitted to our June meeting but will not be finally voted upon until the Annual Meeting in October. Meanwhile, I shall be grateful for any well-digested criticisms that Councillors can bring to bear on it, as it is only natural that we should wish to get the matter threshed into the best possible form, and probably more attention can be given to it in your columns than at a time-limited Council Meeting.

"A Peal on Six Bells shall consist of not less than 5040 changes rung without interval in true 720s, of which no two in one method shall be called alike; nevertheless, when a multiplicity of methods of which no two are the same is rung, portions of true 720s embracing bobs, and also singles when the extent requires them, shall be admissible, provided that one 720 be first rung in its entirety."

A few remarks on our views will perhaps best open up the question. The first part of the definition, to the semicolon, is the Council's own; the tug of war comes after.

A gentleman, if I remember rightly, whose name unfortunately now seldom appears in the ringing papers, once wrote somewhat as follows:—"Probably an intelligent set of monkeys might be taught round-ringing, but change-ringing requires men." Quite so, though change-ringing itself calls for a certain amount of monkey-work, and as I must own to a sneaking fondness for hauling away at a heavy bell, I must not be too hard on this side of the question. Without doubt, however, it is the combination of this with the intellectual in which the change-ringer rightly glories.

When our much respected President said at the last meeting that this six-bell question had already been before three meetings of the Council, he would have been the more correct could someone have added for him "viewed from its monkey side," for I deny that except at Oxford it has ever been discussed from its higher, the intellectual standpoint. Certainly it was not so treated in London, in 1891; nor at Birmingham, in 1892, for there everyone was generously anxious to admit into a peal a maximum of monkey-work with a minimum of intellect—for the sake of the weaker brethren—and so it came about that one method rung seven times over, *if varied in the calling*, ranks as a peal; and with this decision no broad-minded man would wish to quarrel.

But having dealt fairly with the monkey the Council refuses to be generous to man. In other words it lays down this rule, you shall make no 5040 contain an undue amount of intellectual work, adding, child-like, "if you do, we won't play." (I trust my friend Mr. Attree will kindly note this).

The greatest six-bell performance on record was referred to at the last C.C. Meeting by our President, and particulars will be found in my brother's notes on page 162 of "THE BELL NEWS," Vol. I., new series. At Wath-upon-Dearn, Yorkshire, in 1816, six men rang 15,120 changes. This, without doubt, is a magnificent record for us Northerners, consisting as it does of monkey-work extended over more than eight hours; together with intelligence carrying twenty-one methods, and this, without confusing one with another. It is this last that strikes me most; for hardly a ringer but knows what it is to fall into a species of mechanical dream (unconscious action of the brain), out of which he may be suddenly roused by the faltering trip of another. Picture, then, a mental shock of this sort with a man knowing where he is, but startled into momentary forgetfulness—not of the method, but—of which of twenty odd methods he has to bring to bear on the position! Is it not the man rather than the monkey that shines through a crisis like this? Now this peal being rung in complete 720s, the Council does not quarrel with; therefore, so far so good.

I am once more in Yorkshire, and "a change comes o'er the spirit of my dream," and I fancy I hear someone describing how the Tong branch of the Association once rang 6000 changes, and how these were rung in twenty-five different methods, and how—

"But it does not matter," replies Mr. Majority, a member of the C.C., into whose ear this was being poured, "it's not worth recording."

"Not worth recording! why not?" says the Northerner, "are not even a greater number of methods involved than in the famous record peal?"

"Well, yes," replies the Southerner, "but—"

"And would it not, for the time it lasted, make a greater demand upon the brain power of the men, seeing that four additional methods had to be mastered and clearly held in mind?"

"Probably it would," says the Councillor, "but—"

"And can seven peals of Plain Bob, for instance, hold a candle to it?"

No, I'll admit it calls for more brain-power," answers the man of no sympathy, fairly driven into a corner, "but—"

"But what? tell me on what grounds you condemn it?"

"Oh we condemn it," replies the Councillor, "on the grounds that it ought to have been an 18,000; that is to say, the whole 25 methods should have been rung to their extent."

"But, my good friend, most of our peals in the north are commenced late in the afternoon, when there is no time for a long length; and there are many clergymen in our thickly populated parts whose parishioners practically compel them to withhold permission for long peals!"

"Well, we can't help that," replies the Councillor, "if you go against our rules you go against the concentrated wisdom of the Council, don't you see?"

"Concentrated humbug!" laughs the Yorkshireman, "can't you see how we concentrate into a 6000 the brain-power requisite for the longer length; and here we do the compositions no harm, as we can reel off as service-touches any of the extents."

"Well, it's not up to our standard of 5040," replies the C.C. member, hardly knowing what else to say.

"Not down to your standard," fairly roared out the Northerner with a giant laugh that woke me up to find a thunder-storm in progress.

Thinking over my dream I could not but wonder why room could not be found by the C.C. for both monkey and man; and why if the Southerner demands the right (and we don't deny it him), of blazing away for eight or ten hours together at 720s (as a matter of fact he never does it), why should the Council grumble if we Northerners whip the intellectual cream, so to speak, off our longer performances, and present that part in the shape of 5000 or 6000 changes?

I always read our favourite swagger performance of fourteen half-peals to mean that in the tower from which it emanates you can call for 720s of any of them when time permits; and surely no one on the Council would deny the ability of such a band to ring the respective extents? But if not, why does the C.C. demand the extra monkey-work before they allow the feat to be scored as a peal?

Now to go back to the matter added to the Council's definition. The ablest argument against us was not given at the Council (there's little time for quiet thought there; the best C.C. work has been, and always will be done by sub-committees), but in Mr. Percival Heywood's letter in your issue of May 27th, last year. As Mr. Heywood appears to me to be the most powerful of our adversaries I hope he will notice that we have taken up practically the hints he has thrown out. For these we thank him, and as he is the President of the Council we hope that he will see we have endeavoured to come into line with it as far as the importance of the subject permits us. Reverting to his letter:—his *reductio ad absurdum* argument, as to the possibility of nothing but plain courses being rung, we meet by (a) demanding the calls involved in the extent; and the possibility of our omitting certain changes altogether we meet by (b) the stipulation that the first method shall be rung to its extent.

There cannot be anything *false* than *false*, as Mr. Storey's letter read at the C.C. Meeting, pointed out; and the superlatively hyper-critical notion that a superiority of a certain sort attaches to falseness when it repeats in multiples, strikes me as little short of sublime.

Just a word more to dismiss as impracticable the question of producing methods that would interlock without producing false changes. The idea is a pretty one, and it may afford fireside amusement (a pleasant department of our art) for those who have time to go into it, but except as a fancy performance such methods will never be rung, as the better known will necessarily be those chosen for Multiple-Method Peals.

Apologising for this long letter, and with a hope that I have not hit out too hard at my respected colleagues.

WM. SNOWDON,  
President of the Yorkshire Association, and C.C. Representative.  
Leeds, May 14th, 1894.

## HYDE, CHESHIRE.

The bells of St. George's church were rung deeply muffled previous to Divine Services on the 6th and 13th inst., as a token of esteem to the late Mrs. Eleanor Bridges, widow of the late Rev. W. Bridges, formerly vicar of Holme St. Cuthberts, Cumberland, who died full of years and grace, on the 30th of April, at the residence of her son the Rev. W. G. Bridges, M.A., Vicar of St. George's, Hyde, aged 87 years. The interment took place on May 5th, in the family vault at Holme St. Cuthbert, in the presence of a large number of relatives and friends, by whom the deceased was much beloved and respected. The touches rung included a plain course of Bob Minor, 336, 240, and 224 of Bob Major, and 576 of Kent Treble Bob Major, in which the following members of St. George's Society took part, J. Shaw, B. Eccles, F. Hird, J. S. Wilde (conductor), T. Bradley, W. Slater, S. Bennet, J. A. Fildes, S. Bradley, T. Wilde, and D. Leigh.

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**The Heavy Woollen District Association, Yorkshire.**—The next monthly meeting will be held at Earlsheaton, to-day, Saturday, May 19th, at 6 p.m. Meeting house, Park Hotel. **GEO. H. SIMON, Hon. Sec.**  
19, Albert Street, Batley Carr.

**The Winchester Diocesan Guild.**—A District Meeting will be held at Christchurch, on Thursday, May 24th. Members wishing to have tea ordered for them are requested to communicate with the Hon. Secretary, **REV. R. C. M. HARVEY,**  
The Vicarage, Portsea.

**Salisbury Diocesan Guild.**—The Annual Meeting will be held at Blandford, on Monday, May 28th, 1894. Divine Service at 11.45 a.m. Meeting for election of officers and general business after service. Dinner at the Greyhound hotel at 1.30 p.m. (2s. 6d. per head).  
**J. R. JERRAM, General Secretary.**

**The Lancashire Association.**—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting of this branch will be held at St. James's, Waterfoot, on Saturday, May 26th. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Meeting at 7 o'clock. Business special. All earnestly invited to attend. **J. B. TAYLOR, Sec.**  
7, Church Street, Waterfoot.

**Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.**—The monthly ringing meeting of this Society will be held at Drighlington, on Saturday, May 26th. Ringing from 3 p.m. (8 bells). Meeting house The Spotted Cow. Please note change of Secretary's address.  
**R. BINNS.**  
3, Dame Street, Hogg's Field, Holbeck.

**The Worcestershire and Districts Association.**—The next quarterly and committee meeting of this Association will be held on Saturday, June 2nd, in St. John's schoolroom, Halesowen, at 5.30 p.m. prompt. The Rev. John C. Hill, M.A., Rector, will preside. The tower and bells will be at the disposal of the members. The annual report will be distributed at this meeting. **JOHN SMITH, Hon. Sec.**  
36, Simms Lane, Netherton, Dudley.

**Hertfordshire Association.**—District Meeting at Aldenham, Saturday, June 2.  
**E. P. DEBENHAM, Hon. Sec.**

**Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.**—Important Notice to every member.—The Report for 1891-2-3 is now being compiled. Every member is requested immediately to send his name and (if any) his arrears of subscriptions due, or to see that the Secretary of his tower sends it for him to the Hon. Local Secs. as follows: in the Bath Branch to Mr. J. Fussell, 9, Cottage Place, Larkhall, Bath; in the Wells Branch to Rev. A. Coode, Portway, Wells; in Bristol, Wraxall, Long Ashton and adjacent parishes to C. E. D. Boutflower, Esq., 30, Broad Street, Bristol; in the Taunton Branch, including Highbury, etc., to Mr. T. Doble, 18, High Street, Taunton; in the Dunster and Minehead Branch to the Hon. Sec., Mr. H. W. Tomkins, the Cottage, Old Cleeve, Washford, Somerset. Unless each member thus sends his name with any arrears to his Local Sec. it cannot be guaranteed that his name will appear this year in the Report, nor after this notice will the officers be responsible for any omissions.

**CLEMENT W. H. GRIFFITH, Master.**  
8, Darlington Street, Bath, May 16, 1894.

**The Yorkshire Association.**—The next general meeting will be held on Saturday, June 2nd, at Ecclesfield, near Sheffield. The local secretary is Mr. George Shaw, The Wheel, Ecclesfield. Circulars and further particulars in due course.

**BEN. T. COPLEY, Hon. Sec.**  
3, St. Jude's Square, Bradford.

**NOTE TO THE PEAL AT CARSHALTON.**  
This is the first peal rung by a local band, and was the result of a third attempt, the two previous attempts coming to grief after ringing half-way. It is the result of perseverance for the last twelve years, band after band having been broken up through members leaving the neighbourhood. The present Society is now making good progress; it has, through the means of a concert and private subscriptions, transformed the belfry from an abode of dirt to a clean and respectable ringing chamber.

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS.**—Mr. W. H. Dallimore has removed to 11, Trafalgar Terrace, Malmesbury Road, Canning Town.

## Compositions.

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## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES.

By JOHN CARTER, Birmingham.

5059.

2 3 4 5 6	1	2	3	4	5	6
3 5 4 2 6	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 2 4 3 6	-	-	-	-	-	-
4 3 2 5 6	-	-	-	-	s	-
2 5 3 4 6	-	-	-	-	s	-
5 4 3 2 6	-	-	-	-	-	-
3 2 4 5 6	-	-	-	-	s	-
4 5 2 3 6	-	-	-	-	s	-
5 3 2 4 6	-	-	-	-	-	-
2 4 3 5 6	-	-	-	-	s	-
4 5 3 2 6	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 2 3 4 6	-	-	-	-	-	-
3 4 2 5 6	-	-	-	-	s	-
2 5 4 3 6	-	-	-	-	s	-
5 3 4 2 6	-	-	-	-	-	-
4 2 3 5 6	-	-	-	-	s	-
3 5 2 4 6	-	-	-	-	s	-
5 4 2 3 6	-	-	-	-	-	-
2 3 4 5 6	-	-	-	-	s	-
6 2 3 5 4	-	-	-	-	s	-
8 2 3 5 4 6	-	-	-	-	s	s
3 5 2 6 4 8 7	-	-	-	-	-	-
4 3 5 6 2	-	-	-	-	s	-
2 4 3 6 5	-	-	-	-	s	-
5 2 4 6 3	-	-	-	-	s	-
4 5 2 6 3	-	-	-	-	-	-
2 4 5 6 3	-	-	-	-	-	-
3 2 4 6 5	-	-	-	-	s	-
5 3 2 6 4	-	-	-	-	-	-
2 5 3 6 4	-	-	-	-	-	-
4 3 2 6 5	-	-	-	-	s	-
5 4 3 6 2	-	-	-	-	s	-
2 5 4 6 3	-	-	-	-	s	-
4 2 5 6 3	-	-	-	-	-	-
3 4 2 6 5	-	-	-	-	s	-
2 3 4 6 5	-	-	-	-	-	-
4 2 3 6 5	-	-	-	-	-	-
3 2 5 4 7 6	-	-	-	-	s	-

First rang at St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, May 15th, 1894. Conducted by its Composer.

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS.

By WILLIAM WILLSON, Leicester.

5076.

1 2 3 4 5 6	
2 6 1 3 5 4 (single 1)	6 16
2 6 4 1 5 3	16
2 6 3 4 5 1	16
3 6 2 1 5 4	5-16
3 6 4 2 5 1	16
4 6 3 1 5 2	5-16
4 6 2 3 5 1	16
4 6 1 2 5 3	16
1 6 4 3 5 2	5-16
1 6 2 4 5 3	16
1 6 3 2 5 4	16
3 6 1 4 5 2	5-16
3 6 1 2 5 4 (single 5)	16
3 6 4 1 5 2	16
3 6 2 4 5 1	16
2 6 3 1 5 4	5-16
2 6 4 3 5 1	16
4 6 2 1 5 3	5-16
4 6 3 2 5 1	16
4 6 1 3 5 2	16
1 6 4 2 5 3	5-16
1 6 3 4 5 2	16
1 6 2 3 5 4	16
2 6 1 4 5 3 8 7 9	5-16
2 6 1 4 5 3 9 7 8	2 (single 5) 8 9 15 16

2 6 3 1 5 4	16
2 6 4 3 5 1	16
4 6 2 1 5 3	5-16
4 6 3 2 5 1	16
3 6 4 1 5 2	5-16
3 6 2 4 5 1	16
3 6 1 2 5 4	16
1 6 3 4 5 2	5-16
1 6 2 3 5 4	16
1 6 4 2 5 3	16
4 6 1 3 5 2	5-16
4 6 1 2 5 3 (single 5)	16
4 6 3 1 5 2	16
4 6 2 3 5 1	16
2 6 4 1 5 3	5-16
2 6 3 4 5 1	16
2 6 1 3 5 4	16
1 6 2 4 5 3	5-16
1 6 3 2 5 4	16
3 6 1 4 5 2	5-16
3 6 2 1 5 4	16
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9	3 5 8 11 13 16 18

Go off the first change of a slow six. This peal has the heavy bells in the home) at hand position in the first half, and in the tittums in the last half, with the 6th in 2nds place and the 5th undisturbed throughout the peal.

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## The Bell Notes & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, MAY 19, 1894.

THE report of proceedings at a meeting of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, on the 5th instant, betrays a position of affairs which is much to be deplored. The Master of the Association appears to have taken action just in time to prevent the total collapse of the organization, and it is to be hoped that his endeavours, aided by a new staff of assistants, will restore vitality to the Association, and a vigour which shall be continuous and progressive. Very little need be said about the causes which have led to this threatened disruption of an Association. The effacement of the late Secretary and his complaint of the *laches* of his colleagues will not be enough to prevent the usual judgment being given. If we grant that the officers of the Association fulfilled their duties in a perfunctory manner, surely that is no reason why the members could not agitate for their removal, and demand without the slightest delay that the affairs of the Association be put into more energetic hands. But not one step of this kind was taken. The proverbial apathy and supineness which seems to be the peculiar attribute of a ringer has been painfully *en evidence* throughout the whole of this Association's history.

Now that fresh efforts are being made by the Master and others anxious to recover lost ground, to place the Association in a substantial position, worthy of the diocese and its Church Bell Ringers, it is sincerely hoped that those whom it may concern will bestir themselves, and assist in the work to the utmost of their power. On the page devoted to "Notices" there will be found

elaborate instructions for the members of this Association to attend to immediately. The Master is anxious to impress upon the members very emphatically the existing necessity for their active co-operation at this time. Members who read these instructions will, we hope, circulate their import among their brethren.

### The Metropolis.

EDMONTON, MIDDLESEX.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, May 12, 1894, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, EDMONTON,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THE REV. C. D. P. DAVIES'S FIVE-PART.

JAMES PETTIT .. .. .	Treble.	*ALFRED DARLINGTON† ..	5.
HENRY A. BARNETT .. ..	2.	HENRY SPRINGALL .. ..	6.
RICHARD GOODCHILD† ..	3.	†JOSEPH J. CROUCH .. ..	7.
LEWIS J. DARLINGTON* ..	4.	*WILLIAM MARTIN .. ..	Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY A. BARNETT.

\*First peal. †Members of the Edmonton Society.

### The Provinces.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, May 7, 1894, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

R. BIGGS .. .. .	Treble.	F. G. HEALY .. .. .	5.
J. EVANS .. .. .	2.	F. BOREHAM .. .. .	6.
H. STRATFORD .. .. .	3.	F. G. BIGGS .. .. .	7.
F. K. BIGGS .. .. .	4.	S. GOODCHILD .. .. .	Tenor.

Conducted by J. EVANS.

F. G. Healy belongs to the Wooburn band, he being the only one that has rang a peal, his first attempt proving successful.

KIDDERMINSTER, WORCESTERSHIRE.

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

On Wednesday, May 9, 1894, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

NOAH DAVIS .. .. .	Treble.	THOMAS J. SALTER .. ..	5.
WILLIAM H. SMITH .. ..	2.	JAMES PAGETT .. .. .	6.
JOHN O. BENNETT .. ..	3.	JOHN CRANE .. .. .	7.
GEORGE SALTER .. .. .	4.	RICHARD E. GROVE .. ..	Tenor.

Composed by CHARLES MIDDLETON and Conducted by R. E. GROVE.

First peal in the method by the Association, and by all the band.

ALDENHAM, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 9, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 15 cwt. in E.

WILLIAM E. OAKLEY* ..	Treble.	FREDERICK EDWARDS ..	5.
ERNEST E. HUNTLEY† ..	2.	EDWARD P. DEBENHAM ..	6.
W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM ..	3.	*WILLIAM HEWITT .. ..	7.
EDWARD HULL .. .. .	4.	CHARLES H. MARTIN ..	Tenor.

Composed by W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM and Conducted by ERNEST E. HUNTLEY.

\*First peal of Major. †First peal of Major as conductor. Messrs. Debenham, Buckingham, and Hull hail from St. Albans; Martin from Hendon; Hewitt from Aldenham; Edwards, Oakley, and Huntley from Bushey.

CARSHALTON, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 9, 1894, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

HARRY G. MALPASS .. ..	Treble.	JAMES F. WIGNELL .. ..	5.
JOHN HARDING .. .. .	2.	EDWIN HOLLANDS .. ..	6.
EDWARD LEE .. .. .	3.	FRANK HOLDER .. .. .	7.
ERNEST WALKER .. .. .	4.	ARTHUR BUNDLE .. ..	Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN HARDING.

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

QUEDGELEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 9, 1894, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES. Tenor 9½ cwt.

ERNEST E. DAVIS .. ..	Treble.	JOHN AUSTIN .. .. .	5.
WILLIAM C. JONES .. ..	2.	FRANCIS E. WARD .. ..	6.
EDWARD B. JAMES .. ..	3.	WILLIAM H. BRUNSDON ..	7.
FRANCIS E. HART .. ..	4.	ADOLPHUS ROBERTS .. ..	Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

This peal is the late H. Johnson's Variation of Middleton's Original Composition, and it is the first peal of Cambridge by the Association; and the first peal of Cambridge by all except the conductor.

STRATTON STRAWLESS, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION AND THE SOCIETY OF NORWICH SCHOLARS.

On Thursday, May 10, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

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JOHN EDWARD BURTON ..	2.	ALFRED W. BRIGHTON ..	5.
GEORGE P. BURTON .. ..	3.	ALBERT G. WARNES .. ..	Tenor.

Conducted by J. ARMIGER TROLLOP.

This is the first 5040 on the bells.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.

On Saturday, May 12, 1894, in Three Hours and Thirty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 6000 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt.

SAMUEL ROWBOTHAM ..	Treble.	JOHN CRABTREE .. .. .	5.
SAMUEL TAYLOR .. .. .	2.	JOHN HENRY BRIERLEY ..	6.
WILLIAM JAKEMAN .. ..	3.	JOHN LEIGH .. .. .	7.
ERNEST BROWN .. .. .	4.	JOHN HARRISON .. ..	Tenor.

Composed by W. SHIPWAY and Conducted by WILLIAM JAKEMAN.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 12th, 1894, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 17½ cwt. in F.

WILLIAM WILLSON .. ..	Treble.	GEORGE CLEAL .. .. .	5.
JOHN H. SWINFELD .. ..	2.	STEPHEN COOPER .. ..	6.
GEORGE BURROWS .. ..	3.	WILLIAM MILLER .. ..	7.
JAMES WILSON .. .. .	4.	*CONYERS BOULTON .. ..	Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM WILLSON.

\*First peal. This is the first Association peal by J. Wilson, who is a native of Lincolnshire. Holt's Original is now rung for the first time on church bells in the borough of Leicester.

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

On Saturday, May 12, 1894, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 13½ cwt.

HERBERT P. HARMAN .. Treble.	*JAMES C. HARVEY .. .. 5.
ARTHUR J. NEALE .. .. 2.	FREDERICK J. FRENCH .. 6.
WILLIAM G. GROVE .. .. 3.	*FREDERICK W. THORNTON .. 7.
JAMES GEORGE .. .. 4.	*HENRY HARVEY .. .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS and Conducted by  
HERBERT P. HARMAN.

\*First peal of Treble Bob. H. P. Harman hails from Bromley; J. George from Rugby; F. J. French from Bexley; F. W. Thornton from Greenwich; the rest belong to the local band.

## TETBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 14, 1894, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLLIS'S FIVE-PART. Tenor 16 cwt.

THOMAS LAWRENCE .. .. Treble.	THOMAS RICKETTS .. .. 5.
ERNEST BISHOP .. .. 2.	THOMAS ROBINSON .. .. 6.
ALFRED LAWRENCE .. .. 3.	ROBERT RICHARDS .. .. 7.
OWEN W. LAYING .. .. 4.	GEORGE F. GRIST .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by ERNEST BISHOP.

This is the first peal on the bells, and all the ringers hail from Swindon.

## READING, BERKS.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, May 14, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

GEORGE BODDINGTON* .. Treble.	FREDERICK SWEETZER .. 5.
HENRY COFFEE† .. .. 2.	ARTHUR W. PYKE .. .. 6.
ALFRED W. REEVES .. .. 3.	ALBERT E. REEVES .. .. 7.
JOSEPH HANDS .. .. 4.	JAMES KIRBY .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by ALBERT EDWARD REEVES.

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

## ALTON, HANTS.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, May 14, 1894, in Two Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

ERNEST BRYANT .. .. Treble.	HARRY E. WITHERS .. .. 5.
REV. F. WHYLEY* .. .. 2.	GEORGE GASSON .. .. 6.
GEORGE READING† .. .. 3.	ALFRED BURGESS .. .. 7.
WILLIAM G. WITHERS .. 4.	JAMES GOODALE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by HARRY E. WITHERS.

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

## BANSTEAD, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 14, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOK'S VARIATION. Tenor 22 cwt.

ROBERT SEWELL .. .. Treble.	EDWARD H. ADAMS .. .. 5.
FRANK M. BUTLER .. .. 2.	JOSEPH FAYERS .. .. 6.
JOHN HARDING .. .. 3.	WILLIAM BURKIN .. .. 7.
GEORGE WELLING .. .. 4.	CHARLES BANCE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM BURKIN.

\*First peal of Stedman on the bells. The ringers beg leave to thank the Rector for the use of the bells on this occasion.

## STONHAM ASPAL, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 14, 1894, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAMBERT,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 24 cwt.

DAVID G. WIGHTMAN .. Treble.	STEPHEN WIGHTMAN, SEN. 5.
EDGAR WIGHTMAN .. .. 2.	HENRY W. BALDRY .. .. 6.
JAMES DURRANT .. .. 3.	GEORGE WIGHTMAN .. .. 7.
STEPHEN WIGHTMAN, JUN. 4.	ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN .. Tenor.

Composed by GEORGE PARTRICK and Conducted by  
DAVID G. WIGHTMAN.

This is the first peal of Treble Bob Major known to be rang on the bells. D. G. Wightman and H. W. Baldry hail from Brandeston, the rest from Cretingham.

## PRESTWOLD, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 14, 1894, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S BOB-AND-SINGLE VARIATION. Tenor 11 cwt.

J. R. WARD .. .. Treble.	J. E. HEXTER .. .. 5.
A. T. COPE .. .. 2.	*W. HEXTER .. .. 6.
J. BAILEY† .. .. 3.	E. READER .. .. 7.
J. POXON .. .. 4.	†T. C. WICKS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. HEXTER.

†First peal. \*First peal as conductor.

## NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 15, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

## A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

MORRIS'S SIX-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt in G.

CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE Treble.	THOMAS HUDSON, JUN. .. 5.
HUGH DALL .. .. 2.	*ROBERT C. HUDSON .. 6.
THOMAS HUDSON* .. .. 3.	FREDERICK J. HARRISON .. 7.
WILLIAM T. ROBSON .. 4.	ROBERT WELSH .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by ROBERT CHALLIS HUDSON.

\*First peal of Bob Triples. This is the first peal the conductor has attempted to call. The Messrs. Hudson and Robson belong to Sunderland.

## HAGLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 14, 1894, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,  
5088 CHANGES.

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

Composed by JOHN CARTER and Conducted by R. E. GROVE.

The above was rung after an attempt for the 17,024.

## WELSHPOOL, MONTGOMERYSHIRE.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, May 14, 1894, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 13 cwt. in F sharp.

WILLIAM R. SMALL .. Treble.	JOHN S. PRITCHETT .. 5.
THOMAS HORTON .. .. 2.	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL .. 6.
THOMAS J. BRATTON .. 3.	JOHN CARTER .. .. 7.
HARRY MASON .. .. 4.	JOHN G. BUCHANAN .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JOHN CARTER.

## BRAMFIELD, SUFFOLK.

## TRE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 14, 1894, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## FORTY-TWO 6-SCORES OF DOUBLES;

Being Six 6-scores each of the following:

St. Simon, Morning Star, April Day, Jolly Dick, Old Doubles, Plain Doubles, and Grandsire. Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

GEORGE EASTAUGH .. .. Treble.	EDWARD THAIN .. .. 4.
EDWARD CHATTON .. .. 2.	JOHN PUNCHARD .. .. Tenor.
JOHN LARTER .. .. 3.	

Conducted by JOHN LARTER.

First 5040 by all, and first upon the bells.

## UFFORD, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION AND THE ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY, IPSWICH.

On Monday, May 14, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOK'S VARIATION.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

EDGAR PEMBERTON .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM L. CATCHPOLE .. 5.
WILLIAM MOTTS .. .. 2.	ROBERT BRUNDLE .. .. 6.
ISAAC S. ALEXANDER .. 3.	JAMES MOTTS .. .. 7.
WILLIAM P. GARRETT .. 4.	WILLIAM WOODS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

First peal in the method on the bells.

## CROYDON, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 14, 1894, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 27 cwt. in D.

HENRY LOVER* .. .. Treble.	WALTER SADLER .. .. 5.
EDGAR BENNETT .. .. 2.	ALFRED E. COLLINS .. 6.
HENRY BROOKER .. .. 3.	GEORGE BURT .. .. 7.
ALFRED ARNOLD .. .. 4.	FREDERICK G. HERMON .. Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY BROOKER.

\*First peal.

## EWELL, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 14, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLLIS'S FIVE-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

JESSE BEAMS* .. .. Treble.	STEPHEN WILSON .. .. 5.
WILLIAM CHANTLER† .. 2.	CHARLES READ .. .. 6.
WILLIAM WORSFOLD† .. 3.	THOMAS MILES .. .. 7.
GEORGE CHANTLER .. .. 4.	JAMES REID .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM CHANTLER.

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

## OLDBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Tuesday, May 15, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

HENRY HIPKISS .. .. Treble.	SAMUEL REEVES .. .. 5.
JOHN R. FRISBY .. .. 2.	JAMES HALL .. .. 6.
JAMES HARES .. .. 3.	WILLIAM SMITH .. .. 7.
JOSEPH WALKER .. .. 4.	WILLIAM GOULD .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN R. FRISBY.

This is J. Walker's first peal and Hares' first peal with a bob bell; also first peal as conductor by J. R. Frisby.

## SHREWSBURY.

## THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Tuesday, May 15, 1894, in Three Hours and Forty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES, 5059 CHANGES.

Tenor 43 cwt. in C.

JOHN CARTER .. .. Treble.	HARRY MASON .. .. 7.
THOMAS HORTON .. .. 2.	WILLIAM MICKLEWRIGHT .. 8.
ROWLAND CARTWRIGHT .. 3.	THOMAS J. BRATTON .. 9.
WILLIAM R. SMALL .. .. 4.	JAMES GEORGE .. .. 10.
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL .. 5.	JAMES E. GROVE .. .. 11.
JOHN S. PRITCHETT .. .. 6.	HENRY A. HALL .. .. Tenor.
	AARON GRIFFITHS .. ..

Composed and Conducted by JOHN CARTER.

## Date Touches.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ROCHDALE (Lancashire).—On Monday, April 30th, at All Saints, Hamer, a date touch, 1894 changes, in 1 hr. 10 mins. in the following methods: 720 Grandsire Minor, 720 College Single, and 454 Plain Bob Minor. R. Shepherd, 1; R. E. Hoyle, 2; J. Crossley (conductor), 3; R. Whittles, 4; J. W. Cockroft (Shaw), 5; J. S. Marshall, 6. Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qrs. First 720 of Grandsire Minor by J. Cockroft. This is the first date touch on the bells.

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

ASTON-JUXTA-BIRMINGHAM.—On Sunday, May 6th, at the church of SS. Peter and Paul, before evening service, a date touch of 1894 Stedman Caters, in 1 hr. 10 mins. A. J. Jones, 1; W. H. Godden, 2; H. Bastable, 3; B. Witchell, 4; T. Reynolds, 5; T. Russam, 6; J. Buftery, 7; C. Stanbridge, 8; W. Kent, 9; W. Jackson, 10. Composed by W. Kent and conducted by B. Witchell. Tenor 23 cwt.

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

ARMLEY (Yorks).—On Friday, May 4th, at the residence of Mr. John Thackray, a date touch of Kent Treble Bob Major, 1894 changes, on handbells retained in hand, in 1 hr. 1 min. Joseph Thackray, 1-2; John Thackray, 3-4; H. Williams, 5-6; A. Craven (composer and conductor), 7-8.

## Miscellaneous.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

RAINHAM (Kent).—On Saturday, May 5th, for practice at St. Margaret's church, 480 Bob Minor. J. Champion, 1; F. Ockwell, 2; A. Hyland, 3; W. Haigh (conductor), 4; E. Dunster, 5; G. A. Ransom, 6. Tenor 24 cwt. W. Haigh hails from Gillingham; A. Hyland from Upchurch.

OSPRINGE (Kent).—On Thursday, April 26th, for practice at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles) with the tenor covering. W. Willis, 1; H. Baker, 2; H. Foster (first 720), 3; E. Bridges, 4; C. H. Drake, 5; H. Burling (conductor), 6; J. Austin, 8. On Thursday, May 3rd, 168 Grandsire Triples. S. Croucher, 1; \*H. Baker, 2; \*W. Willis, 3; E. Bridges, 4; F. Hunt, 5; C. H. Drake, 6; H. Burling, 7; J. Austin, 8. \*First touch of Triples.

HAYES (Kent).—On Sunday, May 6th, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor. A. Killick, 1; H. Brown, 2; G. Harwood, 3; H. Reader, 4; J. Hack (conductor), 5; E. Stone, 6. For evening service 720 Bob Minor. F. Lacy, 1; H. Brown, 2; G. Harwood, 3; J. Hack, 4; H. Reader (conductor), 5; E. Stone, 6. On Sunday, May 13th, at the parish church, for Divine Service, a 720 Bob Minor (six bobs and eight singles). J. Johnson, 1; H. Brown, 2; A. Killick, 3; H. Reader, 4; E. Stone, 5; J. Hack (conductor), 6. And for evening service, a 720 Bob Minor (fourteen singles and four bobs). G. Harwood, 1; H. Brown, 2; A. Killick, 3; H. Reader, 4; E. Stone, 5; J. Hack (conductor), 6.

UPCHURCH (Kent).—On Friday evening, April 27th, at St. Mary's church, a 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles) in 25 mins. A. T. Hyland, 1; H. Shipp, 2; W. T. Hyland, 3; W. Laker, 4; G. Dennis, 5; W. Seamer (conductor), 6. On Tuesday evening, May 1st,



a 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles) in 26 mins. G. Capeling, 1; H. Shipp, 2; W. T. Hyland, 3; W. Laker, 4; G. Dennis, 5; W. Seamer (conductor), 6.

**TOWN MALLING (Kent).**—On Tuesday, May 8th, another attempt was made to ring Holt's Original Peal of Grandsire Triples, but it came to grief through a change-course after about an hour's ringing. J. Capon, 1; J. Worsley, 2; E. Perrin, 3; Rev. A. L. Brine, 4; W. Wilson, 5; J. Wood, 6; W. French (conductor), 7; J. W. Leonard, 8. And in the evening a 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Capon, 1; J. Worsley, 2; E. Perrin, 3; Rev. A. L. Brine, 4; A. West, 5; G. P. Burr (first 500 in the method with a bob bell), 6; J. W. Leonard (conductor), 7; W. Wilson, 8. And a 336 Bob Major. J. Capon, 1; J. Worsley, A. West, 3; Rev. A. L. Brine (longest touch in the method), 4; W. Harden, 5; D. Hall, 6; G. P. Burr (longest touch in the method), 7; J. W. Leonard (conductor), 8. Messrs. Wood, Wilson, French and Perrin hail from Aylesford, West from Boro' Green, G. P. Burr from Seal Chart.

#### DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

**TANFIELD.**—On Sunday morning, May 6th, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor. G. Arkless (first 720), 1; W. R. Brewis, 2; W. Brewis, 3; T. Brewis, 4; F. Lowe, 5; F. J. Harrison (conductor), 6.

**DARLINGTON.**—On Tuesday evening, March 13th, at St. John's church, an attempt for a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major came to grief through a change-course, after ringing 3540 changes in 2 hrs. 5 mins. J. Whitfield, 1; R. Moncaster, 2; W. Bell, 3; W. D. Lister, 4; H. S. Taylor, 5; F. A. Teasdale, 6; W. Patton, 7; J. Baxter (conductor), 8. On Saturday, March 17th, an attempt was made for a peal of Plain Bob Triples with the bells half-muffled, in respect to the memory of the wife of the Rev. W. H. G. Stephans, M.A., Vicar of Heighington, who died the previous Sunday, which collapsed after ringing 1760 changes, in 1 hr. 5 mins. J. Baxter, 1; R. Moncaster, 2; W. Patton, 3; A. E. Moncaster, 4; W. D. Lister, 5; G. W. Park, 6; W. Bell (conductor), 7; J. Bolton, 8. On Sunday, March 18th, for morning service, 672 Canterbury Pleasure Major. J. Bolton, 1; R. Moncaster, 2; W. Bell, 3; A. E. Moncaster, 4; H. S. Taylor, 5; W. D. Lister, 6; W. Patton, 7; J. Baxter (conductor), 8. And for evening service, 704 Kent Treble Bob Major. A. E. Moncaster, 1; J. Whitfield, 4; the others as in the Canterbury. On Sunday, April 1st, for Matins, 560 Plain Bob Major. J. Bolton, 1; R. Moncaster, 2; W. Bell, 3; A. E. Moncaster, 4; H. S. Taylor, 5; W. D. Lister, 6; W. Patton, 7; J. Baxter (conductor), 8. Also for evening service, 704 Kent Treble Bob Major. A. E. Moncaster, 1; W. D. Lister, 4; F. A. Teasdale, 6; the others as in the Plain Bob. On Sunday, April 8th, for Evensong, 800 Kent Treble Bob Major. A. E. Moncaster, 1; R. Moncaster, 2; W. Bell, 3; W. D. Lister, 4; H. S. Taylor, 5; F. A. Teasdale, 6; J. Baxter (conductor), 8. On Tuesday, April 17th, for practice, 504 Grandsire Triples. C. W. Moncaster, 1; W. D. Lister, 2; J. Baxter (conductor), 3; W. Bell, 4; H. S. Taylor, 5; G. Park, 6; W. Patton, 7; J. Bolton, 8. On Sunday, April 29th, for Matins, 504 Plain Bob Triples. C. W. Moncaster, 1; R. Moncaster, 2; W. Patton, 3; A. E. Moncaster, 4; H. S. Taylor, 5; W. D. Lister, 6; J. Baxter (conductor), 7; J. Bolton, 8.

**BISHOPWEARMOUTH.**—On Sunday, April 29th, at 314, High Street West, on handbells, 720 Bob Minor in 16½ mins. T. Hudson, jun., 1-2; Miss Hudson, 3; T. Hudson, sen., 4; R. C. Hudson (conductor), 5-6. The time was taken by Joseph Collis, Esq., J.P., of Rochester.

#### THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

**ALTON (Hants).**—On Monday, May 7th, at the parish church, 2520 changes of Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 26 mins., being the first half of Holt's ten-part peal. G. Reading, 1; Rev. F. Whyley, 2; E. Bryant, 3; W. G. Withers, 4; H. E. Withers (conductor), 5; G. Gasson, 6; A. Burgess, 7; J. Goodale, 8. Rung as a birthday touch to the treble man, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

**HAWLEY (Hants).**—On Tuesday, April 24th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. W. Boyles, 1; S. Riddle, 2; E. Collins, 3; B. Hawkins, 4; W. Filmore, 5; G. Hawkins (conductor), 6; J. Bunch, 7; J. Butler, 8. Rung on the occasion of the wedding of the Vicar's youngest son.

**YATELEY (Hants).**—On Thursday evening, May 3rd, for Divine Service, 336 Bob Major. C. Hilton, 1; S. Riddle, 2; W. Filmore, 3; B. Hawkins, 4; R. Hilton, 5; W. Tice, 6; J. Bunch, 7; G. Hawkins (conductor), 8. On Sunday morning, May 6th, for Divine Service, 464 in the same method.

**PORTSEA (Hants).**—On Sunday, April 8th, at St. Mary's church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 43 mins. A. Stone, 1; F. Burnard, 2; G. Groves, 3; J. T. Matthews, 4; J. Harper, 5; G. H. Barnett, 6; Rev. R. C. M. Harvey (conductor), 7; J. Dover (longest touch in the method), 8. On Sunday, April 15th, for

evening service, a 504 Grandsire Triples. E. J. Drinkwater longest touch in the method), 1; F. Burnard, 2; C. Groves, 3; J. T. Matthews, 4; J. Harper, 5; J. Gould, 6; Rev. R. C. M. Harvey (conductor), 7; J. Dover, 8. On Sunday, April 29th, for evening service, a 700 Grandsire Triples. C. Groves, 1; E. Tomblin, 2; G. H. Barnett, 3; J. T. Matthews, 4; J. Harper, 5; C. Gould, 6; Rev. R. C. M. Harvey (conductor), 7; J. Dover, 8.

#### WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

**BUSHBURY (Staffordshire).**—On Sunday, April 29th, 720 Grandsire Minor, in 20 mins. E. Nicholls, 1; W. Barber, sen., 2; J. Pardoe, 3; W. Barber, jun., 4; H. A. Hall, 5; J. E. Groves (conductor), 6. And 360 Bob Minor. J. Pardoe, 1; W. Barber, sen., 2; E. Nicholls, 3; W. Barber, jun., 4; H. A. Hall, 5; J. E. Groves (conductor), 6. Tenor about 9 cwt. The Messrs. Barber hail from Clent; the rest from St. Peter's, Wolverhampton.

**STOURBRIDGE.**—On Sunday, April 8th, at St. Thomas' church, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor. G. H. Pagett, 1; W. A. Pugh, 2; N. Hollyoake, 3; W. Fryer, 4; H. Dakin, 5; J. Pagett (conductor), 6. On Wednesday, April 18th, for practice, 308 Grandsire Triples and 352 Bob Major. A. Chapman, 1; H. Dakin, 2; J. H. Parsons, 3; N. Hollyoake, 4; W. Fryer, 5; H. Harris, 6; G. H. Pagett (conductor), 7; W. A. Pugh, 8. Tenor 20 cwt.

**WOLLASTON.**—On Tuesday, April 3rd, at St. James' church, 720 Oxford Bob Minor. W. Stinton, 1; J. H. Parsons, 2; J. Lewis, 3; W. Fryer, 4; G. H. Pagett, 5; H. Dakin (conductor), 6. Tenor 12 cwt.

**WORDSLEY (Staffordshire).**—On Friday, April 27th, at Holy Trinity church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, with the bells half-muffled, as a tribute of respect to the late Mr. J. Guest, an old and respected ringer, who was buried this day. J. Lewis, 1; J. H. Parsons, 2; W. Fryer, 3; H. Dakin (conductor), 4; H. Harris, 5; G. H. Pagett, 6. Also 720 Grandsire Minor. H. Jones, 1; J. H. Parsons, 2; N. Hollyoake, 3; J. Hopkins, 4; J. Smith, 5; G. H. Pagett (conductor), 6. \*Member of the Midland Counties' Association. Tenor 16 cwt.

**NETHERTON (Worcestershire).**—On Thursday, April 26th, at the parish church, a 720 of Oxford Bob in 25 mins. H. Faulkes, 1; H. Mason, 2; S. Spittle, 3; W. Micklewright, 4; J. Pagett, 5; J. Smith (conductor), 6. On Sunday, May 6th, for morning service, a 720 Plain Bob in 26 mins. W. Talbot (first 720, and is only 16 years of age), 1; J. Prestidge, 2; G. Smith, 3; J. Smith, 4; E. Hampton, 5; R. Round (conductor), 6. And for evening service, a 720 of Plain Bob in 25 mins, with J. W. Smith treble, the rest as before.

#### STOKE-UPON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

**NORTON (Staffordshire).**—On Monday, April 30th, 720 Oxford Bob, in 26 mins. A. Ryles, 1; W. Scragg, 2; E. Johnson, 3; J. H. Naylor, 4; T. Johnson, 5; E. Glover (conductor), 6. On Sunday, May 6th, for evening service, 720 Kent Treble Bob, in 28 mins. A. Ryles, 1; E. Glover (conductor), 2; W. Miller (Wolstanton), 3; J. Gibson, 4; T. Johnson, 5; C. Ollier, 6.

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

**ARMLEY (Yorks).**—On Monday, May 7th, in Christ Church tower, an attempt was made for a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, 5120 changes, on handbells, but came to grief after ringing 2560 changes in 1 hr. 16 mins. Joseph Thackray, 1-2; John Thackray, 3-4; H. Williams, 5-6; A. Craven (conductor), 7-8. Composed by A. Knights, of Chesterfield.

#### THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

**HILLINGDON, NEAR UXBRIDGE (Middlesex).**—On Saturday, May 5th, at St. Andrew's church, J. J. Parker's one-part peal of Grandsire Triples was attempted, but came to grief after ringing 2 hrs. 56 mins. J. Guttridge, 1; G. Stanbrook, 2; G. A. Newman, 3; J. J. Parker, 4; T. Gosling, 5; E. Williams, 6; J. J. Pratt, 7; R. Flaxman, 8.

#### BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

**BATH.**—On Saturday, May 5th, at St. Mark's church, 720 Bob Minor. H. Wyburn, 1; J. Smith Flower, 2; E. J. Lascelles, 3; C. E. D. Boutflower, 4; J. Fussell, 5; C. Langdon (conductor), 6. This is the first 720 on the bells, which are a new ring by Taylor and Co., of Loughborough. They were dedicated on Thursday, May 3rd. They are a light, musical ring of six, and the "go" of them is all that can be desired.

#### THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

**DERBY.**—On Wednesday, May 2nd, at St. Andrew's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 48 mins. W. Shardlow, 1; J.

Dent, 2; C. McDowell, 3; W. H. Found, 4; C. Draper (conductor), 5; S. Maskrey, 6; C. E. Hart, 7; E. McDowell, 8. Rung on the occasion of the birthday of C. Draper, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

#### THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

CREWE (Cheshire).—On Sunday, May 6th, for Divine Service in the morning, 391 Grandsire Triples. G. Baddiley, 1; A. Harding, 2; J. Wright, 3; A. Jervis, 4; R. Langford, 5; A. Dudley, 6; R. T. Holding (conductor), 7; G. Harding, 8. For evening service, at the request of G. Baddiley, who hails from Alsager, 720 Grandsire Minor, with 7-8 covering, in 28 mins. G. Baddiley (first 720), 1; A. Harding, 2; R. Langford, 3; G. Harding, 4; J. Wright, 5; R. T. Holding (conductor), 6; J. Davies, 7; W. Evetts, 8.

#### THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

LYDBURY NORTH (Salop).—On Saturday, May 21st, five members of the above Guild, with W. H. Fussell, instructor, paid a visit to this village and rang several 6-scores of Bob and Grandsire Doubles, and a course of Grandsire Minor. J. Davies, 1; J. Roberts, 2; W. Roberts, 3; W. Mead, 4; J. G. Buchanan, Esq., 5; W. H. Fussell (conductor), 6.

CLUN (Salop).—*Handbell Ringing*.—On Monday, April 30th, at the Church Room, some members of the local company with the instructor, rang six 6-scores of Grandsire and Bob Doubles. G. Williams, 1; J. Roberts, 2; W. H. Fussell (conductor), 3-4; W. Mead, 5-6. Also 720 Grandsire Minor. G. Williams, 1; W. Roberts, 2; W. H. Fussell (conductor), 3-4; W. Mead, 5; J. Roberts, 6.

#### THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

BETCHWORTH (Surrey).—On Thursday, May 3rd, for Divine Service, 720 Oxford Single Bob in 22 mins. W. H. Judd, 1; J. Ansell, 2; G. Huggett, 3; W. H. Street, 4; R. Arnold, 5; R. Botting (conductor), 6. On Sunday morning, May 6th, 720 Violet. R. Botting, 1; J. Ansell, 2; R. Arnold, 3; W. H. Street, 4; W. H. Judd, 5; G. Huggett (conductor), 6. Tenor 12½ cwt.

#### THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

PENDLETON (Lancashire).—On Friday, May 4th, for practice at St. Thomas's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins. \*J. Carter, 1; †J. Smith (conductor), 2; J. Fitton, 3; J. Winterbottom, 4; S. Greenhalgh, 5; T. Smith, 6; F. Smith, 7; C. H. Bradley, 8. \*Longest touch. †Longest touch as conductor.

#### THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

STISTED (Essex).—On Sunday, May 6th, for Divine Service, in the afternoon, at the parish church, two 720s of Oxford Treble Bob, called differently. A. Chaplin, 1; E. R. Chaplin (first 720 in the method with a bob bell), 2; C. H. Howard, 3; E. D. Chaplin, 4; F. Saunders, 5; E. Radley (conductor), 6. C. H. Howard conducted the other. And after service, 720 Bob Minor. Rev. D. Hamer, 1; W. Moore, 2; F. Warren, 3; S. Sargent, 4; A. Chaplin, 5; C. H. Howard (conductor), 6. And 720 Kent Treble Bob. A. Chaplin, 1; W. Moore, 2; F. Warren, 3; S. Sargent, 4; C. H. Howard, 5; E. Radley (conductor), 6. Messrs. Moore, Warren and Sargent hail from Bocking, Howard from Braintree, the rest belong to the local company. Tenor 10 cwt.

STANSTED (Essex).—On Wednesday, April 25th, at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, for practice, a 720 Superlative Surprise (3rd the observation) in 25 mins. J. Cavill, 1; G. Jordan (first 720 in the method with a bob bell), 2; T. J. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; I. Hammond, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. And a 720 Double Court Bob. T. Jordan (first 720 in the method), 1; I. Hammond, 2; G. Gray, 3; G. Jordan, 4; W. Watts, 5; T. J. Watts (first 720 in the method as conductor), 6. And a 720 Cambridge Surprise (4th the observation) in 25 mins. J. Cavill, 1; G. Jordan, 2; I. Hammond, 3; T. J. Watts, 4; G. Gray, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. On Sunday, April 29th, for morning service, a 720 Chichester Surprise in 25 mins. J. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. And for afternoon service, a 720 Canterbury Pleasure. T. Jordan, 1; G. Jordan, 2; I. Hammond, 3; G. Gray, 4; J. Luckey, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. On Wednesday, May 2nd, for practice, a 720 London Surprise 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. On Sunday, May 6th, for morning service, a 720 Durham Surprise in 25 mins. J. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; W. Watts, 5; T. J. Watts (conductor), 6. And for afternoon service, a 720 Oxford Treble Bob in 23 mins. J. Cavill, 1; G. Jordan, 2; W. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; I. Hammond, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6.

#### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CAWSTON (Norfolk).—On Tuesday, May 1st, at the parish church, a 720 Bob Minor in 31 mins. C. Neale, 1; J. Rought, 2; J. Moy, 3; W. Rought, 4; A. Rought, 5; G. Moy (conductor), 6. The above was rung with the bells deeply muffled on the evening of the funeral of the late William Watts, as a last token of respect for the deceased, who was eighty-four years of age, and who was sixty years parish clerk and sexton. C. Neale belongs to Cawston, all the rest to Aylsham.

ALYSHAM (Nortolk).—On Friday, May 4th, a 394 of Grandsire Caters in 16 mins. D. Winterborn, 1; J. Moy, 2; J. Rought, 3; R. Stackwood (conductor), 4; P. Cushings, 5; W. Rought, 6; A. Rought, 7; J. Moy, 8; G. Moy, 9; J. M. Roberts, 10. On Saturday evening May 5th, some short touches of Treble Bob and Bob Major, with the bells deeply muffled, as a last token of respect for the late Bishop Pelham, who was interred at Bergh-Apton the same day.

BOLTON, BRADFORD (Yorks).—On Sunday evening, May 6th, for Divine Service at St. James' church, a quarter-peal of Bob Triples in 45 mins. W. Joyce, 1; A. Benson, 2; A. Gill, 3; B. T. Copley (conductor), 4; H. Good, 5; W. Titterton, 6; S. Palfreman, 7; E. Patchett, 8. First quarter-peal by Messrs. Joyce, Benson, Gill, and Patchett.

HAVANT (Hants).—On Monday, May 7th, for practice at the parish church, 910 Grandsire Triples. Rev. J. H. Selmes, 1; J. Hewett, 2; J. Staples, 3; H. Shirley, 4; E. Irish, 5; A. Langtry, 6; G. Instrall (conductor), 7; F. Kell, 8.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH (Northants).—On Saturday, May 5th, 720 Bob Minor. A. Perkins, 1; J. Houghton, sen., 2; H. Stubbs, 3; J. B. Martin (conductor), 4; \*J. Garratt, 5; J. Houghton, jun., 6. And 720 Bob Minor. A. Perkins, 1; J. Houghton, 2; \*W. Pettit, 3; \*A. Tyler, 4; J. B. Martin, 5; H. Stubbs (conductor), 6. \*First 720, and only learnt to ring since February last.

LONDON.—On Saturday, April 21st, at St. Matthew's church, Bethnal Green, on the occasion of the birthday of A. Deards, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. J. Bonney, 1; A. Deards, 2; M. A. Wood, 3; S. Joyce, 4; Y. Green, 5; I. G. Shade (conductor), 6; S. Hayes, 7; J. Kennedy, 8. The ringers wish him many happy returns of the day.

LONG MELFORD (Suffolk).—On Friday, March 30th, on the back six, 720 Bob Minor. A. Ambrose, 1; H. Duce, 2; F. Collins (first 720), 3; R. Brett, 4; P. O. Bixby, 5; A. J. Clarke (conductor), 6. On Thursday, May 3rd, for service, 720 Bob Minor, in 29 mins. J. Slater (Glemsford), 1; A. Ambrose, 2; F. Collins, 3; H. Duce, 4; P. O. Bixby (conductor), 5; S. Slater (Glemsford), 6. In the belfry, on handbells, 720 Bob Minor. S. Slater, 1-2; F. Collins, 3; J. Slater, 4; P. O. Bixby (conductor), 5; C. Bixby (first 720), 6.

NORTH CURRY (Somerset).—On Monday, March 25th, the St. James' ringers, Taunton, paid a visit to this place, and rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 46 mins. F. Millard, 1; A. Doble, 2; G. E. Harbour, 3; H. Poole, 4; J. Burge, 5; G. Yandall, 6; J. Maddock (conductor), 7; E. Harris, 8. This is the first on the bells.

NUNEATON (Warwickshire).—*Handbell Ringing*.—On Thursday, May 3rd, 504 Grandsire Triples. H. Paulson, 1-2; H. Argyle, 3-4; T. W. Chapman, 5-6; J. George (conductor), 7-8. And a course of Grandsire Caters. J. F. Clarke, 1-2; H. Paulson, 3-4; H. Argyle, 5-6; T. W. Chapman, 7-8; J. George, 9-10. Also a course of Grandsire Royal. J. George, 1-2; H. Paulson, 3-4; H. Argyle, 5-6; T. W. Chapman, 7-8; J. F. Clarke, 9-10.

PINNER (Middlesex).—On Sunday evening, May 6th, for Divine Service, 336 Grandsire Triples. — Halford, 1; J. George, 2; A. R. Davis, 3; W. F. Meads, 4; J. E. Davis, 5; C. H. Martin, 6; H. N. Davis, 7; F. Bentley, 8. And 168 Grandsire Triples. Both touches were conducted by J. George.

PONTEFRAC (Yorks).—On Sunday evening, May 6th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 840 Grandsire Triples in 30 mins. J. Carter, 1; A. J. Jubb, 2; A. B. Pearson, 3; C. Watts (conductor), 4; G. A. Goodman, 5; J. Jackson, 6; W. Pearson, 7; F. Moody, 8. Messrs. Jubb, Pearson, and Goodman hail from Campsall; the rest are local men.

PORTISHEAD (Somerset).—On Sunday, May 6th, 720 Grandsire Minor in 26 mins. R. Cottle, 1; J. Nesbitt, 2; W. Hunter, 3; G. Tippetts, 4; G. E. Harbour (conductor), 5; W. Gillingham, 6. First 720 by all except Messrs. Harbour and Hunter. Tenor 17 cwt.

TAUNTON (Somerset).—On Saturday, April 29th, for practice, 720 Grandsire Minor, in 26 mins. \*S. Wyatt, 1; F. Millard, 2; \*H. Pearce, 3; G. Yandall, 4; J. Maddock (conductor), 5; W. Thorne, 6. \*First 720 with a bob bell. On Monday, April 30th, 720 Bob Minor. J. Maddock (conductor), 1; A. Doble, 2; H. Poole, 3; R. Crossman, 4; J. Burge, 5; G. Yandall, 6.

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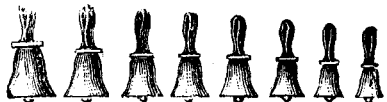
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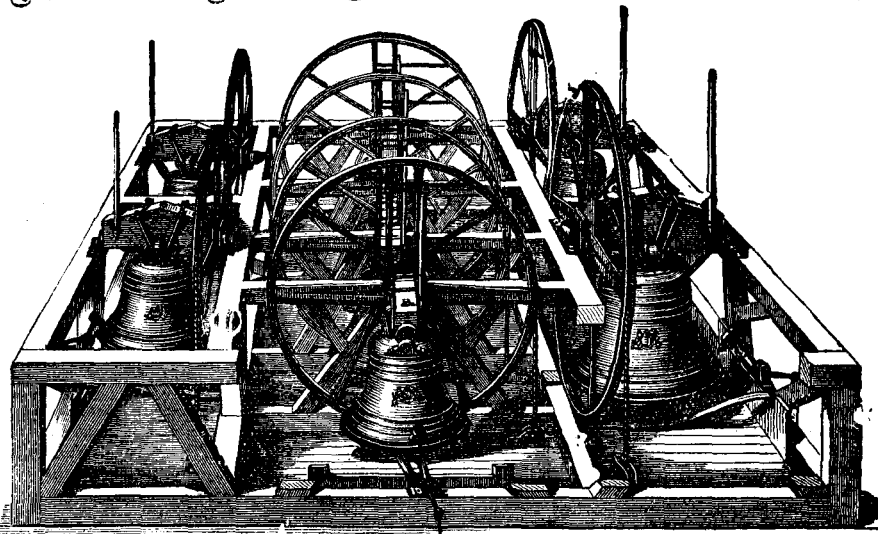
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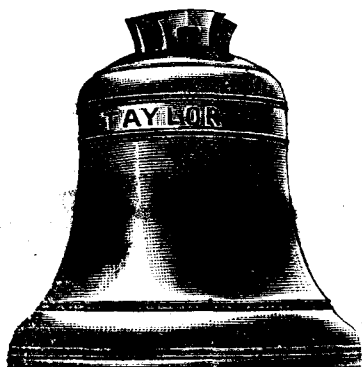
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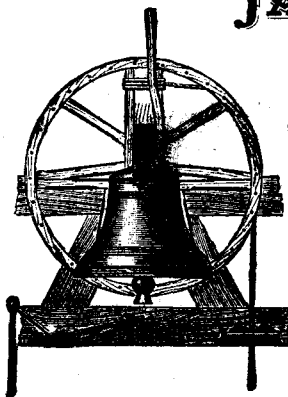
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### THE ESTABLISHMENT OF MESSRS. ASTLEY AND SONS, COVENTRY.

Are there any readers of "THE BELL NEWS" who have never visited "the city of the three spires," as it is called? If not, we should like to tell them that the old city and its environs possess many historical attractions. The neighbourhood is in fact full of interest. Five miles away is Kenilworth's grand ruin; another four miles further is found the ancient town of Warwick, with its castle, and other buildings, a survey of which carries the mind of the visitor back to some of the most remarkable occurrences in English history. In short, the whole county teems with historical associations, which are found not only attractive to the Englishman, but to hosts of travellers from all climes and countries.

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

prepared anything specially for such purposes, the compound and its ingredients may be depended upon to answer the purposes required. Those upon whom the duty devolves of keeping bells in order, steeplekeepers, bellwardens and others, should send to Coventry for what they require, in quantities either small or large. They may be certain of having genuine articles, and upon very satisfactory terms. To those about to furnish, or augment their *laves et penates*, we strongly enjoin them to get such articles as brooms, mats, brushes, table lamps and many other domestic comforts from the house of ASTLEY, of Coventry.

Shall we add to the above a word with reference to what ASTLEY AND SONS say is a specialty with them, viz.: Church Bell Ropes? Those who have rang with ASTLEY'S are pleased with them; those who have bought them have been amply satisfied with their wear, and also with their cost. And "that's all" we need say about the products of such obliging and courteous people as the firm of JOHN ASTLEY AND SONS, of Coventry.

### THE BRITISH WORKMAN'S AND GENERAL ASSURANCE COMPANY.

We don't entertain the idea for one moment that Life Assurance is a matter of little concern to our readers. On the contrary it is known that numbers of them steadfastly believe in its advantages, and also that a great many of them have selected to insure in the above-named renowned office. There is reason for believing that assurances have been effected by many from the representations we have thought fit to make from time to time as to the value of the "British Workman's" from the insurers' point of view. This Company has been weighed in the balance, and found secure; rigid as a rock; and as safe as the Bank of England. Mr. HENRY PORT, the Manager of the "British Workman," is a remarkable man. He has spent his whole life nearly in solving the many problems of life assurance, and the outcome of his efforts is the erection of that vast organisation of which he is the head. Men like him cannot escape criticism; neither do they want to, they court it, in fact. But below will be found, in a great speech delivered by this Nestor of Life Assurance, a complete answer to all his critics, friendly and otherwise. This speech was delivered at a meeting in the great hall of the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon Street, London. There was a large attendance, which included several ladies, who sat down to an admirable dinner. Before the commencement of an assemblage which will long be remembered for several reasons by those who had the privilege of being present on the occasion in question, a very



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, gentlemen, 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 £4,608, 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 £65,000 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 than 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 policyholders, 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.

"I trust everything to the British Workman's and General Assurance Company; the result of an entire life of hard work. I am assured for £5,000, and paid the premiums free of commission. I have over 800 shares, every one of which has been paid for in hard cash. I do not say "go," I say "come." I would double my interest in the Company if I had the means, such is my entire confidence in the undertaking. We are all of one mind on the Board. My fellow directors who have large holdings in the Company fully endorse all I have said. We speak with one voice.

"I consider I have the perfect trust and confidence of all, and certainly cannot be held responsible if my advice is disregarded. I have never deceived anyone in the past, and certainly shall not begin now. Should anyone oppose us, enquire carefully into their motives, their object, their disappointments, how much they have at stake in the Company, how much they live for others, and how long they stick at one identical thing. Read the volume of opinions of the press on the Company's business."

## 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 I., 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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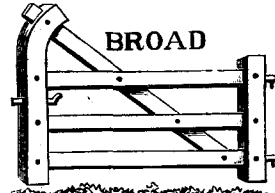
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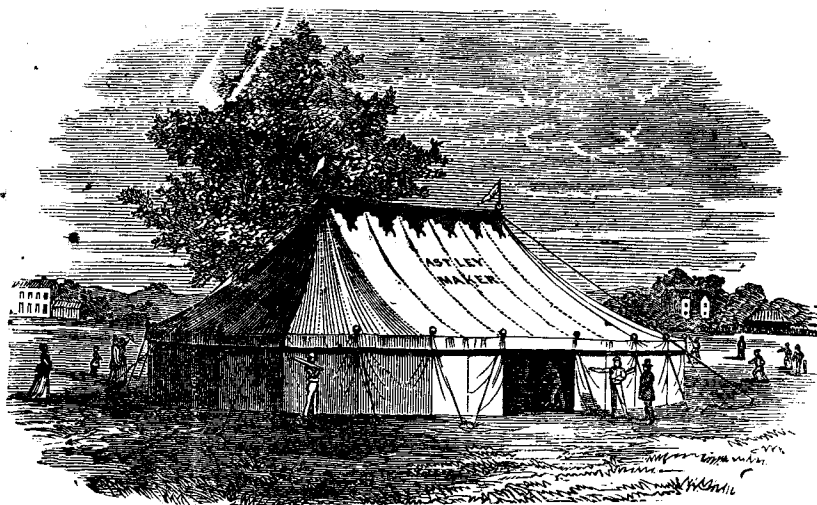
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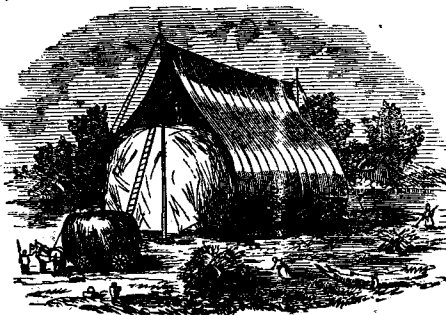
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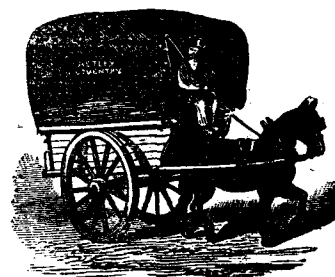
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Extracts from the Directors' Report for the year ending April 30th, 1893.

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.

**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.

H. PORT, *Managing Director.*ERNEST C. FOWKE, *Secretary.*