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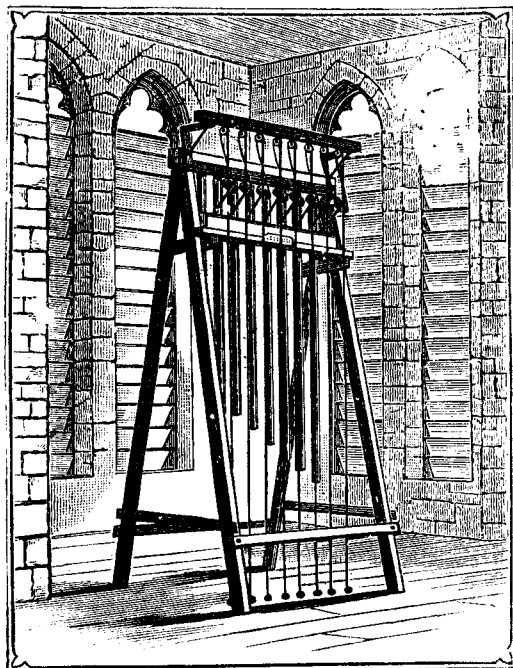
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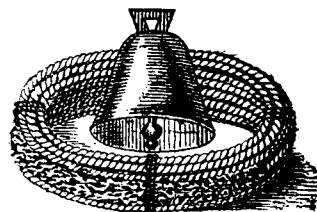
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# KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of this Association was held at Tunbridge, on Whitsun-Monday, May 14th, and members from all parts of the county, to the number of two hundred, availed themselves of the opportunity of spending a congenial holiday. In spite of the weather prophets, who predicted dreadful things, the day was gloriously fine, as we could wish all Bank-holidays always to be, and the country looked charming in all the freshness and beauty of her early summer dress. Visitors began to arrive at an early hour, and before ten o'clock there was the usual plethora of ringers at the chief place of meeting. Besides the Tunbridge ring of eight, several other towers, distant a few miles, were open to members, viz.: St. Peter's, Tunbridge Wells (8), Chiddingstone (8), Hadlow (8), Speldhurst (8), Penshurst (6), Shipbourne (6), and Leigh (5); but until the afternoon little was done in the way of ringing at any of them, and at some nothing at all. A meeting of the Central Committee was held at 11.30 a.m., at which several new members were elected, and a sum of £2 2s. 0d. was voted towards the expense of the peal-board at Gillingham, commemorating the two first, and at present only, Surprise peals rung by the local band and by the Association.

The annual service was held in the parish church at 12.30 p.m. The church choir and organist were, like the ringers, keeping holiday, and so were not present. It had been hoped that the choir of Tunbridge School would have been allowed to attend; but the hour of service unfortunately interfered with the School arrangements. A Tunbridge gentleman, Mr. Sells, however, very kindly consented to accompany the hymns, and the members of the Association gave ample proof that they were quite competent themselves to perform the requisite choral duties. The Hon. Secretary, Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, read the prayers. The Venite and Psalm lxii. (one of those for the day) were used; the lessons were also the proper lessons for the day, the first being read by the Rev. H. Wilford, and the second by the Rev. C. Kent, curates of the parish, and the address was given by the Rev. T. Howard Gill, Vicar of Tunbridge. The well-known hymn, "The Church's one Foundation," was very heartily sung before, and the Whitsuntide hymn, "Our blest Redeemer" after the address. At 2 p.m. the members sat down to dinner, admirably served in the public hall by C. Jones, of The George and Dragon, Tunbridge. G. D. Warner, Esq., who has become a life member, presided, and was supported by the Revs. T. Howard Gill, C. Kent, D. Mackinnon, Rector of Speldhurst, T. S. Curteis, Rector of Sevenoaks, A. L. Brine, West Malling, Hon. Sec. Maidstone District, F. J. O. Helmore, Precentor of Canterbury Cathedral, Hon. Sec., and Messrs. W. Bedwell (Lewisham), and A. Foreman, Hon. Sec. Canterbury District. The company were also honoured by the presence of a lady, Miss Macalpine Leny, who is well known for the kindly interest she takes in the welfare of the College Youths and the Kent County Association. After the toast of "The Queen and Royal Family," proposed by the chairman, had been duly honoured, Mr. Bedwell proposed "The Health of the Archbishop and Clergy," together with a vote of thanks to the preacher of the day for his admirable address.

The Rev. T. Howard Gill responded, and in explaining the reason for the absence of the choir, welcomed the members of the Association to Tunbridge, humorously requesting them when next they fixed upon that town for their place of meeting, to arrange for some other day than a bank-holiday.

The chairman then called upon the Hon. Sec. to read the report for the previous year. From this it appeared that, though there were not quite so many bands in union, the Association had not decreased in numbers; though, as it was explained, it was very difficult to arrive at the exact state of things owing to the supineness of some unattached members in the matter of subscriptions. To the same cause was to be attributed the fact that several peals, published as having been rung by the Association, would have to be cut out. With the exception of the peals of Superlative and Cambridge Surprise, rung by the Gillingham band, there had been a great falling off both in the quantity and quality of peals. The expenditure for the year had exceeded £100, and had been greater than the receipts by about £11, a result mainly produced by the unusual amount of instruction given to young bands. The reserve balance on deposit amounted at the end of 1893 to £103 4s. 8d.

The election of officers for the year was then proceeded with; the Vice-Presidents being proposed by Rev. T. S. Curteis, and the Treasurer, Secretary, and Committee by Mr. G. Payne of Mersham. An amendment to substitute 5s. instead of 7s. 6d. as the composition fee for non-resident life membership, proposed by Mr. Bedwell, and seconded by Mr. F. G. Newman, was passed, and also two additions to the rule proposed by the Hon. Sec., and seconded by the Rev. T. S. Curteis:—(1) "Non-residents may become life members after payment of annual subscription for four consecutive years;" and (2) "No allowances will be made to non-resident life members beyond the privilege of using the Association's railway vouchers."

A vote of thanks to the chairman, proposed by the Rev. T. S. Curteis and passed with acclamation, concluded the proceedings.

The company then dispersed in various directions, some to the Vicarage garden, kindly opened for the day, some to the river, some to the various out-lying towers, while a considerable number sought to get a touch or two on the parish church bells. Sevenoaks, which was not in the programme, was visited by one or two bands, the invitation having been given at the dinner by Mr. Curteis; while at Tunbridge Wells the ringing was kept up till 8 p.m. On the whole it was a most successful day, and everyone seemed thoroughly pleased with the proceedings. Besides the increase in the number of methods now rung, nothing is more remarkable than the progress made in recent years in one most important branch of the art, viz.: the striking. The ringing at annual meetings a few years ago was for the most part decidedly indifferent; now, generally speaking, it is distinctly good.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN BRANCH.

The usual monthly meeting was held at Wigan, on Saturday, May 5th. There were about thirty-three members present. The various towers represented were Warrington, Garston, Huyton, Aughton, Hindley, Upholland, and Prescott; also the local company. The tower was open for ringing at two o'clock, and shortly after that time the bells were set in motion. At five o'clock the ringers went to the schoolroom to partake of an excellent tea, provided free of cost. At the business meeting, which was held in the schoolroom after tea, the Rev. H. F. Lloyd, of Wigan, presided. The minutes of the previous meeting held at Huyton were read and confirmed. The rev. gentleman then said he was very sorry that the rector could not attend the meeting, and he did not know as he had any special remarks to make, but he was very glad to see such a good meeting, and he thought the bells had been rung very well in the afternoon. He then said he had told Mr. Redford to publish his name amongst the performing members, but he had not as yet done so, but he would like him to do so, for he thought it a great honour to be a performing member. It was proposed by Mr. Major, seconded by Mr. Walker, that Edmund Prescott, of Wigan, become a member of the Association. It was proposed by Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. Meadows, that Gilbert Hall, of Wigan, become a member of the Association. It was proposed by Mr. Oxley, seconded by Mr. Rimmer, that the next meeting be held at Farnworth, near Widnes.

A vote of thanks was then passed to the chairman for presiding; also to the ladies who had so admirably carried out the duties at the table. A vote of thanks was also passed to the rector and churchwardens, and to the local company for having everything in readiness.

HONOURS TO A CHANGE-RINGER.—Our readers will be pleased to learn that Mr. J. Holden, President of the United Counties' Association, has been successful at the Northampton A.M.C. of the Manchester Unity of Oddfellows, in getting his portrait in the Oddfellows' Magazine during the ensuing year. For the five places of honour there were no less than sixty-six nominations. Mr. Holden is Prov. C. S. of Saddleworth District, which has six lodges, 1240 members, and a capital of nearly £12,000.

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## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—ANNUAL MEETING.

The Annual Meeting of the Essex Association was held on Whit-Monday, at Chelmsford, and was, as usual, well attended, over 100 members being present. Divine Service was held at St. Mary's church at 11, an address being given by the Rev. F. B. Johnston, Vicar of Waltham Abbey. At the business meeting held afterwards, by permission, in one of the schoolrooms, the Hon. Secretary (Rev. T. L. Papillon) in the chair, the officers of the previous year were re-elected, and the following appointed to serve as a "Peal Committee" for the ensuing year—Messrs. W. H. L. Buckingham, York Green, F. Pitstow, N. J. Pitstow, and H. J. Tucker. A letter was read from Mr. W. J. Nevard, one of the representatives upon the Central Council, regretting his absence from the last meeting of the Council, and offering to resign his office on the ground of uncertainty of health: but it was unanimously resolved that Mr. Nevard be asked to allow his name to remain for the present among the representatives of the Association upon the Council. Two Honorary and twenty-one ringing members were elected. The Secretary's report and balance sheet were submitted and approved; as also was the report of a Committee appointed at the Annual Meeting in 1893, to revise the rules of the Association. It was ordered that the rules as revised and amended be printed in the forthcoming Annual Report; the most important changes being the establishment of an entrance fee of one shilling (in addition to the ordinary subscription) for non-resident members hereafter elected, and the alteration of the financial year, which has hitherto begun at Whitsuntide, so as to coincide with the current year, Jan. 1st-Dec. 31st. In view of this latter change, it was unanimously resolved that the year for which subscriptions are now payable shall end on Dec. 31st, 1894—i.e. in somewhat less than eight months; and on Jan. 1st, 1895, a fresh subscription will fall due for the year 1895. In future the report for the previous year, with the balance-sheet signed by two auditors appointed at the Easter District meeting, will be in the hands of members at the annual meeting, held, as heretofore, at Whitsuntide. It is hoped that all members of the Association will, by paying one subscription for a period of less than a year, assist in bringing about a change which will be to their own convenience and the advantage of the Association.

The following towers were open to members during the day (except from 10.30-2 p.m.): Chelmsford, 10 bells; Great Baddow, Galleywood, Widford, and Writtle, 8 bells; Bromfield and Springfield 6 bells. Unsuccessful attempts were made for peals of Treble Bob Major and Stedman Triples at Widford and Writtle, and the bells of most of the above-named towers were kept going on the day of meeting.

The thanks of the Association are due to the clergy and churchwardens of the towers placed at their disposal; as also to the Rector of Chelmsford (Archdeacon Johnson), and the managers of the schools for allowing the use of two commodious rooms for the meeting and for the dinner afterwards.

## WHITSUN AT WELSHPOOL AND SHROPSHIRE.

The two days ringing at Whitsuntide which brought two peals to a successful issue, as simply reported in the peal columns last week, began by the arrival at Welshpool, of Mr. W. R. Small on Saturday evening, who took part in the Sunday ringing for Divine Services at the parish church—beginning at 6 a.m.—with the local ringers, and the same evening upon handbells, four courses of Stedman Triples, also with the younger hands, who are very promising youths. On Monday morning, Mr. Horton put in an appearance at nine o'clock—the early bird catches the worm—but his stay at The Eagles was of very short duration, he was ushered into the train again at 9.30 *en route* for Montgomery, where the Rector, and three Clun ringers who had travelled fourteen miles across country, joined them at the church, and the first 720 of Minor on the bells, knocked off in 27 mins. The church was most interestingly examined in company with the Rector, and the site of the "Robber's Grave," where no "green grass grows all around." Plain and ample refreshments were partaken of at The Dragon, kept by a monster landlord. The Cambrian Railway was again employed, and The Eagles, Welshpool, again invaded at four o'clock.

Here considerable animation existed, owing to the arrival of

the remainder of the Hereford Guild band that were to attempt Stedman, the "go" for the peal being called at four minutes past six. Previous to the start, it was ascertained that the worthy Master of the H.D.G. was not a B.A.S. man, which difference was soon remedied on the proposition of Mr Fussell, supported by Mr. Small, and they subsequently had the satisfaction of knowing the peal was scored by full-fledged members of the two Societies. Mr. Buchanan now makes his first appearance as a peal-ringer, Mr. Mason scoring his first peal of Stedman; the peal was also the first in the method in the county of Montgomeryshire, and by the Diocesan Guild. Supper at The Eagles concluded the day's proceedings.

Early morning found the company taking a survey of the noted Powis Castle. The Vicar was visited, and thanked for the use of the bells, and certificates of life membership of the Diocesan Guild, that came to hand the previous week, were presented to Messrs. Pritchett, Small, Horton and Carter. Shrewsbury was reached at 12.30, not, however, before many hearty thanks were tendered Mrs. Bratton, a true ringer's wife, and to Mr. Bratton, who, in his usual hearty way, made every-one comfortable, for their hospitality.

At half-past one the whole of the band for the most desired event were in the tower of St. Chad's, well prepared for success, and here let it be first mentioned how freely and courteously Mr. W. H. Godden gave up his place in favour of his Christian namesake. Mr. G. Whitfield, from Oswestry, journeyed especially to hear the ringing, as did also Mr. Buchanan, of Clun, the law being well represented by these gentlemen, and Mr. Pritchett, of King's Norton, to whose energy is due the amassing of the company. The preliminary arrangements for the peal were readily supported by the Vicar, the Right Rev. Sir Lovelace Stamer, and Mr. Wall, who acted as steeplekeeper, and we are given to understand that a suitable tablet will be placed in the belfry recording the accomplishment. The indisposition of the tenor man compelled him to have assistance, and this was pluckily rendered by Hall. He was there when "that's all" was heard. Previous to starting, it was decided that the peal should be one to the credit of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford, by way of compliment to the Vicar, although each of the band are members of the Worcestershire and Districts Association, and it is the first peal of Cinques by the latter Society. The composition is an excellent production of Mr. Carter's, now rang for the first time, and the first produced with the qualities. It contains the 6th eighteen times before and behind the 8th, with all the 5 6 7 8s at hand and back-stroke. The requirements of the inner man were comfortably adjusted before and after the peal at The Market Hall refreshment rooms. The wise old saying of Mr. Small's, that "small beginnings lead to greater things," was truly verified on the present occasion, and most appropriate also to the build and growth of the speaker. Everyone felt satisfied with their holiday, and the recollections of failure last October, after two hours and a half's ringing for a similar peal, made that feeling more keen. From six till eight o'clock the band of a baker's dozen grew "beautifully less," after sundry handbell touches, and parting glasses at The Station hotel. Messrs. Cartwright, Bratton and Mason have secured their first peal of Cinques. The last twelve-bell peal of a similar nature was rang at St. Chad's in 1799.

W. H. F.

## CHADDESLEY CORBETT, WORCESTERSHIRE.

On Whit-Tuesday evening, by the kind invitation of Mrs. Horne, the ringers of this parish were entertained to supper at The Swan inn to celebrate the first peal rung by their own band, duly recorded in "THE BELL NEWS." In addition to the ringers, invitations were given to several villagers, and to Mr. H. Martin, of Belbroughton, who has rendered the Chaddesley Society some assistance in the past. The repast being served at seven o'clock, the courses were got through without a hitch, and after being brought round, Mr. J. Broad was voted to the chair. After some conversation on the future doings of the Society, whose prospects are of the brightest, the evening was spent in harmony, the songs being given by the chairman, and Messrs. Pratt, Hemming, Gilbert, Perkins, and others, and were well rendered, amongst them being "Mary of Argyle," "The Midshipmite," and "The Old Folks at Home." During the evening, the chairman, in rising to give the health of Mrs.

Horne, the foundress of the feast, said they all knew that the repast was given by that lady in accordance with the expressed wish of her deceased husband, and had he been spared to have been with them that evening none would have been happier than he, now that the peal was an accomplished fact. They all knew the keen interest he took in the ringing, and all regretted that he had not been spared to know of their success, but such was not to be, therefore he gave "The health of Mrs. Horne and the rest of the family," which toast was drunk with musical honours. After some more harmony, "The Health of the Ringers of the Peal" was given by Mr. H. Martin, who said he wished to heartily congratulate them on their success, and hoped that it would not be the only peal that would be rung by the band, but that progress would be made in other methods which they had started eighteen months ago, when the resolve to infuse some young blood into the band was a step in the right direction. The greatest credit was due to Mr. E. Gilbert for the way he had persevered in teaching them how to ring, and also imparting the first lesson on change-ringing, and getting them through their first Minor methods, the result of which they now had a band of their own, and had rung their first peal, which, he hoped, would soon be supplemented by others. The toast was drunk with enthusiasm, and time then drawing near, a very pleasant evening was brought to a close by singing Auld Lang Syne.

#### A WEEK OF "SURPRISE" RINGING.

A week's ringing in Surprise methods only, was held in Sussex last week by members of the Sussex County Association. The necessary arrangements had been made by Mr. G. F. Attree, the Master of the Association, and at his invitation all the peals have been taken part in by the Rev. F. E. Robinson and Mr. J. W. Washbrook, whilst Mr. Henry Dains rang in the peals on Tuesday and Wednesday.

It is now exactly three years ago since a week's peal-ringing has taken place in Sussex, when out of ten attempts eight peals were successful. This time it has been the aim to get quality rather than quantity, and also as far as possible to ring at the towers that were not visited on the previous occasion.

On Monday evening, May 7th, a peal of London Surprise Major was attempted at St. Peter's church, Brighton, but, after two hours the peal came to grief owing to the illness of one of the ringers.

On Tuesday morning an early start was made, and after a most enjoyable drive through one of the most picturesque parts of Sussex, Buxted parish church, situate in the centre of Buxted park, was reached, and an unsuccessful attempt for a peal of Superlative Surprise Major came to an end after an hour and a half's enjoyable ringing. Dinner at Uckfield, and another eight miles' drive brought the band to Lewes, where, during the evening, the first success was scored in a peal of Superlative Surprise Major, containing 5088 changes, rung in 3 hours.

On Wednesday morning, May 9th, at St. John the Baptist, Crawley, five of the ringers who took part in the foregoing peal, with Messrs. Parker, Rice and Ward of the Crawley branch, scored the second peal of Superlative Surprise, and on the afternoon of the same day, another peal in the same method was attempted on the fine bells of East Grinstead parish church, but came to a sudden end after 1 hour and 20 minutes' ringing, owing to the fifth rope breaking.

On Thursday, May 10th, the town of Eastbourne was visited, and permission having been obtained for the use of the heaviest ring in the county, the eight bells, with a tenor of 26 cwt., in the steeple of St. Saviour's church, were started to the tune of Cambridge Surprise Major, but after ringing the tenor for one hour and ten minutes Mr. Washbrook considered it inadvisable to continue the attempt. During the afternoon, half a peal of London Surprise Major was rung on the light ring of Christ Church, when a change-course occurred, but on the same bells during the evening, the perseverance of the band was rewarded by a successful termination to a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major, in 2 hrs. 58 mins.

On Friday, May 11th, two attempts were made for Cambridge Surprise, the first at Henfield, when, after 2 hrs. 53 mins. good ringing, a missed bob lost the chance, and the second at Steyning, in the evening, failed after an hour's ringing.

Owing to the disappointment in not being allowed to use the

Hurst bells on Saturday morning, a second visit to Steyning was decided upon, and after 3 hrs. 1 min., the last of the attempts proved successful, making a total of four Surprise peals, two each of Superlative and Cambridge, a record not hitherto accomplished in a week's ringing. The Henfield branch of the Sussex County Association also scored a peal of Stedman Triples, the first 5040 by seven of the ringers, and the first peal in any method by the branch.

#### THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of this Association was held on Whit-Monday, at Barnard Castle, and although the weather was very unfavourable, a good number of ringers made their appearance.

The dinner, to which thirty-nine sat down, was provided at The Turk's Head hotel, at 1 o'clock. The President of the Association, R. S. Story, Esq., took the chair, and was supported by the Rev. Canon Brown, and Mr. Churchwarden Watson. Mr. F. Lees occupied the vice-chair.

After dinner the usual toasts of "Church and Queen," and "The Bishops and Clergy of the two Dioceses," were given, the latter being responded to by the Rev. Canon Brown. He gave the members a hearty welcome, and said that his own interest in ringers and bellringing had been greatly stimulated by the conversation which he had had with the President during dinner and by the sermon which he had listened to since.

After a course of Grandsire Caters on the handbells, a hearty vote of thanks to the authorities of Barnard Castle and Cotherstone was carried. To this Mr. Churchwarden Watson responded.

The President then alluded to the great loss which the association had sustained through the resignation of the Secretary, the Rev. C. Buston, who had removed to another Diocese. Mr. Buston had done much really good work for the Association in bringing them into a good financial position, and also in introducing change-ringing into a remote part of the Diocese, for which he deserved the best thanks. To these remarks the members present showed their hearty approval.

Mr. Lees then referred to the knotty question of six-bell peals brought before the Central Council. He said that south country ringers knew very little about the subject, but they would have to hear about it again.

Throughout the day various touches were rung on the fine peal of eight in the church tower, by ringers from nearly every part of the two Dioceses. Some of the party drove over to Cotherstone, a pretty little village on the Yorkshire side of the Tees, where there is a nice little ring of six. Here a 720 of Kent was brought round, and what seemed to give even more pleasure, a good knife and fork tea was partaken of at a neighbouring inn. The time of departure soon arrived, and each one hurried off to catch his train, with pleasant recollections of his visit to Barnard Castle and neighbourhood.

ACCIDENT.—Whilst Mr. H. Howell, senior partner of the firm of Howell and Son, bellhangers, Ipswich, was engaged rehanging the bells of the parish church of Boxford, he met with a serious accident, accidentally slipping from the bell-frame into the pit. His son was, fortunately, the means of preventing him from falling through to the floor below, a distance of twenty-five feet. Mr. Howell was conveyed to his lodgings, and Dr. A. A. Thompson was summoned, when it was found that he had sustained two severe scalp wounds, and that three ribs were broken. Mr. Howell took an active part at the meeting of the Essex Association at Chelmsford, of which Association, besides several others, he is a member, and his friends will be glad to learn that he is progressing favourably.

WOBURN (Beds).—On Monday, April 23rd, at St. Mary's old tower, 720 Bob Doubles, each 6-score called differently. F. Gilby, 1; C. Herbert, 2; E. Herbert, 3; J. C. Cooke, 4; Cyril Herbert (conductor), 5; R. Marshall, 6. On Monday, April 30th, 720 in the same method, standing as before. Also a course of Oxford Treble Bob Minor on handbells. E. Herbert, 1-2; C. Herbert, 3-4; Cyril Herbert, 5-6.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

**WELSHPOOL.**—A general meeting of the members of the above Guild was held in the belfry, on Tuesday, May 1st, at 7.45 p.m. The chair was taken by the Vicar, the Rev. Grimaldi Davis, there were also present the Rev. T. Hughes (vicar of Buttington), Hon. Sec., J. E. Jones, Esq. (North and South Wales Bank), and about fourteen members of the band. Recently several of the old members had expressed their intention to cease to become members of the Guild, and this meeting was called principally to take the feeling of the members as to whether it should be compulsory to join the Guild *en bloc* or whether it should be optional. A statement of accounts was first read by the Hon. Sec., which showed an adverse balance of £9 odd, owing chiefly to the great improvements which have taken place in the belfry and which have been done without any help from the parochial authorities, and after some slight discussion were unanimously passed. The next question was as before stated whether it should be compulsory to join the Guild or not. A resolution to that effect was proposed by Mr. T. J. Bratton, and seconded by the Rev. T. Hughes.

The Vicar strongly supported the resolution, and said he was very pleased with the great improvement which had taken place in the tower, and also in the ringing itself since they had joined the Guild. The instruction and advice which had been received from the Guild officers had had good results in the past, and he should be very sorry if any of them left it now. In conclusion he said that if anyone could not pay the subscription, he should be pleased to pay for them. The resolution was then put to the meeting and carried with only one dissident (Mr. C. Tallis).

Mr. Bratton then read out a list of attendances at ringing for Divine Service last year, which were highly satisfactory.

The Vicar then said he wished it thoroughly understood that if any member became irregular in his attendance at Divine Service he would at once cease to be a member of the band. A lengthy discussion then followed on matters of a private nature, and the meeting then terminated with a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar, proposed by the Rev. T. Hughes, to which the Vicar suitably responded.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

**ROCHDALE BRANCH.**—The monthly meeting of the above was held at Christ Church, Healey, on Saturday, May 12th, members being present from Bacup, Bury, Heywood, Shaw, Rochdale, Hamer, and the local company. The meeting was held in the vicarage, presided over by the Vicar, who with a few well-chosen remarks gave the Association a hearty welcome, hoping to have his ringers members before long. After passing a vote of thanks to the Vicar for presiding, and to the wardens for the use of the bells, the ringers adjourned to the parish room for luncheon at the kind invitation of the Vicar. Afterwards they adjourned to the belfry, and during the afternoon and evening touches of Kent, Violet, Primrose, and Tulip Treble Bob, and Plain Bob Minor were rung, including 720 of Kent Treble Bob by J. Crossley (Hamer), 1; G. Shotten (Bacup), 2; T. H. Lucas (Shaw), 3; J. S. Lomas (Bacup), 4; E. Schofield (Hamer), 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor, Bacup), 6. And 720 of Primrose by J. W. Cockcroft (Shaw, first 720 in the method), 1; Z. Lord (Bacup), 2; G. Shotten, 3; J. S. Lomas, 4; E. J. Cockcroft (Bacup), 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. The next meeting will be held at Milnrow, on Saturday, June 9th.

## ST. MARY'S, PORTSEA.

On Tuesday, May 9th, the ringers of the above society presented one of their number, Mr. R. Harman, with a wedding present. Mr. Harman has been a ringer at St. Mary's for four years, and his brother-strings decided to mark the occasion of his marriage by a small token of their respect and good wishes; and the gift consisted of a handsome clock, which strikes the hours and half-hours. The presentation was made in the belfry on the above date, by the Rev. R. C. M. Harvey, curate of St. Mary's (Vice-President of the St. Mary's band, and Hon. Sec. of the Winchester Diocesan Guild), who in handing the clock to the recipient on behalf of the band, wished him and his wife long life and happiness. Mr. Harman made a suitable acknowledgment.

## Obituary.

## ROBERT EDWARD GIBBS.

The Eye (Suffolk) company of ringers have lost one of its oldest and most respected members in the death of the above-named, who joined them about twenty-five years ago, and who, by his quiet agreeable manner won the respect of all. Mr. Gibbs had been a resident in the town of Eye between thirty and forty years, in business as a tailor and woolen draper. He had been a cricketer, a volunteer, and for many years a member of the Manchester Order of Odd Fellows; he also belonged to the Ancient Society of College Youths and the St. James' Society, and to the Norwich Diocesan Association since its formation. He had rung Oxford Treble Bob, 2 peals; Kent Treble Bob, 1 peal; Bob Major, 2 peals; Grandsire Triples, 1 peal. The first was at St. George's, Camberwell; a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, in which the late Mr. John Cox took part, and was conducted by G. Newson; the last, a peal of 5104 Bob Major, on May the 2nd, 1888, conducted by H. Torble, at Eye. Mr. Gibbs when a lad learned to pull a bell in his native village, Wetheringsett, and since he joined the Eye company was a regular attendant at the Sunday ringing for service. He had been ailing for some time past, and peacefully passed away on May the 6th, aged 61 years. He was buried in Eye cemetery on Whit-Monday, the funeral service being read by the Rev. Chambers, curate; and as a mark of respect the Vicar of the parish, the Rev. Arthur John Spencer, and some of the ringers attending; and in the evening a muffled peal was rung, 1008 Bob Major, followed by the usual whole pull and stand. The deceased was father to Mr. Edwin Gibbs, a well-known member of the Ancient Society of College Youths, who is living in London; and Mr. George Gibbs, who has been assisting his father in the business at Eye.

## PAUL CASHMORE.

On Friday, May 11th, there passed away at Newton Street, West Bromwich, Mr. Paul Cashmore, who was one of the old school of ringers, and particularly noted as a Treble Bob ringer and composer, nearly fifty years ago. The last peal in which he took part was one of Grandsire Triples on February 22nd, 1876, conducted by John Carter, this being the first peal as conductor by John Carter at All Saints, West Bromwich. The funeral took place on Thursday, the 17th instant, and the usual whole pull and stand was rung, also 377 of Grandsire Triples. W. R. Small, 1; J. Cullwick, 2; J. Carter, 3; G. Griffiths, 4; W. James, 5; E. Goodreds, 6; E. Woodhall, 7; S. Reeves, 8. On Saturday, May 19th, at All Saints' church, a peal of Grandsire Triples was attempted, but failed after 1 hr. and 56 mins. ringing through the breaking of the 2nd rope. T. Danks, 1; S. Reeves (conductor), 2; J. Cullwick, 3; T. Horton, 4; E. Woodhall, 5; J. Hall, 6; W. R. Small, 7; G. Griffiths, 8. The whole of the above ringers belong to the society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford, and the above was rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect towards the deceased gentleman. He was 76 of age; and was buried in All Saints' churchyard, West Bromwich.

## JAMES PAGE.

The death of this ringer took place at his residence at Camden Town, London, N.W., on Wednesday, May 9th. He had been a member of the St. Ann's Society, Highgate, for about forty years, and also a member of The Royal Cumberlands and St. James's Societies. He had taken part in several notable performances, viz., the James' peal at St. James's church, Clerkenwell, and the first peal of Cambridge Surprise rang in London, at St. Anne's church, Highgate; and in numerous peals of Grandsire, Treble Bob and Double Norwich Court. The funeral took place on Tuesday, May 15th, and by kind permission of the Vicar, the body was brought into St. Anne's church, where the first part of the service was read. The cortege then proceeded to the family grave in Highgate Cemetery, followed by upwards of 150 members of the Loyal Duke of St. Albans Lodge, Manchester Unity Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of which the deceased had been a trustee for the last thirty-five years. During the ceremony a deeply muffled peal was rang at St. Anne's church, and in the evening an attempt was made to ring a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major with the bells muffled, but after ringing 1 hr. and 18 mins. the tenor rope slipped wheel, and the peal was unfortunately lost. B. Foskett, 1; J. Cawley, 2; R. Bevan, 3; G. Smith, 4; T. Titchener, 5; J. Woods (Kenninghall), 6; J. W. Nudds (Kenninghall), 7; J. Haunington (conductor), 8.

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## Central Council Correspondence.

SIR,—The six-bell peal controversy, which Mr. Snowdon has just reopened, has been pervaded from first to last by a confusion of ideas as to what is meant by the word "peal." Nor is this surprising, for the word has been so loosely used in the past, that it has been applied to at least six different things. Now the majority of the Council at each of its four meetings have virtually decided that "peal" shall mean, first, a *composition* of given length; and, secondly, a *performance* of such composition on bells. The definitions of the Council are based upon a combination of both meanings, and contemplate both "peal" and "peal-performance." Conditions are laid down, such that the legitimacy of the latter is made to depend mainly on the conformity of the former to the standard set up. What is the principle that dictates that standard? That for such numbers of bells as admit of an "extent" of over 5040 changes there shall be absolutely no repetition of any one change: for lower numbers of bells, the logical extension of the principle is that there shall be as few repetitions as possible of any one change. For a length of 5040 for six or five bells consists of a series of compositions, in which, as a whole, there must be, if the principle is to be maintained, as few repetitions as possible, not as many as you like to have.

It seems to me that a clear view of this question, which is really a technical one, has been much impeded by the introduction, as a factor, of "mental effort." I, for one, confess to a strong admiration of the "mental effort" displayed in ringing 5040 on six bells in a multiplicity of methods. Such a length, or a greater one, in fourteen or more 360s is, I admit, a splendid and brilliant *performance*. But whether it is to be regarded as a "peal-performance" in the technical sense would depend upon the nature of the series of compositions of which the length consisted, not on the amount of mental effort required to achieve it. For a *performance* of *peal-length* is not necessarily the same thing as a *peal-performance*. If it were, where should we be landed? In his amusing, but visionary, dialogue, Mr. Snowdon could not present the argument of the "Southerner," because he failed to appreciate this distinction. For the same reason the extension of the definition proposed by the Yorkshire Committee does not help us much; for it still depends upon the assumption that a "performance of peal-length" constitutes a "peal-performance."

The situation is, briefly, this:—The majority of the Council say that the peal-standard must dictate the (peal-) performance; while Mr. Snowdon, and those who think with him, declare, in effect, that the performance (of peal-length) should dictate the peal-standard. But that the peal-standard should be fixed on the basis of mental effort in ringing is far too indefinite a principle to adopt. If this is to be your measure of perfection, you must go where it leads you, and follow it to its logical conclusion. All the present definitions must 'go by the board,' and be recast. You must allow in a peal, on any number of bells, a variety of methods in long or short scraps, as they will best come in; for your object is to promote a display of mental effort in actual ringing without regard to technical or scientific considerations; and the definite principle of "no repetition, or the least possible" must be abandoned.

The whole argument turns upon the question, "What is a peal?" Is it a scientific arrangement of changes for bells, up to a given length, in which, according to the number of changing bells dealt with, there is either no repetition, or the least possible, of any one change? Or, is it merely a performance on bells of such a number of changes as will constitute the given length, without any strict regard to scientific principles in their arrangement? If the former is the correct definition, the legitimacy of a performance must be determined by it. If the latter is correct, the fancy of the composer must be allowed to wander into latitudes hitherto forbidden or unknown. I see no escape from this alternative; either the performance must be subservient to the composition, or the composition must be subservient to the performance. It is the business of the Council to decide the point: and at each of four meetings it has declared, by a large majority, in favour of the former principle; and in spite of all that has been urged on the other side, I have yet to learn that the majority has erred.

H. EARLE BULWER,

Norwich Diocesan Association Representative.

SIR,—I see in your last issue a letter from Mr. Snowdon re six-bell peals. It is with regard to the last paragraph of this letter that I have to deal, in which Mr. Snowdon undertakes to dismiss with a single word the idea of ringing true 720s in two different methods, an idea which I suggested at the last Council meeting. Mr. Snowdon gives as his reason for the impracticability of such a scheme the facts that "such methods (viz., those which interlock), will never be rung,

as the better known ones will necessarily be those chosen for multi-method peals." He does not tell us what are these methods which will interlock and are so little known. The names by which some of these unknown methods are called are Plain Bob, Oxford Bob, Court Bob, College Single, Yorkshire Court, Double Court, Double Oxford Bob, and Double Bob. And these methods according to Mr. Snowdon will *never be rung*; yet they appear to me to be remarkably simple, and I fancy that I have even seen the names of some of them as having been performed in multi-method peals. For the benefit of anyone who might care to try my plan, I will explain how it works. In choosing two methods which will link together, you must be careful to observe whether the calls affect the front three or the back three bells. All methods where the front three are concerned will link together, and similarly those where the back three are affected. Thus those methods already given will divide into two groups, the first containing Plain and Double Bob, Single and Double Oxford, and Yorkshire Court. The second will contain Single and Double Court and College Single and Double. All the methods in group 1 will intermix, and all those in group 2 will also intermix. But a group 1 method must not be joined to a group 2. Now suppose that we determine to start with Bob Minor, we shall call 360 thus:

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

Now start from 24356 into any other method in group 1, say Double Oxford, and call exactly the same calling, viz., W H W twice repeated, with a S at H brings the bells round with a perfectly true 720 of Bob Minor and Double Oxford. But care must be taken that if the first 360 would have come round with a B, the one which is singled on to it must also come round with a B, and contrariwise with a plain lead. For the sake of those who want to know the wherefore of this, I may remark that in those methods cited, it will be found that unless a single is called, all the changes are in-course when the treble is at the lead and in 5ths and 4ths places, and out-of-course when it is in 2nds, 3rds, and 6ths. Thus an in-course 360 in any one of these methods cannot repeat with an out-of-course 360 in that or any other method which obeys this law. But a word of warning. Canterbury, Grand-sire, and Double Stedman Slow Course won't work. And now a word as to Mr. Snowdon's addition to the Central Council's definition. I think that it is excellent. Those who ring eight or ten bells, and never have been tied down to six-bell ringing cannot have any idea of the monotony enforced on our unfortunate brother-strings for the lack of those extra bells. And shall we on the Council, like Rehoboam, add to their burden. I think that if the Central Council ever wishes to become the Parliament of ringing, it must not at the start commence by such an act of red-tape injustice as to coerce the unfortunate six-bell ringers by the overwhelming majority of eight and ten-bell ringers who care really nothing at all about the question, as it has nothing to do with them. That the law should be laid down for eight and ten-bell ringers, that no false changes should come in their peals, since they have so many to spare, but after all it is only a law made by men for their own object in raising the talent necessary for performances on eight and ten bells. But it is not the law of the Medes and Persians, and when we find that if applied to six bells, it will not work for a 5000, are we then to put it into force in a mongrel shape, not for the purpose of raising the standard of their peals, but for the purpose of preventing these unfortunate men from shewing their mental powers unless they are possessed of bodily strength enough to ring for six or eight hours. It rather reminds me of the old savage motto—"Might is right, and the weakest to the wall." Mr. Heywood said at the meeting that they wanted to keep from having more repeats than necessary; but that will hardly hold if we have (as is laid down in this excellent Yorkshire definition), one 720 rung true and complete. For under these circumstances, if you repeat one change more than seven times, you must repeat another less than seven times, and thus if you have one true 720, it matters not what other changes you may have in the 5040, for all will have an equal number of repeats, and be just equally false. If then the Yorkshire Association adopt their excellent definition, and Mr. Snowdon will forgive my poor little scheme, and allow its practicability, since such methods as Plain Bob will I am sure be rung in spite of his decree to the contrary. Then since the Council have not a leg to stand upon in point of argument, against a scheme in which Yorkshire has advanced half-way to meet them. I hope that the Council will be generous, and advance the other half to meet our northern friends, and we may get this matter settled to the satisfaction of the six-bell ringers, who, after all, are the only people that it concerns.

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We know not whether it is too late to protest against

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ALBERT PITTAM .. .. 4.	GEORGE NEWSON .. .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS and Conducted by GEORGE NEWSON.

This peal is a three-part composition, with the 4th, 5th and 6th their extent in 5-6, and the 2nd never there at a course-end; now rung for the first time; also the first peal in the method on the bells.

### The Provinces.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 8, 1894, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,  
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 17 cwt.

JAMES N. FROSSELL .. .. Treble.	HARRY WESTON .. .. 5.
HENRY DAINS .. .. 2.	GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. 6.
GEORGE A. KING .. .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. .. 7.
KEITH HART .. .. 4.	JAMES W. WASHBROOK .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by J. W. WASHBROOK.

First peal of Superlative on the bells.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 9, 1894, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,  
5376 CHANGES. Tenor 13½ cwt.

ARTHUR A. FULLER .. .. Treble.	GEORGE A. KING .. .. 5.
JOHN RICE .. .. 2.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. .. 6.
HENRY DAINS .. .. 3.	JAMES PARKER .. .. 7.
WILLIAM WARD .. .. 4.	JAMES W. WASHBROOK .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by J. W. WASHBROOK.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 10, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR,  
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qrs. 5 lbs.

HARRY WESTON .. .. Treble.	GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. 5.
GEORGE F. ATTREE .. .. 2.	REV. J. E. ROBINSON .. .. 6.
KEITH HART .. .. 3.	JAMES PARKER .. .. 7.
GEORGE A. KING .. .. 4.	JAMES W. WASHBROOK .. .. Tenor.

Composed by C. MIDDLETON and Conducted by J. W. WASHBROOK.

First peal of Surprise on the bells.

STEYNING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 12, 1894, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR,  
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qrs. 24 lbs.

GEORGE A. KING .. .. Treble.	KEITH HART .. .. 5.
GEORGE F. ATTREE .. .. 2.	JAMES N. FROSSELL .. .. 6.
ARTHUR A. FULLER .. .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. .. 7.
HARRY WESTON .. .. 4.	JAMES W. WASHBROOK .. .. Tenor.

Composed by C. MIDDLETON and Conducted by J. W. WASHBROOK.

First peal of Cambridge on the bells.

HENFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 8, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' ORIGINAL. Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

CHARLES TYLER .. .. Treble.	LAZARUS PAYNE .. .. 5.
WILLIAM J. ALLIS .. .. 2.	WILLIAM HILLMAN .. .. 6.
ALBERT GROVES .. .. 3.	ALFRED W. GROVES .. .. 7.
GEORGE HOLDEN .. .. 4.	ARTHUR HODGES .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES TYLER.

This is the first peal by all except the conductor, the first by the local band, and rung at the second attempt.

DORKING, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, May 14, 1894, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S SIX-PART. Tenor 25 cwt.

JOHN HEATHORN .. .. Treble.	EDWARD E. DODD .. .. 5.
ALFRED A. DOBINSON* .. .. 2.	FRANK BENNETT .. .. 6.
JOHN H. WHITE .. .. 3.	JOHN J. JONES .. .. 7.
GEORGE HUGGETT† .. .. 4.	FREDERICK HUDSON .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

\*First peal. †First peal on eight bells. This is the first peal in the method rung by the above Guild, also on the bells, and by all the band.

BARNET, HERTS.—THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 14, 1894, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qrs. 13 lbs.

J. BURROWS .. .. Treble.	CHARLES HENRY MARTIN .. .. 5.
JAMES CAWLEY .. .. 2.	*JOHN D. MATTHEWS .. .. 6.
RICHARD BEVAN .. .. 3.	*FRANK BLONDELL .. .. 7.
ARTHUR FINCH .. .. 4.	*ARTHUR E. DOLTON .. .. Tenor.
	*ALFRED CHIDWICK .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES H. MARTIN.

First peal. This is the first peal of Triples on the new bells. Messrs. Bevan and Cawley hail from Haverstock Hill; Burrows from Finchley; Finch from Uxbridge; Martin from Hendon; the rest belong to the local company.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 15, 1894, in Six Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,  
8800 CHANGES. Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

N. J. PITSTOW .. .. Treble.	*J. HARDY .. .. 5.
REV. G. F. COLERIDGE .. .. 2.	*S. SMITH .. .. 6.
ARTHUR JAMES .. .. 3.	*R. T. LANE .. .. 7.
ERNEST PITSTOW .. .. 4.	J. W. TAYLOR, JUN. .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by N. J. PITSTOW.

\*First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. This is the longest length composed and rung in the method.

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

On Wednesday, May 16, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes.

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. BURTON, OXFORD STREET.

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND.

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES.

J. ARMIGER TROLLOP .. 1-2.	GEORGE P. BURTON .. 5-6.
JOHN E. BURTON .. 3-4.	CHARLES E. BORRETT .. 7-8.
ALFRED W. BRIGHTON .. .. 9-10.	

Composed by the late JOHN COX and Conducted by C. E. BORRETT.

Umpire—Mr. A. G. Warnes. First peal of Grandsire Caters by all, was rung at the first attempt, and is the only one ever rung on handbells in Norfolk. The ringers again wish to thank Mr. Muskett for the use of his bells.

# LIVERPOOL, LANCASHIRE.

On Thursday, May 17, 1894, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5094 CHANGES.

Tenor 25 cwt.

CHARLES PRICE* .. .. Treble.	CHARLES WILLIAMS .. .. 6.
JOHN MOORE .. .. 2.	THOMAS HAMMOND .. .. 7.
WILLIAM JAMES .. .. 3.	ROBERT WILLIAMS .. .. 8.
GEORGE CALLAND* .. .. 4.	*JAMES MARTIN .. .. 9.
ALBERT GRACE .. .. 5.	WILLIAM DAVIES .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by ROBERT WILLIAMS.

This peal was rung in honour of the seventieth birthday of Mr. Henry Meadows, superintendent of St. Peter's society. C. Price hails from Eccleston, Cheshire; Calland and Grace from Halewood. \*First peal of Caters.

# TILEHURST, BERKS.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 19, 1894, in Three Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

HARRY TUCKER* .. .. Treble.	CHARLES CHAPMAN .. .. 5.
JOHNSON E. HERN .. .. 2.	FRANK HOPGOOD .. .. 6.
CHARLES GILES .. .. 3.	RICHARD T. HIBBERT .. .. 7.
HARRY GOODGER .. .. 4.	LEWIS ROLFE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by FRANK HOPGOOD.

\*First peal in the method.

# SALISBURY, WILTS.

## THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD AND THE ST. MARTIN'S SOCIETY.

On Saturday, May 19, 1894, in Three Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN.

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5216 CHANGES.

Tenor 15 cwt.

SIDNEY MACEY .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. 5.
JAMES ELCOMBE .. .. 2.	ARTHUR W. BARKUS .. 6.
ALFRED PEARCE .. .. 3.	ROBERTO J. GOLLOP .. 7.
CHARLES H. WATTS .. 4.	WILLIAM J. SEVIER .. Tenor.

Composed by T. A. CARD, of Speldhurst, and Conducted by WILLIAM J. SEVIER.

This peal, which is in two parts, has the 5th and 6th only in sixths at a coarse-end.

# ERITH, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 22, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST.

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION.

JOHN TURNER .. .. Treble.	CHARLES WILKINS .. .. 5.
WILLIAM I. REEVES .. 2.	ARTHUR J. NEALE .. .. 6.
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE .. 3.	WILLIAM BEDWELL .. .. 7.
HARRY WARNETT .. .. 4.	EDWIN BARNETT .. .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS and Conducted by W. BEDWELL.

First peal of Treble Bob by Messrs. Turner and Warnett.

# Date Touch.

THIRSK (YORKS).—On Saturday, May 5th, at the parish church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1894 changes, in 1 hr. and 9 mins. F. Johnson, 1; J. Neesam, 2; H. Brown, 3; J. Wrightson, 4; J. W. Long, 5; G. Neesam, 6; D. Burton, 7; H. Wright, 8. Composed (specially) and conducted by J. Wrightson. This was rung to welcome the Lord Bishop of Bathurst, a former vicar of Thirsk.

# Miscellaneous.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

GOSPORT (Hants).—On Sunday, April 15th, for Divine Service, 630 Grandsire Triples, in 22 mins. R. Davies, 1; F. Burnett, 2; E. Reynolds, 3; A. Peckham, 4; R. Gardner, 5; E. Tomlins, 6; A. E. Tomlins (conductor), 7; J. Nicholson, 8. On Tuesday, May 15th, for practice, 419 Grandsire Triples. R. Davies, 1; E. Reynolds, 2; H. Reynolds, 3; F. Burnett, 4; A. Peckham, 5; H. Westbrook, 6; A. E. Tomlins (conductor), 7; R. Fuge, 8. Composed by J. Hewitt, of Gosport.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

MIDDLESBROUGH.—On Saturday, May 12th, an attempt was made for a peal of Stedman Triples, but a mis-call brought it to a stand, after about 1500 changes had been rung in 55 mins. J. W. Passman, 1; C. L. Routledge (conductor), 2; J. H. Blakiston, 3; H. Dall, 4; F. J. Harrison, 5; R. Alcock, 6; R. Borrows, 7; T. Brewis (Tanfield), 8. Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

DARLINGTON.—On Sunday, May 13th, at St. John's church, for morning service, 960 Oxford Treble Bob Major in 33 mins. J. Baxter, 1; C. L. Routledge, 2; H. S. Taylor, 3; W. D. Lister, 4; H. Dall, 5; R. Alcock, 6; T. Brewis, 7; F. J. Harrison (conductor), 8. And in the afternoon, at Holy Trinity church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. F. Harrison, 1; H. Dall, 2; W. Brewis, 3; C. L. Routledge, 4; R. Alcock, 5; J. Baxter (conductor), 6. And some double and single-handed handbell ringing, in which the Holy Trinity ringers took part. For evensong at St. Cuthbert's, 672 Grandsire Triples. —, 1; W. Brewis (first touch in the method), 2; C. L. Routledge (conductor), 3; R. Alcock, 4; F. Harrison, 5; G. Park, sen. (Darlington, first in the method), 6; H. Dall, 7; W. Old, 8. The tenors at the above churches weigh 10, 9 and 16 cwt. respectively. At The Bull's Head hotel, the visitors' head-quarters, the handbells were kept going till a late hour, Bob Triples, Kent Treble Bob Major and Stedman Triples being very creditably rung. Two courses of the latter were rung by G. Park, 1; J. G. Lungley, 2; T. Lungley, 3; G. Park, sen., 4; C. L. Routledge, 5-6; G. Overton, 7-8. This is the local men's first touch of Stedman Triples. On Monday, May 14th, at St. Cuthbert's, in the Market Place, a start was made at 7 a.m. for a peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major, and all went well for 2 hrs. 35 mins. when a general collapse took place, resulting in several of the bells getting misplaced, and the conductor called "stand" at the end of the last course but one. F. A. Teasdale (St. John's, Darlington), 1; C. L. Routledge, 2; G. W. Park (Holy Trinity, first attempt at Major), 3; J. H. Blakiston (Middlesbrough), 4; J. Baxter, 5; W. Brewis, 6; H. Dall, 7; F. J. Harrison (conductor), 8.

STAINDROP.—On Sunday, May 13th, for morning service, 360 Grandsire Minor. And in the afternoon, 720 Grandsire Minor (twenty-six bobs and thirty-four singles). R. C. Hudson (Bishopwearmouth), 1; T. Hudson, sen. (Bishopwearmouth), 2; W. Johnson, 3; T. Hudson, jun. (Bishopwearmouth), 4; D. Shipp (conductor), 5; C. Walker, 6. And a 720 Oxford Bob (eighteen bobs two singles). T. Hudson, sen., 1; T. Hudson, jun., 2; R. C. Hudson, 3; T. Leonard, 4; D. Shipp (conductor), 5; C. Walker, 6. And for evening service, a 720 Bob Minor (ten bobs fourteen singles). D. Shipp, 1; T. Hudson, sen., 2; R. C. Hudson (conductor), 3; T. Leonard, 4; T. Hudson, jun., 5; C. Walker, 6. *Handbell Ringing*.—A 720 Bob Minor in 16½ mins. T. Hudson, jun., 1-2; T. Hudson, sen., 3; D. Shipp, 4; R. C. Hudson (conductor), 5-6. And 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-four bobs two singles), T. Hudson, jun., 1-2; D. Shipp, 3; T. Hudson, sen., 4; R. C. Hudson (conductor), 5-6.

## THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BEDFORD.—On Monday, May 26th, at the parish church, a 504 of Grandsire Triples. G. Irons, 1; H. J. Sutton, 2; A. H. Martin, 3; H. Sharp (conductor), 4; T. Foote, 5; W. Shimmans, 6; C. W. Clarke, 7; W. C. Fox, 8. And a 576 Kent Treble Bob Major. C. Chasty, 1; C. W. Clarke, 2; A. H. Martin, 3; G. Burton, 4; C. Herbert, 5; I. Hills, 6; S. Constant, 7; H. Sharp (conductor), 8. And a 504 Stedman Triples. C. W. Clarke (conductor), 1; W. Shimmans, 2; F. Smith, 3; A. H. Martin, 4; I. Hills, 5; S. Constant, 6; H. Sharp, 7;



R. Shimmans, 8. And 576 Kent Treble Bob Major. J. Sharman, 1; C. Chasty, 2; S. J. Cullip, 3; J. B. Bradley, 4; C. Herbert, 5; I. Hills, 6; H. Sharp (conductor), 7; P. Howard, 8. And a 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Spencer, 1; J. Sharman, 2; Rev. W. W. C. Baker, 3; G. Burton, 4; C. Herbert, 5; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 6; J. B. Bradley, 7; W. C. Fox, 8. And a 336 Grandsire Triples. A. Barnes, 1; C. Chasty, 2; C. W. Clarke, 3; G. Irons, 4; G. Burton, 5; W. Shimmans, 6; A. H. Martin (conductor), 7; R. Shimmans, 8. And 214 Stedman Triples. F. Keech, 1; F. Smith, 2; S. J. Cullip, 3; C. Herbert, 4; I. Hills, 5; W. Shimmans, 6; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 7; R. Shimmans, 8. And 336 Bob Major. H. Cullip, 1; S. J. Cullip, 2; E. Herbert, 3; F. Keech, 4; I. Hills, 5; W. Shimmans, 6; H. Sharp, 7; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 8. And 216 Stedman Triples. J. Sharman, 1; C. Chasty, 2; W. Hall, 3; S. J. Cullip, 4; I. Hills, 5; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 6; H. Sharp, 7; G. Buck, 8. On Sunday, March 25th, at St. Mary's church, a 720 Kent Treble Bob. F. Keech, 1; W. Hall, 2; C. Chasty, 3; I. Hills, 4; S. J. Cullip, 5; W. Shimmans (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, April 3rd, a 720 Kent Treble Bob. F. Keech, 1; W. Hall, 2; C. Chasty, 3; I. Hills, 4; J. Sharman, 5; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, April 17th, a 720 Kent Treble Bob. S. J. Cullip, 1; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 2; C. Chasty, 3; I. Hills, 4; J. Sharman, 5; H. Tysoe, 6. On Tuesday, April 24th, a 720 Bob Minor (nine bobs and six singles). J. Davison, 1; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 2; C. Chasty, 3; I. Hills, 4; J. Sharman, 5; H. Tysoe, 6.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

MAIDSTONE (Kent).—On Sunday evening, May 13th, for Divine Service, 305 Grandsire Caters. G. Pawley, 1; W. Mannering, 2; T. Mannering (conductor), 3; R. Simmonds, 4; A. Tawney, 5; A. Gasson, 6; E. Elliott, 7; E. Dunk, 8; A. Palmer, 9; T. Bonner and J. Constable, 10. And 395 in the same method. A. West, 1; W. Mannering, 2; G. Pawley, 3; A. Gasson, 4; A. Tawney, 5; A. Palmer (conductor), 6; E. Elliott, 7; E. Dunk, 8; T. Mannering, 9; W. Barnes, 10. E. Dunk hails from Westerham.

PLUCKLEY (Kent).—On Saturday, May 5th, the Willesborough ringers paid a visit to this place and rang 720 Bob Minor (nine bobs and six singles), in 27 mins. R. Cook, 1; S. Price, 2; W. Hills, 3; E. J. Dixon, 4; P. Hodgkin (conductor), 5; W. Clapson, 6. And 720 Bob Minor (twenty-one bobs and twelve singles), in 27 mins. R. Cook, 1; J. Swinerd, 2; W. Hills, 3; C. Young, 4; E. J. Dixon (conductor), 5; W. Clapson, 6. P. Hodgkin hails from Headcorn. These bells were cast by Mears and Stainbank, and bear the following inscription: "Restored June, 1853, by subscription and rate. Sir Edward C. Dering, Bart., M.P. Rev. Ashton Oxenden, Rector; Jesse Spicer Ch. Warden. The Willesborough ringers wish to thank the rector and churchwardens for the use of the bells, which are in good working order.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS (Kent).—On Thursday, April 26th, for practice at St. Peter's church, a 504 Oxford Bob Triples. R. Burfield, 1; E. Mankelaw, 2; G. Smithers, 3; W. Stead, 4; J. Muggridge, 5; S. Perkins (conductor), 6; P. Brooker, 7; G. Goble, 8. And a Plain Course of Bob Major. E. Mankelaw, 1; G. Smithers, 2; W. Stead, 3; H. Porter, 4; W. Porter, 5; S. Perkins, 6; C. Goble, 7; W. Latter, 8. On Sunday, April 29th, three courses of Bob Major. J. Muggridge, 1; P. Brooker, 2; H. Porter, 3; W. Porter, 4; S. Perkins, 5; G. Smithers, 6; C. Goble, 7; W. Latter (conductor), 8. And 504 Stedman Triples. S. Perkins, 1; P. Brooker, 2; H. Porter, 3; G. Smithers, 4; W. Latter, 5; W. Porter (conductor), 6; C. Goble, 7; J. Muggridge, 8. The following touches were rung with the bells deeply muffled as a token of respect for Mr. Overy, churchwarden of St. Peter's, who died on April 28th. On Thursday, May 3rd, a 504 of Stedman Triples. E. Mankelaw, 1; S. Perkins, 2; W. Porter, 3; G. Smithers, 4; W. Stead, 5; C. Goble, 6; W. Latter (conductor), 7; J. Muggridge, 8. On Sunday, May 6th, a 518 Grandsire Triples. R. Burfield, 1; G. Smithers, 2; J. Muggridge, 3; H. Porter, 4; S. Perkins, 5; W. Porter (conductor), 6; C. Goble, 7; W. Latter, 8. And 504 Grandsire Triples. R. Burfield, 1; H. Porter, 3; J. Muggridge, 4; S. Perkins, 5; W. Porter, 6; C. Goble, 7; W. Latter (conductor), 8. No cover bell. And 168 Stedman Triples. E. Mankelaw, 1; P. Brooker, 2; H. Porter, 3; G. Smithers, 4; S. Perkins (conductor), 5; W. Porter, 6; W. Latter, 7; J. Muggridge, 8.

TOWN MALLING (Kent).—On Sunday, May 13th, for the early celebration, 360 Bob Minor. W. Smith, 1; J. Capon, 2; J. Worsley, 3; D. Hall, 4; W. Harden, 5; J. W. Leonard (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, May 15th, for practice, 720 in the same method. D. Hall, 1; W. Smith, 2; J. Worsley, 3; J. Capon, 4; Rev. A. L. Brine, 5; J. W. Leonard (conductor), 6. And several shorter touches in which F. Stonham, H. Humphrey and S. Leonard rang.

#### THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—ROCHDALE BRANCH.

ROCHDALE (Lancashire).—On Sunday morning, April 8th, for Holy

Communion, at All Saints' church, Hamer, a 720 of Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles) in 27 mins. J. Lingard, 1; R. E. Hoyle, 2; J. Crossley, 3; R. Whittles, 4; E. Schofield, 5; J. S. Marshall, 6. And at 10.30 a.m. a 720 of Bob Minor (twenty-one bobs and twelve singles), the ringers standing as above. And in the afternoon at 3.30 a 720 of College Single (eighteen bobs and two singles). J. S. Marshall, 1; J. Lingard, 2; J. Crossley, 3; R. Whittles, 4; E. Schofield, 5; R. E. Hoyle, 6. And in the evening at 6.30, a 720 of Bob Minor (three bobs and eighteen singles). J. Lingard, 1; R. E. Hoyle, 2; J. Crossley, 3; R. Whittles, 4; E. Schofield, 5; J. S. Marshall, 6. On Sunday morning, April 15th, for Divine Service a 720 of Bob Minor (forty-two singles) in 27 mins. J. Lingard, 1; R. E. Hoyle, 2; J. Crossley, 3; R. Whittles, 4; E. Schofield, 5; J. S. Marshall, 6. And in the evening, for Divine Service, a 720 of Bob Minor (four bobs and fourteen singles) in 27 mins. the ringers standing as above. On Monday, April 16th, for practice, a 720 of Bob Minor (5th the observation; eighteen bobs and two singles), the ringers standing as before. And a 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-eight bobs and twenty-two singles) in 26 mins. the ringers standing as before. On Sunday evening, April 22nd, for Divine Service, a 720 of Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), the ringers standing as before. On Monday, April 23rd, for practice, a 720 of Grandsire Minor (thirty-eight bobs and twenty-two singles) in 27 mins. E. Shepherd, 1; R. E. Hoyle, 2; J. Crossley, 3; R. Whittles, 4; E. Schofield, 5; J. S. Marshall, 6. On Sunday morning, April 29th, for Divine Service, a 720 of Bob Minor. J. W. Crossley, 1; J. Robertshaw, 2; J. Crossley, 3; R. E. Hoyle, 4; E. Schofield, 5; J. S. Marshall, 6. All conducted by J. Crossley. J. Robertshaw hails from Heptonstall, Yorkshire.

#### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CLOPTON (Suffolk).—On Thursday, May 10th, at St. Mary's church, on the occasion of the restoration and augmentation of the bells at the adjoining parish of Burgh, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor. K. H. Hayward, 1; W. Taylor, 2; F. Cooper, 3; F. Day (conductor), 4; C. Ward, 5; S. W. Martin, 6.

BURGH (Suffolk).—On Thursday, May 10th, at the church of St. Botolph, and previous to the Dedication Service, and on the occasion of the augmentation of the ring from five to six bells, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. F. Day (Eye, conductor), 1; G. Day (Eye), 2; W. Taylor (Leiston), 3; F. Cooper (Aldeburgh), 4; C. Ward (Melton), 5; J. Ward (Grundisburgh), 6. Being the first 720 on the bells. A 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. G. Lankester, 1; R. H. Hayward, 2; J. Last, 3; F. Cooper, 4; F. Day (conductor), 5; C. Ward, 6. And 720 Plain Bob Minor. G. Lankester, 1; F. Day (conductor), 2; J. Last, 3; F. E. W. Meadows, 4; F. Cooper, 5; S. W. Martin, 6.

NORWICH.—On Monday, April 30th, at 45, Oxford Street, on handbells, retained in hand, 2447 Grandsire Caters, from Cox's peal. J. A. Trollop, 1-2; J. E. Burton, 3-4; G. P. Burton, 5-6; C. E. Borrett (conductor), 7-8; A. W. Brighton, 9-10. On Monday, May 7th, at 52, S. George's Middle Street, 2520 Canterbury Pleasure Triples, in 1 hr. 10 mins. A. W. Brighton, 1-2; J. E. Burton, 3-4; G. P. Burton, 5-6; J. A. Trollop (composer and conductor), 7-8.

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

SALISBURY (Wilts).—On Monday, May 14th, nine members of the above Societies and two brother-strings, H. Langford, sen., and W. G. Crickmer, from Earl Sobam, visited Salisbury with the intention of starting for a peal of Treble Bob Major at St. Edmund's church, but as only eight were required, Mr. Oxborrow kindly stood out. But just as they were starting for the peal a rope came down, and as time would not permit on account of a service having to be held in the church, a touch of 1440 Kent Treble Bob was rung in 55 mins. G. Langford, 1; J. Willshire, 2; G. T. McLaughlin, 3; F. Buck, 4; T. R. Bell, 5; S. Andrews, 6; H. S. Ellis, 7; H. R. Newton (conductor), 8. Also 96 of Oxford Treble Bob and 252 of Stedman Triples, conducted by J. Willshire and H. S. Ellis. The band wish to thank the Salisbury ringers for meeting them, and also Mr. Gifford for so kindly entertaining them.

#### THE WORCESTER CATHEDRAL GUILD.

WORCESTER.—On Sunday, May 13th, for early morning service at St. John's church, 720 Bob Minor. T. Penny, 1; B. S. Hill, 2; E. Davies, 3; W. Page, 4; R. Horton, 5; W. Bradford (first 720 in the method as conductor), 6. At the cathedral, for morning service, 572 Grandsire Cinques. B. S. Hill, 1; W. Cotton, 2; W. Powell, 3; S. Cotton, 4; W. Pudge, 5; G. Hinton, 6; W. Page, 7; L. Longney (conductor), 8; W. Bradford, 9; W. H. Johnson, 10; E. Davies, 11; W. Brant, 12.

#### THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

RIPLEY (Derbyshire).—On Sunday evening, May 13th, for Divine Service, 720 of Doubles, consisting of three 6-scores of Grandsire

Doubles, and three 6-scores of Manchester Doubles, each 6-score called differently, in 29 mins. J. Shardlow, 1; F. Kay, 2; C. Davie, 3; W. H. Frost, 4; H. George (conductor), 5. J. Shardlow is a member of the Durham and Newcastle Association.

#### SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

WEST BROMWICH.—On Sunday morning, May 13th, before Divine Service at Christ Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, composed by A. Squires. H. Hipkiss, 1; T. Horton, 2; J. Hares, 3; J. Walker, 4; J. R. Frisby, 5; J. Hall (conductor), 6; R. Hall, 7; E. Jones, 8.

#### THE NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LINCOLN.—On Wednesday, May 9th, at the church of St. Peter-at Arches, 400 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. W. A. Hodson, 1; F. W. Walker, 2; R. E. Clarke, 3; J. B. Fenton, 4; C. Wells, 5; J. W. Watson, 6; G. Lindoff (conductor), 7; C. W. P. Clifton, 8. On Sunday, May 13th, for early service, 1024 Oxford Treble Bob Major. W. A. Hodson, 1; F. W. Walker, 2; G. Chester, 3; R. Dawson, 4; C. Wells, 5; J. W. Watson, 6; G. Lindoff (conductor), 7; C. W. P. Clifton, 8. And for evening service, 504 Stedman Triples. G. Lindoff (conductor), 1; F. W. Walker, 2; J. B. Fenton, 3; R. Dawson, 4; C. Wells, 5; G. Chester, 6; C. W. P. Clifton, 7; W. A. Hodson, 8.

#### GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CIRENCESTER (Gloucestershire).—On Sunday, May 13th, at the church of St. John the Baptist, on the back eight, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. F. W. Bond, 1; E. P. Harmer, 2; A. C. Harmer, 3; F. Gardner, 4; C. E. Bartlett, 5; G. W. Lait, 6; H. C. Bond (conductor), 7; H. Clutterbuck and W. E. Bond, 8. The Cirencester Youths are members of the parish (twelve bells) and Watermoor (six bells) churches, and the above is the first quarter-peal by all as purely local men.

LONG NEWTON (Wilts).—On Monday, May 14th, at the parish church, 360 Bob Minor. T. Robinson, 1; A. Lawrence, 2; T. Ricketts, 3; R. Richards, 4; O. W. Layng, 5; E. Bishop (conductor), 6.

#### THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

LLANDAFF.—On Sunday evening, May 13th for Divine Service at the cathedral, two 336s of Grandsire Triples. R. Hopkins, 1; W. Coombes (conductor), 2; J. Pitcher, 3; C. Lloyd, 4; J. Harris, 5; H. Snell, 6; J. Clutterbuck, 7; R. Brothwell, 8.

#### THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

CHEAM (Surrey).—On Tuesday, May 8th, at St. Dunstan's church, for practice, 720 Bob Minor (nine bobs and six singles) in 24 mins. F. Northfield, 1; C. Dean, 2; C. Spence, 3; J. T. Reynolds, 4; F. M. Northfield, 5; G. Gomme (conductor), 6.

CROYDON (Surrey).—At the parish church on Wednesday, May 16th, to celebrate the wedding of Dr. H. T. M. Whitting, of Croydon, to Miss E. J. Hoyle, of Benwell, Newcastle-on-Tyne, two quarter-peals of Oxford Bob Triples, composed by E. Bennett, were rung. J. Rumble, 1; A. Arnold, 2; A. Collins, 3; W. J. Chambers, 4; T. Verrall, 5; W. States (conductor), 6; W. Groves, 7; W. Hill, 8. In the second quarter-peal W Hill rang the 7th and W. — the tenor. Other touches of Grandsire Triples, etc., were also rung during the day.

CARDIFF (South Wales).—On Tuesday, May 6th, at St. John's church, a 518 of Grandsire Triples with 9-8-10 covering. A. Hatton, 1; E. Cook (conductor), 2; E. Stenner, 3; J. Richards, 4; W. Burkinshaw, 5; G. Hardage, 6; A. Rowley, 7; A. Barnfield, 8; J. Cook, 9; C. Winfield, 10. On Tuesday, May 8th, for practice, a quarter-peal was rung taken from the "Clavis" with twelve 7-4s and twelve 6-7s; 9-8-10 covering. A. Hatton, 1; J. Richards, 2; E. Stenner, 3; A. Rowley, 4; W. Burkinshaw, 5; G. Hardage, 6; E. Cook (conductor), 7; W. Gray, 8; J. Cook, 9; C. Wingfield, 10.

CHEPSTOW (Monmouthshire).—On Sunday evening, May 13th, for Divine Service at St. Mary's church, a 6-score of Bob Doubles, with 7, 6, 8 covering. E. Williams, 1; T. Hopton, 2; W. Andrews, 3; W. Freestone, 4; J. Morley (conductor), 5; R. Thomason, 6; M. Closse, 7; F. Bye, 8. And a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles. E. Williams, 1; T. Hopton, 2; W. Freestone (conductor), 3; G. Williams, 4; J. Morley, 5; R. Thomson, 6; M. Closse, 7; F. Bye, 8. Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

CALDICOT (Monmouthshire).—On Saturday, May 12th, the members of the Matherne society paid a visit to this place, and rang a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles with 7-6-8 covering, being the first 6-score rang from home by the visitors. W. Richards, 1; P. Huntly, 2; H. Newman, 3; W. Newman, 4; J. Morley (conductor), 5; H. Hardy (Caldicot), 6; C. Barnes, 7; T. Huntly, 8. J. Morley hails

from Chepstow. The visitors desire through the medium of this paper to thank the vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells, and also Mr. Baynham, captain of the local company, for having everything ready.

CLAY CROSS.—On Monday, May 14th, at St. Bartholomew's church, a 720 Bob Minor (fourteen singles six bobs), 3rd the observation, with the calls strictly the reverse way in the second half, was rung in honour of the marriage of Mr. H. Butterworth, organist of the above church, to Miss M. Brierley, both of Clay Cross, the ringers wishing them both much happiness. J. Green, 1; J. Maycock, 2; T. Millington (conductor), 3; F. Maycock, 4; J. Cook, 5; T. Clough, 6.

FULHAM.—On Sunday, May 20th, at All Saints' church, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, 1259 changes, in 47 mins. A. Ough, 1; E. Adams, 2; J. Green, 3; J. W. Driver, 4; W. Elson, 5; W. Meaton, 6; R. C. Chichester (first quarter-peal of Caters), 7; J. Nicholls, 8; C. Charge (composer and conductor), 9; H. Adams, 10.

HIGHAM FERRERS (Northamptonshire).—On Sunday, May 13th, for early service, 504 Grandsire Triples. G. Warner, 1; G. Randall, 2; W. Pettet, 3; G. Brown, 4; J. Seamark, 5; W. Parker, 6; J. B. Martin (conductor), 7; J. Randall, 8. For morning service 360 Bob Minor. G. Warner, 1; G. Randall, 2; W. Pettet, 3; G. Brown, 4; W. Parker, 5; J. B. Martin (conductor), 6. For evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples. A. H. Martin, 1; G. Randall, 2; W. Pettet, 3; G. Brown, 4; J. Seamark, 5; W. Parker, 6; J. B. Martin (conductor), 7; J. Randall, 8. Also 232 Bob Major. J. Seamark, 1; G. Randall, 2; J. B. Martin, 3; G. Brown, 4; W. Hall, 5; W. Parker, 6; W. Pettet, 7; A. H. Martin (conductor), 8.

MATHERNE, NEAR CHEPSTOW (Monmouthshire).—On Thursday evening, May 17th, for practice at the parish church, a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles. W. Richards, 1; P. Huntley, 2; H. Newman, 3; W. Newman, 4; J. Morley (conductor), 5; C. Barnet, 6. Also 240 Grandsire Doubles. W. Richards, 1; P. Huntley, 2; H. Newman, 3; T. Hopton, 4; J. Morley, 5; C. Barnes, 6. J. Morley and T. Hopton hail from Chepstow; the rest belong to the local band.

WORTH (Sussex).—On Sunday, May 6th, a 720 Oxford Bob. F. Rice, 1; P. Denman, 2; J. Tullett, 3; B. Payne, 4; S. Woolgar, 5; W. Denman (conductor), 6. Also 360 Plain Bob. B. Payne, 1; P. Denman, 2; J. Tullett, 3; G. Illman, 4; S. Woolgar, 5; F. Dench, 6. And 720 Kent Treble Bob. B. Payne, 1; J. Parker, 2; W. Denman, 3; F. Dench, 4; S. Woolgar, 5; F. Rice (conductor), 6. Also 360 Court Bob. T. Page, 1; F. Rice (conductor), 2; B. Payne, 3; W. Denman, 4; S. Woolgar, 5; F. Dench, 6. Messrs. Denman and Woolgar hail from West Grinstead; Parker from Crawley; Page from Croydon. First 720 of Kent Treble Bob by S. Woolgar.

### 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."

#### WEIGHT OF TENOR.

SIR.—I notice in the peal column of your last issue the weight of the tenor at Shrewsbury given as 43 cwt. The same bell has often appeared in print as 41 cwt. The latter is, I believe, correct.

Liverpool.

WM. DAVIES.

#### CRITICISM.

SIR,—I see in the account of that memorable performance, viz., 13,000 of Double Norwich, that several attempts had been made, among which was one at Brentwood on April 3rd, 1893. Now in this week's "BELL NEWS" we are told that on this occasion the bells changed course and were called round. In referring to "THE BELL NEWS" of April 15th, 1893, this attempt is published as a peal of 6384 changes. I presume that this must be a new departure in peal-ringing, as I have always understood that a change-course was fatal to a peal, but it appears that it is not so. It is certain that while the change-course was taking place the changes were not being produced in Double Norwich order. With all due respect to the performers in this attempt I must say that their new form of peal-ringing creates a precedent which is very unwelcome to

PRO BONO PUBLICO.

#### INFORMATION WANTED.

SIR,—I have seen in your issue of May 5th, 1894, that members of the Penarth branch of the Llandaff Diocesan Association paid a visit to Pendoyland and Peterstone-super-Ely on Easter Monday, and rung a 720 Plain Bob Minor and 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. Would our brother-ringers of Penarth kindly publish the name of the ringer of the 5th bell, as I myself was ill at the time, and having been accused by a kind friend of being the missing ringer, and requesting them not to publish my name.

WILLIAM COOMBS.

## 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.

**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, to-day, 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.

**Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.**—The monthly ringing meeting of this Society will be held at Drighlington, to-day, Saturday, May 26th. Ringing from 3 p.m. (8 bells). Meeting house The Spotted Cow. Please note change of Secretary's address.

R. BINNS.

**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.

**Hertfordshire Association.**—District Meeting on Saturday, June 2, at Aldenham. Nearest stations Radlett, Midland; and Watford, L. and N. W. The tower will be open for ringing during the afternoon and evening. Tea at 5.30 at The Chequers inn, business meeting to follow. Members and visitors intending to be present will kindly communicate with me by Wednesday, May 30.

St. Albans. 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. Coope, Portway, Wells; in Bristol, Wrexall, 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.

**South and West Middlesex Association.**—A meeting will be held at Hillingdon, Middlesex, to-day, Saturday, May 26th, at 5 p.m.

E. J. WALSON, Hon. Sec.

**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.

**The Surrey Association.**—The Annual Report for 1893 is now ready for circulation. Representatives requiring them sent on should forward the number of Copies they require, together with the amount of postage at the following rates, viz.: threehalfpence for six, and threepence for twelve copies. The annual meeting will be held at Dorking on Monday, July 2nd. As the election of officers will take place at this meeting, it is hoped that members will make an effort to attend.

R. B. BLANCHARD, Hon. Sec.

13, Sunnyside Road, Streatham, S.W.

**The Chester Diocesan Guild.**—Wirral Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held in the Schoolroom, Neston, on Saturday next, June 2nd. 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, May 28th, to

F. R. T. BOLTON, Hon. Sec.

Braeside, West Kirby.

**Stoke-on-Trent Archidiaconal Association.**—The next monthly meeting will be held on Saturday next, June 2nd, at Norton. Members intending to be present are requested to give notice to Mr. E. Glover, Dog Croft, Smallthorne.

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

**The Yorkshire Association.**—Wanted, two competent members to ring the 5th and 6th bells, along with Mr. G. Bolland, Tong, and five of the St. Wilfrid's Society, Calverley, to attempt a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major. Members wishing to take part please write as early as possible.

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## THE A. D. MILLS FUND.

The following is the complete list of the above fund, which is now closed, and the Crawley band wish, on behalf of A. D. Mills, to thank one and all for their kindness toward him. The donor of the 5s. in the last list, name omitted, should have been the Rev. J. W. G. Loder-Cother.

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Amount already acknowledged..	7	11	0
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Eastbourne (Christ Church branch)	0	5	0
Brighton (St. Nicholas) .. .. .	0	5	0
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Miss Withers .. .. .	0	1	0
J. S. Wilde .. .. .	0	2	0
Heene Branch .. .. .	0	5	6
C. Taylor .. .. .	0	1	0
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Rev. C. E. Eagles .. .. .	0	2	6
F. P. Du Sautoy .. .. .	0	2	0
J. Taylor .. .. .	0	1	0
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## Compositions.

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR.

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3	5	4	2	6	-	-	-	-
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Five times repeated; single at 6 midway and end. By calling the fifth course of any part bob at 5 the sixth course-end is brought up, and the peal reduced to 5008. This peal can be varied in the following ways: By calling the fourth course bob at 5 or by calling the fifth course 4 and 6, when in this case the number of changes will be 5280. This peal has the 5th and 6th their extent home. First rung on March 17th at St. Michael's, Headingley, conducted by John Whitaker.

**FALSE PEALS.**—Mr. Lindoff writes: "The peal of Stedman Caters by W. Willson in our last issue is false in the second sixes in the first and eleventh courses. Also 5088 Double Norwich, composed and conducted by G. Newson, at Speldhurst, on July 24th, 1892. And 5040 Bob Triples, composed and conducted by G. Ransome, at Ospringe, on December 15th, 1892. The last two from Kent County Report."

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS.**—The address of the Rev. C. Buston, late of Embleton, Northumberland, is now East Worldham, near Alton, Hants.

## Ringers Wanting Situations.

NOTE.—The advertisements of Ringers wanting situations will appear four consecutive insertions free. Those advertising must address 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.

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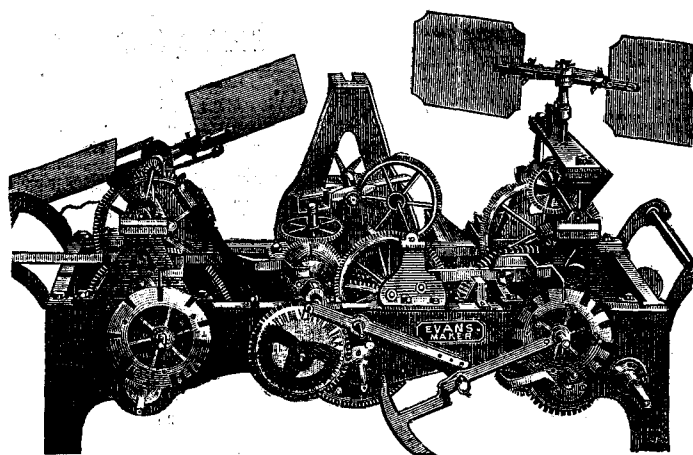
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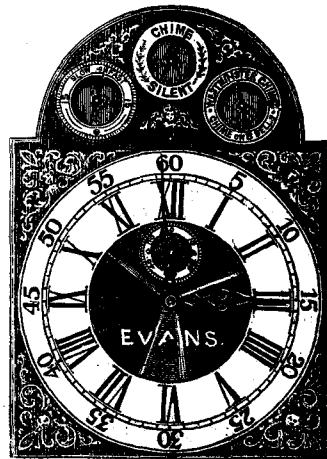
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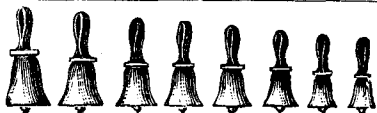
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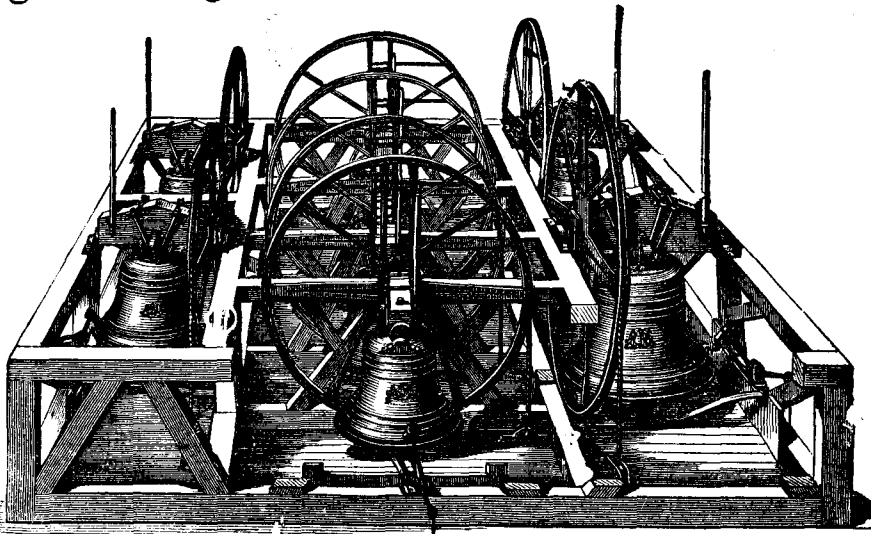
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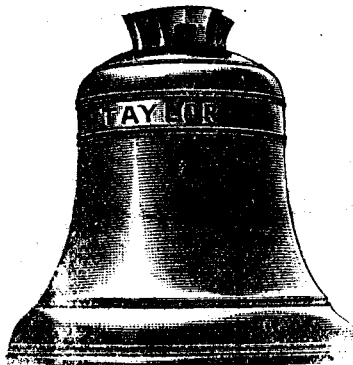
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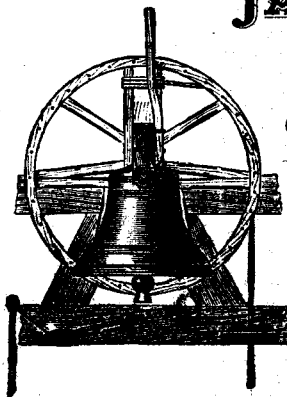
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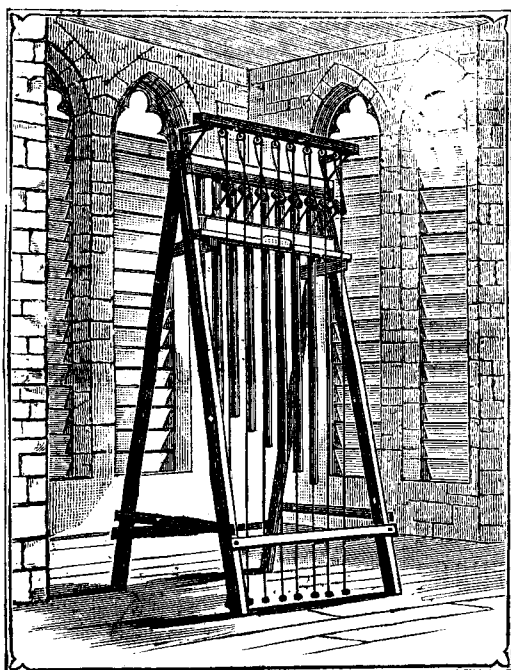
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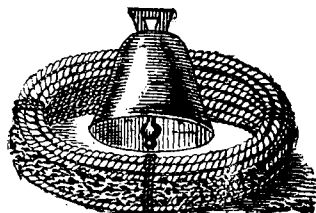
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After the minutes of the last annual meeting, held at Higham Ferrers, had been read and confirmed, the Hon. Sec. (Mr. E. J. Dennes) presented his annual report, which throughout was of a very encouraging nature. He stated that the receipts for the year were £11 1s., expenditure £9 17s. 6d., 16s. had been handed to the treasurer to add to the reserve fund, and 7s. 6d. remained in hand. Their present number of hon. members was 20, and ringing members 100. Successful quarterly meetings had been during the year at Desborough, Irchester, and Wilbye. In each case they had been made very welcome by the clergy and local ringers. In conclusion he thanked the clergy and the honorary and ringing members for their hearty support and kind assistance. The report and balance-sheet were passed and ordered to be printed.

The Rev. J. Dun, treasurer, stated that they had the sum of £7 14s. in the bank.

There having been no annual meeting at Raunds since 1887, it was suggested that the next be held there, but information being given to the effect that the bells there were out of order and one broken, it was decided, on the motion of Mr. Tompkins, Finedon, seconded by Mr. Craddock, Wellingborough, that the Annual Meeting for 1895 be held at Kettering. It was also resolved on the proposition of Mr. Underwood (Kettering), seconded by Mr. J. B. Martin (Higham Ferrers), that the quarterly meeting on August 25th, be held at Moulton, and the October meeting at Northampton, if possible.

A proposition by Mr. J. B. Martin, seconded by Mr. Craddock, Wellingborough, that bell-ringers resident out of the county be admitted members of the society, for life, on payment of 2s. 6d. but that they have no voice in the proceedings of the Association, was carried unanimously.

The following were proposed as honorary members: Dr. Robb (Irthlingborough), Rev. J. G. Gibson (Irchester), Messrs Brown and Fisher (Wellingborough), Rev. J. P. Boyer (Desborough), and Rev. J. B. Fawcett (Mears Ashby). A proposition from Wellingborough tower that the name of Miss Snowden (sister of the late Jasper Whitfield Snowden, the noted bell historian and change-ringer) be added to the list of hon. members, met with general approval, and was carried with applause.

Five ringers from Mears Ashby were proposed as ringing members, eight from Irthlingborough, five from Northampton, and additional members from Wellingborough, Rushden, and Wilbye, also Messrs. Clarke, Hills, Sharpe and P. Howard of the

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The President, in moving a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens of Irthlingborough, for the use of the church and bells, and the provision of such an appropriate service, spoke of the pleasure it gave him to see their unique tower rebuilt, with the bells swinging therein increased in number, making a tuneful, cherry, little octave.

The Rev. E. Biscoe returned thanks for their congratulations, and, on the other hand, thanked the Association for holding its meeting there, as their presence that day would, he thought, give the young men connected with the belfry great encouragement.

Mr. Craddock proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Chairman, which, being seconded by Mr. Underwood, of Kettering, was unanimously carried.

The Chairman in response, said it was a great pleasure to him to meet them again, but that what he did for them was a mere nothing; there was one who was always to the front in the work of the Association—their Hon. Secretary, Mr. E. J. Dennes. He (the Chairman) could not think of accepting the thanks they had given him without proposing a vote of thanks to Mr. Dennes.

Mr. Dennes assured the meeting that anything he could do for the Association they were very welcome to. He was very glad to see their Vice-President (the Rev. A. S. Lindsay) and the Rev. G. M. Edmunds (Hon. Secretary of a neighbouring Association) there that day.

Mr. J. George, of Rugby, and Mr. John Holden (President of the United Counties' Association), were present in the afternoon and took part in the ringing.

Owing to the convenient arrangements for ascending the tower, many of the visitors mounted to the platform above the bells and watched them "tumbling and tossing" as they were whirled round on their axes below. Some went further and obtained a splendid view of the Nene valley from the battlements above.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The Annual General Meeting of this Association was held at Brighton, on Whit-Monday. In the morning touches were rung on the bells of St. Peter's (8 bells), and St. Nicholas (10 bells). At 12 noon a short service was held in St. Nicholas' Church, service being said by the Rev. C. W. Bond, Vicar, the lesson being read by the Hon. Sec., the Rev. J. W. G. Loder-Cotter, Vicar of Yapton. An excellent and most appropriate address was delivered by the Rev. R. B. Knatchbull-Hugessen, for nine years Hon. Sec. of the Kent County Association, and now Rector of West Grinstead. At 1 p.m. luncheon was served in the Central Schools, kindly lent by the Vicar of Brighton, Rev. Prebendary Hannah. The Rev. C. W. Bond, who took the chair, was supported by the Rev. R. Knatchbull-Hugessen, J. W. G. Loder-Cotter, C. D. P. Davies, K. H. MacDermott, E. A. Evans, and the Master of the Association, Mr. G. F. Attree. The following towers were represented in the seventy-four members who were present, viz.: Angmering, Ordingley, Arundel, Balcombe, Blackland, Beeding-Lower, Billingshurst, Brighton (St. Nicholas and St. Peter), Chichester, Crawley, Cuckfield, Eastbourne (St. Mary and Christ Church), Goring, Heene, Henfield, Hurstpierpoint, Lindfield, Southover, Steyning, Waldron, Warnham, West Grinstead, and Worth.

The Chairman having proposed the time-honoured and truly English toast of "Church and Queen," congratulated the members on the fine day, the successful meeting, and their work achieved; and in conclusion begged to thank the preacher for his instructive address.

The Rev. R. Knatchbull-Hugessen suitably responded, and on the motion of the Hon. Secretary a cordial vote of thanks was unanimously given to the Rev. C. W. Bond for his kindness in presiding, and in providing a service, and allowing his grand ring of ten to be freely used.

Mr. Bond returned thanks, remarking that it was a great pleasure to join with such a body of Churchmen who did their own work so well.

The business was then proceeded with, Mr. G. F. Attree in the chair.

The Chairman congratulated the members on the general

success of the Association, only regretting the want of support by the honorary members. The finances were now in a satisfactory condition, and the fact that they were head of the Associations last year, and that only the week before they had rung four Surprise peals shewed that their work was successful.

The Bishop was re-elected President, and the Vice-Presidents as per Report were also accepted, Mr. Attree was unanimously and amid loud cheers re-elected Master.

In complimentary terms the Rev. J. W. G. Loder-Cotter was proposed and elected as Hon. Secretary.

The Hon. Secretary then submitted the annual report and balance sheet for 1893, which congratulated the Association on its past success and made special reference to the munificent gift of £61 by which the late Secretary, now Master, Mr. G. F. Attree, had placed the Association clear of all financial trouble. The report and balance-sheet being adopted (the late Hon. Treasurer, the Rev. R. F. Tompkins having resigned owing to ill health), a most cordial vote of thanks was tendered to him and his son, Mr. F. B. Tompkins, of Chichester, who was unanimously elected in his place.

Mr. A. A. Fuller and Mr. C. Tyler were thanked for their past services and re-elected auditors.

The Divisional Committee were re-elected as also the Hon. Divisional Secretaries.

A discussion as to the issue of fresh Certificates was somewhat prolonged, but finally it was agreed that the fresh ones should be in form as the former ones only those churches that had refused to belong were to be replaced by those that were in full membership. The arrears in subscriptions was provided for by a new rule as follows: "That all Branches or members who were in arrears for two years should be suspended, and that after three years any such defaulter should be expelled from the Association."

After some further discussion the meeting closed with a cordial vote of thanks to the chairman.

Brighton, St. Peters, was declared the holder of the champion bell with 505 points, Crawley coming next with 379, Steyning 180, and Worth 125.

The bells were again set going, and merry and scientific touches were the order of the evening till closing time at 9 p.m.

### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Whit-Monday, W. Leggatt S. F. Burleigh, J. Wells, F. G. Burleigh, J. W. Marjoram, and A. Crisp, members of the East Dereham branch of this Association paid a visit to Gorleston, and by the kind permission of the Rev.—Phillips, rang touches of Treble Bob, Kent, Oxford, and a 720 of Bob Minor upon the bells of the parish church, also touches of Grandsire Triples, and Bob Major upon handbells, after which they adjourned to the beach for a stroll, and from thence to the "Priory," where they sat down to tea by the kind invitation of C. Hope, Esq., before and after which, the handbells were brought into use again, and a most enjoyable time was spent after having had a pleasant day's outing. The ringers wish through the medium of this paper to thank the Rev.—Phillips for the use of the bells, and C. Hope, Esq., for the kind reception he gave them.

### LATE PEAL.

#### THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, May 26; 1894, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, FULHAM,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 21 cwt.

JOHN N. OXBORROW .. ..	Treble.	GEORGE T. McLAUGHLIN	6.
WILLIAM E. GARRARD .. ..	2.	HENRY S. ELLIS .. ..	7.
WILLIAM BURKIN .. ..	3.	SAMUEL ANDREWS .. ..	8.
WALTER J. SORRELL .. ..	4.	EDWARD H. ADAMS .. ..	9.
FRANK BUCK .. ..	5.	HENRY R. NEWTON .. ..	Tenor.

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW and Conducted by H. R. NEWTON.

This peal, which was rang at the first attempt, is the first peal of Royal by Messrs. Sorrell, Buck, Ellis, and Andrews; also the first in the method by E. H. Adams. This composition is now rung for the first time.

### Central Council Correspondence.

#### SIX BELL PEALS.

SIR,—It was not my intention to have troubled you again so soon, but it has been pointed out that the last paragraph of my letter, which was foolishly written from one point of view only, wrongly exaggerates the difficulties of interlocking certain plain hunt peals. I hope Mr. James will accept my thanks for correcting me. If his speech at the C.C. meeting was as clear as his excellent letter, it proves (a) how easily one may fail in catching another's meaning when presented briefly, and (b) the usefulness of this column for opening up and explaining questions fully to one another.

Having looked carefully into Mr. James' plan of splicing (analytically, for the possibility of false changes inside the leads, the point I was most afraid of), I cannot but admit that the scheme is well worthy of the attention of our own six-bell brethren.

Now, having admitted that I had overlooked the convenient pivots provided by the singles for twisting the courses round from certain plain methods to certain others; may I ask Mr. James if he has turned his attention to Treble Bob hunt peals, as it was these, our favourites, that I had in my mind when I penned the offending paragraph.

Though not bearing directly on the question, it may not be out of place to remember the clever object lesson that the late Mr. Lockwood, of Leeds, gave the Exercise on internal falseness and how to avoid it, when he interlocked the first half of a treble lead of Oxford Major with the latter half of Kent; but then each treble lead was put right there and then.

This question of splicing, although only a side issue of the main one, is very interesting, and I cannot help hoping that we may hear further from Mr. James.

In conclusion, may I thank the Rev. H. E. Bulwer for his letter, to which, at a later period of the "discussion," I hope to reply, meanwhile we trust to have further arguments set down against our definition.

WM. SNOWDON.

C.C. Representative Yorkshire Association.

P.S.—Since writing the above, it has struck me that if Mr. James dare manufacture Singles to suit T.B. methods, he might do us, and this question, an interesting service. Shipway, whom I always used to think a clever man, and a happy one too, possibly, since he lived in days of unfettered liberty, seems to imply that he would not have been completely dumbfounded had anyone dared to call a single in T.B. Minor, "in a case of necessity"—(page 163 original issue); and it is this intellectual impudence of Mr. S. (naughty Mr. S., when you know the extent did not require them!) that eggs me on to suggest that Mr. James should further expand his plan and splice us some Treble Bob peals. For instance, let him try his hand on 360 of Oxford, calling the tenor out thrice—the last time with a plain lead single, and then pivot round into New London Pleasure, calling the tenor as before, only in. Now, if this be right (the courses seem so), we have a spliced 720 of T. B. Minor within the Council's definition, which only stipulates for true 720's. But the Council has a sub-committee specially appointed to quash unnecessary singles, or something of the sort, and what will they say to this Mr. James? You see I am quite innocent, as my mind was set on bobs (witness my erring statement), and it is sure to leak out that the singles have been devised to circumvent the Council! The best plan I think will be to lay the blame on poor old Shipway, for he seems to have been quite prophetic in saying that "most probably they will be found of use." Dear old man, I wonder what could have made him foresee that the Council was likely to drive six-bell men to think of using them for splicing purposes.

W. S.

GALLEYWOOD (Essex).—On Sunday, May 20th, a 720 Bob Minor. J. Bloomfield, 1; H. F. De Lisle, 2; H. Brazier, 4; J. Moore, 5; E. Prince, 6; \*C. Waskett (conductor), 7; C. Hawkes, 8. First 720 by Messrs. Bloomfield, Moore, and Prince. \*First 720 as conductor.

CENTRAL COUNCIL REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CALLS AND COLLECTION OF PEALS.—Now ready. Price twopence, post free. Stamps with order to Rev. H. E. BULWER, Stanhee Rectory, King's Lynn.

## Ringers' Outings.

**THE ST. PETER'S AMALGAMATED SOCIETY, SHEFFIELD.**—On Whit-Tuesday, May 15th, the members of the above Society had their annual outing to East Retford, Notts. Arriving shortly after 11.30 a.m. and having had some refreshment, they ascended the tower and rang on the musical peal of bells various touches, consisting of 503 of Grandsire Caters, a plain course of Treble Bob Royal, and a short touch of Grandsire Triples. They then tried 429 of Stedman Caters which unfortunately came to grief when there were only four sixes to ring. Having had a stroll round the town, seven members with Mr. J. Batts, of St. Peter's, Brighton, rang a touch of Kent Treble Bob Major, three courses. The ringers during the day were Messrs. J. and W. Lomas, A. and D. Brearley, J. Mulligan, W. Burgar, E. Woodward, S. Seed, F. Willey, W. Gardiner, J. Lloyd, W. Smithson, W. Hammond, and G. Holmes, with several of the local band. The ringers take this opportunity of thanking the Vicar for the use of the bells, and the local ringers for having everything in readiness, the "go" of the bells being excellent.

**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.**—On Saturday, May 12th, several members of this Association paid a visit to West Hallam. On arriving at the church they found a nice peal of six, tenor 12 cwt., by Messrs. Taylor and Sons, in good going order. Several 6-scores of Grandsire and Bob Doubles were rung, touches of Grandsire and Bob Minor, and a 720 of Bob Minor in 27 mins. R. Redgate, 1; J. Newbold, 2; A. E. Thompson, 3; W. H. Poyser, 4; J. W. Thompson, 5; J. Howe (conductor), 6. After partaking of tea which was kindly provided by the organist, Mr. Potter, by whose instrumentality the outing was mainly due, the ringers wish to take this opportunity of thanking him for his kindness in providing tea, and the Vicar for the use of the bells. The ringers returned to Derby well pleased with their half-day's outing, and hope before long to be able to pay West Hallam another visit.

**THE BAGSHOT SOCIETY.**—On Friday evening, May 4th, the members of this Society paid a visit to Horsell, Surrey, a village about a mile from Woking station, to have a pull on the handy ring of six, tenor about 12 cwt. Arriving at the church at 6.45, the bells were raised, and 216 of Plain Bob Minor, and 360 of Kent Treble Bob was rung. J. Corbett, 1; H. Stapleton, 2; T. Gould, 3; O. Harding, 4; F. Francis, 5; E. Collins (conductor), 6. Also 720 of Oxford Treble Bob in 25 mins. J. Corbett, 1; T. Gould, 2; F. Francis, 3; O. Harding, 4; H. Stapleton, 5; E. Collins (conductor), 6. Also some Grandsire and Stedman Doubles were practised with some of the local ringers. After spending a very pleasant evening together, they arrived home safe and well pleased with their outing. They wish to thank the Vicar and all, through the medium of this paper, for the use of the bells and the way they were treated.

**THE RIPON CATHEDRAL SOCIETY.**—On Whit-Monday, the members of the Cathedral society had their annual outing to Patley Bridge, leaving Ripon at 8.20 a.m., and reaching Patley Bridge by the 10 a.m. train. After proceeding to The Talbot hotel to make arrangements for the inner man, the church was at once visited, and before entering the belfry, the sacred edifice was surveyed. Raising the bells, a start was made for a 720 of Kent Treble Bob, which was brought round in 29 mins. J. Metcalf, 1; J. Baines, 2; J. Strodder, 3; W. Pick (conductor), 4; T. Metcalf, 5; H. Rumbold, 6. During the ringing, the Rev. A. Scott, vicar of Patley Bridge, entered the belfry, and gave the visitors a hearty welcome to the church, expressing a hope that the time was not distant when his own company would be able to master the art of change-ringing. On the motion of W. Pick, seconded by T. Metcalf, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the vicar for the use of the bells. After the rev. gentleman had left the belfry, 360 of Bob Minor was brought round. J. Metcalf, 1; J. Barnes, 2; J. Strodder, 3; W. Pick, 4; G. Metcalf (Tadcaster), 5; T. Metcalf (conductor), 6. Several touches of Plain Bob Minor were also rung with some of the local ringers. Making arrangements to meet again at three o'clock, the visitors adjourned to The Talbot hotel,

where due justice was done to the good things provided. Then a walk round Patley Bridge, a district which is noted for its building stone; the hills and valleys looking beautiful this time of the year. At three o'clock all being punctual to time, another 720 of Kent Treble Bob was brought round in 30 mins. T. Metcalf (conductor), 1; J. Baines, 2; J. Strodder, 3; W. Pick, 4; J. Metcalf, 5; H. Rumbold, 6. Touches of College Single, Grandsire Minor and Plain Bob Minor were rung during the afternoon. Leaving the tower, the visitors were invited to tea by Mr. J. Summersall, one of the local ringers. Shortly after, the visitors had to leave by the 5.40 p.m. train for Harrogate, being met at the station by the Harrogate parish church society. A 576 of Plain Bob Major was rung. J. Metcalf, 1; J. Baines, 2; J. Strodder, 3; A. Atkinson, 4; W. Pick, 5; T. Metcalf, 6; H. Rumbold, 7; W. Turner (conductor), 8. Touches of Kent Treble Bob Major and Kent Treble Bob Minor were also rung, and the shaking of hands and bidding good night to friends, brought a very enjoyable outing to an end.

**NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.**—On Whit-Monday, May 14th, five ringers from Shireoaks, accompanied by three from Anston, paid a visit to Tuxford. Leaving Shireoaks about 8 o'clock, they arrived at Tuxford at 9.30 a.m., being met at the station by C. Crawford and G. Featherston, and after a walk of one mile the church was arrived at. The bells were quickly put in motion to the tune of Merchant's Return, and after 26 minutes good ringing a 720 was brought round. D. Russon, 1; F. Fowler, 2; W. Hargreaves (conductor), 3; J. Fitzjohn, 4; S. Smith, 5; F. Hargreaves, 6. The next method attempted was Duke of York, and was successfully brought round. W. Preston, 1; E. Russon, 2; W. Hargreaves, (conductor) 3; R. Smith, 4; S. Smith, 5; D. Russon, 6. A 720 of Oxford was then rung for the convenience of Mr. C. Crawford, and J. C. Whetstone, and was well got through. J. C. Whetstone (first in the method), 1; D. Russon, 2; W. Hargreaves (conductor), 3; F. Fowler, 4; C. Crawford, 5; F. Hargreaves, 6. The visitors then paid a visit to Mr. Wilson's Museum, close by the church, but not having much time to spare had to leave before the things of greater interest could be seen, as they had to get to Retford to attend the annual meeting of their Association, an account of which has appeared from another pen. During the afternoon several touches of Killamarsh Treble Bob was rung at Ordsall, by the above ringers, also a 6-score each of City Delight, and Arnold's Victory, with J. Emsen, T. Bettinson, W. H. Turton, and F. Willy. It must here be mentioned that the three 720's rung at Tuxford are the first in the Treble Bob method ever rung there. D. Russon, E. Russon, W. H. and F. Hargreaves, J. Fitzjohn, from Shireoaks, R. and S. Smith, F. Fowler from Anston, Bettinson, Turton, Emsen from Killamarsh, Willy from Worksop. The time had now come for their departure, and each proceeded in their different directions and no doubt arriving home at different times, after having had a thorough enjoyable days outing.

## THE HEAVY WOOLLEN DISTRICT ASSOCIATION, YORKSHIRE.

The last monthly meeting of the above was held at Earls-heaton, members being present from Dewsbury, Batley, Mirfield, Ossett, Thornhill, Batley Carr, and other places. The meeting for business took place at The Park hotel, Mr. J. Peacock, President, occupying the chair, and after the minutes of the previous meeting were read, it was agreed to purchase a cup of the same value and pattern as the other for the six-bell contests. Other business being gone through some discussion took place as to drawing the ballot for the six-bell contest, but it was unanimously resolved to postpone the ballot until the next meeting, and arrange for the contest to take place in August. The Association has 138 ringing members, and about twenty honorary members. A company of ringers ascended the tower after the meeting was over, but owing to the condition the bells were in, they were unable to ring them. These bells are noted for their excellency of tone, and it is much to be regretted that nothing is done to renovate them. The evening had to be spent in handbell ringing, which brought another successful 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 BELLS OF ST. MICHAEL'S, COVENTRY.

SIR,—I have read your article in last week's "BELL NEWS," on the bells of St. Michael's, Coventry, with much interest and great satisfaction. I quite agree with you that it would be a great pity, in fact it would be more than a blunder, it would almost amount to a crime to deprive the citizens of the true music of so fine and valuable a ring of bells. I am quite sure after waiting so long it would be a great disappointment and source of regret to thousands, not only of the citizens of Coventry, but to lovers of bell music throughout the country, if that well-known and famous peal of bells should be placed in the grand old tower of the Archangel St. Michael, simply to be chimed. For it has been proved on the very highest authority that they cannot be rung in their old home with due regard to the preservation and even safety of the steeple upon which so much wealth has been lavished in its restoration. It is said that half a loaf is better than no bread, and some say it would be better to have them hung so that they can be chimed, than not have them at all, while others would sooner wait than have them go up in the tower just to be tanged. There can be no doubt that it is most desirable that the bells should be in a position so that they can be used to call the people to the services of the church. It was principally for that purpose they were cast, but the near contiguity of the campanile containing the peal of bells of the sister church of the Holy Trinity even takes a part of that pressing necessity away, and if it were possible, which I am afraid for various parochial reasons it would not be, it would appear reasonable to many that one great tower erected somewhere between the two churches, with the bells of St. Michael's increased to a full Cathedral peal of twelve, might be made to serve for both parishes. The bells of St. Michael are the only complete and perfect peal left us from the destruction and spoliation of the Reformation, and they have in the past for so many generations been such an institution in the old city, not only as monitors in calling the faithful to prayer, but as ministering to the joys and sorrows of the citizens, that they would certainly only be filling a part of their mission, if hung up again only to be chimed. It would, I fear, be to many who have known and enjoyed their glorious music in the past little less than a mockery, the merry and joyful marriage peal could not be rung, or the farewell softened notes surge and float around us as in the past. High feast and Holy-day would come and go, but no merry peal would be heard from their tuneful voices, the old bells would indeed be down in the mouth, almost tongue-tied. The kinds of sweet bell music that cheer and raise the spirits and souls of men at the marriage feast, and soothe and console their hearts and minds in times of death and trouble, could not be given with that solemnity and effect as before, their notes would seem but as an echo of the past, a mockery, nothing more. To show the strong feelings of some of the Coventry people towards these old bells, an anecdote or two will suffice. "Ah," said an old citizen to the writer, not long since, "I shall never hear the bells of St. Michael's ring out again. Hundreds who used to listen with such pleasure and delight to their tuneful notes, have gone to their long home, without having heard them again, and if you are not quick I shall do the same." Another old lover of the chief peal of Coventry, said, "If I could hear them once more ring out old Edwards' farewell peal they would, as they have done many a time in the past, preach a better sermon to me on life and death than any of your parsons are capable of." The history of the movement for the erection of a bell-tower for this great church has been a very singular and noteworthy one, and it must be confessed there seems to be a certain sort or kind of fatality about the project, for the building of a campanile for the church of St. Michael, Coventry is no new idea, but something like a hundred years old, three generations have from time to time been engaged in talking about it, but it was never so near being carried out as a few years ago, when death deprived the scheme of fruition by removing the principal supporter of the project, just as everything pointed to it being carried out. I allude to the lamented and untimely death of George Woodcock, Esq., the principal benefactor to St. Michael's, who gave ten thousand pounds to start the restoration of that noble old fane and glorious steeple, and who at the time of his death was engaged with the Vicar and churchwardens in approving of a design and plans for the erection of a campanile, which there is no doubt would have been one of the finest bell-towers in this or any other country. It is very singular that this gentleman's grandfather was also engaged in a scheme for the erection of a campanile for St. Michael's, towards the close of the last century, which failed through lack of support. After the death of Mr. Woodcock, his widow offered to subscribe five thousand pounds towards the carrying out of her husband's desire for a new tower, and that there should be no risk to the old tower after so much money had

been spent in its restoration (nearly twenty thousand pounds). The first idea was to erect a campanile at a cost of ten thousand pounds; surely if Mrs. Woodcock is still willing to give the sum named to carry out this great work and to settle this important and vexed question, the citizens, in memory of him who did so much, and in so many ways for St. Michael's, would find the other half or moiety, and especially if the payment like the restoration for the church was spread over a term of five years. There are those, no doubt, among the most eminent of our architects, who could, and would take a pleasure and a pride in designing and constructing for ten thousand pounds a campanile that would not be a disgrace, but harmonise with the noble fabrics Coventry still possesses. Of course the design must be less elaborate than the last one, but that would not interfere with its utility, it might be quite detached from the church, or built across the beautiful avenue, in the centre of the old churchyard, and connected with the fabric, if necessary, on the north side, by an arch. I hope an effort will be made to have the bells once more in full peal.

A CITIZEN.

## PEAL COMMITTEES.

SIR,—The letter under the above heading is rather amusing, the more so as the writer scarcely succeeds in keeping back his own name. They say "History repeats itself," and perhaps our friend "Old Reader" may once more oblige by writing over his proper name next time. My opinion about "Peal Committees" is that they are not, as "Old Reader" would have us believe, intended for proving compositions of Treble Bob only, but to go into many questions, such as whether the peal as rung was worth recording, or whether the peal was rung true or not. The real object of a "Peal Committee" in my opinion, is in case of an objection being laid, to consider that objection on evidence to be brought before the Committee. I wonder if "Old Reader" was once a member of this Committee? It strikes me that his letter comes with very bad taste if such is the case for, not asking himself the question whether he was a fit and proper person to occupy such a position. A ringer may be able to prove a peal of Treble Bob but does it always follow that he can tell outside the tower what is going on inside. The "Peal Committee" "Old Reader" refers to, may all be good ringers, but is it not unreasonable to ask them if they can prove a peal of Treble Bob, at the same time telling them in a one-sided way, that if they cannot they ought to resign?

ONE WHO WAS THERE.

## ST. CHAD'S TENOR, SHREWSBURY.

SIR,—Allow me to inform Wm. Davies, of Liverpool, that the weight of the above bell as given to the peal of Cinques in your issue of May 19th, is correct. A framed list of weights and key of each bell hangs in the belfry, supplied by the founders, Mears, of London, giving the tenor as 43 cwt in C; this bell has often been put down as 41, 42 and 44 cwt.

Wolverhampton.

## CRITICISM.

SIR,—I do not as a rule take notice of anonymous correspondence and it is evident that the writer of the letter under the above heading in last week's issue does not wish to be as open as implied by his *nom de plume*. I may say, however, that personally I was opposed to publishing the attempt of Easter Monday, 1893, as a peal, and the first intimation I had of its being published was at one of our Society's meetings, when a member raised a question as to booking, on which I stated on behalf of the band that I did not wish the attempt recorded, and the matter dropped. On receiving my "BELL NEWS" the day following the meeting, I found the attempt had not been accredited to any society, therefore the question raised was rather out of place. Under those circumstances I took no further notice of the affair; as to the changes not being in Double Norwich order, this is of course a technical point. What is the difference may I ask, of two bells changing course behind, and a single in the method? However, as it has been decided not to allow this to go as a peal, the subject may be allowed to drop.

G. NEWSON.

13a, Gardner Road, Hampstead.

WEST STOW (Suffolk).—On Saturday evening, May 12th, 720 Bob Minor (forty-two singles). R. Wilding, 1; A. Bridges, 2; W. Salisbury, 3; H. Blake, 4; G. Debenham (conductor), 5; A. Symonds, 6. Tenor 14 cwt. R. Wilding hails from Bury St. Edmunds; A. Bridges and H. Blake from Fornham St. Martin, and W. Salisbury and G. Debenham from Horringer. A. Symonds (of Lavenham), wishes through the medium of "THE BELL NEWS" to thank his brother-ringers for the ringing arrangements, and sympathy towards him during his Whitsun holiday.

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**The Worcestershire and Districts Association.**—The next quarterly and committee meeting of this Association will be held to-day, 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 to-day, Saturday, June 2, at Aldenham. Nearest stations Radlett, Midland; and Watford, L. and N. W. The tower will be open for ringing during the afternoon and evening. Tea at 5.30 at The Chequers inn, business meeting to follow.

St. Albans. 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 Highbridge, 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 Cleve, 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 to-day, Saturday, June 2nd, at Ecclesfield, near Sheffield. The local secretary is Mr. George Shaw, The Wheel, Ecclesfield.

BEN. T. COPLEY, *Hon. Sec.*  
3, St. Jude's Square, Bradford.

**The Surrey Association.**—The Annual Report for 1893 is now ready for circulation. Representatives requiring them sent on should forward the number of Copies they require, together with the amount of postage at the following rates, viz.: threehalfpence for six, and threepence for twelve copies. The annual meeting will be held at Dorking on Monday, July 2nd. As the election of officers will take place at this meeting, it is hoped that members will make an effort to attend.

R. B. BLANCHARD, *Hon. Sec.*  
13, Sunnyhill Road, Streatham, S.W.

**The Chester Diocesan Guild.**—Wirral Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held in the Schoolroom, Neston, to-day, Saturday, June 2nd. 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 monthly meeting will be held

to-day, Saturday, June 2nd, at Norton. Members intending to be present are requested to give notice to Mr. E. Glover, Dog Croft, Smallthorne.

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

**The Yorkshire Association.**—Wanted, two competent members to ring the 5th and 6th bells, along with Mr. G. Bolland, Tong, and five of the St. Wilfrid's Society, Calverley, to attempt a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major. Members wishing to take part please write as early as possible. EZRA KEIGHLEY.  
Calverley, near Leeds.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Liverpool Diocesan Branch.—The usual monthly meeting will be held at St. Luke's church, Farnworth, near Widnes, to-day, Saturday, June 2nd. Tower open at half-past two, business meeting to be held in the schoolroom. The meetings are always on the first Saturday in the month. J. J. M. MOORE,  
9, Mill Street, Warrington.

**The Midlands Counties' Association.**—Nottingham District.—There will be a meeting at Ruddington, this afternoon, Saturday, June 2nd. Belfry open at 3.30.

W. E. WHITE, *Hon. Sec.*

43, Southey Street.

**The Hereford Diocesan Guild.**—Festival at Ludlow, on Tuesday, June 5th, 1894. Service at St. Lawrence's at 11.45 a.m., preacher, the Rev. G. W. Turner, M.A. The offertory will be given to the funds of the Guild. Dinner at The George hotel, at 1.0 p.m. Tea in the grounds of Ludlow Castle, by the kind invitation of Robert Marston, Esq. Brakes free of charge (by previous notice to Hon. Sec.), to Bromfield tower. Stokesay tower and Castle, or Wistanstow tower can also be visited, distant 1 and 2 miles respectively from Craven Arms, to which the railway companies book parties of 8 or more, at one-and-a-quarter fare for the double journey. Dinner tickets, 2s. each, to be obtained from members of the committee, or from the Hon. Sec., A. C. LEE.  
Lugwardine Vicarage, Hereford.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will take place at Milnrow, on Saturday, June 9th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6.30.

E. SCROFIELD, *Branch Sec.*

**The Kent County Association.**—Rochester District.—A District Meeting will be held on Saturday, June 9th, at Milton-next-Gravesend. Tower open from 3 p.m. Business meeting at 4.30 p.m. The tower of St. George's, Gravesend, will also be open.

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

**The East Derbyshire Association.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Old Brampton, in the Schoolroom, on Saturday, June 9th, at 5.30 p.m.

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

**St. James' Society, London.**—It is desired by the officers of this Society that the attention of members and friends should be drawn to the serious falling-off in the meetings during the past winter. At the present time they are prepared as ever to give a hearty welcome to any young ringer wishing for practice upon ten bells, than which there are not many better than the bells of St. Clement's. Meeting on Monday next at eight.

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

**The Lancashire Association.**—Manchester Branch.—A monthly ringing meeting of the

above will be held at the parish church, Tyldesley, on Saturday, June 9th. Bells ready at 4 p.m., meeting at 7.

W. BROWN, *Branch Sec.*  
54, Wenlock Street, Hulme, Manchester.

**THE PEAL AT DUDLEY.**—This peal has the 3rd sixteen times in 5ths place and the 6th twenty-four times, and comes round at hand, and is now rung for the first time. Rung to celebrate the marriage of the Rev. A. Grey Maitland, Vicar of Dudley, to Miss Harriet Rubina Shortridge, which took place at St. Stephen's church, Westbourne Park, London, May 23rd. At the close of the peal the ringers were summoned to the Vicarage, where a substantial repast was provided for them, at which Miss Bristow and the Revs. J. Connon, curate of St. Thomas, and W. J. Bristow, Rector of Offenham, near Evesham, were present to attend to their wants. Ample justice having been done to the good things provided in a manner peculiar to ringers after ringing a peal, "The Health of the Bride and Bridegroom" was proposed by Mr. Spittle. The toast was heartily received by all, and suitably responded to by the Rev. J. Connon. A course of Grand-sire Caters and several tunes on the handbells brought on church time. The ringers feel most grateful to Miss Bristow for her kind forethought in thus providing a treat for them, and to the Revs. J. Connon and W. J. Bristow for their kindness in being present, and for the attention they paid to their wants, which made the meeting a most enjoyable one.

## Compositions.

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

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## The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, JUNE 2, 1891.

LAST week we commented upon the proposal to place the bells of St. Michael's, Coventry, in their old habitation; to have them back again in the old steeple, certainly, but never again to be rung. We have received several letters on the subject from various correspondents, all in a most forcible manner condemning the proposal. One of these letters we print in this issue from an old and respected citizen of Coventry, and a churchman. This gentleman dwells at some length upon what may be termed the fatuity of the notion to put the gag on one of the most famous rings of bells ever cast. It may be that the tastes of Coventry people lie this way. There is already a ring of eight bells fixed in this manner within the city, bells which have never been raised, but only "clogged" for chiming. If they can also manage to "clog" the St. Michael's ring of ten, and thump away at them like they do the bells of Trinity, perhaps they will be satisfied at such an unique condition of affairs. We strongly advise, as an alternative, their sale to some wealthy, pious churchman, who will save them from such an ignominious fate.

When the princely offer made by a late worthy citizen of Coventry is read of, it must amaze all when they find such liberality was not accepted, and this amazement must be increased, when it is found that the widow of the same deceased gentleman is willing to devote a magni;

ificent sum of money towards the provision of a suitable edifice in which the bells may be placed in for ringing. Under such circumstances is not the proposal to rehang the bells so that they cannot be rung one to create astonishment? We take leave of this subject in the hope that wiser counsels may prevail than at present.

### The Metropolis.

#### CAMBERWELL, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 26, 1894, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES.

Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

CHARLES BANCE .. .. Treble.	JOHN HARDING .. .. 6.
EDGAR BENNETT .. .. 2.	W. POLE-ROUTH, ESQ. .. 7.
GEORGE WELLING .. .. 3.	THOMAS KING .. .. 8.
ARTHUR J. PLOWMAN .. 4.	CHARLES GORDON .. .. 9.
JAMES TRAPPITT .. .. 5.	JOSEPH FAYERS .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by EDGAR BENNETT.

The above was rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. John Harding, who attained his twenty-ninth year on that day. All the above band, with the exception of W. P. Routh, Esq., who hails from Sutton, are members of the St. Mary's society, Beddington.

#### THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Tuesday, May 29, 1894, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW, BETHNAL GREEN,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

JAMES PETTIT .. .. Treble.	JOSEPH I. CROUCH .. .. 5.
HENRY SPRINGALL .. .. 2.	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY .. 6.
EDWIN HORREX .. .. 3.	*ERNEST E. HUNTLEY .. 7.
MATTHEW A. WOOD .. .. 4.	WALTER PRIME .. .. Tenor.

Composed by the late WILLIAM HARRISON of Mottram, and Conducted by JAMES PETTIT.

E. E. Huntley hails from Bushey, Herts, and it was his first peal in the method.

### The Provinces.

#### PRESTBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

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

On Tuesday, May 22, 1894, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

RICHARD BRUNSDON .. Treble.	FRANCIS E. WARD .. .. 5.
ADOLPHUS ROBERTS .. 2.	JOHN AUSTIN .. .. 6.
E. BANKES JAMES .. .. 3.	WALTER T. BENNETT .. 7.
FRANCIS E. HART .. .. 4.	REV. H. LAW JAMES .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by the REV. H. LAW JAMES.

#### DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

#### THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 23, 1894, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE ROYAL, 5039 CHANGES.

Tenor 22 cwt.

HENRY FAULKES* .. Treble.	*JOSEPH FELLOWS .. .. 6.
JAMES PAGETT .. .. 2.	ARTHUR SPITTLE .. .. 7.
GEORGE PEARSAL* .. .. 3.	WILLIAM MICKLEWRIGHT .. 8.
FRED. FELLOWS* .. .. 4.	SAMUEL SAITTLER .. .. 9.
JOHN MILLS* .. .. 5.	JOHN GOODMAN .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by S. SPITTLE.

\*First peal of Royal. This is the first peal of Royal on the bells by a purely local band. The figures of this peal will appear in due course.

#### HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.

#### THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, May 23, 1894, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

THURSTANS' ORIGINAL. Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

FRANK BOREHAM .. Treble.	FRANK BIGGS .. .. 5.
REV. J. HINDSON .. .. 2.	FRED. BIGGS .. .. 6.
HARRY STRATFORD .. 3.	JOHN EVANS .. .. 7.
RALPH BIGGS .. .. 4.	JOHN CLARKE TRUSS, JUN. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN EVANS.

Rev. J. Hindson hails from Wraysbury; J. C. Truss, jun., from Marlow; the rest are local men.

#### CHRISTCHURCH, HANTS.

#### THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, May 24, 1894, in Three Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes,

AT THE PRIORY CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

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

HOLT'S SIX-PART. Tenor 32 cwt.

F. RUSSEN* .. Treble.	J. HARPER .. .. 5.
H. WHITE .. .. 2.	REV. R. C. M. HARVEY .. 6.
H. SHIRLEY† .. .. 3.	J. W. WHITING .. .. 7.
J. STAPLES .. .. 4.	G. PRESTON .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by G. PRESTON.

\*First peal of Triples. †First peal with a bob bell. This peal was rung to celebrate Her Majesty's birthday. F. Russen hails from Romsey; H. White from Basingstoke; H. Shirley and J. Staples from Havant; J. Harper and Rev. R. C. M. Harvey, from Portsea; J. W. Whiting, from Fareham; and G. Preston belongs to the local band.

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

On Thursday, May 24, 1894, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

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

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 24 cwt.

JOHN TUCKER* .. Treble.	JOHNSON E. HERN .. .. 5.
HARRY TUCKER† .. 2.	LEWIS ROLFE .. .. 6.
RICHARD T. HIBBERT .. 3.	WILLIAM NEWELL .. .. 7.
CHARLES GILES .. .. 4.	FRANK HOPGOOD .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by FRANK HOPGOOD.

\*First peal, aged 16 years. †First peal with a bob bell. Rung in honour of Her Majesty's birthday.

#### HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

#### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION,

On Friday, May 25, 1894, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 19 cwt.

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

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

This is a one-part composition with the 6th its extent at home at nine course-ends, with the ndz never there.

#### CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY

#### THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, May 25, 1894, in Three Hours and a ½ Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' TEN-PART (No. 1). Tenor 11 cwt.

EDWARD BURDOCK* .. Treble.	*ARTHUR BARTLETT .. .. 5.
FRANK BENNETT .. .. 2.	*THOMAS W. BURDOCK .. 6.
ARTHUR ASHDOWN .. .. 3.	*THOMAS ATTWELL .. .. 7.
JAMES E. RUSSELL .. .. 4.	*WILLIAM MITCHELL .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

\*First peal, also first peal on the bells. The ringers are all local with the exception of the conductor, who hails from Guildford.

## CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 26, 1894, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 15 cwt.

JAMES SEARLE .. .. Treble.	JAMES N. FROSSELL .. .. 5.
FREDERICK W. CRIPPS* .. 2.	*ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. 6.
KEITH HART .. .. 3.	JAMES PARKER .. .. 7.
FREDERICK DENCH .. .. 4.	GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

\*First peal of Double Norwich. This is Keith Hart's 50th peal. I. G. Shade hails from Greenwich, for whom this peal was arranged. This peal is in two parts, it has the 6th eighteen times wrong and twenty-four course-ends at home, the 2nd never in 6th place at a course-end.

## BIRMINGHAM.—MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

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On Saturday, May 26, 1894, in Three Hours and Twenty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5147 CHANGES.

Tenor 29 cwt.

FRANK MUMFORD .. .. Treble.	CHARLES SPARKES .. .. 6.
JAMES JONES .. .. 2.	GEORGE HITCHMAN .. .. 7.
J. EDWARD SCOTT .. .. 3.	GEORGE WALKER .. .. 8.
JOHN PRICKETT .. .. 4.	JOHN CARTER .. .. 9.
JOHN JENNINGS .. .. 5.	*JOHN O. RAVENHILL .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JOHN CARTER.

\*First peal. This peal contains the 6th twelve times wrong and right both in the Tittums and handstroke positions, and is now rung for the first time.

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On Saturday, May 26, 1894, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

## A PEAL OF CANTERBURY MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

WILLIAM A. PUGH .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM SHORT .. .. 5.
NOAH DAVIS .. .. 2.	RICHARD E. GROVE .. .. 6.
WILLIAM H. SMITH .. .. 3.	GEORGE H. PAGETT .. .. 7.
WILLIAM H. BARBER .. .. 4.	JOHN BARBER .. .. Tenor.

Composed by C. H. MARTIN and Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

This peal was rung in honour of the birthday of Her Majesty the Queen and G. H. Pagett. It is the first peal in the method rang in the county, and by all the ringers except the conductor and the tenor man. Messrs. Davis, Grove and Smith hail from Kidderminster; the Barbers and Short from Clent; Pagett and Pugh are local men.

## SALISBURY, WILTS.

## THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, May 29, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

SIDNEY MACEY .. .. Treble.	SYDNEY LAWRENCE .. .. 5.
JAMES ELCOMBE .. .. 2.	CHARLES H. WATTS .. .. 6.
THOMAS BLACKBOURN .. 3.	ROBERTO W. J. GOLLOP .. 7.
HENRY WHITE .. .. 4.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. Tenor.

Composed by FRANK BENNETT and Conducted by HENRY WHITE.

## NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 26, 1894, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES.

Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE Treble.	†EMMETT W. J. LINCOLN .. 5.
ROBERT S. STORY .. .. 2.	*ALFRED J. GREENWELL .. 6.
ROBERT C. HUDSON .. .. 3.	†HUGH D. DALL .. .. 7.
ROBERT MACK* .. .. 4.	WILLIAM HOLMES .. .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS and Conducted by CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE.

\*First peal. †First peal of Bob Major. This peal was rung after ringing 1 hr. and 35 mins. a miscall bringing it to grief in this instance. This peal has the 6th her extant right, and the 5th twenty-two courses in 6th place. Messrs. Mack and Greenwell hail from Catterick, Yorks.

## CHRISTCHURCH, HANTS.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, May 28, 1894, in Three Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PRIORY CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 32 cwt.

HARRY J. BAGSHOT .. .. Treble.	GEORGE VEY .. .. 5.
ELI WATERS .. .. 2.	TOM F. BEST .. .. 6.
EDWARD V. HINTON .. 3.	GEORGE PRESTON .. .. 7.
STEPHEN BEST .. .. 4.	HARRY PRESTON .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE PRESTON.

Rung to celebrate the birthday of T. F. Best, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

## BRIDGNORTH.—THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, May 28, 1894, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

## A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HUBBARD'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 19 cwt.

JOHN OVERTON .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM PRICE .. .. 5.
JAMES HOWARD .. .. 2.	WILLIAM FUSSELL .. .. 6.
RICHARD JONES .. .. 3.	WILLIAM MORGAN .. .. 7.
SAMUEL HUGHES .. .. 4.	HARRY JONES .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. MORGAN.

\*First peal in the method on the bells. First peal by H. Jones. Messrs. W. Jones, Hughes, Price, and Morgan hail from Coalbrookdale. Rung as a welcome home to the rector, the Rev. A. A. Oldham, after four months' absence.

## BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

On Tuesday, May 29, 1894, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5093 CHANGES.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

JESSE NEVES .. .. Treble.	*EDWIN RANDALL .. .. 6.
GEORGE ALBERT KING .. 2.	JOHN JAY, SEN. .. .. 7.
WILLIAM PALMER .. .. 3.	KEITH HART .. .. 8.
HERBERT RANN .. .. 4.	JAMES N. FROSSELL .. .. 9.
HENRY PAGE .. .. 5.	JOHN JAY, JUN. .. .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER and Conducted by HERBERT RANN.

H. Page hails from Stoke-on-Trent, and is a member of the Stoke Archidiaconal Association; the rest belong to the Brighton branch of the Sussex County Association. \*First peal of Caters.

PEAL CORRECTION.—The peal of Double Norwich at Lewisham on May 19th, was conducted by A. Jacob, and not by G. Newson, as reported in last week's "BELL NEWS."

## Date Touch.

MINEHEAD (Somerset).—On Wednesday, May 16th, at St. Michael's church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples in 1 hr. 6 mins. S. Mason, 1; G. Atkins, 2; J. Hunt, 3; S. Mason, 4; Rev. H. C. Courtney, 5; A. Willicombe, 6; H. Moore (composer and conductor), 7; M. Parker, 8.

## Miscellaneous.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

WINCHESTER.—On Thursday, May 3rd, at the Cathedral, on the back eight, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 50 mins. A. E. Macey, 1; W. C. Hasted, 2; G. Smith, 3; C. J. North, 4; W. C. Lampard, 5; W. J. Sevier, 6; W. H. George (composer and conductor), 7; J. Harris, 8. On Thursday, May 10th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 49 mins., taken from Troyte. \*R. White, 1; W. J. Sevier, 2; H. White, 3; C. J. North, 4; W. C. Lampard, 5; J. Weaver, 6; W. H. George (conductor), 7; D. Froome, 8. \*First quarter-peal in the method. H. White hails from Basinstoke. Also 280 Grandsire Triples. R. White, 1; C. J. Choct, 2; R. Hasted, 3; W. Andrews, 4; C. J. North, 5; W. C. Lampard, 6; W. H. George (conductor), 7; J. W. Elkins, 8. Tenor 32 cwt.

OCKLEY (Surrey).—On Friday, May 18th, for practice at St. Margaret's church, a 360 Oxford Bob Minor (four bobs and two singles) F. Barton, 1; Rev. C. E. Eagles, 2; G. Cox, 3; A. Knight, 4; J. Taylor, 5; C. Taylor (conductor), 6. And a 720 Warnham Court Bob (twenty-four singles). F. Barton (first 720 in the method), 1; Rev. C. E. Eagles (first 720 in the method), 2; E. Jordan, 3; C. Taylor (first 720 in the method), 4; J. Taylor (first 720 in the method), 5; D. Jordan (conductor), 6. Composed by H. Burstow, of Horsham. E. and D. Jordan hail from Capel, and E. Knight from Rusper. The rest belong to the local band.

RANMOOR (Surrey).—On Monday, May 14th, at the church of St. Barnabas, 503 Grandsire Triples. W. Freakes, 1; J. Heathorn, 2; J. Jones, 3; G. Huggett, 4; A. Dobinson, 5; J. White, 6; F. Bennett (conductor), 7; F. Hudson, 8.

CHIDDINGFOLD (Surrey).—On Saturday, May 5th, for practice at St. Mary's church, 350 Grandsire Triples. F. Baker, 1; F. Bennett (conductor), 2; A. Ashdown, 3; J. Russell, 4; A. Bartlett, 5; T. Burdock, 6; T. Attwell, 7; J. Gardner, 8. Also 504 in the same method with W. Mitchell ringing the tenor. And another 504 in the same method, the treble and 2nd ringers changing places.

WICKHAM (Hants).—On Saturday, March 31st, at the parish church for practice, a 720 Grandsire Minor. G. Downs (first 720 in the method), 1; F. Hill, 2; W. F. Churcher, 3; G. Carpenter, 4; G. E. Chappell, 5; J. W. Whiting (conductor), 6. On Wednesday, April 11th, a 360 of Grandsire Minor. G. Downs, 1; W. Cooper, 2; W. F. Churcher, 3; G. Carpenter, 4; G. E. Chappell (conductor), 5; S. Cummings, 6. And 240 of Grandsire Doubles. G. Downs, 1; G. Carpenter, 2; W. F. Churcher, 3; W. T. Langford, 4; G. E. Chappell, 5; W. Singleton, 6. And 120 in the same method. G. Downs, 1; W. Langford, 2; G. Carpenter, 3; W. Churcher, 4; G. E. Chappell (conductor), 5; Rev. E. H. Duke, 6. On Wednesday, May 16th, three 6-scores of Bob Doubles. \*G. Downs, 1; \*W. Langford, 2; W. Cooper, 3; \*W. F. Churcher, 4; G. E. Chappell (conductor), 5; \*W. Singleton, 6. On Sunday, May 20th, for evening service, 240 Bob Doubles. G. Downs, 1; W. T. Langford, 2; G. Carpenter, 3; W. F. Churcher, 4; G. E. Chappell (conductor), 5; W. Singleton, 6. \*First 120 Bob Doubles. Messrs. F. Hill and J. Whiting hail from Fareham; W. Cooper and S. Cummings from Shedfield. This is the Rev. E. H. Duke and W. Singleton's first 120 and they belong to the local band. Recently for practice on handbells, a 240 Grandsire Doubles. †Rev. E. H. Duke, 1; G. Downs, 2; G. E. Chappell (conductor), 3; W. F. Churcher, 4; G. Carpenter, 5; W. Singleton, 6. And 120 in the same method. †W. Singleton, 1; G. Downs, 2; W. T. Langford, 3; G. Carpenter, 4; G. E. Chappell (conductor), 5; W. F. Churcher, 6. \*First 6-score of Bob Doubles. †First 120 away from the tenor; and G. Downs' first attempt with a bob bell.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

BIDSTON (Cheshire).—On Wednesday, April 18th, 720 Violet Treble Bob (nine bobs). J. Povall, 1; C. Rimmer, 2; J. Walters, 3; G. Kendrick, 4; W. Wilcox, 5; T. Povall, 6. This is the first 720 of Violet by all the band, the Guild, and on the bells. On Sunday, April 29th, for Divine Service, 720 Plain Bob (four bobs and fourteen singles). W. Wilcox, 1; C. Rimmer, 2; J. Walter, 3; J. Griffiths, 4; G. Royder, 5; T. Povall, 6. On Wednesday, May 9th, 720 Canterbury and 720 Plain Bob. J. Povall, 1; C. Rimmer, 2; J. Walter, 3; J. Griffiths, 4; W. Wilcox, 5; T. Povall, 6. On Sunday, May 13th, for morning service, 720 Plain Bob (four bobs fourteen singles). J. Povall, 1; C. Rimmer, 2; J. Walter, 3; W. Joinson, 4; W. Wilcox, 5; T. Povall, 6. And for evening service, 720 Grandsire (forty bobs eight singles, 2nd the observation). G. Kendrick, 4; the rest as before. This is W. Wilcox's 250th 720, rung in eight different methods. On Sunday evening, May 20th, 720 Kent (fifteen bobs). J. Povall, 1; C. Rimmer, 2; J. Walter, G. Kendrick, 4; W. Wilcox, 5; J. Griffiths, 6. All the above were conducted by W. Wilcox.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BARNARD CASTLE (Durham).—On Monday, May 14th, on the occasion of the general meeting of the Association, the following were some of the touches rung: three courses of Bob Major. J. Brown (Stockton), 1; J. G. Green (Bishop Auckland), 2; D. Shipp (Staindrop), 3; H. Peverell (Bishop Auckland), 4; W. Newton (Stockton), 5; J. W. Shipp (Bishop Auckland), 6; R. Borrows (Middlesbrough), 7; E. Titt (Bishop Auckland), 8. And 350 Grandsire Triples. J. Bolton (Darlington), 1; J. Baxter (Darlington, conductor), 2; D. Shipp, 3; R. C. Hudson (Bishopwearmouth), 4; E. Titt, 5; G. Park (Darlington), 6; G. W. Park (Holy Trinity, Darlington), 7; J. Cleminson (Bishop Auckland), 8. Also 420 Grandsire Triples. H. Peverell, 1; J. B. Green, 2; J. Baxter, 3; F. Charlton (Bishop Auckland), 4; E. Wallis (Newcastle, conductor), 5; R. Borrows, 6; E. Titt, 7; W. Newton, 8. And 288 Kent Treble Bob Major. R. S. Story, 1; H. Dall, 2; T. Hudson, sen., 3; W. Newton, 4; C. L. Routledge, 5; J. W. Shipp, 6; R. Borrows, 7; J. H. Blakiston, 8.

COTHERSTON (Yorkshire).—On Monday, May 14th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. H. G. Dawson (Bishopwearmouth), 1; J. Baxter, 2; R. S. Story, 3; G. Park, sen., 4; R. Mordue (Whickham), 5; F. Lees (conductor), 6.

MIDDLESBROUGH.—On Saturday, May 12th, at the church of St. Hilda, 756 Kent Treble Bob Major. C. L. Routledge (Newcastle), 1; T. Brewis (Tanfield), 2; J. W. Passman, 3; R. Borrows, 4; J. H. Blakiston, 5; R. Alcock, 6; H. Dall (North Shields), 7; F. Harrison (Jarrow), 8. On Friday, May 18th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor. J. H. Blakiston, 1; \*R. Hastwell, 2; J. H. Jones, 3; R. Alcock, 4; J. W. Passman (conductor), 5; A. Mellanby, 6. \*R. Hastwell hails from Guisborough, and every credit is due to him for coming to Middlesbrough and ringing his first 720, after which, he would have to walk a distance of ten miles before reaching home. On Sunday, May 20th, for evening service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. R. Fenwick, 1; A. Mellanby, 2; A. McFarlane, 3; R. Alcock, 4; J. H. Blakiston, 5; J. H. Jones (conductor), 6.

NORTH SHIELDS.—On Sunday, March 25th, at Christ Church, 720 Bob Triples. J. Browell, 1; G. Holmes, 2; J. Rossiter, 3; A. Tully, 4; E. Keen, 5; G. Dix, 6; J. Hern (conductor), 7; P. Dowell, 8. On Sunday, April 1st, 504 Bob Triples. J. Browell, 1; G. Holmes, 2; J. Rossiter, 3; E. Keen, 4; T. Teasdale, 5; G. Dix, 6; A. Tully (conductor), 7; P. Dowell, 8. And 168 Grandsire Triples by the same band. Also 384 Bob Major, and two courses of Bob Triples. H. Dall (conductor, Newcastle), 8. On Sunday, April 22nd, 360 Bob Minor. J. Browell, 1; T. Teasdale, 2; J. Rossiter, 3; E. Keen, 4; G. Dix, 5; A. Tully (conductor), 6. And 720 Bob Minor (three bobs eighteen singles). J. Browell, 1; J. Rossiter, 2; E. Keen, 3; T. Teasdale, 4; A. Tully, 5; J. Dix (conductor), 6. On Monday, April 23rd, 350 Grandsire Triples. J. Browell, 1; W. Reed (conductor), 2; J. Rossiter, 3; E. Keen, 4; T. Teasdale, 5; G. Dix, 6; A. Tully, 7; P. Dowell, 8. On Sunday, May 20th, 576 Bob Minor, tenor behind. J. Browell, 1; J. Rossiter, 2; G. Dix, 3; E. Keen, 4; T. Teasdale (conductor), 5; A. Tully, 6; —. Hunt, 7.

## BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BISHOP HULL.—On Monday, May 14th, at the parish church, two 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. A. Evans, 1; J. Joyce, 2; S. Radford, 3; T. Doble, 4; T. W. Radford (conductor), 5. This is the first six-score on the bells.

TAUNTON.—On Saturday, May 19th, for practice at St. Mary's church, 120 Stedman Doubles. D. Bond, 1; A. Evans, 2; J. Joyce, 3; S. Radford, 4; T. W. Radford, 5; W. Cording, 6. On Sunday morning, May 20th, for Divine Service, 120 Grandsire Doubles. T. W. Radford, 1; J. Bond, 2; D. Bond, 3; J. Joyce, 4; T. Doble, 5; J. Fowler, 6. And 120 Stedman. D. Bond, 1; J. Joyce, 2; S. Radford, 3; T. Radford, 4; T. Doble, 5; J. Fowler, 6. Conducted by T. W. Radford. This is the first 120 of Stedman by Messrs. D. Bond, T. Doble, A. Evans, and J. Joyce.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

WRITTLE (Essex).—On Saturday, May 12th, at All Saints' church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 43 mins., taken from Brook's Variation. G. W. Sorrell, 1; †W. J. Piper, 2; W. Lincoln, 3; E. Pye, 4; G. R. Pye, 5; W. H. Dallimore, 6; W. Pye (conductor), 7; G. Green, 8. On Sunday evening, May 13th, for Divine Service, another quarter-peal in the same method in 45 mins. G. W. Sorrell, 1; E. Pye, 2; W. H. Dallimore, 3; J. Strutt, 4; W. Lincoln, 5; †C. H. Howard, 6; W. Pye (conductor), 7; T. Lincoln, 8. †First quarter-peal of Stedman. Tenor 18½ cwt.

WIDFORD (Essex).—On Sunday morning, May 13th, for Divine Service, 504 Stedman Triples. W. H. Dallimore, 1; G. R. Pye, 2; A. Speller, 3; E. Pye, 4; C. H. Howard, 5; T. G. Sarel, 6; W. Pye

(conductor), 7; E. W. Houghton, 8. The Messrs. Pye hail from Romford; Dallimore from West Ham; Howard from Braintree; Strutt from Kingston-on-Thames; Sarel from Sheffield.

ROMFORD (Essex).—*Handbell Ringing*.—On Monday, May 7th, for practice, 504 Stedman Triples. G. R. Pye, 1-2; W. Pye, 3-4; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 5-6; E. Pye, 7-8.

#### SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

TIPTON (Staffordshire).—On Saturday, May 5th, at St. Martin's church, Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples was attempted, but came to grief at the fourth part-end in 57 mins. H. Hipkiss, 1; A. H. Hill (conductor), 2; J. Hall, 3; E. Goodreds, 4; T. Horton, 5; W. Rock Small, 6; J. E. Grove, 7; R. Hall, 8. Tenor 12 cwt. 25 lbs.

#### STOKE-ON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

TUNSTALL.—On Thursday, April 12th, 720 Woodbine. J. Whitmore, 1; G. Smith, 2; J. Foden, 3; W. Rigby, 4; W. Harratt, 5; J. Johnson (conductor), 6. On Sunday, April 15th, 720 Violet. W. Harratt, 4; W. Rigby, 5; the others as before. Conducted by G. Smith. On Saturday, April 21st, 720 New London Pleasure, standing as before, and conducted by J. Johnson. On Sunday, April 22nd, 720 Kent Treble Bob (fifteen bobs). J. Whitmore, 1; W. Rigby, 2; G. Smith, 3; E. Horne, 4; S. Moore (Biddulph), 5; J. Johnson (conductor), 6. And 720 Oxford Treble Bob. J. Foden, 2; J. Gibson, 4; E. Horne, 5; others as before, and conducted by J. Johnson. J. Gibson hails from Norton. On Sunday, April 29th, 720 Woodbine. W. Rigby, 1; J. Foden, 2; G. Smith, 3; E. Horne, 4; W. Harratt, 5; J. Johnson (conductor), 6. Also 720 Bob Minor. J. Whitmore, 1; E. Horne, 2; W. Rigby, 4; the rest as before. On Thursday, May 3rd, 720 Woodbine. W. Rigby, 2; E. Horne, 4; the others as before. Conducted by W. Harratt. On Sunday, May 13th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob (fifteen bobs). E. Horne, 2; J. Foden, 3; W. Rigby, 4; the rest as before, conducted by J. Johnson. On Thursday, May 17th, 720 Duke of York. W. Whitmore, 1; W. Rigby, 2; G. Smith, 3; E. Horne, 4; W. Harratt, 5; J. Johnson (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method by all.

LAWTON (Cheshire).—On Sunday, April 8th, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob. W. Wheeldon, G. A. Smith, 2; J. Foden, 3; W. Harratt, 4; W. Rigby, 5; J. Johnson (conductor), 6. W. Wheeldon hails from Bucknall, the rest from Tunstall.

#### THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

LONG EATON (Derbyshire).—On Sunday evening, May 20th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 43 mins. J. Harrison, 1; T. Cope, 2; J. R. Ward, 3; F. Ricketts, 4; J. E. Hexter, 5; J. Poxon, 6; J. Bailey (conductor), 7; H. C. Wicks, 8. After service 840 Plain Bob Triples. J. Harrison, 1; J. R. Ward, 2; J. Bailey, 3; T. Cope, 4; J. E. Hexter, 5; J. Poxon, 6; W. Hexter (conductor), 7; F. C. Wicks, 8.

#### NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

WEST RETFORD (Notts).—On Monday, May 14th, on the occasion of the annual meeting held at Retford, some members of the Blyth company, assisted by G. Barrowcliffe, of Worksop, rang a 720 Oxford Treble Bob. J. H. Swinburn, 1; R. Beeston (conductor), 2; W. Swinburn, 3; G. Clayton, 4; G. Barrowcliffe, 5; T. Small, 6.

ORDSALL (Notts).—On Sunday evening, April 29th, 720 Grandsire Minor. H. Merrills, 1; J. C. Whetstone, 2; H. Lambert, 3; W. H. Johnson, 4; H. Blagg, 5; J. White (conductor), 6. On Sunday morning, May 13th, for Divine Service, 720 Plain Bob Minor. H. Merrills, 1; W. Preston, 2; W. H. Johnson, 3; H. Lambert, 4; H. Blagg, 5; J. White (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method by W. H. Johnson.

#### THE ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE (Lancashire).—On Friday morning, May 18th, the above society met to attempt a peal of Grandsire Cinques, 10,075 changes, but after ringing 6314 changes in 4 hrs. 30 mins., a change-course occurred, and the attempt came to an untimely end. It was attempted on the above date to commemorate the long peal at Mottram, in 1883, when five of the same band took part, and under the same conductor. G. Longden, 1; J. Hopwood, 2; H. Heap, 3; T. Wroe, 4; J. Mellor, 5; S. Booth, 6; S. Andrew, 7; J. Adams, 8; B. Broadbent, 9; J. S. Wilde, 10; S. Wood (composer and conductor), 11; A. Adams, 12. The thanks of the band are due to Mr. J. S. Wilde, of Hyde, who took a rope at the eleventh hour in place of one of the Ashton parish church ringers, who was ill with influenza.

#### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

LYNN (Norfolk).—On Monday, May 14th, at St. Margaret's church,

on the back eight, 640 Oxford Treble Bob Major. C. Croome, 1; G. P. Burton, 2; J. W. Sedgely, 3; —. Markwell, 4; A. W. Brighton, 5; W. Curson, 6; C. E. Borrett (conductor), 7; G. Taylor, 8. Tenor cwt. in C sharp. Messrs. Crome, Sedgely and Curson are local men; Markwell hails from Wilburton; Taylor from Cambridge; the rest from Norwich. The above, with other touches of Grandsire Triples and Caters, Bob Royal and Stedman Triples were rung on the occasion of the quarterly meeting being held at Lynn.

MONNEWDEN (Suffolk).—On Wednesday, April 4th, at the parish church, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob (nine bobs), in 24 mins. R. H. Hayward (conductor), 1; J. Tarrant, 2; J. Hunt, 3; F. E. W. Meadows, 4; W. G. Archer, 5; S. W. Martin, 6. On Wednesday, April 18th, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob (nine bobs) in 24 mins. J. Tarrant, 1; W. W. Miller (first 720 in the method), 2; R. H. Hayward (conductor), 3; F. E. W. Meadows, 4; W. G. Archer, 5; S. W. Martin, 6. On Sunday, April 22nd, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob in 20 mins. A. S. Wightman (conductor), 1; F. E. W. Meadows, 2; J. Hunt, 3; J. Tarrant, 4; W. G. Archer, 5; S. W. Martin, 6. A. S. Wightman hails from Cretingham; F. E. W. Meadows and W. W. Miller from Otley; the rest belong to the local band. Tenor 6 cwt.

WITNESHAM (Suffolk).—On Sunday, April 8th, at the parish church, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles) in 26 mins. W. Whiting, 1; W. W. Miller, 2; J. W. Miller, 3; G. Pyett, 4; F. E. W. Meadows, 5; W. Dye (conductor), 6. Tenor 12 cwt.

CLOPTON (Suffolk).—On Sunday, May 13th, at the parish church, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles) in 29 mins. G. Durrant, 1; G. Wicks, 2; W. Whiting (conductor), 3; F. E. W. Meadows, 4; W. Shipp, 5; A. Hatcher, 6. Tenor 14 cwt.

OTLEY (Suffolk).—On Sunday, May 26th, at the parish church, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob (nine bobs) in 29 mins. F. E. W. Meadows, 1; W. W. Miller, 2; W. Whiting, 3; E. Wightman, 4; W. Shipp, 5; A. Hatcher (conductor), 6. E. Wightman hails from Cretingham; the rest belong to the local band. Tenor 11½ cwt.

#### GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

QUEDGLE (Gloucestershire).—On Sunday, May 13th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, taken from the Clavis. C. Cox, 1; T. Mansfield, 2; A. Harris, 3; H. Ford (conductor), 4; F. Knight, 5; S. Knight, 6; C. Lyes, 7; W. Brown, 8. On Sunday, May 20th, for morning service, 504 in the same method. J. G. Lusher, 1; T. Mansfield, 2; H. Ford, 3; W. Brown, 4; F. Knight, 5; S. Knight, 6; C. Lyes, 7; W. Townsend, 8. And in the evening, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. T. Mansfield, 1; H. Gardner, 2; H. Mitchell, 3; W. T. Peglar, 4; F. Knight (conductor), 5; S. Knight, 6; C. Lyes, 7; W. Brown (composer), 8. Messrs. Gardner, Mitchell and Peglar hail from Hempstead, Barnwood and Gloucester respectively; the rest are local men.

#### THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

EPSOM (Surrey).—On Wednesday, May 16th, for practice at Christ Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 44 mins. \*T. Goff, 1; W. Chantler, 2; G. Chantler, 3; J. Crawford, 4; T. Tutte, 5; T. Miles, 6; H. Kenten, 7; A. Bassett, 8. \*First quarter-peal.

#### THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—BLACKBURN BRANCH;

BURNLEY (Lancashire).—On Sunday, May 13th, for morning service at Holy Trinity church, 360 Kent Treble Bob Minor, with 7-8 covering. T. Baldwin, 1; J. Wilkinson, 2; R. Ashworth, 3; T. Redman (conductor), 4; N. Townsend, 5; M. Wood, 6; T. Mounsey, 7; D. Heys, 8. For evening service 640 Kent Treble Bob Major. T. Baldwin, 1; J. Wilkinson, 2; H. Heyworth, 3; R. Ashworth, 4; N. Townsend, 5; M. Wood, 6; T. Mounsey, 7; T. Redman (conductor), 8.

BRAMSHOTT (Hants).—On Tuesday, May 8th, at St. Mary's church, 720 Grandsire Doubles, each called differently. W. Stilwell, 1; Rev. H. C. Stokes, 2; W. Wheeler (conductor), 3; W. Whiting, 4; G. Beagley, 5; T. Burrows, 6. \*First 720 as conductor.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS (Suffolk).—On Sunday evening, May 13th, for evening service, on the back eight at the Norman tower, 504 Grandsire Triples. G. Debenham (conductor), 1; G. Farrants, 2; W. Salisbury, 3; H. Turner, 4; A. Bridges, 5; A. Symonds, 6; R. Moore, 7; R. Gooch, 8. Tenor 31 cwt.

EAST DEREHAM (Norfolk).—On Saturday, May 5th, at the parish church of St. Nicholas, 720 Bob Minor with the tenor covering, and with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late Bishop Pelham, of Norwich, the funeral taking place on that day. A. Crisp, 1; J. W. Marjoram, 2; F. G. Burleigh, 3; F. M. Aldis, 4; J. Wells, 5; S. F. Burleigh (conductor), 6; W. Leggatt, 7.



**KNYESBURY (Hunts).**—Recently for practice at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor in 28 mins. S. Irons (first 720), 1; E. Clarke, 2; G. Coleman, 3; S. Hawksford, 4; H. Sutton (conductor), 5; G. Irons, 6. On Saturday, May 5th, 720 Oxford Bob. C. Chasty (first 720 in the method), 1; I. Hills, 2; G. Coleman, 3; S. Hawksford, 4; H. J. Sutton (first 720 in the method), 5; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 6. Also 720 Bob Minor. J. Jones, 1; E. Clarke, 2; C. W. Clarke, 3; G. Irons, 4; H. Sutton, 5; I. Hills (conductor), 6. Messrs. C. W. Clarke and Hills hail from Bedford.

**EASTBOURNE (Sussex).**—On Thursday, May 17th, at St. Mary's church, 672 Grandsire Triples. A. Midmore, 1; J. Billings, 2; E. Willoughby, 3; H. J. Fisher, 4; H. Vernon, 5; J. Lewis, 6; W. J. Fisher (conductor), 7; T. Lewis, 8. On Sunday, May 20th, for service, 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Rollison, 1; J. Billings, 2; C. Lewis, 3; H. J. Fisher, 4; J. Lewis, 5; W. J. Fisher (conductor), 6; T. Lewis, 7; S. Lewis, 8. On Tuesday, May 22nd, at Christ Church, 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Hunnisett, 1; J. Sharp, 2; E. Willoughby, 3; A. Piper, 4; H. J. Fisher, 5; W. J. Fisher, 6; B. Hobbs (conductor), 7; T. Deadman, 8. H. J. Fisher hails from Ducklington.

**FORNHAM ST. MARTIN (Suffolk).**—On Sunday afternoon, May 13th, 720 Bob Minor (forty-two singles). R. Wilding, 1; A. Bridges, 2; G. Debenham, 3; H. Blake, 4; H. Turner, 5; A. Symonds (conductor), 6.

**HAVERSTOCK HILL (Middlesex).**—On Thursday, May 3rd, at St. Martin's church, 720 Bob Minor, in 25 mins. G. Turl, jun., 1; G. Smith, 2; J. Cawley, 3; T. Titchener, 4; N. Alderman, 5; J. Nixon (conductor), 6. Tenor 12½ cwt. On Thursday, May 17th, a 720 of Double Court Bob Minor, in 24 mins. J. Nixon, 1; T. Titchener, 2; G. Smith, 3; R. Bevan, 4; J. Woods, 5; G. Newson (conductor), 6.

**HORRINGER (Suffolk).**—On Sunday, May 13th, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor (thirteen singles nine bobs). A. Symonds, 1; J. Cocker, 2; D. Gooch, 3; H. Turner, 4; W. Salisbury, 5; G. Debenham (conductor), 6. Tenor 6½ cwt. A. Symonds hails from Lavenham, H. Turner from Bury St. Edmunds, the rest are local men.

**NORWICH.**—On Saturday, May 5th, with the bells half-muffled for the funeral of the late Bishop Pelham, who was for thirty-five years Bishop of Norwich, 702 Grandsire Caters was rung at St. Peter's. C. E. Borrett (conductor), 1; E. Ward, 2; P. Sadler, 3; A. W. Brighton, 4; G. Howchin, 5; A. G. Warnes, 6; F. H. Knights, 7; W. Bales, 8; G. Smith, 9; J. Smith, 10. Also touches of Bob Royal, Stedman Caters and Oxford Treble Bob Royal, and 575 Grandsire Caters. A. W. Brighton (conductor), and F. J. Howchin taking part.

**SWANSEA.**—On Monday, May 14th, at St. Mary's church, an attempt was made for Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples, but after ringing 2340 changes "stand" was called owing to a change-course. E. Stenner, 1; E. Cook (conductor), 2; F. Curtis, 3; G. Searl, 4; W. Lightfoot, 5; W. Burkinshaw, 6; H. West, 7; W. Green, 8.

**STREYING (Sussex).**—On Sunday, April 1st, for Divine Service, at the parish church, a 504 Stedman Triples. A. Gatland, 1; E. Rapley, C. Smart (conductor), 3; W. Woolgar, 4; C. Chambers, 5; G. Gatland, 6; J. Smart, 7; H. Meetens, 8. And a 504 in the same method. J. Smart, 1; H. Meetens, 2; A. Gatland, 3; E. Rapley, 4; G. Gatland, 5; C. Chambers, 6; C. Smart (conductor), 7; W. Woolgar, 8. And for evening service, a 504 Grandsire Triples. G. Gatland, 1; J. Smart, 2; C. Hills (Angmering), 3; J. Woolgar, 4; W. Woolgar, 5; C. Chambers, 6; C. Smart (conductor), 7; A. Gatland, 8. And 420 Stedman Triples. E. Rapley, 1; J. Woolgar, 2; C. Smart (conductor), 3; G. Gatland, 4; C. Chambers, 5; J. Smart, 6; C. Hills, 7; H. Meetens, 8. On Sunday, April 8th, for Divine Service, a 504 Stedman Triples. E. Rapley, 1; J. Matthews, 2; A. Gatland, 3; H. Meetens, 4; C. Chambers, 5; G. Gatland, 6; W. Woolgar (conductor), 7; Rev. A. Pridgeon, 8. And for evening service, a 504 in the same method. G. Gatland, 1; J. Woolgar, 2; W. Woolgar, 3; G. Smart (conductor), 4; W. Collison, 5; H. Meetens, 6; J. Smart, 7; E. Turrell, 8. On Sunday, April 15th, a 504 Stedman Triples. C. Smart (conductor), 1; G. Gatland, 2; J. Matthews, 3; E. Rapley, 4; A. Gatland, 5; H. Meetens, 6; W. Woolgar, 7; J. Smart, 8. And 518 of Grandsire Triples, being the first 518 of Holt's Ten-part. H. Meetens, 1; W. Woolgar (conductor), 2; C. Smart, 3; J. Smart, 4; J. Matthews, 5; G. Gatland, 6; W. Collison, 7; E. Hughes, 8. On Sunday, April 22nd, for evening service, Thurstans' quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 51 mins. \*C. Smart (conductor), 1; J. Woolgar, 2; J. Matthews, 3; E. Rapley, 4; H. Meetens, 5; J. Smart, 6; W. Woolgar, 7; G. Gatland, 8. \*First quarter-peal as conductor from non-observation bell. On Monday, April 23rd, for practice, 1008 of Stedman Triples. G. Gatland, 1; J. W. Allis (Henfield), 2; A. Gatland, 3; H. Meetens, 4; W. Woolgar, 5; C. Smart (conductor), 6; J. Smart, 7; E. Hughes, 8. On Sunday, April 29th, for evening service, a 756 of Stedman Triples. C. Smart (conductor), 1; W. Collison, 2; J. Smart, 3; G. Gatland, 4; F. Morris (Brighton), 5; A. Gatland, 6; W. Woolgar, 7; E. Hughes, 8. On Sunday, May 6th, for evening service, 504 of Sted-

man Triples. W. Collison, 1; E. Rapley, 2; A. Gatland, 3; C. Smart (conductor), 4; W. Woolgar, 5; H. Meetens, 6; J. Smart, 7; J. Woolgar, 8. And 504 of Grandsire Triples. G. Gatland, 1; J. Smart, 2; J. Matthews, 3; J. Prevett (Bolney), 4; C. Chambers, 5; H. Meetens, 6; C. Smart (conductor), 7; A. Gatland, 8.

**STANSTEAD (Suffolk).**—On Sunday, May 13th, at the parish church, a 720 of Oxford Bob. A. Papworth, 1; G. Smith, 2; R. Theobald, 3; R. Brett, 4; S. Slater (Glemsford), 5; R. Gowers (conductor), 6. On Friday, May 11th, a 720 Kent Treble Bob. R. Gowers, 1; G. Smith, 2; A. Papworth, 3; A. Clarke, 4; R. Theobald, 5; R. Brett (conductor), 6. On Thursday, May 17th, for a wedding service which took place at half-past 10.0 a.m. between Albert John Clarke and Miss Mary Ann Honeywood, the following touches were rung: 720 Bob Minor in 25 mins. A. Papworth, 1; G. Smith, 2; F. W. J. Rees, (Nayland), 3; R. Theobald, 4; R. Gowers, 5; R. Brett (conductor), 6. And a 18-score of Kent Treble Bob. R. Gowers, 1; R. Theobald, 2; F. W. J. Rees, 3; S. Slater, 4; R. Brett, 5; C. Sillitoe (Sudbury, conductor), 6. And a 720 Woodbine Treble Bob. C. Sillitoe, 1; G. Smith, 2; R. Theobald, 3; R. Gowers, 4; S. Slater, 5; R. Brett (conductor), 6. The ringers then partook of refreshment given by their worthy friend, the bridegroom, and a course of Treble Bob Royal was rung on handbells by R. Theobald, 1-2; R. Brett, 3-4; S. Slater, 5-6; C. Sillitoe, 7-8; R. Gowers, 9-10.

**TOWN MALLING (Kent).**—On Sunday, May 13th, for evening service, 504 Bob Triples. W. Smith, 1; J. Capon, 2; J. Worsley, 3; Rev. A. L. Brine, 4; W. Harden, 5; D. Hall, 6; J. W. Leonard (conductor), 7; C. Elcombe, 8. All the above except Elcombe belong to the Kent County Association.

**UPPER BEEDING (Sussex).**—On Monday, April 30th, at the parish church, for practice, a 120 of Grandsire Doubles. G. Searle, 1; T. Searle, jun., 2; L. Young, 3; T. Goddard, 4; T. Searle, sen., (conductor), 5; C. Budd, 6. This is the first 120 of Doubles by the local branch, who have been learning change ringing during the winter months. T. Searle wishes through the medium of "THE BELL NEWS," to thank C. Smart and members of the Steyning branch for having helped them in learning the method. On Wednesday, May 2nd, being the anniversary of the opening of the bells, a 360 of Bob Minor. G. Searle, 1; E. Rapley, 2; H. Meetens, 3; J. Smart, 4; W. Woolgar, 5; C. Smart (conductor), 6.

**WESTERHAM (Kent).**—On Sunday, May 6th, 378 Grandsire Triples, conducted by E. R. J. Dunk. And 223 and 308 Grandsire Triples, conducted by F. Mannering. Also after evening service a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. R. Stone, 1; G. B. Selby, 2; D. Wright, 3; E. R. J. Dunk (conductor), 4; G. Steer (composer), 5; J. Heath, 6; F. Mannering, 7; D. Ashdown, 8. On Monday, May 7th, an attempt was made for Taylor's bob-and-single peal of Grandsire Triples, but it came to grief after ringing 3780 changes in 2 hrs. 20 mins. R. Stone, 1; F. Mannering, 2; G. B. Selby, 3; H. J. Selby, 4; G. Steer, 5; J. Heath, 6; E. R. J. Dunk (conductor), 7; D. Ashdown, 8. T. Mannering hails from Maidstone.

**WALTHAM ABBEY (Essex).**—On Saturday, May 12th, a muffled touch was rung as a last token of respect to the four men who were killed in the explosion of nitro-glycerine on the preceding Monday. A. Tarling, 1; F. Jelf, 2; F. Carter, 3; G. Peace, 4; G. Cole, 5; G. Thurgood, 6; D. Tarling, 7; T. Colverd, 8. This touch, which was the ordinary whole pull and stand, was conducted by G. Thurgood. On Sunday, May 13th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. F. Carter, 1; T. Pallett, 2; F. Jelf, 3; G. Peace, 4; D. Tarling, 5; G. Thurgood (conductor), 6; T. Colverd, 7; G. Cole, 8. This quarter-peal was composed by W. A. Alps.

## Obituary.

### GEORGE BRADDOCK.

The Ashton-under-Lyne society regret to report the death of Mr. G. Braddock, one of their number, who succumbed to rheumatic fever after a short illness, on the 19th inst. The deceased was well known as a member of the Mottram ringers, and also as mine host of The Church inn, the meeting house of the Ashton parish church ringers. He had not been a prolific peal-ringer, but had scored about twenty peals in the Plain and Treble Bob methods. The funeral took place on Tuesday last, at Mottram, about thirty ringers from the surrounding district attending, to pay the last tribute of respect to their departed brother. A course of Grandsire Cinques was rung over the grave, also a touch, deeply muffled in the same method, on the Ashton parish church bells, consisting of 571 changes, corresponding with the number of months he had lived, composed and conducted by Mr. S. Wood. The band were as follows: E. S. Morgan, 1; F. Brown, 2; W. Smith, 3; T. Taylor, 4; J. Thorp, 5; S. Booth, 6; B. Broadbent, 7; J. Adams, 8; L. Broadbent, 9; A. Adams, 10; S. Wood, 11; E. Brown, 12.

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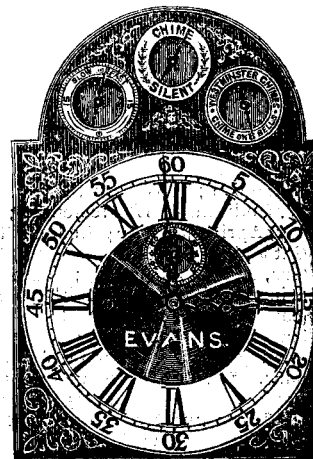
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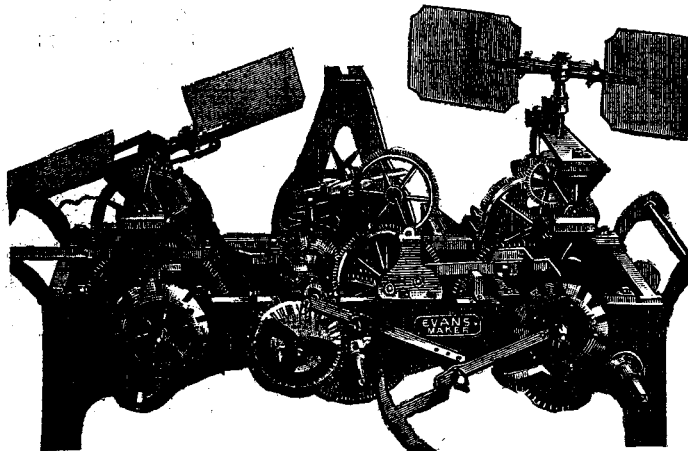
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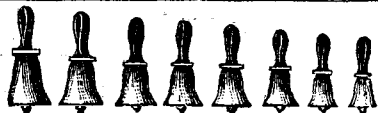
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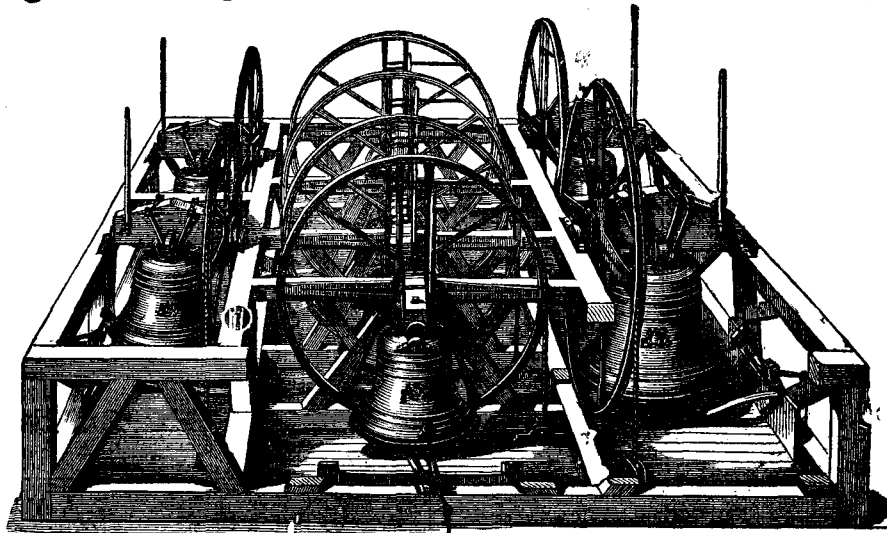
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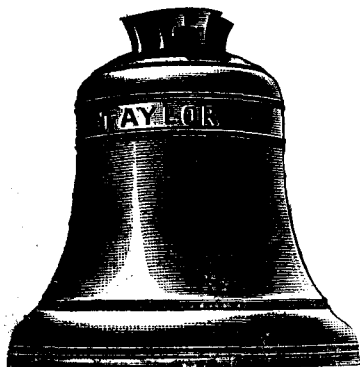
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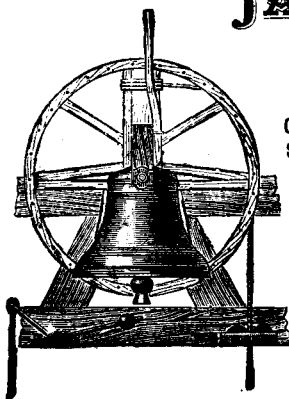
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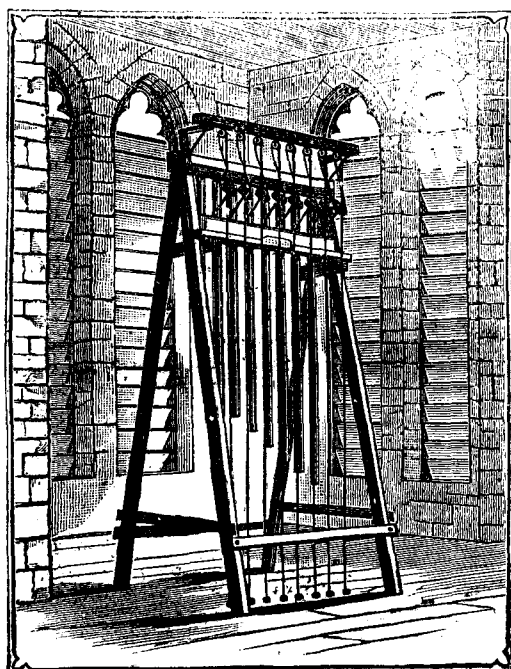
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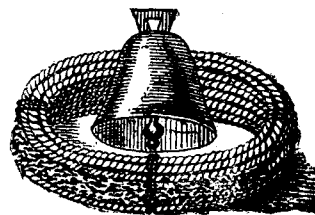
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[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

"By kind invitation of the Ecclesfield Branch, the next general meeting of this Association will be held there on Saturday, June 2nd." Such was the intimation conveyed in the circular from the Hon. Secretary, and I at once began to enquire as to the whereabouts of the place. Further down the circular I found the information that Ecclesfield was "distant from Sheffield 4½ miles, from Penistone 9 miles, and from Barnsley 9 miles." I then made inquiries of my friend Tom, but found him little better informed geographically than myself, so together we consulted the map. This investigation led to hardly any more satisfactory result: there seemed a perfect network of railways surrounding the place, but hardly any touching the precise spot, so my friend Tom concluded with an expression of opinion that most likely the place was one of those which consisted of a church, a pub., and a coal pit; and so for the time being we left it. A few days later, a communication from another friend—whom I will call William—gave me a route which had evidently been prepared with great care, and so after consultation I and friend Tom decided to travel by it, notwithstanding the many changes of railway carriages which it necessitated. And so on Saturday forenoon last, we started by Great Northern for Holbeck, where we were to meet a Leeds train for Wakefield, and so get along a good part of our journey. But, in the words of the old proverb, Man proposes, etc., etc. Delays on the way of the first stage resulted in our seeing the train number two leaving Holbeck station while we were imprisoned in the one just arriving, and so we stepped out on the platform in no very envious state of mind. Time tables, of course, came into instant requisition, the first investigation of which was the discovery that by the orthodox route we might reach our destination somewhere about six o'clock in the evening. That was pleasant, and no mistake! The station master, seeing our dilemma, very courteously came to our rescue, and did his level best to map out for us the best course under the circumstances. And I should be a shabby fellow indeed if I did not recognise the services he so willingly rendered us at that juncture, the ultimate result of which was, after a lengthy consultation of the various railway combinations, the discovery of a L. and Y. train from Leeds to Wakefield which, if run to time, would just put us as straight as if we had travelled by the train which had so mercilessly left us. So we waited—I won't say patiently, but tolerantly. The train in question arrived prompt to time, and our most obliging friend the station master got it away again most expeditiously, the result of which was that we steamed into Wakefield station only one minute behind time, and with four minutes to spare. If you could only have seen the agility with which I and my friend Tom alighted on the platform there, why it would have done you good; and when on *terra firma* we soon espied our mutual friend—the aforesaid William—anxiously scanning the carriage windows in search of us. So all was well that ended well, in this instance at all events. Soon we were comfortably seated in a M. S. and L. carriage, and on our way to Barnsley, the next "stop," where we had once more to change trains. Then commenced a ride which will never fade from my memory. We were properly in the colliery district, and expected to see nothing but coal pits, furnaces, and other such-like evidences of the debasing hand of man on the face of nature. But the treat in store for us was unique. The country we passed leaving Barnsley turned out to be simply superb, while for variety and change, why fourteen or any other number of half-peals of Minor weren't in it. Just imagine yourselves for a few minutes travelling through the forests of—why anywhere, in fact—with stately natural avenues of trees, and lovely peeps of natural growth of sturdy trees and luxurious underwood (I think that is the technical term), then all of a sudden there is a break, and a large colliery establishment comes into view. Nature and coal industry seem to be fighting for supremacy. The surroundings supplied by nature are lovely. While travelling through the shades of the trees one might well imagine himself hundreds of miles away from the "civilising" hand of man. Then when one had just settled down in perfect enjoyment of the beautiful effects, another colliery establishment rudely breaks the charm for a moment, and we are in the hard matter-of-fact world again. Thus it was till we reached Chapel-

town, the end of our third term of railway experience, where we alighted, and set off on our half-hour's walk to our ultimate destination. The walk was a pleasant one, in spite of the wet weather which had made the roads heavy underfoot. But the rain very accommodatingly cleared off soon after we got on the way, and ere long, while stepping briskly through the fields looking all the brighter for the downpour, we came in sight of the church, and heard for the first time the sound of the bells from its massive tower. On arriving at the churchyard gate, we stopped to view the edifice,—cathedral-like in its proportions—which had stood the storms of ages, and suffered from the ravages of the unbeliever. It was a grand old place; and we lingered for some time around it. The following account of the church and village will no doubt be of interest to my readers.

"Ecclesfield lies due north of Sheffield; five miles distant. In Domesday Book the district is surveyed under Ecclesfield. Soon after the Conquest a religious house was erected at the village, which was under the superintendence of a prior. This priory acquired a predominant interest in the parish, but after various vicissitudes it fell into decay. The church has been popularly and deservedly called the 'Minster of the Moors,' and two centuries ago was said by Dodsworth to be the fairest church for stone, wood, glass, and neat keeping that was to be met with in the country. The civil wars are responsible for its spoliation, and much of its ancient ornamentation have we thus been robbed of. The grand proportions of the structure however remain, and speak with a mighty voice of that which ought to have been handed down entire. The priory has been to some extent restored, and is now used as a residence for the assistant clergy. But it is round the vicarage that a more modern interest lies, as it is not every village that possesses a clergyman who has been well over half-a-century in residence. A fine, well-preserved old man is Rev. Dr. Gatty, now steadily working on to the nineties, but his erudition, great though it is, seems to be dwarfed, as it were, by the talents of his family. The late Mrs. Gatty, who may be said to be known where the English language is spoken for her '*Parables from Nature*,' sleeps quietly in the peaceful churchyard, as near the vicarage as the ground allows. Nor does the interest in this beautiful writer rest here, as it was in her father's arms, at the Battle of Trafalgar, that Lord Nelson died, Dr. Scott being the chaplain on board 'the Victory.' With the pretty stories 'Two Flat Irons for a Farthing,' and many others, the name of Mrs. Ewing will long be known amongst children, aye, and amongst grown-up children too, and she—alas! dead—was a daughter of the vicar and his talented wife. The tune to 'Jerusalem the Golden,' named 'Ewing' is again connected with this interesting family and its surroundings. But we must close, not however without remembering 'Little Songs for Little Voices,' by one of the sons, Alfred Scott Gatty, a musician of no mean order. The tenor is said to be dated 1617."

But I must hasten with my story. Leaving the churchyard we walked further into the village, which proved to be much more consequential than my friend Tom's prediction would have verified. There was but one church certainly—if a noble one—but by the time we reached the large open space in the middle of the village (market place, I believe they call it) the one "pub." had grown to at least half-a-dozen. In this open space were all the concomitants which go to make up an old English village feast. Swing boats, roundabouts, itinerant musicians, vocalists—some of whom evidently flattering themselves in their ability to give Sims Reeves points, and then beat him. All seemed to be of the old national pattern unless, perhaps, with the exception that the salubrious pea saloons had given place to the more modern vendors of hokey-pokey and ice cream, which my antiquity-loving soul rebelled against.

On the opposite side of the market place, we found an ancient hostelry bearing the name of The White Bear. (This I imagined was in contradistinction to The Black Bull, another old-fashioned "pub." on the other side of the village. If they only had in addition, a Brown Cow, a Spotted Ox, and a Blue Lion, they might then boast of a pictorial zoological gardens in the "pub." line. But I am digressing). We found the local committee in an upper room, and after a few minutes' pleasant chat, possessed ourselves of the necessary bit of pasteboard which would entitle us to take tea at a subsequent period. Then I went to have a look at the schools, which I found to be very commodious, convenient, and designed with every regard for light and air. Shortly after four o'clock the official committee assembled there and transacted their business, which included the admission of several new members. With five o'clock came the appointed time for tea—and the visitors also. We all were

evidently ready for it, and it was just as ready for us. Not one of your half-hearted milk-and-water teas, but a good substantial "feed," capable of allaying the most intensely sharpened appetite, with cups filled with good refreshing liquid, which had come from the steaming urns. Before leaving the tea tables, Mr. Snowdon proposed a cordial vote of thanks to the Rev. Dr. Gatty, vicar, for the use of the bells and school, which was carried with vigour, and grace having been said, we all adjourned for a few minutes.

Upon returning for the business meeting, there was a large attendance, Mr. W. Snowdon (President) occupying the chair; the Revs. J. S. Barry and J. Christie, curates, representing the vicar, whose absence was caused by his weight of years—approaching four-score and ten. In opening the proceedings the President referred to the most interesting nature of the place of their visit; its venerable and magnificent church, dating from the twelfth century, and its priory with a foundation even older. And in its modern aspect and history, there hovered the memory of Mrs. Gatty—the "children's friend"—whose beautiful writings for young ones had reached almost all over the civilized world. He had that afternoon stood reverently by her resting-place in the churchyard; he had seen the stained window within the church which told of her worth and virtues; and also he had seen the children's monument on the wall of the church which spoke so eloquently of her, and bore witness that "children should rise up and call her blessed." They could not meet in Ecclesfield without being conscious of all this, and making fitting allusion to it. He had that afternoon enjoyed the pleasure of an interview with the aged vicar, Dr. Gatty, who had assured him of the hearty welcome which he gave to the visiting ringers that day, and how he wished the Association God-speed. The Chairman concluded by proposing that the resolution of thanks passed at the tea table should be entered upon the minutes, which was seconded by Mr. B. T. Copley, agreed to amid loud cheers, and acknowledged on behalf of the vicar by the Rev. J. S. Barry. The minutes of the previous meeting were then read and confirmed; whereupon an invitation for the place for holding the annual meeting being forthcoming, the matter was left in the hands of the committee as per rule.

The Hon. Secretary proposed, and Mr. W. Stainthorpe (treasurer) seconded, the election of Messrs. H. Raistrick (Bradford), and Job A. Ross (Shipley), as auditors and returning officers, which was adopted.

Mr. Snowdon then referred to the six-bell peal controversy, remarking that though differing with the Central Council in this particular matter, he, while speaking for himself was certain he also spoke the sentiments of the whole Association when he said they supported most strongly the Council as a body, a sentiment which evoked considerable marks of approval. He then gave notice of motion, signed by himself and the Hon. Sec., with the full approval of the committee, giving the Association's definition of a six-bell peal, as follows: "A peal on six bells shall consist of not less than 5040 changes rung without intervals 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 where the extent requires them, shall be admissible, provided that one 720 be first rung in its entirety."

Mr. C. H. Hattersley next moved a vote of thanks to the Ecclesfield branch for their hospitable entertainment, which was seconded by Mr. T. Hattersley, carried with loud applause, and acknowledged by Mr. George Shaw.

Mr. J. Mulligan (Sheffield), called attention to the present mode of selecting the place for holding the annual meeting, contending that the place should be decided upon at the previous annual meeting, and not left to the summer meeting. Mr. B. T. Copley, replying, while agreeing with the basis of the previous speaker's contention, said that subject had occupied his attention for a considerable time back. He then gave the outline of a proposal which he had thought out, and intended bringing before the Committee at a convenient date. This alternative plan was greeted with much approval, Mr. Mulligan withdrawing his in its favour, and upon an assurance from the president that the matter would be before the Committee at its next meeting, the subject dropped; and a cordial vote of thanks to the Chairman concluded the business.

We then had time for a brief—only too brief—stroll into the village, when it became necessary to turn towards the railway station for our journey home. And while going through the fields, on turning to have one more look at the place, which seemed to nestle so comfortably and complacently on the slope, from the massive tower which overlooked all, came forth the sound of the old bells, as it had come forth ages before, making the peaceful surroundings lovely with its music.

#### CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.

Friday, May 25th, will always be remembered by the ringers and inhabitants of the above village as a red-letter day. By the will of the late G. H. Pinckard, Esq., of Coombe Court, the sum of £200 was left to the rector and churchwardens to be expended in festivities on the 2nd anniversary of his birthday, after his demise, a similar sum being also left to Winkleigh, in North Devon, the place of his birth.

The day's proceedings commenced at 8.30 with an attempt for a peal of Grandsire Triples by the local ringers which was successfully brought round in 3 hours and ½ min., being the first peal on the bells, which have recently been increased to eight by the addition of two trebles, the gift of Mr. and Mrs. J. Coles, at a cost of £150 including the quarter turning and rehanging of the remaining six. The work has been carried out by Messrs. Warner and Sons in a very satisfactory manner. Great credit is due to the local ringers, who have only received three lessons from Mr. F. Bennett, of Guildford, five of them scoring their peal at the first attempt.

At 1 o'clock about 500 of the villagers sat down to an excellent cold collation served in a large marquee erected on the green. During the afternoon and evening several touches were rung, the belfry being visited by the donors of the bells, and the Rev. R. H. Lathbury, rector of Denham, Bucks, who rang the tenor behind a touch in a masterly style. It is greatly hoped that the local band after such a promising beginning will prove a valuable adjunct to the Winchester Diocesan Guild. The remainder of the afternoon was spent in the various amusements of a country fair. A meat tea was provided at 5 o'clock to about 800 women and children. Dancing was indulged in until 11 o'clock, when "God save the Queen" ended a day that will long be remembered by the inhabitants of Chiddingfold.

#### WOLSTANTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.—RINGERS' SUPPER.

On Monday evening, May 7th, the Rev. H. E. Butler, vicar of Wolstanton, entertained the ringers of St. Margaret's church to an excellent supper, at which full justice was done to the many good things provided. After the repast, the rev. gentleman made a few appropriate remarks on the subject of bells and bell-ringers, and proposed the toast of "The Queen, Royal Family, and Church and State," which was suitably honoured, as was also the toast of the health of the vicar and Mrs. Butler, proposed by Mr. W. Miller, who gave a brief summary of the doings at the tower for the last twenty-eight years. The rest of the evening was spent in a convivial manner, songs were given by Messrs. J. Goodhead and W. Fitchford, recitations by Messrs. W. Miller and S. Holden, and a touch of Grandsire Triples on the handbells by Messrs. W. and T. Miller, H. Fitchford, and C. Allier. Time, as with all such gatherings, passed much too quickly, and all the party were surprised when good-nights had to be said and tracks made for home. The vicar wished all a pleasant good-night, and expressed a hope that that was a fore-runner of a many such pleasant gatherings they would have together.

GORING (Oxon).—Recently at the parish church 720 Bob Minor. J. Carter, 1; C. Tidbury, 2; A. W. Pike, 3; J. F. Tarrant, 4; J. Alexander, 5; J. Bower (conductor), 6. Messrs. Pike and Tarrant hail from Caversham and Reading respectively.

PEVENSEY (Hastings).—On Monday, May 28th, for practice at the parish church, a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles, in 5 mins. J. Bray, jun., 1; E. Beal, 2; G. Penfold, 3; T. Beal, 4; E. Brant (conductor), 5; G. Bray, 6. First 120 by all except the conductor.

## Ringers' Outings.

**RAWMARSH CHURCH STEEPLE AND HANDBELL RINGERS.**—At the annual meeting of these companies it was decided to have their annual excursion on Whit-Monday. Several places were mentioned, but it was finally decided to visit Tickhill and Bawtry, where arrangements were made to ring at each church. A start was made from The Earl Grey inn, when the ringers and a few friends, among whom was W. Machen, Esq., retired timber merchant of Rawmarsh, in conveyances supplied by Messrs. Draper and Son. A pleasant journey was enjoyed to Tickhill, when after partaking of refreshments, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob was rung in 26 mins. J. Farmery, 1; J. Ensor, 2; S. Walker, 3; W. Hawkins, 4; T. Whitworth (conductor), 5; T. Wild, 6. It being the Friendly Societies' annual gathering and dinner at this place, the handbell ringers were prevailed on to return from Bawtry early in the evening and play tunes in a large club room at The Carpenters Arms, kept by an old ringer of fifty years standing (Frank Jenkinson). This they agreed to do. They then proceeded to Bawtry, when the above-named company rang another 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, conducted by T. Whitworth. The rest of the excursionists rambled through the village and viewed the ancient landmarks and places of interest, until five o'clock arrived, and the return journey was commenced, Tickhill being reached a little after six o'clock. Having partaken of refreshments provided by the host, songs, recitations, and tunes were performed, much to the enjoyment of the company assembled. The excursionists started for home a little before nine o'clock, after having promised to pay another visit at no distant date. They arrived home at eleven o'clock, all having thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The visitors beg to thank the ringers of Tickhill, and the vicar of Bawtry for the use of the bells on this occasion.

**THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—The members of the Henfield branch of the above Association took their trip out on Monday, May 21st, the rendezvous being Guildford and Farnham. Wishing to make the most of the day, an early start was made, and Guildford was reached about nine o'clock. Mr. Jones, of the Guildford band, very kindly met them; the first two hours were devoted to looking about; the old castle ruins and gardens were visited, then the forts; back again through Shalford Park (where some magnificent scenery was seen), to the station *en route* to Farnham, being met by Mr. Barnett, of the Farnham band. Tracks were then made for the church, there being a fine peal of bells in splendid going order, and courses of Stedman and Grandsire Triples, and a 504 of Stedman were rung. C. Tyler (conductor), 1; W. J. Alliss, 2; A. Groves, 3; G. Payne, 4; L. Payne, 5; H. Chandler, 6; A. W. Groves, 7; A. Heasman, 8. The time having now arrived to return to Guildford, which was reached about three o'clock, a move was made to the church of St. Nicholas to have a pull on the grand peal of ten there, and a course of Stedman, and a few of Grandsire Caters, a course of Bob Major, and a 504 of Stedman Triples were rung. C. Tyler, 1; W. J. Alliss, 2; L. Payne, 3; W. Hillman, 4; G. Payne, 5; H. Chandler, 6; A. W. Groves, 7; A. Hodges, 8. All having thoroughly enjoyed the privilege of a little ten-bell work, "stand" was called, when an adjournment was made to The Castle hotel to partake of the excellent dinner provided there, which was heartily enjoyed after the exertions of the day. The dinner being over the church of the Holy Trinity was visited for the final pull of the day, but owing to the very bad condition of the bells, little could be done there, although they managed a course of Stedman. It is a great pity that such a grand peal (tenor 25 cwt.), should lie neglected. The members wish to take this opportunity of thanking the Vicars of the respective churches for the favours they granted them; also the gentlemen of Guildford and Farnham who contributed to the day's pleasure by showing them all there was to be seen in the short time at their disposal. The handbells being brought into use for the railway journeys, and the day altogether passing so very pleasantly, it seemed hardly possible they had been away fourteen hours, all having so completely enjoyed themselves.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—ROSSENDALE BRANCH.**—The ringers of St. Paul's church, Ramsbottom, held their annual outing on

Saturday, May 19th. They took train at nine o'clock from Ramsbottom, and arrived at Windermere at 1 p.m. After having luncheon they proceeded to Bowness, and took boat as far as Waterhead. After viewing this place, they drove to Ambleside, Grasmere, and Rydal, and then returned to Bowness, arriving at about 8 p.m., where tea was provided for them. On Sunday morning the ringers were favoured by being allowed to ring for service at St. Martin's church, Bowness, where they rang a touch of Grandsire Triples. Leaving Bowness they crossed lake Windermere and proceeded on foot from Sawrey, through Esthwaite as far as Hawkshead, a distance of nine miles. Here coach was taken and they journeyed as far as Conistone. The visitors then took advantage of the hills there and when ascending a noted hill named "Conistone Old Man" they were overtaken by a heavy snowstorm and were compelled to take shelter. This being over they returned to Hawkshead, arriving at about 5.45 p.m. and were again favoured by being allowed to ring for service at Hawkshead parish church. They then adjourned to The Red Lion hotel, where tea had been provided. Having done ample justice to this, they proceeded to Sawrey, took boat, and were landed at Bowness. Here a quiet walk was taken and they then returned to The Elleray hotel, at which place the ringers had stayed the night previous. After breakfast on Monday, they bid good-bye to Windermere and journeyed by the 9.20 train to Lancaster, and after viewing several places of interest, including the castle and parish church, they proceeded as far as Morecambe. After spending a few hours here they left by the 4.20 train, arriving at Ramsbottom at 10.15 p.m., having spent a very enjoyable three days' outing.

**THE ST. SIDWELL'S SOCIETY, EXETER.**—On Monday, May 14th, the members of this society paid a visit to South Molton, for the purpose of having a pull on the ring of eight, which has been recently rehung by Mr. Harry Stokes, of Woodbury. The peal is from the Whitechapel foundry, and were cast in the year 1807. The tenor weighs 24 cwt., and is, according to *Ellacombe's Church Bells of Devon*, in the key of E flat, and the "go" of them is everything that can be desired, and it gives the bell-hanger great credit for the manner he has so efficiently completed the rehanging. Travelling by way of Barnstaple, South Molton was reached about noon, and on ascending the hill from the station to the town, the fine peal could be heard ringing forth their sweet music, for the local ringers hearing of the intended visit had remained home to give the visitors a welcome peal. On arriving at the tower the visitors rose the eight in peal, and rang a short touch of Grandsire Triples, when it was thought a peal could be got by trying; so after the inner man had been attended to, a start was made for Hollis' five part peal of Grandsire Triples, under the conductorship of Mr. Ferris Shepherd; but after ringing about 1 hour 45 mins. it came to grief. The striking was good throughout, and for nearly an hour may be said to be perfect. The rest of the spare time, until about five o'clock, was spent with the local ringers in handbell ringing. On reaching Barnstaple on the return journey, a splendid tea was done full justice to at host Kemble's, at The Bell inn, after which a few 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles were rung on the bells of the old church of St. Peter, where there is a nice peal of six in E, recast from five into six, by a decree by the Bishop, dated Jan. 18th, 1803; but the "go" of them is something awful, and it was with much difficulty that a 6-score could be rung at all. They really ought to be put into the hands of a bell-hanger, and if such a good job is made of them as has been done at South Molton, the responsible persons would not regret the labour and energy in making the necessary arrangements for having them rehung. The ringers wish to tender their best thanks through this paper to the rectors of each tower for the use of their bells, and for the kind invitation and cordial reception given the visitors during their stay at South Molton by the local ringers. It is to be hoped they will visit St. Sidwell's and have a pull on them before long.

**NORTON (Staffordshire).**—On Friday, May 25th, 720 Kent Treble Bob in 28 mins. A. Ryles, 1; J. F. Naylor, 2; E. Johnson, 3; J. Gibson, 4; T. Johnson, 5; E. Glover (conductor), 6. On Sunday evening, May 27th, for Divine Service, 720 Kent Treble Bob in 27 mins. J. Naylor, 1; J. F. Naylor, 2; E. Glover (conductor), 3; J. Gibson, 4; T. Johnson, 5; J. Brindley (first 720 in the method), 6.

## A WEEK'S RINGING IN THE NORTH.

Under the auspices of the Durham and Newcastle Association a week's ringing was arranged, for evenings only, by the Newcastle branch. A little preliminary to this was scored in the shape of a 5152 of Bob Major at St. John's, Newcastle, on the Saturday previous—the 26th ult.—in which two of our Yorkshire friends took part, and recorded in last week's paper. Being only "first peal" men it spoke well for their stamina, as it was rung after two hours' ringing in previous attempts.

Christ Church, North Shields, was the tower prescribed for Monday, May 28th, a 5000 of Treble Bob Royal being started for, but after half-an-hour's ringing the treble rope came down. As time did not allow of splicing operations, etc., a peal of Stedman Triples was rung on the back eight, as consolation, in 2 hrs. 54 mins., considered to be the quickest peal on the bells. Next night, Tuesday, the 29th, the bells of St. George, Jesmond, were taken in hand, and a capially-struck 5056 of Superlative Surprise was pulled off in 3 hrs. 12 mins. Wednesday night was reckoned to be the "big order" of the week, a peal of Stedman Caters at the Cathedral (tenor 37½ cwt.) being the fixture, but turning up two men short, it was decided to take a bigger thing still, viz., a 5056 of Superlative Surprise on the back eight. We had attempted it once before, but lost it through one of our number being unwell, after 2 hrs. 40 mins. ringing. Our "modern Hercules" mounted his box at the tenor, and with the "little nipper" at the 9th, a good start was made, 3 hrs. 45 mins. seeing the end of a well-struck peal. The composition was the same as that rung on the previous night, the conductor not having another at his finger-ends. This is the heaviest ring of bells on which a peal in a Surprise method has yet been rung, and was the first peal of Major rang in the tower. All Saints' bells (tenor 19 cwt.) was tackled the next night, Thursday, and a peal of Double Norwich was accomplished in 3 hrs. 15 mins. This was a musical 5008 of Mr. Holmes's, with all the combinations of 4, 5, 6 in five-six. We were, however, doomed to failure the following night, when St. Mary's, Gateshead, was taken in hand. The tenor here has to be clocked, as the tower is too weak to allow of her being raised. This necessitated Triples being rung, and Thurstans' peal of Stedman was attempted, but a mysterious and unaccountable change-course brought us to a standstill after 50 mins. ringing. C. L. Routledge (conductor), 1; F. Lees, 2; W. Story, 3; A. F. Hillier, 4; H. Dall, 5; W. Holmes, 6; F. Harrison, 7; J. Alderson, 8. Tenor 15 cwt. St. Stephen's bells was the only peal in the town we did not secure for this special week, so on the next day, Saturday, we fell back on the musical peal at All Saints, through the kind permission of the good vicar, the Rev. O. C. Carr. But here we dropped from our classical pedestal, and had perforce to resort to a peal of Bob Major, two of our old band being otherwise engaged. Strange to say, we lost this through a most simple change-course between two of the most experienced hands, and this after ringing four parts out of a 5-part composition. R. Simm, jun. (first attempt at Major), 1; W. T. Robson (Sunderland; first attempt at Bob Major), 2; R. C. Hudson, 3; C. L. Routledge, 4; A. Hillier, 5; W. Story, 6; F. Harrison (conductor), 7; W. Holmes, 8. A 720 of Bob Minor (non-conducted) on handbells was also rung by C. L. Routledge, 1-2; W. Holmes, 3-4; R. C. Hudson, 5-6. Mr. W. Story acted as umpire. Sunday was omitted as a band could not be raised for the afternoon, but Monday, the 4th inst., saw us rattling away merrily on our little peal at St. John's, to the tune of good old Treble Bob, and a neat 5024 scored in 2 hrs. 55 mins. Thus ended a most successful week, five peals being scored out of seven attempts. Our heartiest thanks are herewith tendered to the Vicars and Churchwardens of the several churches at which these peals were rung, all being granted in a most willing spirit. Also to the several steepplekeepers who so ably attended to our comfort in the belfry.

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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.

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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."

## "PEAL COMMITTEES."

SIR,—The writer answering my letter grumbles because why I didn't sign my name. Well, then, why didn't he? He can't contradict what I say that we ought to get the best men for the job. Is there any reason why a member who can proof a Treble eight peal oughtn't to be one? Of course there isn't, but all the more reason why we should. The party who wrote that letter had better try his hand again.

OLD READER.

## EXPLANATION.

SIR,—In your issue of May 26th, you publish a letter from Mr. W. Combes, re the ringer of the 5th bell at Pendoyland and Peterstone. The ringer was Mr. T. Northey and not Mr. Combes. His kind friend has evidently been misinformed, and I much regret that Mr. Combes should have been caused any annoyance through an accidental omission on my part. It would have been better if that kind friend had taken the trouble to find out the truth, as he might have done easily by applying to

F. BARTLETT, Local Secretary.

## THE BELLS OF ST. MICHAEL, COVENTRY.

SIR,—Coventry folk, and particularly the local ringing fraternity, owe you a debt of gratitude for the timely protests you have made against the absurd scheme for re-hanging the bells of St. Michael's church in the restored tower for chiming only. Chiming, forsooth! Believe me, sir, we in this city have for some years been positively haunted by the ghost of poor old Churchyard Bob, who ought to have been buried long since. Regularly every Sunday at "early morn and dewy eve" this spectre appears, sending forth most mournful sounds meanwhile, from some wretched wooden monstrosity or other, called by courtesy a campanile. Now it is proposed to submit the grand swing of bells at St. Michael's to the clanging process so distressing to the ears of a campanologist. Better by far accept your caustic advice, and obtain a faculty for their removal to some other church community; or else offer the bells—lock, stock, and barrel—for sale to the highest bidder. But no more "clogging" an' it please the gods! You write "It may be that the tastes of Coventry people lie this (the bell-gagging) way." Most assuredly they do not, sir, as I will endeavour to prove. Before his death Mr. George Woodcock, a famous benefactor to the "City of spires," had a census of the inhabitants taken, and the majority in favour of ringing as opposed to "hammering" was something like ten to one. Personally Mr. Woodcock was for ringing in full peal, and he promised to erect a handsome tower, providing £5000 were guaranteed within three years. Needless to add, this has not been done, a result which is by no means creditable to the congregation attending the largest parish church in the kingdom. Of course if the chiming arrangement be carried out in the face of Mr. Woodcock's expressed wish, the generous offer made by him will fall through. Now that attention has been called to the matter, however, it is to be hoped the promoters will, like Mr. Dombey's sister, "make an effort" in another direction.

CADOC.

Coventry, June 5th, 1894.

**STONEY STRATFORD (Bucks).**—On Saturday, May 19th, at the parish church, a 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs). I. Hills, 1; W. G. Cowley, 2; H. Sharp, 3; G. Valetine, 4; E. Yates (first 720 in the method), 5; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 6. And a 720 Bob Minor (eight bobs and six singles). H. Cullip, 1; C. W. Clarke, 2; W. G. Cowley, 3; I. Hills, 4; G. Valetine, 5; H. Sharp (conductor), 6. Messrs. Clarke, Cullip, Sharp and Hills hail from Bedford, and they wish to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to the local ringers for meeting them.

**TREETON (Yorks).**—On Wednesday, April 18th, at the parish church, a 240 each of London Scholars' Pleasure, College Pleasure, Duke of York, Woodbine, Oxford Delight, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob. T. Sadler, 1; J. H. Brothwell, 2; S. Walker, 3; W. Lambert, 4; W. J. Nicholson, 5; T. Whitworth, 6. On Friday, April 20th, a 120 each of Tanner's Pleasure, Arnold's Victory and City Delight, all in the same position as above. On Saturday, May 19th, 720 College Exercise. On Sunday morning, May 20th, 120 Cambridge Surprise. And in the evening, a 720 College Exercise.

**CENTRAL COUNCIL REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CALLS AND COLLECTION OF PEALS.**—Now ready. Price Twopence, post free. Stamps with order to Rev. H. E. BULWER, Stanhoe Rectory, King's Lynn.



## Notices.

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**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. Bouflower, Esq., 30, Broad Street, Bristol; in the Taunton Branch, including Highbridge, 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 Surrey Association.**—The Annual Report for 1893 is now ready for circulation. Representatives requiring them sent on should forward the number of Copies they require, together with the amount of postage at the following rates, viz.: threehalfpence for six, and threepence for twelve copies. The annual meeting will be held at Dorking on Monday, July 2nd. As the election of officers will take place at this meeting, it is hoped that members will make an effort to attend.

R. B. BLANCHARD, Hon. Sec.  
13, Sunnyhill Road, Streatham, S.W.

**The Yorkshire Association.**—Wanted, two competent members to ring the 5th and 6th bells, along with Mr. G. Bolland, Tong, and five of the St. Wilfrid's Society, Calverley, to attempt a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major. Members wishing to take part please write as early as possible.

EZRA KEIGHLEY.  
Calverley, near Leeds.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will take place at Milnrow, to-day, Saturday, June 9th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6.30.

E. SCHOFIELD, Branch Sec.

**The Kent County Association.**—Rochester District.—A District Meeting will be held to-day, Saturday, June 9th, at Milton-next-Gravesend. Tower open from 3 p.m. Business meeting at 4.30 p.m. The tower of St. George's, Gravesend, will also be open.

FREDK. J. O. HELMORE, Hon. Sec.

**The East Derbyshire Association.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Old Brampton, in the Schoolroom, to-day, Saturday, June 9th, at 5.30 p.m.

JNO. J. COOK, Hon. Sec.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Manchester Branch.—A monthly ringing meeting of the above will be held at the parish church, Tyldesley, to-day, Saturday, June 9th. Bells ready at 4 p.m., meeting at 7.

W. BROWN, Branch Sec.  
54, Wenlock Street, Hulme, Manchester.

**The Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.**—Quarterly meeting, Stroud, Thursday, June 14th, 1894. Short service at parish church at 3 p.m. Address by the Rev. G. Fox, LL.B., Vicar. Knife and fork tea at the Corn Hall, at 5.30, towards which members will be allowed 1s., provided a ticket be purchased or bespoken of the Hon. Local Secretary, Rev. W. D. Lowndes, Bisley, Stroud, as an intimation of intention of being present, which should be posted at the latest, by Saturday evening's post, June 9th. Local secretaries and committee-men are particularly asked to let all members in their districts know, and to forward their names and postal orders to Rev. W. D. Lowndes, who will then reserve tickets.

REV. PITT EYKYN, Hon. Sec.

St. Augustine's Vicarage, Bristol.

**Heavy Woollen Districts Association.**—The next monthly meeting of the above will be held at Thornhill, on Saturday, June 16th, at 5 p.m. Meeting house, The Alma inn. Ballot for six-bell contest and other important business. All members are requested to attend.

GEO. H. SIMON, Hon. Sec.

19, Albert Street, Batley Carr.

**The Devonshire Guild.**—The annual meeting of the Devon Guild will be held on Saturday, June 16th, at Ottery St. Mary. Tea in vicarage garden, weather permitting, 5 p.m., meeting 5.45, service in parish church 6.15. A grant of 1s. will be made for travelling expenses to every member attending the meeting. Tickets at reduced fares will be issued by the Railway companies to parties of eight, on application to Station Masters. Conveyances will meet the 1.33 p.m. train at Sidmouth Junction, to take the six-bell bands to Talaton, Pehembury, Feniton, and afterwards to Ottery. The eight-bell bands should come on by train to Ottery, where arrangements will be made for ringing from 2 to 5 p.m., and 7 to 8.15 p.m.

MAITLAND KELLY, Hon. Sec.

Vicarage, Ottery St. Mary.

**Norwich Diocesan Association.**—Saxmundham District.—The fourth annual district meeting will be held at Sweffling, on Saturday, June 23rd. The tower will be open for ringing from 4 till 9 o'clock. Business meeting at 6 o'clock, when the annual report will be read. All members and friends cordially welcome.

W. TAYLOR, Hon. District Sec.

**Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.**—The annual meeting in connection with this Society will be held on Saturday, June 23rd, 1894, at Lichfield. Ringing at 2 p.m., sermon at 4 p.m. in Cathedral by the Rev. E. D. Pollock, vicar of Tamworth. Tea at 5.15 at Coffee house, tickets sixpence each to all members who have paid their subscriptions, to others 1s. Numbers for tea to be sent in not later than the 19th inst. to

S. REEVES, Hon. Sec.

10, Bull Street, West Bromwich.

**South and West Middlesex Association.**—The next monthly meeting of the above Association will be held at Staines, Middlesex, on Saturday, June 23rd, 1894, at 5 o'clock for united practice and enrolling members.

E. J. WALSOM, Secretary and Treasurer.

**Saffron Walden Society.** Established 1623.—This society will hold its 271st anniversary on Wednesday, the 27th inst. Dinner at two o'clock, at The King's Arms inn. All friends heartily welcomed.

G. MARTIN, Sec.

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS.**—The present address of Mr. J. Gratrix, late of 15, Hornby Street, Bury New Road, Strangways, is 37, Park Street, Swinton, near Manchester.

## 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 CLAIM.

Mr. John Carter writes: "In your issue of last week appeared a peal of Bob Major, 5120, by Mr. F. E. W. Meadows. If this gentleman will kindly look at the issue of your valuable paper for November 11th, 1893, he will find this composition published by myself, and it was rung at Aston under the conductorship of Mr. Thos. Russam. I send herewith two more on the same plan; the bobs at m. can be used either w. m. or h."

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### A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

By A. SYKES, Huddersfield.

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## 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.

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

SATURDAY, JUNE 9, 1894.

In another part of this paper an advertisement is seen making plain the fact that copies of the "Central Council Report of Committee on Calls and Collection of Peals" may be obtained from the Honorary Secretary of the Council at a nominal cost. We are not authorized to make any statement upon this announcement, or to refer to it in any way. But we cannot help saying that it is a matter for regret that the advertisement has been considered necessary. The Central Council, with very little hesitation, is evidently willing to go to the expense of publishing tractates, pamphlets, and so forth, containing matter which, it is thought, may be interesting and beneficial to the Exercise at large. These publications are not put together in a slipshod manner, but are the result of very careful compilation indeed, and take up a deal of the valuable time of those members of the Council upon whose shoulders their compilation falls.

We think therefore it is not beyond our province to point out that it is incumbent upon every individual ringer to assist the objects and purposes the Council have in view by promoting the sale and circulation of the Council's publications by every means in their power. We say it is a duty which every ringer owes to their representative body. In fact they should consider it a point of strict honour with them.

**The Metropolis.****THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.***On Thursday, May 31, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN, PUTNEY.

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

THURSTANS' COMPOSITION. Tenor 16 cwt.

GEORGE LANGFORD* .. .. Treble.	CHALLIS F. WINNEY .. .. 5.
WILLIAM T. COCKERILL .. .. 2.	WALTER J. SORRELL .. .. 6.
JAMES WILLSHIRE .. .. 3.	HENRY R. NEWTON .. .. 7.
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE .. .. 4.	WILLIAM CROCKER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY R. NEWTON.

\*First peal of Stedman. T. Groombridge hails from Chislehurst, Kent.

**The Provinces.****CRAWLEY, SUSSEX--THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Tuesday, May 29, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES. Tenor 13½ cwt. in F.**

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

Composed by JAMES S. WILDE and Conducted by JAMES PARKER.

\*First peal in the method. This composition has the 6th the extent in 6th's place, the 2nd and 3rd being never there at a course-end.

**WEST BROMWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.****SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.***On Tuesday, May 29, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

THOMAS DANKS .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM R. SMALL .. .. 5.
SAMUEL REEVES .. .. 2.	JAMES HALL .. .. 6.
JAMES CULLWICK .. .. 3.	REUBEN HALL .. .. 7.
THOMAS HORTON .. .. 4.	GEORGE GRIFFITHS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by SAMUEL REEVES.

This peal was rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to the late Paul Cashmore, who was formerly a ringer at the above church.

**GREAT MARLOW--THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

*On Wednesday, May 30, 1894, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 15½ cwt.

BRO. REV. R. P. NEWHOUSE Treble.	WILLIAM E. TAYLOR .. .. 5.
BRO. JOHN R. SOLEY* .. .. 2.	BRO. W. E. YATES, P.G. .. 6.
LEWIS E. COLLINS .. .. 3.	BRO. JOHN C. TRUSS, JUN. .. 7.
JAMES GARRELL* .. .. 4.	BRO. EDWARD KEELEY .. Tenor.

Conducted by BRO. WALTER ERNEST YATES, P.G.

\*First peal. This peal was rung on the occasion of the Jubilee of the Loyal Orphans' Hope Lodge of Odd Fellows, M.U., No. 3756, Great Marlow. Five of the above are brothers of the Order. The peal was rung previous to the special service at 5.30 p.m., after which a public dinner was held. The Rev. R. P. Newhouse and W. E. Taylor hail from Maidenhead; Garell from Wooburn; Keeley from Cookham; the rest are local men.

**DRIFHLINGTON, YORKS--THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, June 2, 1894, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES. Tenor 16 cwt.**

HERBERT C. 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 and Conducted by ARTHUR CRAVEN.

This peal contains the 6th twelve times wrong, and the 5th and 6th their extent at home, and is now rung for the first time. First peal in the method on the bells. All the band hail from St. Michael's, Headingley.

**MARLBOROUGH, WILTS.****GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, June 2, 1894, in Three Hours and One Minute,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

PENNING'S FIVE-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

ERNEST BISHOP .. .. Treble.	GEORGE ILES .. .. 5.
OWEN W. LAYNG .. .. 2.	JAMES H. SHEPHERD .. .. 6.
ALFRED LAWRENCE .. .. 3.	ROBERT RICHARD .. .. 7.
THOMAS RICKETTS .. .. 4.	THOMAS ROBINSON .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by ERNEST BISHOP.

All the above hail from Swindon. This is supposed to be the first peal upon the bells.

**STEYNING, SUSSEX.****THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, June 2, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

THURSTANS' ORIGINAL. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qrs. 24 lbs.

CHARLES SMART .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM WOOLGAR .. .. 5.
EDWIN RAPLEY .. .. 2.	WILLIAM COLLISON .. .. 6.
HARRY MEETENS .. .. 3.	GEORGE SMART .. .. 7.
JOHN SMART .. .. 4.	ARTHUR GATLAND .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE SMART.

G. Smart belongs to the St. Peter's (Brighton) branch.

**LONG EATON, DERBYSHIRE.****THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.**

(LONG EATON BRANCH.)

*On Saturday, June 2, 1894, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

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

Tenor 11 cwt.

J. HARRISON .. .. Treble.	J. E. HEXTER .. .. 5.
J. R. WARD .. .. 2.	J. BAILEY .. .. 6.
A. T. COPE .. .. 3.	W. HEXTER .. .. 7.
A. RICKETTS .. .. 4.	*J. PALING .. .. Tenor.

Composed by B. ANNABLE and Conducted by W. HEXTER.

First peal in the method by all the band, and rang at the first attempt. \*First peal.

**BEWDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.****WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION, AND THE ST. MARY'S SOCIETY, KIDDERMINSTER.***On Monday, June 4, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANNE,

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

HALEY'S VARIATION. Tenor 18½ cwt.

THOMAS J. SALTER .. Treble.	*ERNEST C. HUNT .. .. 3.
NOAH DAVIS* .. .. 2.	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL .. .. 6.
JOHN O. BENNETT .. .. 3.	WILLIAM H. SMITH .. .. 7.
RICHARD E. GROVE .. .. 4.	THOMAS WALTERS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by RICHARD E. GROVE.

\*First peal of Stedman. It is also believed to be the first peal in the method on the bells. The ringers wish to thank the vicar for the use of the bells, and Mr. W. Palmer, steeple-keeper, for having things ready.

**DARLINGTON, DURHAM.****DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Tuesday, June 5, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 10 cwt. 13 lbs.

HARRY PEVERELL .. Treble.	FRANCIS CHARLTON .. .. 5.
JNO. G. GREEN .. .. 2.	FREDERIC A. TEASDALE .. .. 6.
WILLIAM D. LISTER .. .. 3.	JAMES BAXTER .. .. 7.
JACKSON PALLISTER .. .. 4.	JOSEPH CLEMINSON .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES BAXTER.

This peal is in five parts, and was taken from the *Clavis*, and is the longest length rung upon the bells. Messrs. Peverell, Green, Pallister, Charlton, and Cleminson hail from South Church, Bishop Auckland; the rest belong to the local company.

## NORTH SHIELDS.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 28, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOK'S VARIATION.

Tenor 19 cwt.

WILLIAM STORY .. .. Treble.	ALFRED F. HILLIER.. .. 5.
CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE.. 2.	HUGH D. DALL .. .. 6.
ROBERT C. HUDSON* .. 3.	WILLIAM HOLMES .. .. 7.
FRANCIS LEES .. .. 4.	FREDK. J. HARRISON .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE.

\*First peal of Stedman.

## NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 29, 1894, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE, JESMOND,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,  
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 18½ cwt.

HUGH D. DALL.. .. Treble.	ROBERT S. STORY .. .. 5.
FRANCIS LEES .. .. 2.	WILLIAM STORY .. .. 6.
CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE.. 3.	WILLIAM HOLMES .. .. 7.
ALFRED F. HILLIER.. .. 4.	FREDK. J. HARRISON.. .. Tenor.

Composed by JAMES S. WILDE and Conducted by WILLIAM HOLMES.

First peal of Superlative on the bells.

## NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 30, 1894, in Three Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,  
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 37 cwt. 3 qrs. 16 lbs.

HUGH DYKES DALL .. .. Treble.	FRANCIS LEES .. .. 5.
WILLIAM STORY.. .. 2.	ROBERT S. STORY .. .. 6.
CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE.. 3.	WILLIAM HOLMES .. .. 7.
ALFRED F. HILLIER.. .. 4.	FREDK. J. HARRISON .. Tenor.

Composed by JAMES S. WILDE, of Hyde, Cheshire, and  
Conducted by WILLIAM HOLMES.This is the heaviest ring of bells on which a Surprise peal has been rung. It is  
the first peal of Major on the bells.

## NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 31, 1894, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,  
5008 CHANGES. Tenor 19 cwt.

ALFRED F. HILLIER.. .. Treble.	ROBERT S. STORY .. .. 5.
CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE.. 2.	FRANCIS LEES .. .. 6.
HENRY H. LINDSAY .. .. 3.	WILLIAM HOLMES .. .. 7.
HUGH D. DALL .. .. 4.	FREDK. J. HARRISON .. Tenor.

Composed by W. HOLMES and Conducted by F. J. HARRISON.

## NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 4, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

JAMES W. ROPER .. .. Treble.	FRANCIS LEES .. .. 5.
THOMAS T. TEASDALE .. 2.	THOMAS HUDSON, JUN. .. 6.
ROBERT C. HUDSON .. .. 3.	HUGH DALL .. .. 7.
ALFRED F. HILLIER.. .. 4.	FREDK. J. HARRISON .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN COX and Conducted by F. J. HARRISON.

T. Teasdale hails from North Shields, and this is his first peal with a bob bell.  
The Messrs. Hudson belong to Sunderland; the rest belong to St. John's. This  
was a three-part peal reduced to the number.

## Performances on Five and Six Bells.

HAYES, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, June 1, 1894, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

SEVEN 720s OF BOB MINOR, EACH CALLED  
DIFFERENTLY.

WILLIAM BEDWELL .. .. Treble.	HARRY WARNETT .. .. 4.
HENRY READER .. .. 2.	EDWARD STONE.. .. 5.
GEORGE HARWOOD .. .. 3.	JOHN HACK .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM BEDWELL.

Messrs. Bedwell and Warnett belong to Lewisham; the rest belong to the local  
company, and this was their first attempt at a 5040.

## SIBTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION,

On Saturday, June 2, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

FORTY-TWO SIX-SCORES OF DOUBLES IN FIVE  
DIFFERENT METHODS UPON FIVE BELLS;  
Being eight 6-scores each of St. Simon's Doubles, Old Doubles,  
and Hudibras; and nine 6-scores each of Grandsire and Bob  
Doubles. Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

WILLIAM PEARSE .. .. Treble.	CHARLES SCRUTTON .. .. 3.
WILLIAM BACON .. .. 2.	WILLIAM NICHOLDS .. .. 4.
FREDERICK RODWELL .. .. .. Tenor.	

Conducted by FREDERICK RODWELL.

First 5040 by W. Pearse, and first upon the bells. W. Pearse hails from Haddis-  
coe; the rest belong to the local company.

HORBURY, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, June 3, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

5040 CHANGES IN SEVEN SURPRISE METHODS  
UPON SIX BELLS;

Being a 720 each of the following:

London Surprise, Wells Surprise, York Surprise, Durham  
Surprise, Bristol Surprise, Lichfield Surprise, and Chichester  
Surprise. Tenor 10½ cwt.

ALFRED YELLAND .. .. Treble.	HERBERT ROWLEY .. .. 4.
ELI BROOKE .. .. 2.	GEO. F. PICKLES .. .. 5.
GEORGE HUNT .. .. 3.	ROBERT THICKETT .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by H. ROWLEY.

First 5040 in Surprise methods by all, and first on the bells.

## Date Touches.

THE NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

GAINSBOROUGH (Lincolnshire).—On Saturday, May 26th, at the  
parish church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples in 1 hr. 13 mins. T.  
Pattison, 1; W. D. Tinker (conductor), 2; G. Wilson, 3; J. C. Tinker,  
4; W. W. Bust, 5; J. T. Ladd, 6; F. S. W. Butler, 7; H. W. Kirton,  
Composed by C. Jackson, of Hull. Rung on the occasion of Her  
Majesty's birthday.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

WOLLASTON.—On Tuesday, May 22nd, at St. James's church, for  
practice, a date touch, 1894 changes, in 1 hr. 5 mins., in the following  
methods: 454 Kent Treble Bob Minor, and 720 each of Plain Bob and  
Grandsire Minor. N. Hollyoake, 1; J. H. Parsons, 2; J. Lewis, 3;  
W. Fryer, 4; G. H. Pagett, 5; H. Dakin (conductor), 6.

THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

TREETON (Yorks).—On Saturday evening, May 26th, at the parish  
church, by the local company, a date touch of 1894 changes, as follows:  
214 Oxford Treble Bob, 240 Duke of York, 720 College Exercise,  
and 720 London Scholars' Pleasure in 1 hr. and 7 mins. A. Wooffen-  
den, 1; J. A. Brothwell, 2; S. Walker, 3; W. Lambert, 4; W. J.  
Nicholson, 5; T. Whitworth (conductor), 6. Tenor 11 cwt. 21 lbs.BOLSTERSTONE (Yorks).—On Monday, May 14th, a date touch of  
Bob Minor, consisting of two 720s and 454, each called differently, in

1 hr. 6 mins. R. Dyson, 1; W. Steel, 2; J. Aspinall, 3; J. Hattersley, 4; G. Jackson, 5; D. Brearley (conductor), 6. Tenor 13 cwt. in F sharp.

OTLEY (Yorkshire).—On Sunday evening, May 27th, for Divine Service, a date touch of Kent Treble Bob Major, 1894 changes, in 1 hr. 6 mins. C. Ralph, 1; W. Clough, 2; A. Holmes, 3; A. Snowball, 4; F. Maston, 5; J. Nelson (composer and conductor), 6; J. Horner, 7; W. Waddington, 8. Tenor 16 cwt.

### Miscellaneous.

#### WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

DUDLEY (Worcestershire).—*Handbell Ringing*.—On Wednesday, May 30th, at 6, Great Hill, 720 Grandsire Minor. W. Micklewright, 1-2; S. Spittle, 3-4; A. Spittle (conductor), 5-6. First 720 of Minor on handbells by all.

CLENT (Worcestershire).—On Tuesday, May 15th, at the parish church, 720 College Single, 720 Oxford Bob, and 480 Oxford Treble Bob. W. Short (conductor), 1; J. Pagett, 2; E. C. Hunt, 3; W. H. Barber, 4; W. H. Smith, 5; J. Barber, 6. The above was rung in an attempt for a 5040 in seven methods on the opening of the Foresters' Convalescent Home at Clent on that day. Messrs. Hunt and Smith hail from Kidderminster; Pagett from Dudley; the rest are local men.

#### THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS.—On Sunday, April 1st, 720 Plain Bob Minor (thirty-four bobs ten singles), in 25 mins. T. Watson (conductor), 1; T. P. Jackson, 2; J. Spencer, 3; A. E. Sheppard, 4; T. R. Jackson, 5; J. Burrows, 6. And for evening service, 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor (forty-four bobs ten singles), in 26 mins. R. W. Burrows, 1; T. P. Jackson, 2; T. Watson (conductor), 3; A. E. Sheppard, 4; T. Suart, 5; J. Burrows, 6. On Friday, April 6th, for evening service, 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor (thirty-six bobs fourteen singles), in 26 mins. J. Gibson, 1; T. Suart, 2; T. Watson (conductor), 3; A. E. Sheppard, 4; T. R. Jackson, 5; J. Burrows, 6. On Sunday, April 8th, for morning service, 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-four bobs ten singles), in 25 mins. J. Gibson, 1; T. Townson, 2; T. Watson (conductor), 3; T. Suart, 4; A. E. Sheppard, 5; J. Burrows, 6. On Friday, April 13th, for practice, 720 Plain Bob Minor (eighteen bobs fourteen singles), in 26 mins. R. W. Burrows, 1; T. Watson (conductor), 2; A. E. Sheppard, 3; T. Suart, 4; T. R. Jackson, 5; J. Burrows, 6. On Sunday, April 15th, for morning service, 720 Grandsire Minor (forty bobs eight singles), in 26 mins. R. W. Burrows, 1; T. Watson (conductor), 2; J. Spencer, 3; T. Suart, 4; A. E. Sheppard, 5; J. Burrows, 6. On Friday, April 20th, for practice, 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-four bobs two singles), in 27 mins. R. W. Burrows, 1; T. Watson (conductor), 2; A. E. Sheppard, 3; T. Suart, 4; C. J. A. Cushing, 5; J. Burrows, 6. On Sunday, April 22nd, for evening service, 720 Plain Bob Minor (twenty-six singles), in 26 mins. J. Gibson, 1; T. P. Jackson, 2; J. Spencer, 3; T. Suart, 4; A. E. Sheppard, 5; J. Burrows (conductor), 6. On Friday, April 27th, for practice, 720 Grandsire Minor (forty-four bobs four singles), in 26 mins. R. W. Burrows, 1; T. Watson (conductor), 2; A. E. Sheppard, 3; C. J. A. Cushing, 4; T. R. Jackson, 5; T. Suart, 6. And 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor (thirty-six bobs fourteen singles), in 27 mins. R. W. Burrows, 1; T. Townson, 2; T. Watson (conductor), 3; C. J. A. Cushing, 4; T. Suart, 5; A. E. Sheppard, 6. On Sunday, April 29th, for evening service, 720 Grandsire Minor (twenty-six bobs thirty-four singles), in 25 mins. R. W. Burrows, 1; A. E. Sheppard, 2; T. Watson (conductor), 3; T. Suart, 4; T. R. Jackson, 5; J. Burrows, 6. On Sunday, May 6th, for morning service, 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-eight bobs twenty-two singles), in 27 mins. J. Gibson, 1; T. Watson (conductor), 2; J. Spencer, 3; T. Townson, 4; A. E. Sheppard, 5; J. Burrows, 6. And for evening service, 720 Grandsire Minor (twenty-two bobs thirty-two singles), in 26 mins. J. Gibson, 1; T. Watson (conductor), 2; J. Spencer, 3; T. Suart, 4; A. E. Sheppard, 5; J. Burrows, 6. On Sunday, May 13th, for early morning service, 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-four singles twenty-six bobs), in 25 mins. J. Gibson, 1; T. Watson (conductor), 2; T. Suart, 3; A. E. Sheppard, 4; J. Watson (Blackburn), 5; J. Burrows, 6. And for morning service, 720 Grandsire Minor (forty-four bobs four singles), in 26 mins. T. Watson (conductor), 1; T. Townson, 2; C. J. A. Cushing, 3; T. Suart, 4; T. R. Jackson, 5; J. Burrows, 6. Also for evening service, 720 Plain Bob Minor (eighteen bobs three singles), in 25 mins. R. W. Burrows, 1; J. Watson, 2; C. J. A. Cushing, 3; A. E. Sheppard, 4; J. Burrows, 5; T. R. Jackson (conductor), 6. On Thursday, May 24th, for practice, being the Queen's birthday, 720 Plain Bob Minor (eighteen bobs two singles), in 25 mins. R. W. Burrows, 1; T. P. Jackson, 2; A. E. Sheppard, 3; T. Suart, 4; T. R. Jackson, 5; J. Burrows (conductor), 6. On Friday, May 25th, for

practice, 720 Plain Bob Minor (sixteen bobs two singles), in 26 mins. R. W. Burrows, 1; T. P. Jackson, 2; T. R. Jackson (conductor), 3; A. E. Sheppard, 4; C. J. A. Cushing, 5; J. Burrows, 6.

#### THE STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

BUCKNALL (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, April 29th, for Divine service in the morning, at the parish church, a 720 College Pleasure. D. Preston, 1; J. E. Wheeldon, 2; R. W. Twigg, 3; C. Preston, 4; G. Hobbs, 5; W. Twigg (conductor), 6. And for evening service a 720 Oxford Treble Bob standing as before. On Thursday, May 3rd, for practice, a 720 Lichfield Surprise. D. Preston, 1; J. E. Wheeldon, 2; R. W. Twigg, 3; C. Preston, 4; W. Wheeldon, 5; W. Twigg (conductor), 6. First in the method by all. And on the same date, a 720 of Bob Minor. D. Preston, 1; J. E. Wheeldon, 2; C. Preston, 3; H. Alcock (first 720), 4; R. W. Twigg (conductor), 5; W. Twigg, 6. On Sunday, May 6th, for Divine Service in the morning, a 720 Woodbine Treble Bob. D. Preston, 1; J. E. Wheeldon, 2; C. Preston, 3; J. Gibson, 4; W. Wheeldon, 5; W. Twigg (conductor), 6. J. Gibson hails from Norton, and it is his first 720 in the method. And in the evening a 720 of Lichfield Surprise. R. W. Twigg, 3; C. Preston, 4; the others as before. On Thursday, May 10th, for practice, a 720 Wells 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. And 720 Violet Treble Bob. W. Wheeldon, 1; D. Preston (first 720 in the method with a bob bell), 2; C. Preston, 3; J. E. Wheeldon, 4; W. Twigg, 5; R. W. Twigg (conductor), 6. On Sunday, May 13th, for Divine Service in the morning, a 720 College Pleasure. D. Preston, 1; W. Wheeldon, 2; R. W. Twigg, 3; C. Preston, 4; G. Hobbs, 5; W. Twigg (conductor), 6. And in the evening a 720 Duke of York. W. Wheeldon, 1; D. Preston (first 720 in the method with a bob bell), 2; the others as before. And on Sunday, May 27th, for Divine Service in the morning, a 720 City Delight. D. Preston, 1; W. Wheeldon, 2; J. E. Wheeldon, 3; C. Preston, 4; G. Hobbs, 5; W. Twigg (conductor), 6. And in the evening a 720 Stedman Slow Course Minor. C. Preston, 3; R. W. Twigg, 4; the others as before.

#### THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

STANSTED (Essex).—On Wednesday, May 9th, at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, for practice, 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-eight bobs twenty-two singles), composed by the late Mr. H. Johnson, of Birmingham. J. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. Also 720 College Pleasure in 25 mins. J. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; G. Gray, 3; T. J. Watts, 4; W. Watts, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. On Sunday, May 13th, for Divine Service in the morning, 720 Plain Bob Minor. J. Cavill, 1; T. Jordan, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; W. Watts, 5; T. J. Watts (conductor), 6. On Monday, May 14th, for Divine Service, 720 Cambridge Surprise (5th the observation), in 25 mins. J. Cavill, 1; G. Jordan, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; I. Hammond, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. This makes W. Watts's 1000th 720, which are made up in the following fifty-two different methods, viz.: 124 Plain Bob Minor, 74 Oxford Treble Bob, 64 Cambridge Surprise, 51 Kent Treble Bob, 40 each of Double Oxford Bob and College Single, 39 Double Court Bob, 38 Canterbury Pleasure, 33 York Surprise, 32 Woodbine Treble Bob, 31 each of Violet Treble Bob, London Scholars' Pleasure and London Surprise, 27 Superlative Surprise, 25 Yorkshire Court Bob, 24 each of New London Pleasure and Oxford Bob, 22 Grandsire Minor, 21 College Exercise, 20 each of Worcester Surprise and Durham Surprise, 15 Court Single, 14 each of Double Bob Minor and Duke of York, 15 Chichester Surprise, 12 each of Bocking Treble Bob and College Pleasure, 11 Stansted Double Bob, 9 each of College Double Bob and Oxford Delight, 8 each of Killamarsh Treble Bob and Wells Surprise, 7 each of Victoria Treble Bob and London Treble Bob, 6 each of Stansted Court Bob and City Delight, 5 Westminster Treble Bob, 4 each of Imperial Treble Bob, Morning Exercise and Bristol Surprise, 3 each of Double Canterbury Pleasure, Burton Pleasure, Morning Star and Ringers' Surprise, 2 each of Stansted Delight, Stansted New Bob, Christmas Eve, Burton Treble Bob, Imperial Treble Bob Reversed, and Braintree Treble Bob, 1 each of Rochester Surprise and Lincoln Surprise. Tenor 13 cwt.

#### THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

ORMSKIRK (Lancashire).—On Thursday, May 24th, at the parish church, in honour of the Queen's birthday, the first half of Reeves's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples, 2520 changes, in 1 hr. 25 mins. C. Withington, 1; J. Sholicar, 2; P. H. Harvey, 3; W. Bentham (conductor), 4; J. Pilkington, 5; J. Watts, 6; G. Prescott, 7; J. R. Park, 8.

#### THE WORCESTER CATHEDRAL GUILD.

LEIGH (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, May 7th, for service at the parish church, 720 Plain Bob Minor. B. S. Hill, 1; W. Cotton, 2;



W. Powell, 3; W. Page, 4; E. Davies, 5; W. Bradford (conductor), 6. Also 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor. W. Cotton, 1; W. Powell, 2; W. Bradford, 3; W. H. Johnson, 4; W. Page (conductor), 5; E. Davies, 6.

#### LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—ROSSENDALE BRANCH.

BACUP (Lancashire).—On Monday, April 9th, at Christ Church, 720 Tulip Treble Bob in 27 mins. L. Holt, 1; J. Smith, 2; G. Shottin, 3; John H. Smith, 4; J. S. Lomas, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. On Friday, April 13th, 720 Tulip Treble Bob in 27 mins. L. Holt, 1; J. Smith, 2; E. J. Cockroft, 3; John H. Smith, 4; J. S. Lomas, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. And in the evening a 720 Duke of York in 26 mins. G. Shottin, 1; J. Smith, 2; E. J. Cockroft, 3; John H. Smith, 4; J. S. Lomas, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. On Monday, April 16th, a 720 Violet Treble Bob. L. Holt, 1; J. Smith, 2; Z. Lord, 3; E. J. Cockroft, 4; J. S. Lomas, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. And in the evening, a 720 Primrose Treble Bob; standing and conducted as above. On Friday, April 20th, a 720 Duke of York. L. Holt, 1; J. Smith, 2; John H. Smith, 3; E. J. Cockroft, 4; J. S. Lomas, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. On Monday, April 23rd, for practice, 2160 changes in 1 hr. and 18 mins., being 720 each of Tulip, Primrose and Violet. L. Holt, 1; J. Smith, 2; John H. Smith, 3; E. J. Cockroft, 4; J. S. Lomas, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. On Friday, May 4th, a 720 Tulip Treble Bob in 26 mins. L. Holt, 1; J. H. Barnes, 2; G. Shottin, 3; J. H. Smith, 4; J. S. Lomas, 5; E. J. Cockroft (first 720 as conductor), 6. On Sunday, May 6th, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob in 26 mins. L. Holt, 1; Jas. Smith, 2; G. Shottin, 3; W. Smith, 4; J. S. Lomas, 5; E. J. Cockroft (conductor), 6. On Monday, May 7th, a 720 Tulip Treble Bob in 27 mins. L. Holt, 1; Z. Lord, 2; G. Shottin, 3; J. H. Smith, 4; J. S. Lomas, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. On Sunday, May 13th, a 720 Violet Treble Bob. L. Holt, 1; J. Smith, 2; G. Shottin, 3; John H. Smith, 4; J. S. Lomas, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. On Thursday, May 24th (Queen's Birthday) a 720 Duke of York in 26½ mins. L. Holt, 1; E. J. Cockroft, 2; G. Shottin, 3; John H. Smith, 4; J. S. Lomas, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. On Friday, May 25th, a 720 Primrose Treble Bob in 26 mins. L. Holt, 1; E. J. Cockroft, 2; G. Shottin, 3; J. H. Smith, 4; J. S. Lomas, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. On Monday, May 28th, a 720 Tulip Treble Bob in 25½ mins. L. Holt, 1; J. Smith, 2; G. Shottin, 3; John H. Smith, 4; J. S. Lomas, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6.

#### THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—ROCHDALE BRANCH.

ROCHDALE (Lancashire).—On Sunday morning, May 6th, at All Saints, Hamer, a 720 College Single (eighteen bobs and two singles) in 27 mins. On Sunday evening, May 6th, a 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-eight bobs and twenty-two singles). J. W. Crossley, 1; R. E. Hoyle, 2; J. Crossley, 3; R. Whittles, 4; E. Schofield, 5; J. S. Marshall, 6. On Monday evening, May 7th, for practice, a 720 of Bob Minor. R. E. Hoyle, 1; T. B. Hartley, 2; B. Chadwick, 3; R. Whittles, 4; J. Crossley, 5; J. S. Marshall, 6. Messrs. Hartley and Chadwick hail from Healey, it being their first 720 in the method. On Sunday, May 13th, for Divine Service, a 720 of Bob Minor. J. W. Crossley, 1; R. E. Hoyle, 2; J. Crossley, 3; R. Whittles, 4; E. Schofield, 5; J. Harrison, 6. On Monday evening, May 14th, a 720 of College Single (six bobs and fourteen singles). J. W. Crossley, 1; R. E. Hoyle, 2; J. Crossley, 3; R. Whittles, 4; E. Schofield, 5; J. S. Marshall, 6. On Sunday evening, May 27th, a 720 of College Single (six bobs and fourteen singles). J. Lingard, 1; R. E. Hoyle, 2; J. Crossley, 3; R. Whittles, 4; E. Schofield, 5; J. Harrison, 6. All being conducted by J. Crossley.

HEALEY (Lancashire).—On Sunday afternoon, May 6th, for Divine Service, a 720 Bob Minor (twenty-one bobs and twelve singles) in 26 mins. R. E. Hoyle, 1; R. Whittles, 2; J. Crossley (conductor), 3; C. Holt, 4; E. Schofield, 5; J. S. Marshall, 6. C. Holt belongs to Healey.

#### GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SWINDON (Wilts).—On Thursday, April 26th, at Christ Church, the first half of Holt's six-part peal of Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr 23 mins. T. Lawrence, 1; O. W. Layng, 2; A. Lawrence, 3; T. Ricketts, 4; G. S. Brown, 5; T. Robinson, 6; R. Richards (conductor), 7; G. Grist, 8. Tenor 16 cwt. The above half-peal was rung on the occasion of the wedding of the Rev. A. E. Dams, late assistant curate of this parish, to Miss M. K. Ormond, third daughter of W. Ormond, Esq. Solicitor, Swindon.

SEVENHAMPTON (Wilts).—On Saturday, May 26th, at the parish church, a 720 Bob Minor in 25 mins. T. Robinson, 1; A. Lawrence, 2; T. Ricketts, 3; R. Richards, 4; O. W. Layng, 5; E. Bishop (conductor), 6. This is the first 720 on the bells.

#### THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

WINCHESTER.—On Thursday, May 17th, at the Cathedral, on the back eight, 308 Grandsire Triples. R. Hasted, 1; C. J. North, 2; W. Andrews, 3; W. C. Lampard, 4; J. Weaver, 5; T. Newnham, 6; W. H. George (conductor), 7; J. W. Elkins, 8. On Thursday, May 24th, in honour of the Queen's birthday, 504 Grandsire Triples. A. E. Macey, 1; C. J. Chooet, 2; R. Hasted, 3; R. White, 4; C. J. North, 5; J. Weaver, 6; W. H. George (conductor), 7; D. Froome, 8. And 360 Grandsire Caters. A. E. Macey, 1; C. J. North, 2; W. J. Sevier, 3; C. J. Chooet, 4; R. White, 5; R. Hasted, 6; W. C. Lampard, 7; J. Weaver, 8; W. H. George (conductor), 9; D. Froome, 10. Tenor 32 cwt.

SHEDFIELD (Hants).—On Sunday afternoon, May 13th, for Divine Service, 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-four bobs and two singles). J. Pearce (first 720), 1; G. Chequer, 2; W. Cooper, 3; E. Walker, 4; G. Chappell, 5; W. Linter (conductor), 6. G. Chappell hails from Wickham; W. Linter from Swanmore.

SWANMORE (Hants).—On Sunday evening, May 20th, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor. H. Griffin, 1; E. Jacobs, 2; C. Apps, 3; G. Plaskett, 4; W. Linter, 5; A. Millard (first 720 as conductor), 6. On Sunday afternoon, May 27th, for Divine Service, 360 Bob Minor and a plain course of Oxford Bob. E. Linter, 1; H. Griffin, 2; W. Cooper, 3; A. Millard, 4; G. Chappell (first in the method), 5; W. Linter, 6. For evening service 720 Bob Minor. E. Linter, 1; E. Jacobs, 2; W. Cooper, 3; A. Millard, 4; G. Chappell (first 720 in the method), 5; W. Linter (conductor), 6. W. Cooper hails from Shedfield; G. Chappell from Wickham.

CHIDDINGFOLD (Surrey).—On Saturday, May 19th, for practice at the parish church, a 503 of Grandsire Triples. E. Burdock, 1; J. Russell, 2; A. Ashdown, 3; F. Bennett (conductor), 4; A. Bartlett, 5; T. Burdock, 6; T. Attwell, 7; J. Gardner, 8. And 1526 Grandsire Triples in 27 mins. \*E. Burdock, 1; F. Bennett (conductor), 2; A. Ashdown, 3; J. Russell, 4; \*A. Bartlett, 5; \*T. Burdock, 6; \*T. Attwell, 7; \*W. Mitchell, 8. \*Longest length in the method. On Friday, May 25th, a 503 Grandsire Triples. F. Baker, 1; A. Ashdown, 2; T. Attwell, 3; J. J. Jones, 4; A. Bartlett, 5; C. W. Miller, 6; F. Bennett (conductor), 7; M. Attwell, 8. Messrs. Baker, Jones, Miller and Bennett hail from Guildford.

#### THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

BURTON-ON-TRENT (Staffordshire).—On Thursday, May 24th, being the Queen's birthday, at St. Modwen's church, touches of Grandsire Triples were rung at midday. And in the evening several touches were rung to celebrate the coming of age of Mr. Percy Wright, a member of the above society, who attained his majority on that day. On Wednesday, May 30th, on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. W. J. Smith, Foreman of the St. Modwen's society, with Miss M. E. Slater, of Castle Gresley, Derbyshire, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 47 mins. P. Wright (longest length), 1; W. Canner, 2; R. Logie, 3; G. Robinson, 4; J. Hicklin, 5; J. Jaggar (conductor), 6; L. Bullock, 7; W. Orme, 8. W. Canner came from Ashby-de-la-Zouch.

#### THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

FARNHAM ROYAL (Bucks).—On Sunday, May 6th, 720 Grandsire Minor. J. Bovingdon, 1; J. Elderfield, 2; J. Parker, 3; A. Crook, 4; J. J. Parker (conductor), 5; C. Clark, 6. On Sunday, May 13th, for Divine Service in the morning, 720 Oxford Bob, conducted by C. Clark. And for evening service, 720 Grandsire Minor. On Whit-Monday, in response to the notice in "THE BELL NEWS," visitors came from Uxbridge, Slough, Wooburn and Amersham. Ringing commenced about midday; a great number of 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles were rung, also three 720s of Minor. The first—Grandsire. Rev. R. P. Newhouse, 1; J. Parker, 2; J. J. Parker (conductor), 3; J. J. Pratt, 4; R. Flaxman, 5; C. Clarke, 6. Second—Oxford Bob. J. Elderfield, 1; J. J. Pratt, 2; J. J. Parker, 3; G. Basden, 4; R. Flaxman, 5; C. Clarke (conductor), 6. Third—Grandsire, conducted by R. Flaxman.

#### THE SOUTH AND WEST MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

HILLINGDON (Middlesex).—On Monday, May 28th, at the church of St. Andrew, 1260 Oxford Bob Triples. S. Smith, 1; J. J. Parker (composer and conductor), 2; H. Hicks, 3; A. Finch, 4; W. Joiner, 5; H. Wilkinson, 6; J. J. Pratt, 7; A. T. Dampier, 8. Longest touch in the method by all except the conductor.

#### THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

LONDON.—On Saturday, May 12th, at the Imperial Institute, on the occasion of the inauguration by the Prince of Wales for the summer season, 1183 Stedman Caters. J. R. Haworth, 1; G. Muskett, 2; C. F. Winny (conductor), 3; F. G. Newman, 4; W. T. Elson, 5; R. French, 6; M. A. Wood, 7; J. M. Hayes, 8; E. Horrex, 9; E. H.

Adams, 10. A start was made for a quarter-peal (1299 changes), but owing to shortness of time, the bells were brought round at 1183 changes, which is the longest length on the bells.

#### THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

MIDHURST (Sussex).—On Sunday, May 6th, 720 Bob Minor. G. Boswell, 1; F. R. Rump, 2; W. H. George, 3; T. E. Ellis, 4; A. B. Bennett (conductor), 5; J. Lee, 6. On Friday, May 11th, 720 Oxford Single, and 720 Plain Bob. C. Tribe, 1; T. E. Ellis, 2; W. H. George (conductor), 3; A. B. Bennett, 4; C. Tribe (Bitterne), 5; J. Lee, 6. On Sunday, May 13th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. C. Tribe, 1; T. E. Ellis, 2; W. H. George (conductor), 3; A. B. Bennett, 4; C. Tribe, 5; J. Lee, 6. Also 360 Woodbine by the same band. And 720 Woodbine. F. R. Rump, 1; T. E. Ellis, 2; W. H. George (conductor), 3; C. Tribe, 4; C. Tribe (Bitterne), 5; J. Lee, 6.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ASHFORD (Kent).—On Tuesday, May 29th, for practice at the parish church, 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-four bobs and two singles) in 28 mins. with 6-8 covering. \*A. Elgar, 1; E. Dyson, 2; E. Duff, 3; \*J. Reckenburg, 4; T. Tabrett, 5; W. Ansell, 6; A. J. Dyson (conductor), 7; F. Beeken, 8. Tenor 24 cwt. \*First 720.

SWANSCOMBE (Kent).—On Sunday, April 29th, at the parish church, a 720 of Cambridge Surprise. L. Digweed, 1; J. Broom, 2; F. J. Ring, 3; M. Digby, 4; W. Martin (conductor), 5; W. Harper, 6. On Sunday, May 15th, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob. H. Catton, 1; L. Digweed, 2; F. J. Ring, 3; M. Digby, 4; J. Broom, 5; W. Martin (conductor), 6; F. J. Ring, 3; M. Digby, 4; J. Broom, 5; W. Martin (conductor), 6. On Sunday, May 20th, a 720 of Bob Minor. H. Milhams, 1; L. Digweed, 2; F. J. Ring, 3; M. Digby, 4; J. Broom, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6.

BROMLEY (Kent).—On Sunday evening, May 22nd, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor. J. Town, 1; R. G. Humphrey, 2; G. Durling, 3; F. Sanders, 4; E. Dunn, 5; H. P. Harman (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, May 22nd, 720 Bob Minor with 6-8 covering. G. Simpson, 1; R. G. Humphrey, 2; E. Dunn, 3; H. P. Harman (conductor), 4; G. Durling, 5; W. James, 6; T. Harford, 7; T. Dunn (first 720), 8. Rung on the occasion of the wedding of W. Fright, his brother-in-laws wishing him and his wife all happiness and prosperity in their new life.

TOWN MALLING (Kent).—On Tuesday, May 29th, for practice, 360 Bob Minor. H. Humphrey (longest length), 1; W. Smith, 2; J. Worsley, 3; J. Capon, 4; D. Hall, 5; J. W. Leonard (conductor), 6.

EAST MALLING (Kent).—On Tuesday, May 22nd, there were special services held at the parish church on the completion of the splendid frescoes, which now adorn the walls of the church, through the generosity of the Wigan Family. At the conclusion of Evensong, 720 Bob Minor in 25 mins. W. Smith, 1; J. Capon, 2; J. Worsley, 3; Rev. A. L. Brine, 4; E. Bonner, 5; J. W. Leonard (conductor), 6. Messrs. Capon, Worsley, Brine and Leonard hail from Town Malling.

HAYES (Kent).—On Sunday, April 15th, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor (fourteen bobs two singles). F. Lacy, 1; H. Reader, 2; A. Killick, 3; G. Harwood, 4; J. Hack (conductor), 5; E. Stone, 6. On Tuesday, April 17th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs two singles). J. Hack, 1; H. Brown, 2; A. Killick, 3; G. Harwood, 4; H. Reader (first 720 as conductor), 5; E. Stone, 6. On Sunday, June 3rd, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor (fourteen singles four bobs). F. Lacy, 1; H. Brown, 2; A. Killick, 3; J. Hack (composer), 4; H. Reader (conductor), 5; E. Stone, 6. Also for evening service, 720 Bob Minor (nine bobs twelve singles). A. Killick, 1; H. Reader (conductor), 2; H. Brown, 3; G. Harwood, 4; E. Stone, 5; J. Hack, 6. This was taken from "THE BELL NEWS" of December 16th, 1893.

#### THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

BETCHWORTH (Surrey).—On Sunday, May 27th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. R. Botting, 1; C. Webber, 2; R. Arnold, 3; F. Sanders, 4; W. H. Street, 5; G. Huggett (conductor), 6. And 720 Bob Minor. G. Huggett, 1; — Featherstone, 2; C. Webber, 3; W. H. Street, 4; W. H. Judd, 5; R. Arnold (conductor), 6.

BEDDINGTON (Surrey).—On Sunday, May 13th, for morning service, 575 Grandsire Caters. A. Trappitt, 1; E. Bennett (conductor), 2; A. Plowman, 3; F. Holder, 4; C. Bance, 5; J. Trappitt, 6; T. King, 7; J. Fayers, 8; C. Gordon, 9; W. Gray, 10. And for evening service, 579 Stedman Caters. E. Bennett (conductor), 1; J. Welling, 2; C. Bance, 3; A. Plowman, 4; J. Trappitt, 5; T. King, 6; J. Fayers, 7; J. Harding, 8; C. Gordon, 9; W. Gray, 10. On Sunday, May 20th, for evening service, 579 Stedman Caters. G. Welling (conductor), 1; E. Bennett, 2; C. Bance, 3; A. Plowman, 4; H. Brooker, 5; J. Harding, 6; J. Fayers, 7; T. King, 8; C. Gordon, 9; J. Trappitt, 10. Also three leads of Treble Bob Royal, standing as before.

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BOWDON (Cheshire).—On Thursday, May 24th, in honour of the Queen's birthday, a 720 Plain Bob in 29 mins. J. Holt, 1; W. Goulden, 2; G. Ollier, 3; W. Clarke, 4; R. Ollier, 5; R. Pimlott, 6.

BATTLE (Sussex).—On Sunday, May 13th, at 6 a.m., 350 Grandsire Triples. J. Curtis, 1; J. Mathis, 2; R. Curtis, 3; C. Hyland, 4; \*F. Finn, 5; W. Franks (conductor), 6; W. Thomas, 7; W. H. Eldridge, 8. \*Hails from Mersham, Kent. On Sunday, May 20th, 240 Grandsire Minor. H. Anscombe, 2; W. Thomas, 3; C. Hyland, 4; H. Elliott, 5; J. Curtis, 6; W. Franks (conductor), 7; W. H. Eldridge, 8. Rung on the back seven. On Tuesday, May 22nd, 350 Grandsire Triples. J. Curtis, 1; F. Mathis, 2; S. Saker, 3; W. Thomas, 4; W. Franks, 5; C. Hyland (conductor), 6; J. Mathis, 7; H. Anscombe, 8. Also 210 Oxford Bob Triples. H. Elliott, 1; F. Mathis, 2; C. Hyland, 3; W. Franks (conductor), 4; \*J. Curtis, 5; W. Thomas, 6; J. Mathis, 7; T. Hutchings, 8. \*First touch. On Sunday evening, May 27th, for Divine Service, 120 Grandsire Doubles on the back six. W. Eastland (first 120), 1; J. Mathis, 2; J. Curtis, 3; W. Franks (conductor), 4; W. Thomas, 5; W. H. Eldridge, 6. Tenor 23 cwt. in E flat.

BOCKING (Essex).—On Sunday morning, May 20th, for Divine Service, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob. H. Butcher, 1; F. Radley, 2; W. Moore, 3; F. Warren, 4; S. Sargent, 5; C. Bearman (conductor), 6. For afternoon service 720 Kent Treble Bob. H. Butcher, 1; F. Radley, 2; W. Grimwade, 3; F. Warren, 4; S. Sargent, 5; C. Bearman (conductor), 6. On Friday, May 25th, 720 Bob Minor. G. Melbourne, 1; F. Radley, 2; W. Moore, 3; W. Grimwade, 4; S. Sargent (conductor), 5; H. Butcher, 6. Also 720 Woodbine Treble Bob. W. Hammond, 1; F. Calthorpe, 2; W. Grimwade, 3; F. Warren, 4; F. Rudkin, 5; C. Bearman (conductor), 6.

BOLSTERSTONE (Yorks).—On Tuesday, April 24th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs two singles). R. Dyson, 1; W. Steel, 2; J. Shaw, 3; J. Hattersley, 4; H. Sampson, 5; D. Brearley (conductor), 6. This is R. Dyson's first 720. Also 720 Bob Minor. H. Sampson, 1; W. Steel, 2; J. Aspinall, 3; J. Hattersley, 4; J. Shaw, 5; D. Brearley (conductor), 6. This is the first 720 by J. Aspinall away from the treble. On Friday, May 18th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor. R. Dyson, 1; W. Steel, 2; D. Brearley, 3; J. Hattersley, 4; J. Aspinall, 5; G. Jackson, 6. Conducted by W. Steel, who is fifteen years of age, and is his first 720 as conductor. On Friday, May 25th, 720 Bob Minor. R. Dyson, 1; W. Steel, 2; J. Shaw (first 720 as conductor), 3; G. Jackson, 4; J. Aspinall, 5; D. Brearley, 6.

BOURNEMOUTH (Hants).—On Thursday, May 24th, at St. Peter's church, in honour of the Queen's birthday, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 50 mins. A. Grist, 1; J. G. Bennett, 2; B. Keeble (Romford), 3; E. T. Green (conductor), 4; G. H. Plummer, 5; S. Merritt, 6; J. J. Bristow, 7; C. W. Goodenough (first quarter-peal), 8. Composed by George Preston, of Christchurch.

CLAY CROSS (Derbyshire).—On Thursday, May 24th, at St. Bartholomew's church, in commemoration of the Queen's birthday, 720 Canterbury Pleasure (fourteen singles and ten bobs) in 26 mins. J. Green, 1; J. Maycock, 2; J. J. Cook, 3; T. Millington (conductor), 4; F. Marshall, 5; T. Clough, 6.

ELY (Cambs).—On Monday evening, May 21st, on the occasion of the Annual festival of the Theological College, 560 Bob Major. A. Hazell, 1; A. E. Pilgrim, 2; H. Sharp, 3; Rev. A. L. Brine, 4; A. Pilgrim, 5; J. Sutherill, 6; H. Markwell, 7; A. Markwell (conductor), 8. Messrs. Hazell, Sharp, and the two Markwells hail from Wilburton, and the Rev. A. L. Brine from Town Malling, Kent. On Tuesday morning, May 22nd, at half-past six, 720 Bob Minor (nine bobs two singles), with 6-8 covering. And at midday, 720 in the same method (sixteen bobs two singles), with 6-8 covering. A. Seymour, 1; A. E. Pilgrim, 2; J. Sutherill, 3; Rev. A. L. Brine, 4; A. Pilgrim (conductor), 5; R. Moden, 6; J. Vail, 7; W. Seaton, 8.

NUNEATON (Warwickshire).—*Handbell Ringing*.—On Monday, May 28th, at the residence of Mr. H. Argyle, Wheat Street, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 1260 changes, in 36 mins. H. Paulson, 1-2; H. Argyle, 3-4; T. W. Chapman, 5-6; J. George, Rugby (composer and conductor), 7-8. This is the first quarter-peal on handbells by J. George as conductor, and was rung at the first attempt. Also a course of Bob Major by the same band.

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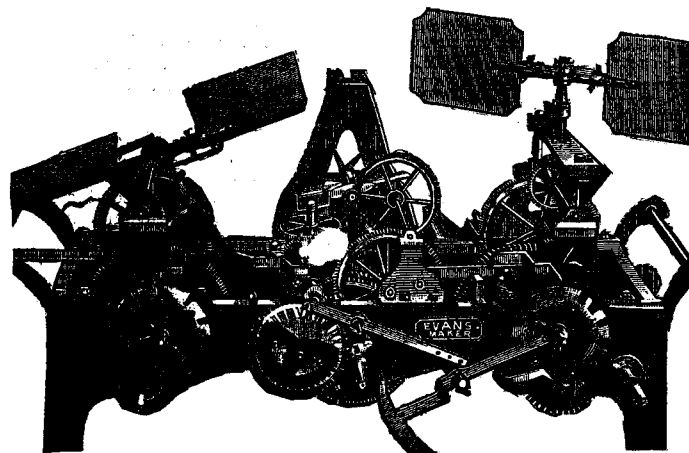
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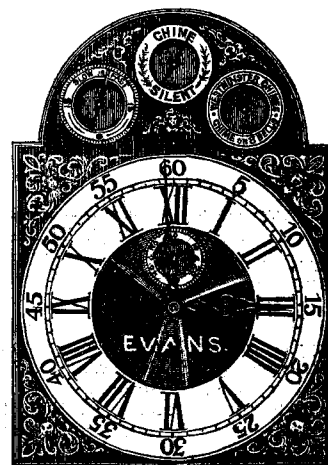
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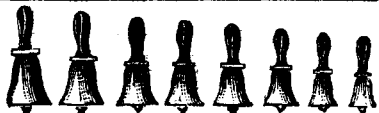
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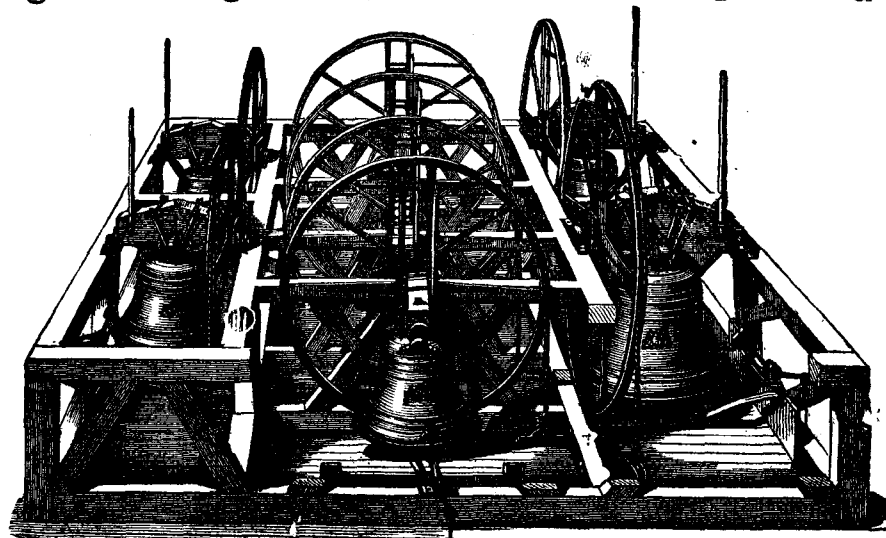
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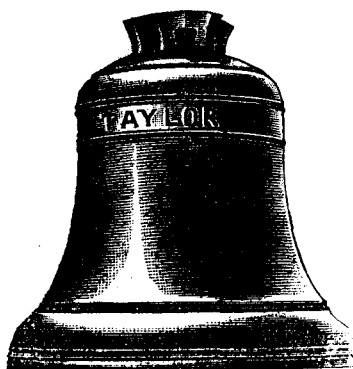
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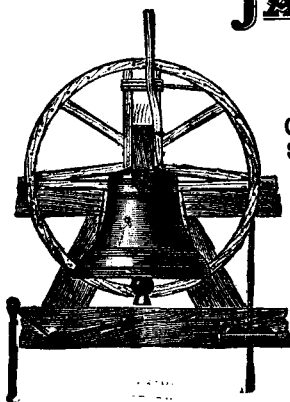
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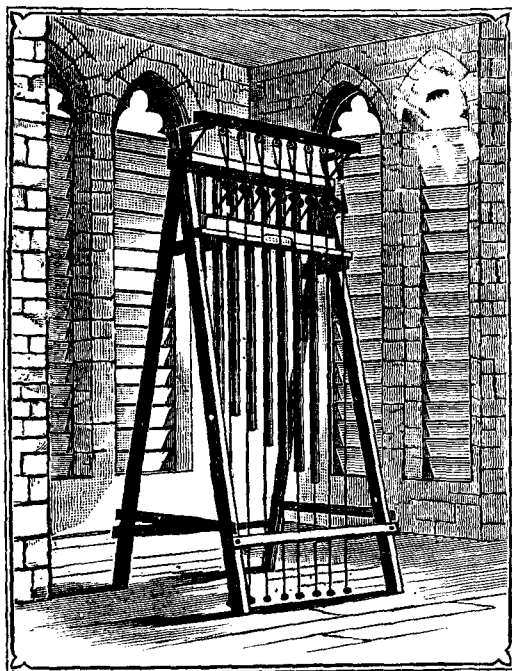
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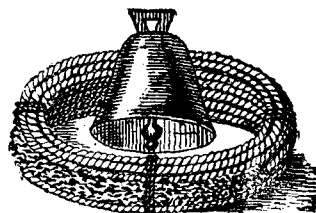
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## THE TOWCESTER AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

Although only established about six months, this Association shows signs of great life and energy. It is well officered, has a good membership, and promises to be an excellent field for good. The first festival in connection with the Association was held on Thursday, June 7th, at Greensnorton, and the proceedings in connection therewith were of a most successful and pleasant character. At a quarter to twelve o'clock service was held in the church, when there was a good congregation. Among the surpliced clergymen were the Rev. R. A. Kennaway (Rector), the Rev. F. E. Robinson, Rector of Drayton, Oxford; the Rev. R. S. K. Blucke, Bradden, Hon. Secretary of the Association; the Rev. R. D. White, Moreton Pinkney; the Rev. J. Mountain, Towcester; and the Rev. W. Smalley Law, Abthorpe. In the church were also observed the Rev. H. T. Barry, Blisworth; the Rev. W. Wilson, Stoke Bruerne; the Rev. H. A. Gray, Towcester; the Rev. A. Wake, Courteenhall; the Rev. J. H. Sheppard, Blakesley; and the Rev. W. J. Harkness, Castlethorpe. The following parishes were represented in the congregation:—Greensnorton, Bradden, Blisworth, Easton Neston, Gayton, Paulerspury, Towcester, Moreton Pinkney, Courteenhall, Whittlebury, Stoke Bruerne, and Blakesley. The processional hymn was "Praise the Lord! ye heavens adore Him." The prayers were read by the Rev. R. A. Kennaway, and the lessons by the Rev. J. Mountain. The hymn before the sermon was "The call to arms is sounding." The preacher was the Rev. F. E. Robinson, of Oxford, and he based an excellent discourse on the words, "This also we wish, even your perfection," part of the 9th verse of the 13th chapter II. Cor. He pointed out to the ringers the necessity of their seeking after perfection, and said it could only be found in the Word of God, and by following the example set them by their Lord Jesus Christ, Who was the highest standard of perfection. Whatever they did as ringers they should do for the love and glory of God. The gifts they possessed were the special gifts of God, and, therefore, they should try and bring them to perfection. The success of their Association depended upon their combined action, and if all worked together unitedly and for the love and glory of God, and looking at God as their standard of perfection, then good results must follow their efforts. Those Associations taught patience, brotherly love, charity, kindness, and peace, virtues they all should endeavour to possess, as they would tend to make them perfect Christian men. The concluding hymn was "All people that on earth do dwell."

A business meeting was subsequently held in the Reading Room in the centre of the village, and the proceedings were presided over by the Rev. R. A. Kennaway. The first business was the confirmation of the election of officers at the last meeting of the Association. The Rev. R. A. Kennaway was elected President, the Rev. J. B. Harrison, the Rev. J. Mountain, and the Rev. W. Smalley Law, Vice-Presidents; Mr. R. T. Gudgeon, Towcester, Hon. Treasurer; and the Rev. R. S. Blucke, Hon. Secretary. The Committee consisted of one representative from each belfry connected with the Association. Towcester was selected as the place for the holding of the festival in 1895, and the remainder of the business was of a routine character. At half-past one o'clock the ringers and a number of friends sat down to dinner in the school. The company, over which the rector presided, numbered above 100.

Dinner over, and the loyal toasts honoured, the Rev. R. S. Blucke stated the Association at present consisted of 21 honorary members and 66 ringing members, and their income since they started in January amounted to £9 3s. 6d. Their expenditure, including the expenses of that festival, amounted to £8 17s. 0d., leaving a balance in hand of 6s. 6d.

Mr. Gudgeon proposed a vote of thanks to the Rev. F. E. Robinson for the excellent and appropriate sermon he had delivered to them, and he expressed the hope that every member would follow the good advice contained therein.

The Rev. F. E. Robinson, in reply, congratulated the members on having formed such an Association, and on the hearty manner in which they seemed to have set about their work. He had been a bellringer for thirty-five years, and was as keenly fond of ringing at the present time as he was when he began.

He spoke of the value of such Associations, and said he would like to see all the Associations in the county affiliated to one Association for the whole of the Diocese of Peterborough.

The Chairman next proposed "Prosperity to the Towcester and District Church Bellringers' Association," and in his own name, and on behalf of the parish, heartily welcomed the members to Greensnorton to celebrate their first festival.

The Rev. J. Mountain replied to the toast, and, in doing so, expressed the hope that the work of the Association might be productive of good among the ringers, and that they might really become, as it were, minor ministers for Christ.

"The Honorary Members" was given by the Rev. F. E. Robinson, and replied to by the Rev. W. Wilson.

Mr. E. Slarke submitted "The President," which met with a hearty reception. The Chairman replied, and then proposed "The Hon. Secretary." It was to the Rev. R. S. Blucke, he said, the organisation of the Association was due, and he took a most active interest in its work and in endeavouring to promote its success. The toast was heartily received, and briefly responded to by Mr. Blucke.

During the afternoon the various sets of ringers occupied the tower of the church in turns, and rang a number of changes on the five bells. In the early evening tea was kindly provided for the visitors by the Rev. R. A. Kennaway, in the rectory grounds, and altogether a very pleasant day was spent.

## THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

The annual meeting of the above Guild was held at Blandford, on Monday, May 28th. The proceedings commenced with a service at the parish church at 11.45, at which there were present about sixty representatives of affiliated bands of ringers, the places represented being Berwick (St. John), Bournemouth (St. Peter's), Burbage, Downton, Ebbesborne Wake, Fontmell Magna, Iwerne Minster, Longbridge Deverill, Salisbury (St. Edmund's, St. Martin's, and St. Thomas's), Blandford, Stourpaine and Durweston. An appropriate sermon was preached by the Rev. Canon Watts, vicar of Stourpaine and rural dean. Service over, the members repaired to the parish room (kindly lent by the rector) for the purpose of electing officers, &c., for the coming year. Earl Nelson was re-elected president; the Rev. A. D. Hill, vicar of Downton, Master. A letter from Mr. J. R. Jerram, of Salisbury, general secretary, asking to resign, was read; but it was decided to re-appoint him, and to ask him to re-consider the matter. The other two district secretaries were re-elected. Mr. T. Blackbourn was elected on the committee in place of Mr. A. G. Dufosse, the Rev. W. J. Birkbeck in place of the Rev. H. G. Rogers, and Mr. S. Macey, in place of Rev. J. Mitchell (deceased). A report of last year's proceedings was presented, also a financial statement, from which it appeared there was a satisfactory balance of £14 17s. 4d. in hand. At 1.30 the customary dinner took place at the Greyhound hotel, hostess Brown's catering giving every satisfaction. Earl Nelson occupied the chair, and he was supported by the Rev. A. D. Hill, Rev. Canon Watts, Rev. C. H. Fynes-Clinton (rector of Blandford), Rev. W. A. Heygate (North Wilts), Messrs. E. O. Richards and R. H. Groves (churchwardens of Blandford), and H. W. Parker. After dinner the toast of "The Queen" was loyally honoured, succeeded by votes of thanks to Canon Watts for his sermon, and the Rev. C. H. Fynes-Clinton for the use of the church.

Mr. E. O. Richards proposed a vote of thanks to Earl Nelson for presiding, and his lordship, in acknowledging the same, referred to the success of the Guild, and urged the members to maintain their dignity as officers of the Church, and to be "good men and true" in all parochial matters.

At the conclusion of the dinner some of the ringers visited the belfries of the neighbouring villages of Stourpaine, Durweston, Pimperne and Shillingstone while the Salisbury ringers rang several touches of Grandsire Triples on the Blandford bells. In the absence of Mr. Jerram, the day's arrangements were chiefly in the hands of Mr. A. Grist, of Bournemouth.

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## TONG, YORKSHIRE.

About two years ago the ringers from the parish church paid a visit to Boroughbridge, and received such a kindly welcome from the ringers there, and were so well entertained by their host of The Windmill inn, that it was determined to go again on Whit Saturday this year. Illness however prevented two of the company joining, substitutes being found in Messrs. S. Longstaff and Birks from Pudsey. Through the kindness of Mr. Hoy, permission had been first granted to ring at Knaresborough parish church, a call being made *en route*, and a 720 of Oxford rung in 28 mins. by S. Longstaff, G. Bolland, Oddy, W. Bolland, Birks, and Haley. Tenor 19 cwt. On returning to the station opportunity was taken of the delay in the arrival of the train for Boroughbridge, to have a peep from the railway bridge spanning the river at the beautiful view beneath. According to a prophecy of Mother Shipton, if this bridge falls three times, the end of the world is at hand. It has already fallen twice, but this did not deter the party from venturing upon it. Arriving in due course at their destination, a substantial tea was first discussed, and thanks to Mr. Langley's (of the local company) intercession, permission to ring was granted by the vicar, and an adjournment was made to the tower, a 720 of Oxford being rung in 26 mins., tenor 14 cwt. Returning to the hostelry the handbells were brought into use, and a pleasant evening was spent. Special mention should be made of Mr. Longstaff, the veteran of the party, who added greatly to the pleasure of all by his songs and recitations. Sunday morning found everyone astir early, and after a pleasant stroll they assembled at 7 a.m. and rang for early celebration a 720 of Bob Minor, Mr. Langley ringing the 5th. Permission having been asked to ring at All Saints, Kirby Hill, an adjoining village, 9.30 found the company there, and a 360 and 120 Bob Minor was rung with Mr. Archer of Boroughbridge. In the afternoon an early move was made for home, a call being made on the way to see the beautiful church of "Christ the Consoler," erected at Skelton by the late Lady Mary Vynar in memory of her son, who was killed by brigands in Greece; and which well repaid the visit. Continuing the journey forward to Ripon, a short halt for tea was made, and onward again to Sharow, where the ringers were found assembled at 5.30, and the bells raised, therefore no time was lost in getting to work, and two touches of Kent Treble Bob Major were rung by Messrs. Pick (Sharow), Oddy, Langstaff, W. Bolland, Metcalf (Sharow), Birks, G. Bolland, and Haley. Tenor 13 cwt. The hour of return being nigh, a move was at once made to the railway station, where owing to the train being late, the time was pleasantly passed with the handbells, some of the Sharow ringers who had accompanied, taking part. The visitors desire to thank the vicars of Boroughbridge, Kirby Hill, and Sharow for their kind permission to ring, and also to the local ringers for their hearty welcome.

## NORTON, DERBYSHIRE.

On Friday, May 25th, by the kind invitation of Mr. and Mrs. Welby, the singers and ringers of Norton parish church were entertained to supper at The Bagshaw Arms. Having received an invitation to join the company, I was rather shy about taking part in the gathering, insomuch that at present I claim to belong to no ringing company, but having been informed of the fact that although the pretty old church of Norton possessed a fine peal of six bells in good ringing order, and above that number of talented change-ringers, they have not mustered enough strength on a Sunday to ring for service, and considering that they have no dispute with the Rector or churchwardens, I thought it my duty as Secretary of the Association to join the party, and see if a change for the better could not be made. Ringers as a rule are not treated with such kindness as Mr. and Mrs. Welby do year after year give to the Norton ringers, and as the ringers may not be able to express their gratitude by words, yet they can let the bells speak forth their words of praise on the Sabbath morn.

The company, numbering about twenty, assembled, and were treated to a substantial meal well cooked and admirably served by Mr. and Mrs. Fielding and their assistants. After the table had been cleared, Mr. J. Atkin, choir-master, took the chair.

The toast of "The Queen and Royal Family" was given by

the chairman, and received with enthusiasm. Mr. Watts followed by a capital song with a good refrain, which was heartily taken up.

Mr. Cattell gave the toast of "The Bishops and Clergy," remarking what good they had done in the past, and were doing in the present. These observations were cordially endorsed by the company. The chairman kept the ball rolling well the whole evening, and songs were rendered by Messrs. Biggin, Rhodes, Atkin, Allen, Kirby, Fielding, and the brothers Cattell.

The chairman, in giving the toast of "Mr. and Mrs. Welby," spoke at some length on the many acts of kindness which they oftentimes had meted out, not only to the Church, but to other denominations. Mr. Fielding supported the toast, hoping that the chairman would write them at an early date, expressing the gratitude of all present for the manner in which they had been entertained on this and other occasions. The toast was drank with musical honours. The choir-master next "True, true till Jeath," which was the song of the night, being rendered in fine style.

The toast of "the Host and Hostess" was next drank, the company singing "For they are hearty good people." Mr. Fielding, in reply, thanked them for the hearty manner in which they had taken up the toast of himself and wife, remarking that after all they had only done their duty in trying to make the supper as good as possible. He hoped that all had enjoyed themselves, about which he thought there was no doubt. The hostess, in responding, expressed the pleasure it gave her to know that she had given those present such satisfaction. 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.

E. J.

## AN INTERESTING EVENT.

Saturday, June 2nd, was a red letter day at Meltham, a pretty place within easy distance of Huddersfield, Yorkshire, and in the Holmfirth district of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Manchester Unity, the occasion being the laying of three corner-stones for a new entrance to the Oddfellows' Hall, by P.G.M. Graham, of Burton-on-Trent, and Bros. Wrigley and Carlile, of the "New Year" lodge, Meltham. There was a grand procession of friendly society members in regalia and white gloves, headed by the famous Meltham Mills brass band, and the place was gay with flags, &c. The bells of the parish church were rung by the local ringers and others, in honour of the event. The bells of this church have only been rung by hand on this and two other occasions for a great number of years, one being on Her Majesty's Jubilee, and the other on some special local event. They have some mechanical arrangement which chimes the bells for service. As your correspondent was approaching the village, he was delighted with the sound of the bells, a splendid peal of six, tenor about 12½ cwt., which were being rung to the tune of Oxford Treble Bob Minor, and before he reached the church, a short touch of Violet was rung, and a great number of the inhabitants were listening, and many expressed a wish that they should be rung oftener. There is a very good company of change-ringers here, and considering they have had no practice for so many years (only a preliminary practice at a tower about three miles distant), the ringing was good. Later in the evening a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor was rung in 26 mins. by a mixed company. J. Roebuck (Armitage Bridge), 1; B. Woodhead (Meltham), 2; J. Holden (Mossley, conductor), 3; J. Shaw (Armitage Bridge), 4; J. Littlewood (Armitage Bridge), 5; J. Barrowclough (Armitage Bridge), 6. The local company finished the day's ringing with a few more touches, and those who had the pleasure of ringing, hope more opportunities will be afforded them of ringing on these bells, which are centred in a district in which so many noted ringers and composers have worked and laboured for our much-loved science.

Still may they ring when troubles cease,  
Still may they ring for joys increase,  
For progress in the arts of peace  
And friendly trophies won.

Till rival nations join their hands,  
Till plenty crowns the happy lands,  
Till knowledge gives new blessings birth  
And freedom reigns o'er all the earth.

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The belfry of the fine parish church of St. John the Baptist at Cirencester, has just received an elegant interesting addition in the form of a beautifully illuminated peal-board commemorating the accomplishment of the peal of Grandsire Cinques by members of this Association on the occasion of the home-coming to Cirencester of the Earl and Countess Bathurst, and which was duly chronicled in our columns. The board is the work of Mr. H. Tom Gardner, a member of the parish church band, and is admirably executed. It bears at the head the diocesan coat of arms, and at the bottom the Bathurst arms with the Borthwick arms quartered. The wording is as follows:—

"Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association of Change-Ringers. In honour of the marriage, and on the occasion of the home-coming on December 2nd, 1893, of Seymour Henry, seventh Earl Bathurst, and Lillias Margaret Frances, Countess Bathurst, the following members of this society rang a true peal of Grandsire Cinques, 5038 changes, on these bells, in 4 hours and 3 minutes. Frederick Musty (Cheltenham), treble; Francis E. Hart (Gloucester), 2; Edward Bankes James (Gloucester), 3; John Austin (Gloucester), 4; Alfred T. Brunsdon (Gloucester), 5; William H. Brunsdon (Gloucester), 6; Walter T. Bennett (Gloucester), 7; Francis E. Ward (Cheltenham), 8; William Dyer (Charlton Kings), 9; Henry Roberts (Cheltenham), 10; Adolphus Roberts (Gloucester), 11; Albert W. Humphris (Cheltenham) and Henry Clutterbuck (Cirencester), tenor. Tenor 28 cwt. in D. Composed by James Motts, and Conducted by John Austin; and was the first peal of Cinques by each of the above, and by the Association. Henry Rudge Hayward, Archdeacon and Vicar; Fred. T. E. Boulton, John Hyde, Churchwardens."

There are now a trio of peal-boards in the Cirencester belfry, the other two being less pretentious in design, but considerably older. They record peals of Grandsire Triples in 1824 and 1868 respectively.

## THE HEAVY WOOLLEN DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 12th, the first annual contest connected with the above Association took place at Kirkburton, when the following bands competed for the Association's silver cup, other prizes being kindly given by the local band. The touch rung was 1056 Kent Treble Bob Major.

Drawn.	Faults.	
1 Dewsbury	479	1st prize silver cup and silver alberts.
2 Liversedge	528	2nd " 8 gold medals.
3 Brighouse	984	4th " 8 silk handkerchiefs.
4 Mirfield	1139	no "
5 Ossett	774	3rd " 8 half-dozen knives and forks.
6 Birstal	1103	no "

When the contest was over, the decision was read out at The Grapes inn, where a meeting was held and the prizes awarded to each successful competitor by Dr. Lockwood, president of the local company, who said it gave him great pleasure at being asked to distribute them, and commented upon the wisdom of practising much, to become successful on such occasions. Mr. S. Goodall, on behalf of the Association, proposed that the best thanks of this meeting be given to the Vicar, churchwardens, and ringers for their untiring endeavours to make the contest a success, which was carried unanimously. Mr. Moxon (churchwarden), responded, and in a few brief words explained that they had endeavoured to make the contest a success, and he only hoped the successful competitors were satisfied, and the unsuccessful ones would not despair, but try again. Mr. John Cordingley (Calverley), and Mr. Allan Womersley (Almondbury), officiated as judges, and gave general satisfaction.

**THE SOCIETY OF BROMLEY YOUTHS.**—On Sunday, June 3rd, six of this parish church ringers, with Mr. J. Emery, of St. Mary Cray, took a run down to Gravesend, where permission had been obtained for a pull on the bells at St. George's. There being an hour or so to spare before ringing time, the party went for a stroll through the town. After a good tea, the tower was sought, and 720 Bob Minor was rung, with 6-8 covering. G. Simpson, 1; H. P. Harman, 2; G. Durling, 3; E. Dunn, 4; T. Harford (conductor), 5; W. James, 6; I. Emery, 7; H. J. Jones, 8. The tenor-man belongs to the local band, and this is his longest touch. Shortly afterwards the visitors took their departure homewards, having spent a very enjoyable afternoon. They wish to take this opportunity to thank the vicar of St. George's for kindly granting them the use of the bells, and hope soon to be able to take a band down, and attempt a peal on them.

## ANOTHER WEEK'S SURPRISING RINGING.

Ye Surprise ringers! draw in your horns; for has there not lately visited the Weald of Kent a band of surprising ringers from Barnstaple, in Devonshire, for a week's ringing, visiting Rolvenden, Benenden, Cranbrook, Headcorn, and several other towers in the neighbourhood? masters of those extraordinary scientific and intricate methods, yclept Stony, Churchyard Bob, Tombstone Surprise, and Stedman's Agony. The records of their achievements will be found no doubt in their proper place. The scientific way in which these Surprise ringers handled their ropes was surprising in itself, for they did ring most mightily, fetching pieces out of their hands, and covering the ropes with blood they hauled away, worthy of a better cause. This visit to Kent was through the kindness of a gentleman in Rolvenden, who paid all expenses amounting to about £26.

Oh! ye unenlightened Barnstaple ringers, if ye should ever visit Kent again, do for goodness' sake ring something worth ringing. E.

## 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 DOUBT.

SIR,—I see in last week's issue of "THE BELL NEWS" that the Winchester Diocesan Guild members (which Guild I had the honour of being a member for several years previous to 1891), has published the completion of a peal of Grandsire Triples, which I feel compelled to draw your notice to, especially as I see the name of a rev. gentleman as one of the band, which one would naturally have thought, would have been sufficient to ensure genuine ringing; but perhaps the said gentleman does not understand ringing sufficiently to judge if right or wrong. Anyhow, it was not a genuine peal, as, as near 1.45 as possible, the bells came to a perfect standstill, and remained so for a period of at least three or four leads. Therefore, if that performance can honestly be claimed a peal, bellringing is a farce, and is most unfair to other bands, who do succeed in going through a peal. Another thing I wish to call your attention to, Sir, is that it is quite time umpires should be enforced at all times a band is attempting a peal for publicity. This would soon put a stop to these bogus peals being foisted on the public. I should also like to call your attention to a question I asked you through "THE BELL NEWS," and which you explained in "THE BELL NEWS" of August 20th, 1892, relating to a similar case, which reply one would have thought sufficient to deter any band of making a like deplorable claim, especially in the same grand old church of Christchurch, where, I am sorry to say, a tablet is allowed to remain which was erected through the misrepresentation of the Christchurch band to the Vicar. A. PEARCE.

## COMPOSITION WANTED.

SIR,—Seeing in your last issue an account of a date touch rang at Minehead, composed and conducted by W. H. Moore, and this being the first date touch to my knowledge composed by a Somerset man, myself, and I think other members of the Exercise, would like to see the qualities of this composition. SOMERSET.

## Obituary.

## ROBERT COOPER.

After a long and painful illness, the above gentleman died at his residence, near Victoria Park, on May 24th. He was well-known among ringers in the Eastern District of London, and many will recall to memory the happy smiles that always greeted any brother-string when paying Mr. Cooper a visit. He was many years associated with Shoreditch belfry, in which tower the following persons rang a muffled peal (whole pull and stand) as a last mark of respect, on Saturday, June 2nd, on which day the deceased was interred in Bow Cemetery. He was 68 years old. C. Linstead, 1; J. Charteris, 2; A. Linstead, 3; W. F. Meads, 4; W. Sinclair, 5; J. Barry, 6; H. Living, 7; H. Benham (conductor), 8. Time 65 mins.

**FISHTOFT (Lincolnshire).**—On Sunday morning, June 3rd, for Divine Service, a 6-score each of the following: Grandsire, April Day, Primrose, and Plain Bob. H. Broughton, 1; J. E. Clark, 2; C. R. Lilley, 3; H. Palmer (conductor), 4; T. Woods, 5. Messrs. Woods and Clark hail from Skirbeck, and the rest from Boston.



## Ringers' Outings.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—On Saturday, May 26th, seven members of the Nuneaton branch of this Association, viz.: H. Horwood, H. Argyle, J. F. Clarke, T. W. Chapman, H. Paulson, W. Hickley, and W. Stone were met at Rugby by J. George and also H. Tarver, of Bilton, at 3.15 p.m., for the purpose of an outing round the neighbourhood. On Rugby station 168 of Grandsire Triples on handbells. H. Paulson, 1-2; H. Argyle, 3-4; T. W. Chapman, 5-6; J. George (conductor), 7-8. The party then journeyed by wagonette to Newbold-on-Avon, a distance of two miles, and the first 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor on the bells at that place was rung. H. Horwood, 1; T. W. Chapman (conductor), 2; H. Paulson, 3; J. F. Clarke, 4; H. Argyle, 5; J. George, 6. Also two 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. W. Stone, 1; W. Hickley, 2; H. Tarver, 3; J. F. Clarke, 4; J. George (conductor), 5; H. Argyle, 6. Also 108 of Bob Minor. H. Paulson, 1; H. Argyle (conductor), 2; J. F. Clarke, 3; W. Hickley, 4; H. Horwood, 5; J. George, 6. Also a course of Grandsire Caters on handbells. J. F. Clarke, 1-2; H. Paulson, 3-4; T. W. Chapman, 5-6; H. Argyle, 7-8; J. George, 9-10. Also 112 of Grandsire Triples on handbells. H. Paulson, 1-2; H. Argyle, 3-4; T. W. Chapman, 5-6; J. George (conductor), 7-8. A move was then made for Rugby, another two miles, and at the church of St. Andrew, the first 6-score of Stedman Doubles on the bells. H. Argyle, 1; J. F. Clarke (conductor), 2; H. Paulson, 3; J. George, 4; T. W. Chapman, 5. Also a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles. J. Coles (Rugby), 1; H. Tarver, 2; T. W. Chapman, 3; H. Horwood, 4; J. George (conductor), 5. At Bilton, at the church of St. Mark, the first 6-score of Stedman Doubles on the bells was successfully brought round. J. F. Clarke, 1; H. Paulson, 2; W. Hickley, 3; J. George, 4; T. W. Chapman (conductor), 5. Also two 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. W. Stone, 1; T. W. Chapman, 2; H. Argyle, 3; H. Tarver, 4; J. George (conductor), 5. Also a 6-score of Bob Doubles. W. Stone, 1; T. W. Chapman (conductor), 2; H. Argyle, 3; H. Horwood, 4; J. George, 5. At Dunchurch a very fine peal was brought round at 7 p.m. with knives and forks, the repast being provided by host Weston at The Dun Cow hotel. After this, two 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. T. W. Chapman, 1; H. Horwood, 2; H. Paulson, 3; H. Argyle, 4; J. George (conductor), 5; J. F. Clarke, 6. Also the first 6-score of Stedman Doubles on these bells was rung by T. W. Chapman (conductor), 1; J. George, 2; H. Paulson, 3; H. Argyle, 4; J. F. Clarke, 5; H. Horwood, 6. And 360 Bob Minor. T. W. Chapman, 1; J. F. Clarke (conductor), 2; H. Paulson, 3; H. Argyle, 4; H. Horwood, 5; J. George, 6. The ringers then adjourned to The Dun Cow hotel and the following touches were rung on handbells. 223 Grandsire Triples. H. Paulson, 1-2; H. Argyle, 3-4; T. W. Chapman, 5-6; J. George (composer and conductor), 7-8. Also 112 of Grandsire Triples by the same band. And a course of Grandsire Caters. J. F. Clarke, 1-2; H. Paulson, 3-4; T. W. Chapman, 5-6; H. Argyle, 7-8; J. George, 9-10. Several tunes upon handbells were also given by H. Horwood, T. W. Chapman, J. F. Clarke, H. Argyle, and H. Paulson. At Dunchurch there were a great many on-lookers, both in the belfry and at The Dun Cow hotel, to hear the ringing, and a great many of the inhabitants expressed their entire satisfaction. The ringers and others after singing "Anld Lang Syne" left Dunchurch by wagonette at 10 p.m. (which hour came too soon) and departed from Rugby station to their respective homes at 11 p.m., after experiencing a most enjoyable outing. The ringers desire to thank the clergy and churchwardens of Newbold, Rugby, Bilton, and Dunchurch for the use of the bells, and also Messrs. Turland, Coles, Cockerill, and others for having everything in readiness.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—On Whit-Tuesday, May 15th, Messrs. A. E. Durrant, J. W. Lines, and A. R. Aldham, of Ipswich, took the 10.30 train to Melton, and on arriving there they were cordially welcomed by Mr. C. Ward at The Horse and Groom inn. After refreshing the inner man they were soon enjoying a pleasant drive to Wickham Market through the kindness of Mr. Ward. Here they were met by the brothers Reeve and a move was made to the church, where a 720 of Oxford

Treble Bob was rung in 26 mins. W. Reeve, 1; J. Reeve, 2; A. R. Aldham (conductor), 3; J. W. Lines, 4; A. E. Durrant, 5; C. Ward, 6. Also a 360 of Kent Treble Bob with C. Ward, 4; A. R. Aldham, 6; the rest as before, conducted by A. E. Durrant. Returning home a call was made at Ufford, where there is a pretty peal of eight, and by the kind permission of the rector and with the assistance of the local ringers a 377 of Grandsire Triples was rung. W. Ward, 1; J. W. Lines, 2; C. Ward, 3; J. Leggett, 4; W. R. Garratt, 5; A. R. Aldham (conductor), 6; A. E. Durrant, 7; A. Ward, 8. Also 336 of Bob Major, and about 260 of Kent Treble Bob Major. W. Ward (conductor), 1; J. W. Lines, 2; C. Ward, 3; J. Leggett, 4; W. P. Garratt, 5; A. Ward, 6; A. E. Durrant, 7; A. R. Aldham, 8. Great credit is due to J. Leggett for the way he rang his bell, he knowing little of change-ringing six months ago. The visitors desire to return many thanks to the brothers Ward, and other friends for so kindly assisting them in making their day's outing a success.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—On Monday, June 4th, the members of the Horley branch of this Association had their annual outing to Ashted, Surrey. Arriving about 11 a.m., they were soon ascending the steps of the tower and a start was made for various touches of Grandsire Triples consisting of two 504's and two 672's, and a quarter-peal. The ringers for the day were Messrs. E. Taylor, T. Sparks, W. Edwards, E. Dewey, A. Songhurst, G. Apps, G. Staplehurst, C. Taylor, F. Wickens, F. Voice, S. Kenward, J. Kenward, H. Peters, E. Still, and F. H. Page. The bells were then lowered and an adjournment was made to The Leg of Mutton and Ye Cauliflower hotel, where a substantial tea was provided, after which a short tune was rang on the handbells, and a start made for home. The ringers take this opportunity of thanking the vicar for the use of the bells, also Mr. F. H. Page, for having the bells in readiness, the "go" being excellent.

ARMLEY, YORKSHIRE.—On Saturday, June 2nd, the ringers from Christ church, Armley, had their outing to Addingham, a village near Ilkley, the noted health resort. Arriving at their destination about 3 p.m., the "ideal" village church was examined and great pleasure was expressed at its neatness and beauty. A move was then made to the belfry, the ringing chamber being about five feet from the ground floor, the bells were raised and a course of Oxford was rung as a "feeler," then 1200 changes were rung consisting of 240 each of Violet, Woodbine, Merchants' Delight, Kent, and Oxford. Jos. Thackeray, 1; B. Cowling, 2; John Thackeray (conductor), 3; J. Heckingbottom, 4; M. Broadbent, 5; J. Guy, 6. And 240 of Oxford. F. Blackith, 1; W. Phillips, 2; J. Heckingbottom, 3; W. Walland, 4; J. Cottam (conductor), 5; J. Guy, 6. An adjournment was then made to The Crown hotel for refreshments, and on their return to the tower they met the local and congenial conductor, and then rang a 720 of Duke of York in 23½ mins., standing as in the 1200. To conclude the ringing a 720 of Oxford Delight was rung, the striking of which was superb. Jos. Thackeray, 1; John Thackeray, 2; W. Phillips, 3; J. Heckingbottom, 4; J. Cottam, 5; E. Town (conductor), 6. First in the method by the 1st, 2nd, and 4th. An adjournment was then made to The Crown hotel where the handbells were brought out and a "clinking" course of Oxford rung by the Armley men much to the delight of the company present. Other touches on the handbells brought a successful afternoon's outing to a close, the only drawback being a very wet afternoon, but it did not mar the enjoyment. Great pleasure was expressed at the tone and "go" of the bells, which are a splendid ring of six, tenor about 10 cwt., the running of which could not be better. They also wish through this paper to thank the rector for the use of the bells, and the local ringers for their kind reception and arrangements, and also Mr. Walland for kindly meeting them. Messrs. Town, Cottam, and Phillips are local men, and Walland hails from Ilkley.

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**The Surrey Association.**—The Annual Report for 1893 is now ready for circulation. Representatives requiring them sent on should forward the number of Copies they require, together with the amount of postage at the following rates, viz.: threehalfpence for six, and threepence for twelve copies.

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**Heavy Woollen Districts Association.**—The next monthly meeting of the above will be held at Thornhill, to-day, Saturday, June 16th, at 5 p.m. Meeting house, The Alma inn. Ballot for six-bell contest and other important business. All members are requested to attend.

GEO. H. SIMON, *Hon. Sec.*  
19, Albert Street, Batley Carr.

**The Devonshire Guild.**—The annual meeting of the Devon Guild will be held to-day, Saturday, June 16th, at Ottery St. Mary. Tea in vicarage garden, weather permitting, 5 p.m., meeting 5.45, service in parish church 6.15. A grant of 1s. will be made for travelling expenses to every member attending the meeting. Tickets at reduced fares will be issued by the Railway companies to parties of eight, on application to Station Masters. Conveyances will meet the 1.33 p.m. train at Sidmouth Junction, to take the six-bell bands to Talaton, Pehembury, Feniton, and afterwards to Ottery. The eight-bell bands should come on by train to Ottery, where arrangements will be made for ringing from 2 to 5 p.m., and 7 to 8.15 p.m.

MAITLAND KELLY, *Hon. Sec.*  
Vicarage, Ottery St. Mary.

**Norwich Diocesan Association.**—Saxmundham District.—The fourth annual district meeting will be held at Sweffling, on Saturday, June 23rd. The tower will be open for ringing from 4 till 9 o'clock. Business meeting at 6 o'clock, when the annual report will be read. All members and friends cordially welcome.

W. TAYLOR, *Hon. District Sec.*

**Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.**—The annual meeting in connection with this Society will be held on Saturday, June 23rd, 1894, at Lichfield. Ringing at 2 p.m., sermon at 4 p.m. in Cathedral by the Rev. E. D. Pollock, vicar of Tamworth. Tea at 5.15 at Coffee house, tickets sixpence each to all members who have paid their subscriptions, to others 1s. Numbers for tea to be sent in not later than the 19th inst. to

S. REEVES, *Hon. Sec.*  
10, Bull Street, West Bromwich.

**South and West Middlesex Association.**—The next monthly meeting of the above Association will be held at Staines, Middlesex, on Saturday, June 23rd, 1894, at 5 o'clock for united practice and enrolling members. E. J. WALSOM, *Secretary and Treasurer.*

**Saffron Walden Society.** Established 1623.—This society will hold its 271st anniversary on Wednesday, the 27th inst. Dinner at two o'clock, at The King's Arms inn. All friends heartily welcomed. G. MARTIN, *Sec.*

**St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.**—The usual annual meeting will be held on Tuesday, 26th inst., at The Tamworth Arms, Moor Street, Birmingham, when it is hoped that every member will make it convenient to attend. Books open at 8, and chair to be taken for subsequent business at 8.30 p.m.

W. H. GODDEN, *Hon. Sec.*

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**The Surrey Association.**—The annual meeting will be held at Dorking, on Monday, July 2nd. By kind permission of the Rev. E. A. Chichester the tower of St. Martin's (8 bells) will be open for ringing from 3 p.m. until 9 p.m. The tower of Ranmore Common is not available. The election of officers will take place at this meeting. Tea at the parish church room (close to church) at 5.30 p.m. Representatives are requested to forward the number who intend to be present at tea to the undersigned not later than Wednesday, June 27th. By permission of the Rev. E. Sanders, the tower of St. Michael's (six bells) will be open from 4 till 9 p.m. Methods for practice: Violet, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and College Single.

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**Lavenham (Suffolk).**—The anniversary of SS. Peter and Paul's bells will be held on Thursday June 21st. Tower will be open for ringing from 6.30 a.m. till 8 p.m.

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## NOTES TO PEALS.

**THE PEAL AT TONBRIDGE.**—It will be with surprise and regret that those ringers who had the pleasure of seeing and hearing the Vicar of Tonbridge on the occasion of the last Kent County Association annual meeting learn that the rev. gentleman died on Tuesday evening, the 5th of this month. Recently returned from the South of France, where, during the winter months, he had been officiating as Chaplain to the English church at Mentone, he was looking forward hopefully to resuming, with renewed strength, the many duties of his position. His hopes were, however, suddenly disappointed by an exceedingly painful illness, which, unfortunately, proved fatal. It is not my intention to even touch upon the incidents, work and fruits of his long and useful life in many branches of the Church, but rather to write of him as a ringer's friend. The improvements in the rules and regulations, and the encouragements given to ringers and ringing in Tonbridge, are largely due to his sympathetic interest and influence. Ever ready to welcome visiting ringers by extending to them the privilege of the use of the bells at almost any time, he made himself responsible for much of the good ringing which has been heard in Tonbridge of late, and which has not been without results in encouraging the local band to greater activity. But it was on Whit-Monday last, in his straightforward address to the ringers in the parish church, that he shewed how much he was at one with them in their duties and aspirations; and it will I am sure be felt by all who were present that they had lost a friend. On the Thursday, a farewell service was held in the church, previous to the departure of his remains for interment in the Isle of Man, his birthplace, on the Saturday following. The bells on both occasions were

slowly rung half-muffled by the local ringers, and in the evening, as recorded, a further expression of the affection and respect in which he was held by all ringers who knew him, was given by a complete peal. It should be added that the band was fairly representative, the ringers of 1, 3, 4 and 7 being from Tunbridge Wells, 5, 6 and 8 local ringers, and the conductor from Chislehurst. Special sermons being preached on the following Sunday, the bells were still partly silenced, and in the evening the local ringers rang six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, as a final tribute of respect and esteem for their late Vicar. The ringers were as follows, with 4, 6 8 covering: R. J. Graneson, 1; A. Laurence, 2; C. Mitchell, 3; C. Corke, jun., 4; G. H. Stonestreet, 5; J. J. Smith, 6; W. Steed (conductor), 7; G. Rabbitt, 8. G. H. S.

**THE PEAL AT SCUNTHORPE.**—In October last, at the invitation of the Vicar, the Rev. E. Akenhead, the St. Peter-at-Arches Society, Lincoln, opened the new peal of eight cast by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough. When the peal was attempted it had to be abandoned after an hour's ringing owing to the bad go of the tenor. This has since been seen to by the founders. On Saturday, June 9th, the above Society made a second journey to accomplish their task. An attempt was made on the Saturday evening, but proved unsuccessful after two-and-three-quarter hours' good ringing. On Sunday morning, for Divine Service, three courses of Bob Major was rung. At noon another attempt was made for the peal, which was successfully brought round in three hours, particulars of which appears in its proper place. The ringers wish to express their regret that the Vicar was away from home, and they wish to thank him for the use of the bells; also the local ringers and friends for their kind hospitality.

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

SATURDAY, JUNE 16, 1894.

A report will be found in this number of the proceedings at the first festival of a new ringers' organization, under the style and title of "The Towcester and District Association of Change-Ringers." We are told, and told truly, that although this Association has been in existence but six months, it shows signs of great life and energy. From the array of reverend gentlemen who took part in the proceedings, and thereby interested themselves in the movement, it may be reasonably imagined that this youthful body is on the high road to prosperity. All will hope that such expectations may be realised.

It is pleasing to read that at this gathering the active and respected Master of the Oxford Guild was again to the fore. On this occasion the reverend gentleman occupied the pulpit at the service in the church, and delivered one of his characteristic sermons, which we regret not being able to publish in full. "The success of their Association," Mr. ROBINSON told his hearers, "depended upon their combined action." He pointed out to them the necessity of aiming at perfection, and in endeavouring to arrive at such a condition, to follow the example of the very highest Christian ideal. On such a topic as this, and indeed upon every other that he is interested in, the worthy Master knows how to speak.

At the meeting which took place after Divine Service,

Mr. ROBINSON, in replying to a vote of thanks accorded to him for his address, intimated that he should like to see all the ringing associations in the county affiliated to one Association for the whole of the Diocese of Peterborough. With such a sentiment we are perfectly in accord. If it be desirable that our close connection with the Church should be maintained and extended, the area of ringing guilds should be the diocese—in fact, a Diocesan Guild to embrace all ringing societies within its area.

### The Metropolis.

#### THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Thursday, May 31, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER, WALWORTH,

#### A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

GEORGE NEWSON .. .. Treble.	HAROLD N. DAVIS .. .. 5.
GEORGE SMITH .. .. 2.	PERCY HOWARD .. .. 6.
BENJAMIN FOSKETT .. .. 3.	JAMES E. DAVIS .. .. 7.
THOMAS TITCHENER .. .. 4.	ARTHUR JACOB .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE NEWSON.

Rung to celebrate the twenty-third birthday of P. Howard, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns. First peal in the method on the bells. The ringers wish to thank Mr. E. P. O'Meara, the steeplekeeper, for having everything in readiness.

#### THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, June 9, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, WALTHAMSTOW,

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

BROOK'S VARIATION. Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qrs. in E.

WILLIAM BURKIN .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM H. DALLIMORE .. 5.
FREDERICK RUMENS .. .. 2.	*FREDERICK A. NUNN .. 6.
WILLIAM D. SMITH .. .. 3.	*WILLIAM PYE .. .. 7.
WILLIAM B. MANNING .. 4.	WILLIAM H. FRERMAN .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM BURKIN.

\*First peal of Stedman. The above peal was rung on the birthdays of Messrs. Manning and Dallimore.

#### THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, June 9, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL, SHADWELL,

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

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 16 cwt.

FRANK CARTER† .. .. Treble.	EMANUEL HALL .. .. 5.
JAMES SCHOLES* .. .. 2.	SAMUEL JOYCE .. .. 6.
HENRY SPRINGALL .. .. 3.	YORK GREEN .. .. 7.
JAMES PETTIT .. .. 4.	CHARLES KENNEDY .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY SPRINGALL.

†First peal. \*First peal with a bob bell. F. Carter hails from Waltham Abbey.

### The Provinces.

#### KING'S NORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

#### THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

(BIRMINGHAM AMALGAMATED SOCIETY BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, June 5, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Tenor 14 cwt.

GEORGE WALKER .. .. Treble.	GEORGE HITCHMAN .. .. 5.
JAMES GEORGE .. .. 2.	JOHN JENNINGS .. .. 6.
THEODORE PRITCHETT .. 3.	JOHN CARTER .. .. 7.
CHARLES SPARKES .. .. 4.	JOHN O. RAVENHILL .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JOHN CARTER.

This peal is in ten parts, and contains quadruple bobs throughout, and is now rung for the first time.

#### KIDDERMINSTER, WORCESTERSHIRE.

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

On Wednesday, June 6, 1894, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

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

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

Composed by CHARLES MIDDLETON and Conducted by R. E. GROVE.

\*First peal in the method.

#### WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

On Thursday, June 7, 1894, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Tenor 23 cwt.

HENRY DAWKES* .. .. Treble.	*ARTHUR SPITTLE .. .. 5.
BENJAMIN DALTON .. .. 2.	JAMES GEORGE .. .. 6.
WILLIAM R. SMALL .. .. 3.	ROWLAND CARTWRIGHT .. 7.
HENRY A. HALL* .. .. 4.	JAMES E. GROVES .. .. Tenor.

Composed by JAMES GEORGE and Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

\*First peal of Bob Major. The above was rung after meeting one short for Caters.

#### IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

#### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION AND THE ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY, IPSWICH.

On Saturday, June 9, 1894, in Three Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

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

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5148 CHANGES.

Tenor 32 cwt.

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

Composed and Conducted by J. MOTTS.

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

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

On Saturday, June 9, 1894, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 21 cwt.

WILLIAM LATTER .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM STEED .. .. 5.
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE .. 2.	GEORGE H. STONESTREET 6.
GEORGE SMITHERS .. .. 3.	EDWARD MANKELOW .. 7.
CHARLES GOBLE .. .. 4.	GEORGE RABBITT .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late vicar of Tonbridge, the Rev. T. Howard Gill, M.A., who was interred on the above day. Further reference to this peal will be found on another page.

#### SALISBURY, WILTS.—THE ST. MARTIN'S SOCIETY.

On Saturday, June 9, 1894, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

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

TAYLOR'S BOB-AND-SINGLE VARIATION.

Tenor 15 cwt.

ARTHUR W. BARKUS .. Treble.	WILLIAM J. SEVIER .. .. 5.
WALTER S. WISE .. .. 2.	WILLIAM H. GEORGE .. 6.
WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. 3.	ROBERTO W. J. GOLLOP .. 7.
CHARLES J. CHOOET .. .. 4.	*WILLIAM PAYNE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM H. GEORGE.

\*First peal. This is W. H. George's 100th peal. Messrs. Chooet, Sevier, George, and Payne belong to the Winchester Cathedral Society; the rest to Salisbury.

## DRIFHLINGTON, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 9, 1894, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

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

F. HARGREAVES.. .. Treble.	E. WHEATER .. .. 5.
RUFUS THORNTON .. .. 2.	H. KERSHAW .. .. 6.
J. HECKINGBOTTOM .. .. 3.	J. W. EMMETT .. .. 7.
DICK NEWTON .. .. 4.	CHARLES DRACUP .. .. Tenor.

Composed by the late WILLIAM SOTTANSTALL and Conducted by CHARLES DRACUP.

First peal by H. Kershaw, also his birthday peal, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns. Messrs. Hargreaves, Thornton, and Newton belong to Drighlington; Heckingbottom to Armley; Wheeler to Tong; Kershaw to Lightcliffe; Emmett and Dracup to Low Moor.

PRIVETT, HANTS.—WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(ALTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 9, 1894, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

GEORGE READING .. .. Treble.	ERNEST FINDEN .. .. 5.
HARRY E. WITHERS.. .. 2.	GEORGE GASSON .. .. 6.
ERNEST BRYANT* .. .. 3.	ALFRED BURGESS .. .. 7.
WM. G. WITHERS .. .. 4.	HARRY FORDER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by HARRY E. WITHERS.

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

## SCUNTHORPE, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ST. PETER-AT-ARCHES SOCIETY, LINCOLN.)

On Sunday, June 10, 1894, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qrs. 24 lbs.

JOSEPH ASH.. .. Treble.	FREDERICK W. WALKER.. 5.
ROBERT E. CLARKE .. .. 2.	GEORGE CHESTER .. .. 6.
COOK WELLS .. .. 3.	GABRIEL LINDOFF .. .. 7.
RICHARD DAWSON .. .. 4.	CHARLES W. P. CLIFTON .. Tenor.

Conducted by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

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

## MIDDLESBROUGH, YORKS.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, June 10, 1894, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HILDA,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES.

Tenor 12 cwt.

RICHARD FENWICK† .. .. Treble.	ALEXANDER MCFARLANE.. 5.
JOHN H. BLAKISTON.. .. 2.	*FREDERICK A. MELLANBY 6.
ROBERT BORROWS .. .. 3.	*EDWARD EDWARDSON .. 7.
JOHN H. JONES* .. .. 4.	*JOHN W. PASSMAN .. .. Tenor.

Composed by W. HARRISON and Conducted by J. W. PASSMAN.

\*First peal of Bob Major. †First peal. This peal was arranged specially for E. Edwardson, who hails from Warrington, and until recently a member of this company.

## DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 12, 1894, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES. Tenor 17 cwt.

JOHN PATCHETT .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM CLARKE .. .. 5.
GEORGE DAWSON .. .. 2.	BENJAMIN SUGDEN .. .. 6.
JOHN HOWE .. .. 3.	JOHN FLOWER .. .. 7.
HENRY W. WILDE .. .. 4.	A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD.

## Performances on Five and Six Bells.

## TREETON, YORKS.

## THE YORKSHIRE AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.

On Saturday, June 9, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

## SEVEN 720s OF TREBLE BOB MINOR IN SEVEN DIFFERENT METHODS:

College Exercise, London Scholars' Pleasure, Violet, Duke of York, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent.

Tenor 11 cwt. 21 lbs.

A. WOOFFENDEN .. .. Treble.	W. LAMBERT .. .. 4.
J. H. BROTHWELL .. .. 2.	W. J. NICHOLSON .. .. 5.
S. WALKER .. .. 3.	T. WHITWORTH .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by T. WHITWORTH.

The original bells, three in number, were reopened after repairs, together with three new ones, in July 1892, and the above is the first 5040 on the bells by the local band. It is also the first 5000 rung by the first, second, and fifth ringers, and the first 5040 of Minor by the ringers of the 3rd and tenor. Rung at the first attempt.

## Date Touches.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HULL (Yorks).—On Thursday, May 24th, at St. James's church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples in 1 hr. 16 mins., with the bells muffled as a mark of respect to the late Mrs. C. Collinson. F. Moulson, 1; J. W. Stickney, 2; G. M. Brownrigg, 3; G. T. Marshall, 4; C. Jackson, 5; W. Southwick (conductor), 6; H. W. Needham (composer), 7; W. Marshall, 8.

KENDAL (Westmorland).—On Wednesday, May 30th, at the parish church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1894 changes, in 1 hr. 12 mins. J. Braithwaite, 1; W. Tyson, 2; R. Everson, 3; W. Graham, 4; W. Atkinson, 5; B. Walker, 6; B. Dawson (conductor), 7; J. Salmon, 8. Tenor 25½ cwt. This is the longest touch on the bells since they were reopened on Easter Sunday, after being returned and hung in an entirely new frame by Messrs. Taylor and Son, of Loughborough. This fine ring of ten is very much improved in tone, and the "go" is everything that can be desired.

## Miscellaneous.

## THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

ORDSALL (Notts).—On Sunday morning, May 26th, for Divine Service, 720 Plain Bob Minor (twenty-six singles). H. Merrills, 1; W. Preston, 2; J. C. Whetstone, 3; H. Lambert, 4; H. Blagg (conductor), 5; J. White, 6. And for evening service, 720 in the same method with W. H. Johnson, 4; the rest as above, conducted by H. Blagg. On Tuesday night, May 29th, for practice, 720 Yorkshire Court Minor. 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 was rung after three practices; and is also the fifth method this company has rung since they commenced change-ringing a year and five months ago.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

DEBENHAM (Suffolk).—On Monday evening, May 28th, at the church of St. Mary, an attempt was made for a peal of Bob Major, but after ringing half-an-hour it came to grief, and time not permitting to start again for the peal, and attempt was made to ring half of it, which was brought round in 1 hr. 34 mins. J. Hammond, 1; G. Sparrow, 2; J. Brady, 2; F. Allard, 4; W. Rumsey, 5; G. Rowe, sen., 6; G. Rowe, jun., 7; W. Grimes, 8. Longest length in the method by the ringers of the 2nd and 4th bells. The company hope to be able to score a peal of Bob Major before long, as there has not been a peal rung in the method by a Debenham company for over a century.

WORLINGWORTH (Suffolk).—On Sunday, June 3rd, for afternoon service, 720 Double Court, 360 Oxford, and 240 Oxford. C. F. Ling, 1; H. J. Creasy, 2; F. Clayton, 3; W. G. Crickmer, 4; W. Flory, 5; D. Collins (conductor), 6. And on handbells, 252 Bob Triples and a course of Grandsire. C. F. Ling, 1-2; F. Clayton, 3-4; W. G. Crickmer, 5-6; W. Flory, 7-8. And 896 and 720 Bob Major, and a course of Oxford. D. Collins, 1-2; F. Clayton, 3-4; W. G. Crickmer (conductor), 5-6; W. Flory, 7-8.



## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

COLWALL.—On Monday, April 16th, 720 Grandsire Minor in 25 mins. C. Layton, 1; E. J. Beatley, 2; F. Voyce, 3; C. Greening, 4; J. Field, 5; W. H. Fussell (conductor), 6.

CODDINGTON.—On Tuesday, April 17th, 720 Grandsire Minor, in 26 mins. E. S. Kings, 1; H. Pritchard, 2; W. H. Fussell (conductor), 3; W. Taylor (first 720), 4; A. Layton, 5; C. Layton, 6. Also 400 Bob Minor, with C. Greening 5, and master Farmer (age 13) at the treble.

EASTNOR.—On Sunday, May 13th, and Thursday, May 17th, five 6-scores of Stedman Doubles and 480 Bob Minor by the local ringers.

MONTGOMERY.—On Monday, May 14th, 720 Grandsire Minor, being the first 720 on the bells, in 27 mins. W. Mead, 1; J. Roberts, 2; T. Horton, 3; W. R. Small, 4; J. G. Buchanan (first 720 of Minor), 5; W. H. Fussell (conductor), 6.

BRIDGNORTH (Salop).—On Monday, May 22nd, at St. Leonard's church, 720 Grandsire Minor in 21 mins. T. Overton, 1; W. Maund, 2; \*F. Howard, 3; —, 4; J. Howard, 5; W. Fussell (conductor), 6. \*First 720. On Thursday, May 17th, 504 Grandsire Triples. T. Overton, 1; E. J. Hall, 2; F. Howard, 3; W. Maund, 4; J. Howard, 5; J. Overton, 6; W. Fussell (conductor), 7; H. Jones, 8. On Thursday, May 24th, an attempt was made for Holt's Original peal of Grandsire Triples which came to grief after ringing 1 hr. 40 mins. T. Overton, 1; E. J. Hall, 2; W. Fussell (conductor), 3; F. Howard, 4; W. Maund, 5; J. Howard, 6; J. Overton, 7; H. Jones, 8. On Sunday, May 27th, another 720 in 29 mins.

MORVILLE.—On Tuesday, May 22nd, a visit was paid to this place, and the first 720 of Grandsire Minor on the bells was rung in 26 mins. J. Overton, 1; W. Maund, 2; F. Howard, 3; J. Howard, 5; W. Fussell (conductor), 6.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

MAIDENHEAD (Berks).—On Saturday, June 2nd, a peal of Stedman Triples, to celebrate the 20th year as Vicar of All Saints' parish by the Rev. A. H. Drummond, was attempted. All went well until sixty changes from home, when the slow work stopped in front, after ringing 2 hours 49 mins., thus causing the unfortunate loss of the peal. A. W. Pike, 1; W. E. Taylor, 2; A. Giles, 3; G. H. Wilkins, 4; A. E. Hoskins, 5; Rev. F. E. Robinson (conductor), 6; J. W. Wilkins, 7; W. Brown, 8.

## THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NEWPORT (Monmouthshire).—On Tuesday, June 5th, at St. Woolos' church, for practice, two 504's of Grandsire Triples. W. Brooks, 1; E. Davies, 2; F. Atwell, 3; R. Les Vescompte, 4; S. Fry, 5; J. Butler, 6; J. Trowbridge (conductor), 7; R. Barnard, 8. The second 504. W. Brooks, 1; F. Atwell, 2; J. W. Jones, 3; R. Les Vescompte, 4; S. Fry, 5; J. Butler, 6; E. Davies (conductor), 7; J. Trowbridge, 8.

LLANDAFF (South Wales).—On Monday, May 28th, for practice, 720 Grandsire Minor with 6-8 covering. J. Pitcher, 1; W. Smyth, 2; W. Biss, 3; H. Snell, 4; C. Lloyd (conductor), 5; R. H. Brothwell, 6; J. Clutterbuck, 7; J. Thomas, 8. And 216 in the same method. W. Smyth, 1; W. Biss, 2; J. Pitcher, 3; H. Snell, 4; C. Lloyd (conductor), 5; R. H. Brothwell, 6; J. Clutterbuck, 7; J. Thomas, 8. On Sunday, June 3rd, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 46 mins. J. Pitcher, 1; W. Smyth, 2; C. Lloyd, 3; W. Biss, 4; J. Harris, 5; J. Clutterbuck, 6; W. Coombes (conductor), 7; R. H. Brothwell, 8. On Monday, June 4th, for practice, 336 and 168 Grandsire Triples. R. Hopkins, 1; W. Smyth, 2; W. Biss, 3; C. Lloyd (conductor), 4; J. Harris, 5; \*T. Northey, 6; J. Clutterbuck, 7; R. H. Brothwell, 8. \*First touch in the method with a bob bell.

## THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BIDDENHAM (Beds).—On Thursday, March 29th, at the parish church, a 720 Bob Minor (nine bobs and four singles). W. Wright, 1; P. Howard, 2; W. West, 3; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 4; H. Sharp, 5; H. King, 6.

BEDFORD.—On Sunday, April 1st, at St. Paul's church, a 224 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. F. Smith, 1; C. Chasty, 2; W. Hall, 3; J. Sharman, 4; I. Hills, 5; W. Shimmans, 6; H. Sharp, 7; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 8. And a 224 Oxford Treble Bob Major, 96 Kent Treble Bob Major, 168 Stedman Triples and 112 Grandsire Triples. On Sunday, April 8th, a 576 Oxford Treble Bob Major. J. Sharman, 1; F. Smith, 2; S. J. Cullip, 3; W. Shimmans, 4; I. Hills, 5; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 6; S. Constant, 7; H. Sharp, 8. And 216 Stedman Triples. J. Sharman, 1; C. Chasty, 2; W. Hall, 3; F. Sharp, 4; F. Smith, 5; W. Shimmans, 6; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 7; R.

Shimmans, 8. On Tuesday, April 10th, a 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Spencer, 1; C. Chasty, 2; W. Hall, 3; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 4; I. Hills, 5; J. Sharman, 6; F. Smith, 7; R. Shimmans, 8. On Sunday, April 15th, a 224 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. H. Tysoe, 1; C. Chasty, 2; W. Hall, 3; J. Sharman, 4; I. Hills, 5; F. Smith, 6; H. Sharp, 7; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 8. And 434 Grandsire Triples. J. Spencer, 1; C. Chasty, 2; H. Tysoe, 3; W. Hall, 4; C. W. Clarke, 5; J. Sharman, 6; H. Sharp (conductor), 7; F. Hull, 8. And 216 Stedman Triples, 224 Kent Treble Bob Major, 168 Grandsire Triples and 112 Double Norwich. On Sunday, April 22nd, a 336 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. F. Keech, 1; C. Chasty, 2; W. Hall, 3; S. J. Cullip, 4; I. Hills, 5; F. Smith, 6; H. Sharp, 7; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 8. And 216 Stedman Triples. J. Sharman, 1; C. Chasty, 2; W. Hall, 3; F. Keech, 4; I. Hills, 5; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 6; H. Sharp, 7; J. Spencer, 8. On Sunday, April 29th, a 503 Grandsire Triples. H. Shimmans (first 500 in the method), 1; C. Chasty, 2; H. Tysoe, 3; F. Keech, 4; I. Hills, 5; W. Shimmans, 6; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 7; R. Shimmans, 8. On Thursday, May 3rd, a 504 of Grandsire Triples. H. Shimmans, 1; J. Sharman, 2; C. Chasty, 3; H. Tysoe, 4; I. Hills, 5; F. Keech, 6; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 7; F. Hull, 8. And a 216 Stedman Triples. H. Tysoe, 1; C. Chasty, 2; J. Sharman, 3; F. Keech, 4; I. Hills, 5; W. Shimmans, 6; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 7; R. Shimmans, 8. On Sunday, May 6th, a 336 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. F. Keech, 1; C. Chasty, 2; J. Sharman, 3; S. J. Cullip, 4; I. Hills, 5; F. Smith, 6; H. Sharp, 7; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 8. On Thursday, May 10th, 2520 Grandsire Triples in 1 hr. and 33 mins.; being the first half of Solomon Biddlestone's twelve-part peal. J. Spencer (longest length in the method), 1; C. Chasty (longest length in the method), 2; J. Sharman (longest length in the method), 3; W. Shimmans, 4; F. Smith, 5; I. Hills, 6; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 7; R. Shimmans, 8. The above was intended for a peal, but one of the band did not want the other half. On Sunday, May 13th, a 224 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. F. Hull, 1; C. Chasty, 2; H. Tysoe, 3; F. Smith, 4; I. Hills, 5; W. Shimmans, 6; H. Sharp, 7; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 8. And a 560 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. H. Tysoe, 1; C. Chasty, 2; S. J. Cullip, 3; P. Howard, 4; I. Hills, 5; W. Shimmans, 6; H. Sharp, 7; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 8. On Thursday, May 17th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 48 mins. (*Troyte's Work*). J. Spencer (first quarter-peal), 1; C. Chasty, 2; H. Tysoe (first quarter-peal with a bob bell), 3; J. Sharman, 4; H. Sharp, 5; I. Hills, 6; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 7; R. Shimmans, 8.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

NETHERTON.—On Tuesday, June 5th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure in 25 mins. J. W. Smith, 1; J. Prestidge, 2; G. Smith, 3; J. Townsend, 4; J. Smith, 5; R. Round (conductor), 6. On Sunday, June 10th, 720 College Single in 25 mins. W. Talbot, 1; J. Prestidge, 2; J. Townsend, 3; J. Smith, 4; E. Hampton, 5; R. Round (conductor), 6.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BISHOP AUCKLAND.—On Monday, April 23rd, for practice, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor. H. Peverell, 1; G. Green, 2; H. C. Mayne, 3; J. Pallister, 4; F. Charlton, 5; J. Cleminson (conductor), 6. On Sunday, April 29th, for evening service, 420 Bob Major. R. Pallister, 1; H. Peverell, 2; G. Green, 3; J. Pallister, 4; H. C. Mayne, 5; F. Charlton, 6; E. Titt, 7; T. Buzzard (conductor), 8. On Monday, May 7th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor. R. Pallister, 1; G. Green, 2; H. C. Mayne, 3; H. Peverell, 4; F. Charlton (conductor), 5; J. Pallister, 6. On Monday, May 28th, for practice, 1280 of Bob Major in 44 mins. R. Pallister, 1; G. Green, 2; H. Peverell, 3; W. Pallister, 4; H. C. Mayne, 5; J. Pallister, F. Charlton, 7; J. Cleminson (conductor), 8.

## BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

TAUNTON (Somerset).—On Saturday, June 2nd, at St. Mary's church on the occasion of the Taunton branch of the above Association holding a monthly meeting, 350 Grandsire Triples. H. Pearce, 1; J. Joyce, 2; F. Millard, 3; S. Radford, 4; H. Poole, 5; J. Burge, 6; T. W. Radford (conductor), 7; G. Yendall, 8. Also a 420. A. Evans, 1; J. Joyce, 2; F. Millard, 3; H. Poole, 4; S. Radford, 5; G. Yendall, 6; T. W. Radford (conductor), 7; J. Burge, 8. A course of Grandsire Caters. H. Pearce, 1; A. Evans, 2; F. Millard, 3; J. Joyce, 4; S. Radford, 5; J. Burge, 6; H. Poole, 7; G. Yendall, 8; T. W. Radford, 9; J. Fowler, 10. Also 120 Grandsire Doubles. O. Bond, 1; J. Garland, 2; H. Mogridge, 3; H. Pearce, 4; F. Millard (conductor), 5; S. Radford, 6.

OSPRINGE.—At the parish church on Sunday evening, June 3rd, for Divine Service, a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. S. Croucher, 1; E. Bridges, 2; W. Taylor, 3; F. Hunt, 4; G. A. Ransom (conductor), 5; C. Millway, 6; H. Burling, 7; J. Austen, 8.

And after service, a plain course of Bob Major, and 504 of Grandsire Triples (twelve bobs). S. Croucher, 1; W. Taylor, 2; G. A. Ransom, 3; E. Bridges, 4; H. Burling, 5; C. H. Drake (conductor), 6; C. Millway, 7; G. Wood, 8.

#### THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

**BOCKING (Essex).**—On Tuesday, May 29th, for practice at St. Mary's church, 720 Bob Minor. Rev. D. Hamer, 1; E. Chaplin, 2; W. Grimwade, 3; F. Radley, 4; C. H. Howard (conductor), 5; H. Butcher, 6.

**BRAINTREE (Essex).**—On Sunday morning, May 27th, for Divine Service at St. Michael's church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. H. E. Hammond, 1; C. H. Howard, 2; W. Hammond, 3; W. Grimwade, 4; F. Rudkin (conductor), 5; A. Huckson, 6. On Sunday, June 3rd, 720 Bocking Treble Bob. F. Calthorpe, 1; C. H. Howard, 2; W. Hammond, 3; W. Grimwade, 4; F. Rudkin, 5; H. E. Hammond (conductor), 6.

**STISTED (Essex).**—On Sunday evening, June 3rd, for Divine Service at All Saints' church, 720 New London Pleasure, and 216 Kent Treble Bob. A. Chaplin, 1; F. Radley, 2; C. H. Howard (conductor), 3; F. Warren, 4; S. Sargent, 5; E. Radley, 6. After service 720 Double Court Bob. E. Chaplin, 1; F. Radley, 2; F. Warren, 3; C. H. Howard (conductor), 4; S. Sargent, 5; E. Radley, 6. This is E. Radley's first 720 of New London Pleasure, and he is the first Stisted ringer who has ever rung a 720 in the method. Messrs. F. Radley, Warren, and Sargent hail from Bocking; Howard from Braintree; the rest are of the local company.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

**RAINHAM.**—On Saturday, June 2nd, at St. Margaret's church, for practice, a 720 of Canterbury Pleasure Minor in 30 mins. Tenor 24 cwt. G. Capeling, 1; F. Ockwell, 2; E. Dunster, 3; W. T. Hyland, 4; W. Seamer, 5; G. A. Ransom (conductor), 6. This is the first 720 in the method on the bells. Also 240 of Bob Minor. G. Denniss, 1; W. T. Hyland, 2; T. Ockwell, 3; G. Capeling, 4; J. Champion (longest length), 5; G. A. Ransom (conductor), 6.

**BROMLEY (Kent).**—On Sunday, May 27th, for morning service, 1008 Bob Major. G. Simpson, 1; R. G. Humphrey, 2; T. Durling, 3; E. Dunn, 4; G. Durling, 5; I. Emery, 6; T. Groombridge, 7; H. P. Harman (conductor), 8. On Sunday, June 3rd, 704 Kent Treble Bob Major. E. Dunn (longest length in the method), 1; H. P. Harman, 2; H. N. Davis (conductor), 3; A. Davis, 4; I. Emery, 5; T. Harford, 6; E. O'Meara, 7; T. Groombridge, 8.

**BORDEN (Kent).**—On Sunday evening, June 3rd, for Divine Service at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples taken from Holt's Original, in 43 mins. E. Allen, 1; S. Hutson, 2; W. Tassell, 3; G. Willshire, 4; C. Duttall, 5; R. Staines, 6; C. Willshire (conductor), 7; A. Hardy, 8. G. Willshire hails from Quex Park, Birchington.

#### THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

**WICKHAM (Hants.).**—On Saturday, June 2nd, the Southampton Blue Cross Abstiners' Cycling Brigade held their 33rd church parade at the parish church, when several 6-scores of Grandsire and Bob Doubles were rang for service by E. Cooper, W. Cooper, C. Tribe, G. Grafham, G. E. Chappell, W. Linter, and J. W. Whiting. After service, 720 Bob Minor in 25 mins. G. E. Chappell, 1; W. Cooper, 2; C. Tribe, 3; W. Linter, 4; G. Grafham, 5; J. W. Whiting (conductor), 6. And 720 in the same method. W. F. Churcher, 1; G. E. Chappell, 2; W. Cooper, 3; C. Tribe, 4; J. W. Whiting, 5; W. Linter (conductor), 6. And some Grandsire and Oxford Bob Minor was rung during the evening. On Tuesday, June 5th, for practice, 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-eight bobs twenty-two singles), in 25 mins. G. Downs, 1; W. Cooper, 2; G. Carpenter, 3; W. F. Churcher, 4; G. E. Chappell (first 720 as conductor), 5; S. Cummings, 6. J. W. Whiting and G. Grafham hail from Fareham, W. Linter from Swanmore, C. Tribe from Bittern, W. Cooper and S. Cummings from Shedfield.

#### LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—BLACKBURN BRANCH.

**BURNLEY (Lancashire).**—On Thursday, May 24th, at Holy Trinity church, in honour of the Queen's birthday, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor with 7-8 covering. H. Heyworth, 1; J. Wilkinson, 2; R. Ashworth, 3; M. Wood, 4; N. Townend, 5; T. Redman (conductor), 6; T. Mounsey, 7; D. Heys, 8. On Sunday, June 3rd, for morning service, 576 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. And for afternoon service, 640 in the same method. T. Baldwin, 1; D. Campbell, 2; H. Heyworth, 3; R. Ashworth, 4; N. Townend, 5; M. Wood, 6; T. Mounsey, 7; T. Redman (conductor), 8. Also for evening service, 640 in the same method. T. Baldwin, 1; J. Wilkinson, 2; D. Campbell, 3; H. Heyworth, 4; N. Townend, 5; R. Ashworth, 6; T. Mounsey, 7; T. Redman (conductor), 8.

#### THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

**WALTHAMSTOW (Essex).**—On Monday, June 11th, St. Barnabas' day, at St. Saviour's church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 43 mins. W. Cooter (conductor), 1; A. Deards, 2; H. Reeves, 3; Y. Green, 4; S. Hayes, 5; W. H. Dallimore, 6; T. A. Estall, 7; G. Bower, 8. Rung on the 4th anniversary of the wedding-day of the Vicar—the Rev. H. T. Maitland, and Mrs. Maitland—to whom the ringers wish "many happy returns." After the quarter-peal the bells were fired.

#### THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

**BIDSTON (Cheshire).**—On Wednesday, May 23rd, for practice, 720 Plain Bob (thirty-two bobs two singles). J. Povall, 1; C. Rimmer, 2; J. Walter, 3; W. Joinson, 4; W. Wilcox, 5; T. Povall, 6. On Sunday morning, May 27th, 720 Canterbury (twenty-six bobs ten singles). J. Povall, 1; C. Rimmer, 2; J. Walters, 3; J. Griffiths, 4; W. Wilcox, 5; T. Povall, 6. And for evening service, 720 Kent Treble Bob (fifteen bobs). J. Povall, 1; C. Rimmer, 2; W. Wilcox, 3; G. Kendrick, 4; J. Griffiths, 5; T. Povall, 6. On Wednesday, May 30th, for practice, 888 changes, being 72 Kent, 36 Plain Bob, 60 Canterbury, and 720 Grandsire. J. Povall, 1; C. Rimmer, 2; J. Walter, 3; J. Griffiths, 4; W. Wilcox, 5; T. Povall, 6. On Sunday evening, June 3rd, 720 Canterbury (forty-two singles eighteen bobs). J. Povall, 1; G. Kendrick, 2; J. Walter, 3; J. Griffiths, 4; W. Wilcox (composer), 5; T. Povall, 6. On Tuesday, June 5th, on the occasion of a wedding, 720 Canterbury (eighteen singles three bobs). J. Povall, 1; C. Rimmer, 2; J. Walter, 3; J. Griffiths, 4; W. Wilcox, 5; T. Povall, 6. Also 720 Plain Bob (eighteen bobs two singles). W. Joinson, 4; the rest as before. Conducted by W. Wilcox.

**BALCOMBE (Sussex).**—On Sunday, May 27th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. A. Gasson, 1; C. Holman, 2; E. Streeter, 3; R. Streeter, 4; J. Wedge, 5; J. Gasson (conductor), 6. And 240 Plain Bob. J. Gasson, 1; C. Holman, 2; F. Streeter, 3; R. Streeter, 4; J. Wedge, 5; E. Streeter (conductor), 6. Also 720 College Exercise. E. Stoner, 1; C. Holman, 2; F. Streeter, 3; R. Streeter, 4; J. Gasson, 5; E. Streeter (conductor), 6. On Thursday, May 31st, for practice, 360 College Exercise. E. Stoner, 1; A. Gasson, 2; C. Holman, 3; R. Streeter, 4; J. Wedge, 5; J. Gasson (conductor), 6. Also 360 Kent Treble Bob. J. Wedge, 1; R. Bourn, 2; F. Streeter, 3; A. Gasson, 4; R. Streeter, 5; E. Streeter (conductor), 6. And 360 Plain Bob. J. Bates, 1; J. Wedge, 2; F. Streeter, 3; E. Streeter (conductor), 4; R. Streeter, 5; C. Holman, 6.

**BATH.**—On Saturday, June 2nd, at St. Andrew's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 54 mins. H. Wyburn, 1; \*W. Bruton, 2; P. Charles, 3; T. Gray, 4; G. H. Hill (conductor), 5; J. Higgs, 6; F. G. Beesley, 7; \*F. Verrier, 8. \*First quarter peal in any method.

**CHADDESLEY CORBETT (Worcestershire).**—On Wednesday afternoon, May 30th, on the occasion of the Spring Meeting, and Ladies' branch of the Chaddesley Corbett and District Farmers' Club, 1260 Grandsire Triples. J. Horne, 1; E. Playdon, 2; A. Jackson, 3; E. Gilbert (conductor), 4; W. Hemming, 5; J. Perrins, 6; J. Broad, 7; T. Roberts, 8. And in the evening, 504 in the same method. J. Horne, 1; H. Martin, 2; J. Chance, 3; A. Jackson, 4; W. Hemming, 5; E. Gilbert, 6; J. Broad (conductor), 7; T. Roberts, 8. Also 336 in the same method. J. Perrins, 1; J. Broad, 2; A. Jackson, 3; J. Chance, 4; W. Hemming (conductor), 5; E. Gilbert, 6; H. Martin, 7; T. Roberts, 8. H. Martin hails from Belbroughton.

**DARLINGTON (Durham).**—On Wednesday, May 23rd, for practice, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. E. Cox, 1; G. Park, 2; T. Lungley, 3; W. Newton (Stockton), 4; R. B. Wilson, 5; G. A. Overton (conductor), 6. Also 720 Kent. E. Cox, 1; T. Lungley, 2; W. D. Lister, 3; G. Park, 4; W. Newton, 5; G. W. Park (first in the method as conductor), 6. On Tuesday, May 29th, for practice, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. E. Cox, 1; J. W. H. Lynn, 2; G. J. Lungley, 3; G. Park, 4; W. Porter (Tunbridge Wells), 5; R. B. Wilson (first in the method as conductor), 6. On Sunday, June 3rd, for evening service, 720 Grandsire Minor. G. Kenworthy, 1; W. M. Stephenson, 2; R. B. Wilson, 3; T. Lungley, 4; G. W. Park, 5; G. J. Lungley (first in the method as conductor), 6.

**EASTBOURNE (Sussex).**—On Sunday evening, May 27th, for Divine Service at Christ Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 41 mins. J. Osborne, 1; A. Piper, 2; H. J. Fisher, 3; J. Sharp, 4; B. Hobbs, 5; E. Willoughby, 6; W. J. Fisher (conductor), 7; T. Deadman, 8. On Tuesday, May 29th, for practice, a 504 in 18 mins. A. Gower (first 500), 1; H. J. Fisher, 2; J. Sharp, 3; W. J. Fisher (conductor), 4; W. Lawrence, 5; A. Piper, 6; B. Hobbs, 7; J. Osborne, 8. Also 504 in 18 mins. J. Osborne, 1; E. Willoughby, 2; J. Hunnisett, 3; H. J. Fisher, 4; J. Sharp, 5; W. Lawrence (conductor), 6; W. J. Fisher, 7; B. Hobbs, 8.

**FISHERTON ANGER (Salisbury).**—On Monday, June 4th, at St. Paul's church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. S. Macey, 1; W. W. Gifford, 2;

W. S. Wise, 3; J. R. Jerram, 4; R. W. J. Gollop, 5; A. W. Barkus (conductor), 6. Tenor 12½ cwt. This is the first 720 of Treble Bob ever rung on these bells. A 720 Plain Bob was also rang by the same party stationed differently.

GILLINGHAM (Kent).—On Saturday, May 26th, for practice, 448 Superlative Surprise Major. P. Taffs, 1; A. Palmer, 2; T. Mannering, 3; W. Kings, 4; W. Baker, 5; W. Hobbs, 6; C. Waterman, 7; W. Haigh (conductor), 8. And 384 in the same method with W. Easter taking the place of C. Waterman. First attempt in the method by T. Mannering, and longest length by A. Palmer. And 504 Stedman Triples. A. Palmer, 1; T. Mannering (conductor), 2; W. Mannering, 3; P. Taffs, 4; A. Tawney, 5; W. Haigh, 6; W. Kings, 7; C. Waterman, 8. Also 336 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. W. Mannering, 1; W. Haigh, 2; C. Waterman, 3; T. Mannering, 4; W. Hobbs, 5; W. Baker, 6; P. Taffs, 7; A. Palmer (conductor), 8. On Sunday, May 27th, 168 Stedman Triples. W. Kings, 1; W. Haigh (conductor), 2; W. Easter, 3; W. Evans, 4; W. Hobbs, 5; P. Taffs, 6; W. Bate, 7; E. Webb, 8. Messrs. Palmer, Mannering (2), and Tawney belong to Maidstone; W. Hobbs, late of Benington, Herts, but now of Gillingham.

LONDON.—On Monday, June 4th, for practice at St. Margaret's, Westminster, the last 700 of Holt's Original in 30 mins. F. Ford, 1; T. H. Taffender, 2; W. Hasted, 3; H. Barton, 4; A. R. Davis, 5; E. W. Fraser, 6; F. J. Pitts (conductor), 7; C. W. Ward, 8. This is the longest touch of Grandsire Triples by the ringers of the treble, 2nd, 4th, and 6th, and is the conductor's first attempt at calling this touch. This is also the longest touch rang by the society, which has recently been formed in connection with the above church.

NORTON FITZWARRREN (Somerset).—On Sunday morning, May 20th, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor in 27 mins. P. B. Willis, 1; S. Northcott, 2; C. Lucas, 3; H. Chaplin, 4; H. Creed, 5; I. Creed, 6. For evening service a 720 in 26½ mins. J. Cridland, 4; the rest standing as before. Both conducted by I. Creed. First in the method by Messrs. Willis, Northcott, Lucas, Chaplin, and Id.

OCKLEY (Surrey).—On Friday, May 28th, at the parish church, a 720 Warnham Court Bob in 26 mins. F. Burton, 1; Rev. C. Eagles, 2; E. Jordan, 3; C. Taylor, 4; J. Taylor, 5; D. Jordan (conductor), 6. On Sunday, May 20th, a 360 Oxford Bob. T. Steadman, 1; Rev. C. Eagles, 2; J. Akehurst, 3; F. Tullet, 4; F. Wickens, 5; E. Jordan (conductor), 6. And 720 Oxford Treble Bob. T. Steadman, 1; J. Akehurst, 2; F. Tullet, 3; E. Jordan, 4; F. Wickens, 5; D. Jordan (conductor), 6. And 720 Kent Treble Bob, standing the same, with the exception of the 5th and 6th men changing places. Messrs. Steadman, Akehurst and Jordans hail from Capel; Tullet and Wickens from Charlwood; the rest belong to the local band.

SEDGLEY (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, June 3rd, at the parish church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 1260 changes, in 46 mins. J. Goodman, 1; W. Mills, 2; S. Atkins (composer and conductor), 3; J. Harper, 4; J. Screen, 5; S. Bun, 6; R. Schofield, 7; B. Fullwood, 8. J. Harper hails from Bilston, S. Atkins from Willenhall, the rest are local men. S. Atkins is the first Willenhall man who has ever composed and conducted a 1000 changes.

WIDFORD (Herts).—On Monday, May 24th, on the occasion of the opening of a new stained-glass window at the parish church, two 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. G. Jordan, 1; J. Warner, 2; T. J. Watts, 3; H. Warner, 4; W. Watts (conductor), 5; J. Gray, 6. Also 720 Kent Treble Bob in 24 mins. G. Jordan, 1; J. Warner, 2; T. J. Watts, 3; H. Warner, 4; W. Watts, 5; I. Cavill (conductor), 6. The company then adjourned to the Rectory grounds, where the Rev. J. T. Lockwood had kindly provided dinner. After dinner, they again visited the church, and 720 Kent Treble Bob, and 360 in the same method was rung before the Dedication Service. G. Jordan, 1; J. Warner, 2; T. J. Watts, 3; H. Warner, 4; I. Cavill, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. After service, 180 Plain Bob Minor. J. Crab, 1; G. Jordan, 2; T. J. Watts, 3; W. Watts, 4; J. Warner, 5; I. Cavill (conductor), 6. Also 360 Grandsire Doubles, each 6-score called differently. G. Jordan, 1; I. Cavill, 2; J. Warner, 3; T. J. Watts, 4; W. Watts (conductor), 5; J. Crab, 6. An adjournment was again made to the Rectory, where refreshments were partaken of. The ringers again made for the church, to try for a 720 Double Court Bob, which was lost in the first lead of the last part. J. Crab (first touch in the method), 1; G. Jordan, 2; T. J. Watts, 3; W. Watts, 4; J. Warner (first in the method), 5; I. Cavill (conductor), 6. And several 6-scores of Stedman Doubles. T. J. Watts, 1; W. Watts (conductor), 2; I. Cavill, 3; H. Warner, 4; J. Warner, 5; J. Crab, 6. This brought the ringing to a close for the day. The ringers wish to take this opportunity of thanking the vicar for his kindness towards them. These are believed to be the first 720s on the bells. This is a handy little ring of six, tenor about 12 cwt., they were rehung about two years ago, and go like tops. It is a great pity some one does not take up change-ringing with such a pretty little ring of six. Messrs. W. and T. J. Watts and G. Jordan hail from Stansted, Essex; J. and H. Warner from Bennington; I. Cavill from Brickendon; J. Gray from Hertford, and J. Crab from Hunsdon.

## Central Council Correspondence.

### STEDMAN TRIPLES IN HAND.

SIR,—Some time in the year 1888 a statement appeared in "THE BELL NEWS" to the effect that the first peal of Stedman Triples rung in hand was a false performance.

This statement rather startled members of the day of the society involved, and although nothing was said, and little notice taken at the time, several discussions subsequently took place. Some enquiries were made, and the circumstances of the case have been investigated.

In the early part of this year, the writer, with a friend, called upon the ringer of the 3rd and 4th bells in this peal, "the only survivor of the band." The old gentleman willingly gave his version of the whole affair, first expressing his astonishment at the statement after a lapse of so many, forty years ago. He had no wish to create any ill-feeling whatever in any quarter, but he would candidly say that no such a mistake ever took place (such as a change-course) or in other words (the temporary change of sequence of a pair of bells) in this peal, and it was the statement made in 1888 that is false, and not the performance which took place in 1853.

This view presents itself also to the members of the society interested during the discussions previously mentioned, and are borne out by the following circumstances. It is well-known to all London ringers of a few years' standing, and still better to those of an older standing, that a very strong rivalry existed for many years between the celebrated men, now both amongst the great majority, who rang respectively the 1st and 2nd, and the 5th and 6th bells in this performance. It is far from my wish to enlarge upon this, and mention it only as an illustration that the performance was good. Now Sir, you will agree, I feel sure, that the honour of first calling a peal of Stedman Triples in hand, is a big one, and of the first order. That being so, how is it possible that either of these veterans, masters of their day, who were each in turn eagerly watching the other, would allow his rival to walk away with such a coveted honour, gained by means of a false performance, in which too, the vanquished participated? No Sir, this is impossible, and cannot be; but, on the contrary, we think the foregoing circumstance points to the strongest possible evidence that the performance was true, and therefore the society in question decided not to remove the record from its books.

At the last Central Council meeting, the matter was brought forward by Mr. F. G. Newman, and seconded by myself. As it did not appear in the Council report, I have, at the request of some members of the Council, and others, endeavoured to explain the matter as it presents itself to some members of the society concerned.

In conclusion, I shall be glad, sir, if you will allow me to present your readers with a copy of the record of this performance taken from our peal-book, which is nothing, if not additional testimony to the truth of the performance under notice.

"Change-Ringing Extraordinary.—On Monday, December the 19th, 1853, Four Members of the London Cumberland Society of Change-Ringers met at The Three Kings, Clerkenwell, London, and succeeded in ringing on handbells in hand, A True Peal of Stedman Triples, consisting of 5040 changes, which was brought round in excellent style in 2 hours and 40 minutes. Performers: Mr. John Cox, 1-2; Mr. Thomas Powell, 3-4; Mr. Hy. Wm. Haley, 5-6; Mr. Thomas Brittan, 7-8. Conducted by Mr. John Cox.

"The above was the first peal of Stedman Triples ever rung in hand, and was performed in the presence of nineteen members of the College Youths and Cumberland Societies, including Messrs. J. Miller, C. Andrews, E. Stokes, J. Fairbairn, H. Burwash, etc. Several of them had the figures of the peal before them, and ticked off the sixes as they were rung."

HENRY DAINS.

Representing the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.

### SIX-BELL MULTIPLE-METHOD PEALS.

SIR,—I am afraid there is little chance of splicing a peal of Treble Bob Minor and a truce with the Council at the same time, as I find on further examination that the dodging leads of the treble in one half are false (very) with the full leads of the other, in the methods I last mentioned as looking possibly true.

Anyone who took the trouble to follow my last carefully, would see what I meant; still I ought to apologise for carelessness. The plain-lead singles were to occur, of course, at the half-peal ends, so that it would have been better had I written—the last *Home* (of the 360) with a "plain-lead single."

I hope our Rev. Hon. Sec. is not the only one who has the courage to put his arguments against our amendment in black and white?

WM. SNOWDON, Representing the Yorkshire Association.

Leeds, June 12th.

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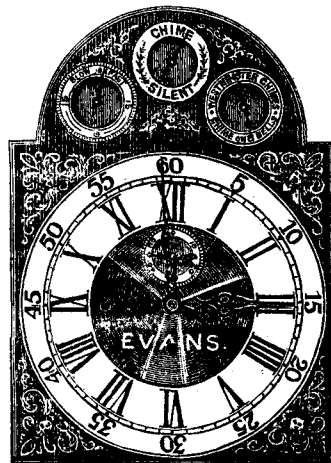
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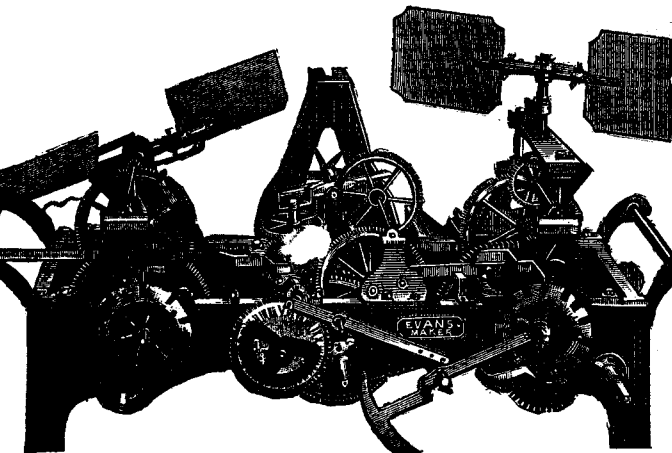
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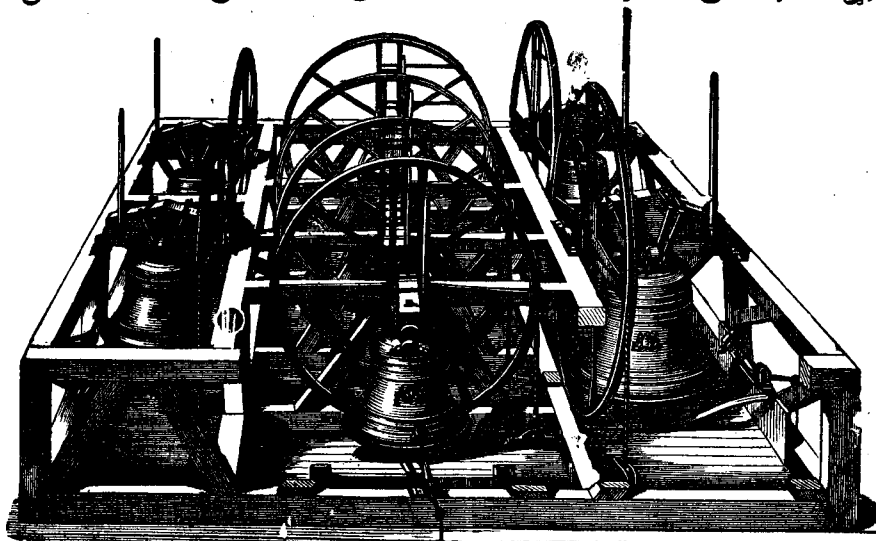


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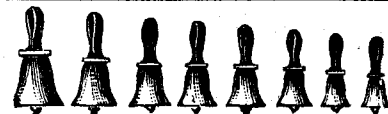
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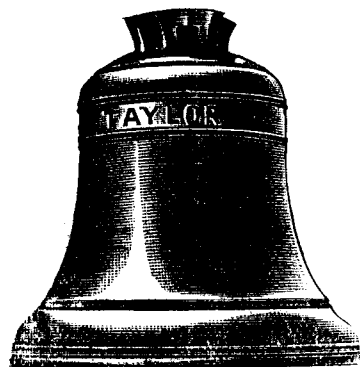
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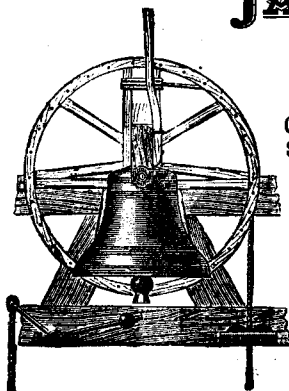
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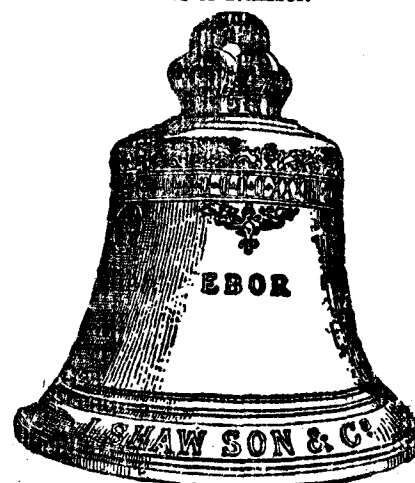
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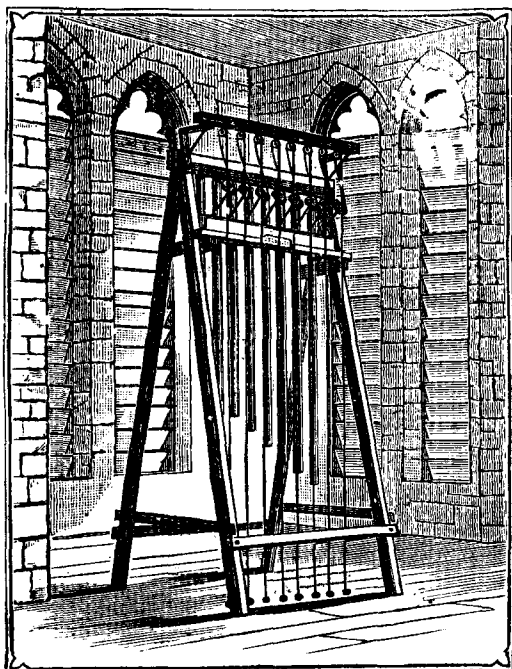
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At the conclusion of the business Mr. J. S. Pritchett moved a hearty vote of thanks to the rev. chairman for presiding, for the use of the schoolroom, tower and bells; and he ventured to express a hope that the rector would use his best endeavours and if possible have the bells of his church put into a better ringing condition, not only for the comfort of his own ringers, but for strangers who might wish to pay a visit there. He also complimented the Association on having obtained the peal of Cambridge Surprise Major at Kidderminster; the peal of Grandsire Cinques at Shrewsbury; and the peal of Grandsire Royal at Dudley.

The rev. gentleman, in responding, thanked the members for their unanimous vote of thanks, and said he hoped at the next visit of the Association to Halesowen to entertain them in a more hospitable manner than on the present occasion.

Owing to the bad state of the ropes and bells, very little ringing was accomplished, touches of Double Norwich Court Bob Major, Treble Bob Major, and Stedman Triples being brought round. A course of Grandsire Caters on the Association's handbells in the schoolroom highly pleased the rector.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN BRANCH.

The usual monthly meeting was held at St. Luke's, Farnworth, near Widnes, on Saturday, June 2nd, when upwards of twenty members attended from Warrington, Garston, Runcorn, Hale, Halewood, and the local company. The tower was open for ringing at 3 o'clock, and shortly after that time ringers assembled in the belfry, and ringing was kept up till 6 o'clock, when the members adjourned to the schoolroom to partake of an excellent tea provided by the vicar, the Rev. J. Wright Williams, free of cost. At the business meeting, which was held after tea, the vicar gave the ringers a hearty welcome, and said he was very sorry he could not stop amongst them, but he was very pleased to see the ringers of the Lancashire Association at Farnworth at any time. In the absence of the vicar, Mr. Edwardson, of Warrington, was voted to the chair. The minutes of the previous meeting being read and confirmed, Mr. Edwardson then said nothing gave him greater pleasure than to attend the meetings, for he was sure he always enjoyed himself at them, and he thought that anybody learning ringing should not be satisfied with the practice he gets in the tower, but that he should write it down on paper and work it out at home. It was then proposed by Mr. Peattie, seconded by Mr. Grace, that J. Peattie, of Farnworth, become a member of the Association. Carried unanimously. Proposed by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Grace, that A. Wilkinson, of Farnworth, become a member of the Association. Carried unanimously. It was proposed by Mr. Grace, seconded by Mr. Peattie, that Halewood be the next meeting place. Carried unanimously. A vote of thanks to the chairman for presiding, to the vicar for the splendid tea he had provided, and to the local company for having everything in readiness, terminated a very enjoyable evening.

## THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The Quarterly District Meeting was held at Stroud on Thursday, June 14th, when about forty-six members of different societies in union were represented. These were addressed in the parish church of St. Laurence by the vicar, the Rev. G. Fox, LL.B., at the short service which always precedes the proceedings of this Association. At the knife and fork tea in the Corn Hall subsequently, the Master, E. B. James, Esq., responded to the toast of "Success to the Association." The Rev. Pitt Eykyn, Hon. Secretary, expressed the thanks of the members to the vicar for his address, and to the churchwardens also jointly with him for their kind welcome, and for the use of the bells, which was warmly praised for their perfect "go" after their recent overhauling by Messrs. Taylor and Co.

Mr. Churchwarden Ford and the vicar suitably responded.

Mitcheldean and Tetbury were then proposed for the place of next district meeting, Wickwar also being suggested, and upon a show of hands being taken, Tetbury was fixed upon by a small majority. Several other matters were then discussed, and then an adjournment was again made to the belfry, where some good work was done. The bells were kept going till quite late in the evening.

The Stroud company are certainly to be heartily congratulated on the great interest shown in their welfare by the present ecclesiastical authorities, who have spared no pains or expense in getting their musical ring placed in the most excellent condition and order.

## ST. PETER'S SOCIETY, WOLVERHAMPTON.

A most successful smoking concert was held at The Lamb hotel on Saturday, May 26th, to celebrate the seventy-fifth birthday of Mr. John Fowler, who it is to be regretted was not able to attend owing to illness. The chair was taken by Mr. Charles W. Ironmonger, of the firm of Ironmongers, Limited, and ringers were present from Bushbury, Tettenthall, Penn, Tipton, Walsall, West Bromwich, Willenhall, Handsworth, Darlaston, etc. The success of the concert was mainly due to the presence of the Tipton handbell ringers under the conductorship of Mr. A. H. Hill. Besides the above the following contributed to the harmony of the evening: Messrs. A. H. Hill, J. Nicholas, J. Price, C. Middlecote, W. Jasper, G. Grey, T. Marsh, C. W. Ironmonger, etc. A course of Grandsire Caters was rung by T. Horton, J. Astbury, J. E. Groves, W. Smith, W. R. Small. Mr. J. Simpson presided at the piano. A vote of thanks to the chairman and several artists for their presence there that evening, and to the host and hostess for the use of the room, and providing for their creature comforts, brought to a close a most enjoyable evening.

## LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

On Saturday, May 26th, the monthly ringing meeting of this society was held at Drighlington, when ringers attended from Armley, Birstall, Calverley, Headingley, Horbury, Leeds, Tong, and the local company. Ringing commenced on the tower bells with 360 each of Violet and Oxford Minor, followed by Kent Treble Bob Major and Grandsire Triples. A business meeting was held at the Spotted Cow inn, Mr. J. Thackray, president, presiding. Mr. D. Wilson (Birstall) proposed, and Mr. A. Craven (Headingley) seconded a cordial vote of thanks to the vicar, churchwardens, and ringers for the use of the bells and other arrangements, which was carried unanimously.

Several touches of Grandsire Triples and Caters on the handbells concluded another pleasant gathering of the society. The next meeting will be held at Armley.

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## ESSEX EXCURSIONISTS AT ST. ALBANS.

On Wednesday, June 13th, about 580 church people from south-east Essex, owing to the efforts of the rural deans of Canewdon, Rochford, and Orsett, travelled to St. Albans, arriving there about 11.30, when they were welcomed into the town with a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. E. Jenkinson, 1; L. Dryden, 2; E. Hull, 3; R. E. Hammond, 4; R. Weatherley, 5; W. Battle, 6; N. N. Hills (conductor), 7; H. L. Waddington, 8. At twelve o'clock an organ recital was given in the Abbey by Mr. George Gaffe, F.C.O., the cathedral organist, the following being the selections: Offertoire in C (Berthold Tours); Andante in F varied (F. Baptiste Calkin); Adagio in D (Mozart); and Offertoire in D (Robert Hainsworth). The music, which was skilfully rendered, was much enjoyed by those present. At two o'clock the interesting and historical features of the Abbey were pointed out by the Ven. Archdeacon Lawrance. In the course of his remarks he said that the Abbey of St. Albans was a very powerful one at the time of monasticism in this country, it being one of the first to which attention was paid by those who wished to enrich themselves by its possessions. At length the time came when the monastic system was dissolved. The Abbey's possessions were taken by the King, and divided among his numerous favourites. The Lady Chapel was given to the inhabitants of the town for the ridiculous sum of £400. The Archdeacon pointed out a few interesting features connected with the architecture of the Abbey. He said that there were three distinct styles of architecture presented, the Early Norman, Early English, and the Decorative style. Some of the Early English designs dated from the end of the eleventh century and the beginning of the twelfth. In 1323 a new style called the Decorative style was introduced into the Abbey. This was a very pretty style of architecture, and one of the west windows of the building had new insertions put in by Lord Grimthorpe. On the west faces of the piers were some very rare and very beautiful drawings of the Crucifixion; these were done late in the twelfth or very early in the thirteenth century. Most of them were discovered in 1862. Some of the piers were in the Early English style of architecture, some in the Decorative style, and some of the centre ones were of Norman architecture. The windows in the Lady Chapel were inserted by Lord Grimthorpe about two years ago. The bells now in use have been recast from the old bells which formerly hung in the tower. On some of the piers there were some beautiful figures of the Virgin Mary, and on one there was nearly the whole of the Te Deum in Latin. A short address was given by Canon Liddle on the shrine of St. Albans, and several other features of interest. The visitors spent the interval between the address and the tea hour in inspecting the Abbey, and at four o'clock they adjourned to tea, which had been provided at the hall of the County Club.

At five o'clock there was evensong at the Abbey, when a 504 and 168 of Grandsire Triples were rung with L. Dryden 1, and E. Jenkinson (longest length with a bob bell) 2; the remainder standing as for the quarter-peal; and an address was given by the Lord Bishop of the Diocese. The text was taken from St. John iv. 38. In the course of his remarks he said that many things would come home to people when they stood in such a great building as the Abbey. The mere looking at the old building stirred one's feelings. There was something more in standing in such a building as this which was before their eyes. As a witness it made a proclamation in itself, and witnessed to a great purpose. People would ask as they looked around at its walls, what is the meaning and construction of some of its parts? History told them of changes, some great and some small, and yet, amid all those changes, how great a witness this was of the survival of purpose. Those changes had effected the nation and the church, but yet this building stood, the same ordained of God. As they stood in this building it spoke not only of a history, but a history of which they had great proofs. It spoke to them of the great society to which they belonged; it spoke to them of the future in telling them of the past. Some few records indeed were now in existence. The great record of the past which was handed down to them had been handed down to them in the form of this church. Our forefathers proclaimed God's greatness in this house in all its massive solemnity. They had this gift from the labours of the past, from unselfish love, and unselfish work. An offertory was taken in aid of the

St. Alban's Cathedral Fund. The visitors returned home about seven o'clock after having spent a most enjoyable day, all being thoroughly well satisfied with the excursion. Great credit is due to the following stewards, on whom the management of the excursion devolved: the Revs. H. Darwin Burton, H. Hayes, T. O. Reay, J. E. Sedgwick, W. E. Spencer, T. Varney, and Messrs. C. Beeton, A. Burles, A. G. Fownes, F. Gregson, and C. H. Seabrooke.

## LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF SIX-BELL RINGERS.

On Saturday, May 19th, the annual meeting of this Association was held at Chipping, when there was a good attendance, among the places represented being Blackrod, Chorley, St. Andrew's and St. James', Leyland, Standish, St. Mark's, Preston, Penwortham, Higher Walton, Broughton, Goosnargh, and Chipping. During the afternoon and evening several 720s in various methods were rung, Canterbury Pleasure being the selected method. At six o'clock the members with a few friends, numbering forty-two, adjourned to the Sun hotel, where they sat down to a very substantial meat tea. The repast being satisfactorily concluded, the business meeting was held, the President, Mr. J. Banister, presiding. The minutes of the previous meeting and the accounts of the past year having been read and passed, it was agreed to hold the next quarterly meeting at Chorley. In accordance with rule, the President announced the names of the retiring officers, and it was unanimously agreed that they be all re-elected with the exception of the vice-president, the officers being as follows: President, Mr. J. Banister (Leyland); Vice-President, Mr. J. H. Gartside (Chorley); Treasurer, Mr. J. Marsden (Chorley); Secretary, Mr. J. Higson (Blackrod). A vote of thanks to the vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells, and to the officers for their past services, concluded the proceedings.

The Committee beg to return their sincere thanks to the ringers of Chipping for their kindness in providing for the members of this Association.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

WIRRAL BRANCH.—The monthly meeting of this branch was held at Neston on Saturday, June 2nd. About twenty-four ringing members were present representing the following towers: Bebington, Bromborough, Eastham, Neston, Rock Ferry, West Kirby, and Woodchurch. A substantial tea was most kindly provided by the rector, the Rev. Canon Turner, which was thoroughly appreciated by those present. Owing to the rector's unavoidable absence, the Rev. H. S. Dudding, curate of Neston, presided. It was arranged to hold the next meeting at Woodchurch on June 30th. After a hearty vote of thanks had been passed to Canon Turner, and also to the chairman, the members returned to the tower, where they had already spent some portion of the afternoon, and with mixed bands successfully rung the following touches: A 720 Plain Bob with 6-8 covering. J. Pickin, 1; J. Woods, 2; T. Hughes, 3; J. Shone, 4; F. Jones, 5; W. Briscoe, 6; J. Dillon (conductor), 7; C. Cliffe, 8. A 504 Bob Triples. J. Hughes, 1; J. Woods, 2. F. Jones, 3; H. Bird, 4; J. Cliffe, 5; E. Breeze, 6; J. Dillon (conductor), 7; T. Hammond, 8. A 447 Grandsire Triples. J. Pickin, 1; E. Breeze, 2; W. Woods, 3; J. Pownall, 4; J. Cliffe, 5; J. Dillon (conductor), 6; E. Hough, 7; T. Hammond, 8. A 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor with 6-8 covering. J. Cliffe, 1; J. Woods, 2; E. Breeze, 3; E. Hough, 4; F. Jones, 5; J. Pownall, 6; J. Dillon (conductor), 7; T. Hammond, 8. Tenor 14½ cwt. Messrs. Dillon, Bird, Hughes, Pickin, Jones, and Shone hail from Bromborough; Hough, Cliffe, and Breeze from Bebington; Woods and Hughes from Eastham; Cliffe from Rock Ferry; Briscoe from Neston; Pownall and Hammond from West Kirby.

The vicar of Gussage All Saints', Salisbury (the Rev. W. Herbert Stent), and his churchwardens have issued an appeal for the renovation of the church bells, of which there are four. The three larger ones are of great interest and value as probably dating from the late thirteenth or early fourteenth century.



## Correspondence.

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

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

REPLY TO MR. LINDOFF.

SIR,—Mr. Lindoff has pointed out that the peal of Double Norwich, by George Newson, rung at Speldhurst, in July 24th, 1892, is false according to the figures given in the Kent County Association Report for 1893 (pp. 89, 90). The figures are undoubtedly false; but that such an accomplished ringer and composer as Mr. Newson called an obviously false peal, I cannot well believe. Mr. Newson's account of the matter is this;—"When I sent you those peals, I wrote from memory, not being able to find my copy—only some disjointed figures, in which I must have got mixed." The correct figures were apparently at the time in the keeping of Mr. T. Card, of Southborough. For my own part I remember pointing out some mistake in the figures of one of Mr. Newson's peals, and receiving an acknowledgement from him that according to the calling given the figures were certainly wrong. But whether the alteration was made in the peal under discussion or not, I am not now in a position to say. I am inclined to think that it was, and that Mr. Newson had sent me the correct figures, but the wrong calling. However the mistake arose, the moral to be drawn is transparently plain, viz.: conductors and composers ought to take the greatest possible care that the figures they send for publication are correct.

FREDK. J. O. HELMORE.

Hon. Sec. of Kent County Association.

P.S.—The first six courses should be as follows:—

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2	6	5	3	4	-	-	-

REPLY TO A. PEARCE.

SIR—I observe in this week's "BELL NEWS" a letter from Mr. A. Pearce with reference to a peal of Grandsire Triples at Christchurch, which I presume refers to a peal in which I took part on May 24th, as I can find no other peal there recently in which a clergyman has taken part. If that is the peal referred to, I have only to say that Mr. Pearce's statement that "the bells came to a perfect standstill, and remained so for a period of at least three or four leads" at any period during the peal is a perfectly gratuitous falsehood. As to my reputation for honesty and my capabilities as a bellringer, it is not for me to judge. Such matters I leave with confidence in the hands of those change-ringers with whom I have had the privilege of ringing. I have no intention whatsoever of entering into a personal controversy with Mr. Pearce, and should have allowed his letter to pass in silence if I did not feel that it were due to the Exercise and to the other gentlemen who took part in the peal, that the performance should be substantiated. Mr. Pearce's letter has once more recalled to me Lord Beaconsfield's description of the critics as "those who had failed in literature and art:" might we not also sometimes add "in change-ringing too"?

R. C. M. HARVEY,

Hon. Sec. of the Winchester Diocesan Guild.

CLOSED BELFRY.

SIR.—For several weeks past the bells of St. Thomas', Leesfield, have been stopped, through a dispute between the ringers and the vicar. On Whit-Sunday the ringers had the misfortune to lose one of their number through death, and his interment took place on Whit-Saturday, and his brother-ringers carried him to his last resting-place, and as is the customary thing after the funeral, the ringers went to the belfry and rang the bells muffled. On Sunday morning the ringers went to the belfry to ring for service, but the vicar sent a note up in the belfry to the effect that if they did not take the caps off, he would not allow the bells to be rung. He would give them no reason why he objected, therefore they left the tower in a body.

E. B. SHAW.

NOT CONVINCED.

SIR.—In answer to Mr. John Carter's claim of my peal of Bob Major, which appeared in your issue of June 2nd, I beg to say that, whilst admitting that it is on the same plan as his, of "THE BELL NEWS" of November 11th, I cannot see that it is similar to his, and I think if he compares them he will find that such is the case.

Otley, Suffolk.

F. E. W. MEADOWS.

[A letter from Mr. Cooter is unavoidably postponed till next week.—We think the letter signed "Old Poplar" must have the writer's name to it before it can be inserted.—Ed.]

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ROCHDALE BRANCH.—The monthly meeting of this branch was held at Milnrow on Saturday, June 9th, members being present from Leesfield, Oldham, Shaw, and Rochdale. During the afternoon and evening touches of College Single, Violet Treble Bob Minor, and Treble Bob Major were rung. The next meeting will be held at Walkden on Saturday, July 14th.

## Cricket.

## NEWCASTLE RINGERS v. TANFIELD RINGERS.

Saturday, the 9th inst., the day fixed for this match, broke wet and muggy, but clearing up about 12 noon it was determined to start, and fortunately the rain kept off during the rest of the day. The Newcastle team set out about 2.30 in a waggonette behind two spanking "bays" driven by "Alf" Hillier. Picking two of the Whickham ringers up at that village *en route*, Tanfield was reached about 4 p.m. and they received a hearty greeting at the hands of the local team. The wickets were soon set up, the ground marked off, and the home team, captained by Mr. W. Brewis, went in first to the bowling of Holmes and Dall, the former being the captain of the visitors. T. Brewis and Elliott made the best stand, but the whole team were dismissed for 34 runs, which was really a good score taking into consideration the heavy wicket. On the visitors taking the willow very little better show was made, the bowling of Johnson and T. Brewis proving very effective. Nicholson and Constance kept in the longest, and for the time kept the field very much alive.

## TANFIELD.

F. Lowe b. Holmes	...	...	...	...	4
T. Brewis b. Dall c. Nicholson	...	...	...	...	7
W. Brewis b. Holmes	...	...	...	...	0
F. J. Harrison c. and b. Holmes	...	...	...	...	0
Rev. T. H. Archdall b. Holmes	...	...	...	...	3
J. Allan b. Barrett	...	...	...	...	0
R. Johnson b. Barrett	...	...	...	...	0
W. Brewis jun. b. Dall c. Routledge	...	...	...	...	0
C. E. Elliott not out	...	...	...	...	7
G. Arkless b. Dall	...	...	...	...	4
Extras	...	...	...	...	9

## NEWCASTLE.

W. Holmes b. Johnson	...	...	...	...	5
A. Hillier b. T. Brewis	...	...	...	...	0
H. Lindsey b. Johnson	...	...	...	...	3
H. Dall b. T. Brewis	...	...	...	...	3
J. Barrett run out	...	...	...	...	5
E. Wallis b. T. Brewis	...	...	...	...	0
J. W. Nicholson run out	...	...	...	...	6
W. Custance b. T. Brewis	...	...	...	...	7
C. L. Routledge b. T. Brewis	...	...	...	...	1
R. Simm jun. not out	...	...	...	...	0
Extras	...	...	...	...	9

Total 39

Only ten men could be obtained for each side, so it was determined to play one short on both teams. Mr. Mordue kindly umpired for the visitors, and Mr. Laidler for the home team. After this a game was played, Dall and Holmes v. T. Brewis and Elliott, resulting in an easy victory for the latter. An excellent tea followed at Host Johnson's, The Peacock inn, and then all adjourned to the church, where 720 Bob Minor was rung. R. Simm, 1; W. S. Custance, 2; J. W. Nicholson, 3; R. Mordue, 4; E. Wallis (conductor), 5; A. F. Hillier, 6. Tenor 13½ cwt. Going back to The Peacock a very convivial and enjoyable evening was spent, several songs being sung and courses rung on handbells. Mr. W. Brewis took the chair, and with the assistance of Mr. Routledge, who occupied the vice-chair, kept the ball rolling well the whole night. The latter proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Tanfield ringers for their excellent arrangements and entertainment, and proposed the health of Mr. F. Lowe, which was drunk with musical honours. A collection followed for the Tanfield C.C. who had so kindly lent the field, and the evening's amusement closed with Auld Lang Syne. The Newcastle men reached home shortly after 11 p.m.

## LATE NOTICE.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—EASTERN DIVISION.—A divisional meeting of the above will be held on Saturday, July 7th, at East Hoathly. Ringing will commence at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5, and business meeting immediately after. Members who intend to be present are requested to let the Hon. Sec. know by Wednesday, July 4th.

W. E. NYE, Hon. Sec.

15, Commercial Road, Eastbourne.

## Ringers' Outings.

**THE HOLY TRINITY SOCIETY, DARLINGTON.**—On Saturday evening, June 9th, seven members of this Society, accompanied by Mr. Park and Mr. W. Porter, of St. Cuthbert's, visited Hurworth, to have a pull on the grand toned ring of six, tenor 17 cwt. The church, which is charmingly situated close to the banks of the river Tees and overlooking one of the most fertile valleys to be found in England, is evidently well looked after by the responsible authorities, both building and churchyard being a model of thorough repair and neatness. Here are to be found memorials to men who have made their names famous both in the world of letters and agriculture. Notably in the former case is the tombstone erected to the memory of Mr. Emerson, the eminent mathematician, and in the latter the name of the Colling family, closely identified with the breeding of Shorthorn cattle. Some few years ago change-ringing was practiced in this village with considerable success under the guidance of the brothers Johnson and Joel Hern, and on our arrival at the tower we were met by some of their old pupils. The bells were raised and soon set going to the tune of Oxford Treble Bob, but the first attempt came to grief within three leads of home. Kent was next tried and a 720 rung. E. Cox, 1; J. Lynn, 2; W. Porter, 3; G. J. Lungley, 4; G. Park (conductor), 5; G. W. Park, 6. Mr. G. A. Overton, another old friend of Messrs. Hern, having now arrived, the Trinity ringers started for Grandsire, and another 720 was rung. E. Cox, 1; J. Lynn, 2; G. J. Lungley, 3; T. Lungley, 4; G. W. Park, 5; G. A. Overton (conductor), 6. Oxford was again taken in hand and this time with better success, the full 720 being rung. E. Cox, 1; G. J. Lungley, 2; R. B. Wilson, 3; W. Porter, 4; G. Park, 5; G. W. Park (conductor), 6. Mr. Porter has lately come from Tunbridge Wells, and this is his first 720 of Oxford Treble Bob. After a course of Treble Bob Major on the handbells a start was made for home, which was safely reached by 10 o'clock, all having enjoyed the short outing.

**THE ST. MICHAEL'S SOCIETY, TETTENHALL.**—On Saturday, June 9th, the members of the above society, with the Rev. H. C. Harrison, vicar, and the Rev. — Taylor, curate of Tettenhall, and Mr. J. E. Groves, of St. Peter's, Wolverhampton, had their annual outing, the place selected being Areley-on-Severn, Staffordshire. A start was made by brake at 9.30 a.m., and all went well for nearly two hours, when a change-course in the roads occurred, which led to the expression that "e dunno' where 'e are." After inquiries they were told to go up instead of down, which we did, but it was very slow work, but the scenery was beautiful and the air very refreshing. After several courses of up and down work enquiries were again made, when much to our surprise we were told that it was still eight miles to our destination, which was reached after a little more dodging at 1.15, and five minutes later saw the party doing full justice to an excellent spread at The Vanister hotel, after which the church and castle was visited. Here the greatest disappointment occurred: We could not have a ring because a bell-hanger had pronounced them unsafe. They are a handy ring of six, tenor 9½ cwt m A. Leaving the church the river Severn was the next attraction, on which the next two hours were spent. The brothers Rowe proved excellent oarsmen, as also did the Vicar when pulling up the ford. While on the river several courses of Grandsire Triples and Major were rung on the handbells by T. Rowe, 1-2; B. Dalton, 3-4; J. E. Groves, 5-6-7-8. Also several tunes by C. Bassage and J. E. Groves. Tea was served on the green at 5.30, when the return journey was commenced, which was by a much better route, and passing through the village of Averley, Salop, the party were delighted to hear some well-struck 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles at the parish church, probably by the local band. Wolverhampton was reached at 10 p.m., each one expressing himself as well pleased with such an enjoyable outing.

**THE ST. GILES' SOCIETY, READING.**—The members of this society had their third annual outing on Saturday, June 2nd. The party, sixteen in number, started in a brake supplied by Mr. Jarvis, at 12.20, and after two hours' pleasant ride, the first

ringing place was reached, Sherburn Green. Here we found a very pleasant peal of six bells. Mr. Wells, the steeplekeeper, having told us everything was ready, a start was made for a 720 of Bob Minor, which unfortunately came to grief after ringing 600 changes, through the clapper of the fourth bell coming out. H. Dibley, 1; A. W. Reeves, 2; A. E. Evans, 3; F. Sweetzer, 4; J. Hands, 5; A. E. Reeves (conductor), 6. A start was then made for Basingstoke, which was reached at 4.0, being met by Mr. Henry White, who soon conducted us to the belfry. Here, the bells were soon set ringing, and a short touch of Grandsire Triples was brought round, conducted by F. Sweetzer. Then 336 of Bob Major, conducted by A. E. Reeves. And a touch of Stedman Triples, conducted by H. White. Then another touch of Grandsire Triples was rung with Miss Alice White, daughter of the worthy steeplekeeper, at the treble, and conducted by A. E. Reeves. Ringing being over, the company adjourned to The Old Angel Café for tea, after which a vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. H. White, for taking so much trouble in getting everything ready. After a stroll round Basingstoke, the company started for home, reaching Reading about 11 p.m., all feeling refreshed for their blow along the country roads.

**THE OSWESTRY SOCIETY.**—A large order: "Oh! Mr. Whitfield, we want to go to London." "All?" "Yes, ten, and you must come with us." So with light hearts and fairly heavy purses, on June the 9th, 10th and 11th, Saturday, Sunday and Monday, we went, came and saw, were happy, and enjoyed ourselves. On Saturday the venerable Abbey, the stately Houses of Parliament, Regent Street, Trafalgar Square, St. James's Palace, the changing of the guard, were viewed and the band heard. From the front row in the pit we witnessed "Charlie's Aunt," amid roars of laughter, and wound up the evening in the fairyland of Olympia and on the water beneath the 1000 pillars. Sunday morning we gathered at St. Paul's, and some of us saw Mr. Pettitt lead off on the treble at the stroke of ten, then descended under the kindly guidance of Mr. Hayes to join our companions and to hear the usual three courses of Stedman Cinques rolled off. After service, which was attended by the Lord Mayor, it being Hospital Sunday, the party sailed by the good ship "Daisy" to Westminster, and having dined with the Master at his hotel, proceeded to Hyde Park to witness the ceaseless throng of beauty and fashion and the cabmen's procession; returning by the Albert Memorial and Imperial Institute. Tea over, we listen to Grandsire Caters at St. Margaret's, and attend the Abbey service. Monday morning sees us dodging the mighty traffic of London Bridge and Billingsgate on our way to the Tower, to meet a friend in the Yeomen of the Guard, who very kindly showed us all the ins and outs of this ancient place, where so many sad and awful incidents in England's history have been enacted. Parting with our genial guide and friend, we dine, and prepare for our homeward journey (not forgetting presents for wives and sweethearts), and arrive at our destination in due course, all greatly pleased with our first visit to London.

## SOUTH AND WEST MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 26th, this Association held a monthly meeting for practice and enrolling new members at Hillingdon, Middlesex. The bells of St. John the Baptist and St. Andrew's were placed at the disposal of the members. Ringing commenced at St. John's at 5.30 p.m., and was continued for about two hours in Grandsire, Oxford Bob, Union, and Stedman Triples, when an adjournment was made to St. Andrew's, ringing being continued in the above methods, with an attempt at Bob Major until 9.30, when the company began to disperse, being well pleased at having such a successful meeting.

The Committee desire to express their thanks to the Rev. J. H. Thomas and the Rev. H. C. Bird for the use of the bells; also the latter for kindly placing the Church Room for the use of the Committee. About thirty members were present from Ealing, Isleworth, Harmondsworth, etc.

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## Letters from the Antipodes.

George Street, Bathurst, N.S. Wales, March 4th, 1894.

DEAR SIR,—I think it will interest you to know what we are doing out in this part of the world in ringing matters. We have a nice peal of six (tenor 9½ cwt.), by Warner and Sons, I think they are about the oldest out here—about the year 1850. I have been told that when the news of one of the great victories in the Crimea reached this town, they had no ringers, so they got hammers and hammered the bells, the marks are plain on them now; they also managed to crack one, which had to be recast. The tower is of brick, about 100 feet in height, and as we are about 2300 feet above sea level, we thought the bells were as high as any that were used for change-ringing. When I came out here about ten years ago, I was a stranger in a strange land, and always being fond of ringing at home, the first week I was here I heard a bell pulled up, I said to my wife, "Hear that, there must be a peal of bells here somewhere." I was very much surprised. The next week I found them out; there was only round-ringing then, but, after a year or so, the old captain was laid up, and I was elected in his place. I did not know much about change-ringing then; I had rung at Ranmore Common, in Surrey, also at Epsom. The last six years I lived near Norwich, so I heard plenty of change-ringing from that grand peal of twelve at St. Peter's, so I thought if change-ringing can be learned at home, it can out here, so I sent home for one of Snowdon's *Rope Sight*, and with that we set to work. I could not get any of the old members to take it up, so had to get new members. Then we found the bells wanted some repairing, so we set to work and collected the money, and had them put in order. We started again last August with almost a new band, and glad to say can manage 120 Bob Doubles quite nicely, and hope some day to be able to report the 720.

We feel very much alone out here, we never get a visit from another band. I think in Sydney they are learning method-ringing in two or three towers, but that city is 150 miles from here. I often think our brother ringers in England would feel the same if there was no tower within 150 miles of them. We have an old ringer from home up in the belfry sometimes.—I remain, yours truly,

H. LYNCH,

Captain of All Saints Cathedral Ringers.

939, High Street, Armadale, near Melbourne, Victoria.

DEAR SIR,—Enclosed are two extracts, which perhaps you may find room for in your valuable paper. The quarter-peal was rung on the bells of St. Patrick's Cathedral, on the anniversary of the first peal in the Colonies, and it was the conductor's own composition. The bells of St. Patrick's were cast by Murphy, of Dublin, and shown in the Dublin Exhibition, of 1852 (I think), then sent out here, but not used for twelve or fifteen years, there being no tower to put them in, the weight of tenor is about 17 cwt. I might say we never let the 9th of April go by without honouring the day; and again, in Snowdon's *Grandsire*, you will find in the list of peals John Holt rang, were two in one day, the 9th of April, 140 years ago, at Hillingdon (St. Mary), which is my native village, and where I first learned to handle a bell. It is just forty years ago since I left there.

The other extract, relating to our venerable Dean's 95th birthday, although not relating to ringing, is still not far from it, for the Melbourne Society and a few of ours, met at St. James' on the evening of the 10th, and ought to have done something worth recording, but being so many there we did not, only some short touches of *Grandsire Triples*, a 504 being the longest.

The Very Rev. H. B. Macartney, the Dean, is an Irishman by birth, and has now entered on his 96th year, and yesterday, Sunday, April 15th, preached at St. James' in the morning to a large congregation.—I remain, yours, etc.,

W. SHENTON.

The following are the two paragraphs alluded to by Mr. Shenton:—

In commemoration of the anniversary of the ringing of the first peal of 5040 changes rung at St. Phillip's, Church Hill, Sydney, on April 9th, 1890, the members of the Victorian Society of Change-ringers met on Monday evening at St. Patrick's

Cathedral, and by the kind permission of that society rang a quarter-peal of 1260 changes, in 47 mins, the men standing as follows:—Jas. Nolan, 1; W. Shenton, 2; W. Albinson (conductor), 3; A. Baines, 4; Jno. Nolan, 5; J. Freeman, 6; J. Murray, 7; J. Coppock, 8.

The Very Rev. Dean of Melbourne celebrated his 95th birthday yesterday, and received congratulations from a constant stream of visitors at his house in Hotham street, East Melbourne. The aged clergyman, who is the oldest Anglican divine in the world, has been associated with the Church in Melbourne since its earliest beginnings. He still enjoys good physical health, and his mental faculties are unimpaired. A number of his friends brought birthday presents with them, among which was an address from the masters and pupils of the Church of England Grammar School, Geelong, congratulating Dean Macartney on his long and honourable career, and hoping that the signatories would be able to repeat their congratulations for many years to come. The Dean of Melbourne proposes to preach on Sunday next at the church of St. James.

## THE HEAVY WOOLLEN DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

The half-yearly meeting of the above was held at Thornhill on Saturday, June 16th, when a fair number of ringers assembled from Dewsbury, Batley, Birstal, Batley Carr, Brighouse, Shelley, Mirfield, Earlsheaton, and other places. The meeting took place at The Alma inn, the President, Mr. Joah Peacock, presiding. After the minutes were read by the Secretary, a ballot was drawn as to where the six-bell contest should take place, and Sandal being drawn, it was ultimately agreed to hold it on Saturday, September 9th, of which further notice will appear in "THE BELL NEWS." After other business had been gone through two honorary members were enrolled, and the meeting closed. The next meeting will be held at Low Moor.

## Obituary.

JOHN FOWLER.

We much regret to record the death of the above named ringer, at the ripe age of 75, which took place on Wednesday, June 13th. Deceased had been a ringer at St. Peter's, Wolverhampton, for over fifty years, and had taken part in about twenty peals on 7, 8, 9, and 10 bells. Mr. Fowler's smiling face will be greatly missed by a very large circle of ringers and friends in the Midlands. Deceased was buried at Sedgley, on Saturday, the 16th, when several ringers attended as bearers, etc. The Sedgley band also rang muffled touches, and a peal of *Grandsire Caters* was rang half muffled at Wolverhampton, on Monday, June 18th.

WILLIAM BUMPSTEAD.

On Friday, May 25th, the above ringer died at Dawlish, Devon, aged twenty-four years, where he had been staying for the benefit of his health, but the dread enemy, decline, at last obtained the mastery, although surrounded by every comfort, the best of nursing, and attention of a loving father and sister. Deceased was a native of Eye, Suffolk, and when a boy was for some years in the church choir; he learnt the business of a carpenter and joiner, working with three expert ringers; he also learnt to ring. Coming to London he made the acquaintance of Mr. Driver, and joined the All Saints' Society, Fulham, with whom he rang eight peals. He was a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths, ringing two peals, at Epsom and Mortlake; also a member of the Norwich Diocesan Association, ringing his first peal (the tenor) to Brooks' Variation of *Stedman Triples*, on April 13th, 1889, and also one non-association peal at Eye, of *Grandsire Triples*. His last peal was rung on his return to London, after a stay of some weeks in the country, at Fulham, which was a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, on May 13th, 1893. The following is a record of peals he has rung:—*Grandsire Triples*, 5; *Stedman Triples*, 1; *Grandsire Caters*, 2; *Bob Major*, 2; *Bob Royal*, 1; *Kent Treble Bob Major*, 1. The members of the Fulham Society, out of respect for the deceased (by all of whom he was beloved), rang a muffled peal with the usual whole pull and stand; as was also rung at Eye, and his age with the solemn knell of the tenor bell, which he had been so fond of ringing, and could strike so well, but which through weakness very nearly overcame him in the last touch of *Treble Bob*. The last few days of his life was spent in great bodily pain, which was borne with Christian fortitude and resignation, and his end was peace.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, JUNE 23, 1894.

EVERY one will admit that from time to time performances are reported as having been rung which ought not to have been recognised as legitimate peals. That many such have been recorded in the past will be acknowledged. There are many of the elder members of the Exercise who have vivid recollections of instances where they have been themselves concerned in performances believed for the moment to be all correct, yet upon a merely superficial examination have been found to be spurious. We are now alluding specifically to ringing, not to composition. Is there any one of our readers who has never heard of the story of a conductor who just before commencing a peal, hung up his watch in the belfry, and proceeded to call a peal "by time?" And how the watch had stopped an hour before he was aware of it, and after the bells had come round, it was discovered that the company had been ringing above four hours for a peal of Triples? There are numerous legends of this sort, most of them possessing some truth.

Though the day is gone by when this kind of thing could be carried on wholesale, or with the impunity of former years, it is to be feared that the "peal-cooker" is not yet quite extinct. But anecdotes of these things are sometimes overdone; the story-teller over-reaches himself in his ambition to entertain his auditory, and his relation,

when investigated, is too near the fabulous. Of this character we deem the assertions of a correspondent, who in our last issue asserted that in a peal recorded the previous week, "the bells came to a perfect standstill, and remained so for a period of at least three or four leads!" This is protesting too much. To ask any one to believe such a statement is an outrage on common sense. After the letter from the Rev. R. C. M. HARVEY, the discretion of remaining silent will be the wisest course for the correspondent who impugned this peal.

### The Metropolis.

#### THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. (ENGLISH CHURCH UNION ANNIVERSARY PEAL.)

On Saturday, June 16, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

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

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; THURSTANS' COMPOSITION. Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

JOHN C. MITCHELL .. .. Treble.	REV. E. W. CARPENTER .. 5.
REV. J. H. HINDSON .. 2.	CHALLIS F. WINNY .. 6.
F. W. J. REES .. .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
FREDERICK S. BAYLEY .. 4.	E. E. RICHARDS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

This peal was rung on the occasion of the thirty-fifth anniversary of the English Church Union, all the ringers being on the roll of the Union.

### The Provinces.

#### WIGAN, LANCASHIRE.

#### THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—LIVERPOOL BRANCH.

On Thursday, June 7, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; REEVES'S VARIATION. Tenor 28 cwt.

THOMAS HALLIWELL .. .. Treble.	SAMUEL HALL .. .. 6.
REV. H. F. LLOYD* .. 2.	ROBERT FISHER .. .. 7.
JOHN E. GUMMERSON .. 3.	JOHN BARKER .. .. Tenor.
WALTER MARSDEN .. 4.	WILLIAM MAJOR .. .. Tenor.
JONATHAN F. HALL .. 5.	*WILLIAM JUMP .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by REV. H. F. LLOYD.

\*First peal.

#### BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

#### THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 12, 1894, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

#### A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES. Tenor 10½ cwt.

GEORGE SMART* .. .. Treble.	*GEORGE BAKER .. .. 5.
KEITH HART* .. .. 2.	GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. 6.
ARTHUR A. FULLER .. 3.	HARRY WESTON .. .. 7.
GEORGE A. KING .. .. 4.	GEORGE F. ATTREE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

\*First peal in the method. This peal, in one-part, has the 6th its extent in 5-6, and is now rung for the first time.

#### KIDDERMINSTER, WORCESTERSHIRE.

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

On Wednesday, June 13, 1894, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

#### A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES.

RICHARD E. GROVE .. .. Treble.	*ERNEST C. HUNT .. .. 5.
THOMAS J. SALTER .. 2.	*WILLIAM PAGE .. .. 6.
JOHN O. BENNETT .. 3.	JOHN CRANE .. .. 7.
NOAH DAVIS* .. .. 4.	WILLIAM H. SMITH .. .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN and Conducted by R. E. GROVE.

\*First peal in the method. W. Page hails from Worcester.

#### SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.

#### THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 13, 1894, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

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

A VARIATION OF ANNABLE'S THIRD-PART PEAL Tenor 17 cwt.

WALTER J. TRUSLER* .. Treble.	ALFRED J. TURNER .. .. 5.
FREDERICK W. HARDING .. 2.	JAMES N. FROSSELL .. .. 6.
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH† .. 3.	†ROBERT J. DAWE .. .. 7.
GEORGE A. KING .. .. 4.	KEITH HART .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by ROBERT J. DAWE.

\*First peal of Major. †First peal of Major with a bob bell. †First peal of Major as conductor, and was rung as a birthday peal to G. A. King, his brother-strings wishing him many happy returns of the day, who, with Messrs. Frossell, Hart, and Dawe hail from Brighton.

#### WESTERHAM, KENT.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 14, 1894, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 23½ cwt.

DAVID WRIGHT .. .. Treble.	*GEORGE STEER .. .. 5.
GEORGE B. SELBY .. .. 2.	*JOHN HEATH .. .. 6.
EDWARD R. J. DUNK .. 3.	WILLIAM J. COLLISON .. 7.
HENRY J. SELBY† .. 4.	DAVID ASHDOWN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY J. SELBY.

\*First peal. †First peal as conductor. This is first peal of Grandsire and quickest on the bells since the restoration in 1892, and also the first peal ever rung on the bells in which any local men have taken part; all are Westerham men with the exception of the ringer of the seventh, who hails from Edenbridge.

#### KING'S NORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

(THE KING'S NORTON GUILD.)

On Saturday, June 16, 1894, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

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

FRED. SUMNER* .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM COOKS .. .. 5.
W. H. SUMNER .. .. 2.	W. S. PRITCHETT .. .. 6.
WILLIAM PALMER .. .. 3.	THEODORE PRITCHETT .. 7.
ALFRED PRITCHETT .. 4.	*J. WILLIAMS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. S. PRITCHETT.

\*First peal.

#### SHENSTONE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

#### THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD,

On Saturday, June 16, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

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

A SIX-PART VARIATION (HARRISON'S MS.) Tenor 13¾ cwt. in G.

CHARLES DAVIS* .. .. Treble.	HENRY MEACHAM .. .. 5.
JAMES PLANT .. .. 2.	FREDERICK J. COPE .. .. 6.
FRANCIS SEDGWICK .. 3.	WILLIAM J. FEARNEYHOUGH 7.
WILLIAM STRINGER .. 4.	CHARLES NORTH .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by FREDERICK J. COPE.

\*First peal. Messrs. Plant and Stringer hail from Erdington, the rest from Lichfield. W. Stringer was elected a member of the above Society previous to starting for the peal.

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

On Saturday, June 16, 1894, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

#### A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5408 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 10½ cwt.

JAMES BALDWIN .. .. Treble.	HARRY DEMAIN .. .. 5.
JOHN SUNDERLAND .. 2.	JOHN THACKRAY .. .. 6.
ARTHUR CRAVEN .. .. 3.	ALFRED NAYLOR .. .. 7.
FREDERICK W. DIXON .. 4.	WILLIAM CHILD .. .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS and Conducted by ARTHUR CRAVEN.

Rung as a farewell to the conductor, who is leaving the district, his brother-ringers wishing him every success.



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

On Saturday, June 16, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

S. CROUCHER* .. .. .Treble.	C. MILWAY.. .. .5.
W. T. TAYLOR .. .. .2.	H. BURLING .. .. .6.
C. H. DRAKE* .. .. .3.	G. A. RANSOM .. .. .7.
F. HUNT .. .. .4.	GEORGE WOOD .. .. .Tenor.

Conducted by G. A. RANSOM.

First peal. W. H. Taylor hails from Lynsted; C. Milway and G. A. Ransom from Sittingbourne; G. Wood from Faversham; the rest belong to the local band.

## GOOLE, YORKSHIRE.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 16, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5148 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF PARKER'S 12-PART. Tenor 16½ cwt. in F#.

CHARLES WEST* .. .. .Treble.	THOMAS WHITFIELD.. .. .5.
JOHN THOMAS WALSH .. .. .2.	FREDERICK TATE .. .. .6.
GEORGE THOMAS MARSHALL 3.	CHARLES JACKSON .. .. .7.
HERBERT FEATHERSTONE.. .. .4.	*HUMPHREY YOUNG .. .. .Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES JACKSON.

\*First peal. Messrs. C. Jackson and G. T. Marshall hail from Hull; the rest belong to the local company.

## WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

On Monday, June 18, 1894, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5075 CHANGES.

Tenor 23 cwt.

WILLIAM R. SMALL .. .. .Treble.	ARTHUR SPITTLE .. .. .6.
WILLIAM H. GODDEN .. .. .2.	SAMUEL SPITTLE .. .. .7.
JAMES GEORGE .. .. .3.	ROWLAND CARTWRIGHT .. .. .8.
BENJAMIN DALTON .. .. .4.	JAMES E. GROVES .. .. .9.
WILLIAM MICKLEWRIGHT .. .. .5.	JAMES PARDOE .. .. .Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER and Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

This peal has the sixth twenty-four times before the 9th and seven times behind the 7th in the reversed Tittums position, and twenty-four times behind the 8th in the handstroke position. It was rung half-muffled as a last token of respect to Mr. John Fowler (see obituary). The number of changes in the above peal is interesting from the fact that the odd 75 represents the age of the deceased.

## HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 18, 1894, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 19 cwt.

ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN ..Treble.	†HENRY W. BALDRY.. .. .5.
EDGAR WIGHTMAN† .. .. .2.	STEPHEN WIGHTMAN, SEN. 6.
FRED. E. W. MEADOWS*.. .. .3.	GEORGE WIGHTMAN .. .. .7.
DAVID G. WIGHTMAN .. .. .4.	*WILLIAM WEEDON .. .. .Tenor.

Conducted by ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN.

\*First peal. †First peal in the method. F. E. W. Meadows (who is aged 15), hails from Otley; D. G. Wightman and H. W. Baldry from Brandeston; Messrs. A. S. Wightman, E. Wightman, S. Wightman, sen., and G. Wightman from Crettingham; W. Weedon belongs to the local company.

## CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 19, 1894, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

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

Tenor 13½ cwt. in F.

PETER TYLER .. .. .Treble.	FREDERICK DENCH .. .. .5.
JOHN RICE .. .. .2.	ROBERT JORDAN.. .. .6.
ALFRED D. MILLS .. .. .3.	JAMES PARKER .. .. .7.
WILLIAM WARD .. .. .4.	FREDERICK W. CRIPPS ..Tenor.

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY and Conducted by JAMES PARKER.

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

## Performances on Five and Six Bells.

## BEBINGTON, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WIRRAL BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 16, 1894, in Two Hours and Forty-one Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## 5040 CHANGES IN THREE MINOR METHODS;

Being three 720s of Canterbury Pleasure, three 720s Plain Bob and one 720 Grandsire. Tenor 7 cwt.

JAS. CLIFFE.. .. .Treble.	E. A. HOUGH .. .. .4.
E. BREEZE*.. .. .2.	*JOS. WOODS.. .. .5.
F. JONES .. .. .3.	J. DILLON .. .. .Tenor.

Conducted by J. DILLON.

\*First 5040. Also first 5040 in three methods by all except the conductor.

The two following performances being rung in less than three methods, are not classified among the peals, according to the dictum of the Central Council. One equally unclassified appeared by mistake a fortnight ago; rang at Hayes, in Kent.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BUNWELL (Norfolk).—On Wednesday, June 13th, at St. Michael's church, seven 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, each called differently, in 2 hrs. and 52 mins. R. Hutton (conductor), 1; G. Smith, sen., 2; J. Hinchley, 3; A. Dunnott, 4; G. Smith, jun., 5; J. Hilling, 6.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

WEST HAM (Essex).—On Saturday, June 16th, at Holy Trinity church, Barking road, seven 720's of Bob Minor, in 2 hrs. and 48 mins., each called differently. J. Waits, 1; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 2; W. Truss, 3; W. H. Doran, 4; G. Pearl, 5; W. H. Dallimore, 6. Tenor 7½ cwt. W. Truss was elected a member previous to starting. This is the first 5040 on the bells, and the first by J. Waits (churchwarden). The ringers on leaving the tower were met by the vicar, the Rev. J. Russell, who congratulated the band on their success. A move was then made to the residence of Mr. Waits, where a 503 of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells retained in hand. W. Truss, 1-2; G. Pearl, 3-4; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 5-6; W. H. Dallimore, 7-8. Songs by Messrs. Waits and Dallimore then followed, Mr. Organ, member of the Holy Trinity Society, presiding at the piano. Then a course of Grandsire Caters was rung with C. Dempsey 1-2, the remainder sitting as above. A vote of thanks to the vicar for the use of the bells was then proposed and carried, also to Mr. Waits for the use of his room. The company then dispersed, having spent a very pleasant evening. The 5040 was rung at the first attempt, and contains the greatest and the least number of calls.

## Date Touches.

## ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

BIRMINGHAM.—Handbell Ringing.—On Sunday, June 10th, at the residence of Mr. W. Kent, Fentham Road, Birchfields, four members of the above Guild, with Mr. R. Hackley, rang a date touch of Grandsire Caters, 1894 changes, in 1 hr. 3 mins. T. Russam (conductor), 1-2; W. Kent (composer), 3-4; T. Miller, 5-6; B. Witchell, 7-8; R. Hackley, 9-10.

## Miscellaneous.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

DERBY.—On Thursday, June 7th, at St. Werburgh's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 48 mins. T. Anthony, 1; N. H. Poyser, 2; F. Bradley, 3; J. Newbold, 4; R. Redgate, 5; A. H. Ward, 6; J. Howe (conductor), 7; T. Griffith, 8.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

BOURNEMOUTH (Hants).—On Thursday, June 7th, for practice at St. Peter's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 49 mins. A. Grist, 1; F. J. Best, 2; E. T. Green, 3; J. G. Bennett, 4; G. H. Plummer, 5; J. J. Bristow, 6; G. Preston (conductor), 7; C. W. Goodenough, 8.

**WINCHESTER.**—On Thursday, May 31st, at the Cathedral, 360 Grandsire Caters. A. E. Macey, 1; C. J. North, 2; W. J. Sevier, 3; C. J. Choet, 4; R. White, 5; R. Hasted, 6; W. C. Lampard, 7; J. Weaver, 8; W. H. George (conductor), 9; J. W. Elkins, 10. Also 280 Grandsire Triples. A. E. Macey, 1; C. J. Choet, 2; W. J. Sevier, 3; C. J. North, 4; W. C. Lampard, 5; J. Weaver, 6; W. H. George (conductor), 7; F. Smith, 8. On Thursday, June 7th, 532 Grandsire Triples. R. White, 1; R. Hasted, 2; G. Smith, 3; T. Newnham, 4; W. C. Lampard, 5; J. Weaver, 6; W. H. George (conductor), 7; D. Froome, 8. Tenor 32 cwt.

**PORTSEA (Hants).**—On Sunday evening, June 3rd, for Divine Service at St. Mary's church, 546 Grandsire Triples. E. Drinkwater, 1; W. Cornish, 2; C. Groves, 3; J. Matthews, 4; J. Harper, 5; R. Harman, 6; Rev. R. C. M. Harvey (conductor), 7; G. Cornish, 8. On Tuesday, June 5th, for practice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 49 mins. E. Drinkwater (first quarter-peal), 1; J. Staples, 2; J. Harper, 3; J. Symons, 4; G. M. Instral, 5; R. Harman, 6; Rev. R. C. M. Harvey (conductor), 7; J. Matthews, 8. Messrs. Staples and Instral hail from Havant.

#### THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

**WITHAM (Essex).**—On Thursday, June 7th, for practice at St. Nicholas' church, Chipping Hill, 720 Bob Minor. Rev. D. Hamer (Stisted), 1; H. Chalk, 2; C. H. Howard (Braintree), 3; E. Chaplin, 4; E. Garnett, 5; H. Sayer (conductor), 6. And another 720 in the same method (eighteen singles and three bobs). Composed by T. Millington, of Clay Cross. J. Butler, 1; H. Chalk, 2; E. Chaplin, 3; H. Sayer, 4; E. Garnett, 5; C. H. Howard (conductor), 6. Tenor 18 cwt. in F.

**ROMFORD (Essex).**—On Thursday, May 24th, at St. Edward's church, an attempt was made for Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples, but after ringing 3900 changes in 2 hrs. 17 mins., "stand" had to be called owing to a change-course. T. James, 1; W. Watson, 2; W. H. Dallimore, 3; E. Pye, 4; G. Roughton, 5; G. R. Pye (conductor), 6; J. Dale, 7; W. Pye, 8. On Sunday morning, May 27th, for Divine Service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor (fifteen bobs) in 25 mins. G. Roughton, 1; E. Pye, 2; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 3; G. R. Pye, 4; W. Watson, 5; W. Pye, 6.

**WALTHAMSTOW (Essex).**—On Sunday evening, June 10th, after Divine Service at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Bob Major, 1280 changes, in 48 mins. W. H. Freeman, 1; F. Rumens, 2; R. J. Maynard, 3; E. Pye, 4; W. Pye, 5; F. A. Nunn, 6; E. T. Edridge, 7; A. G. Freeman (conductor), 8.

**STANSTED (Essex).**—On Wednesday, May 16th, at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, for practice, 720 of College 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; G. Gray, 4; J. Luckey, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. Also 720 of Superlative Surprise. J. Cavill, 1; G. Jordan, 2; W. Watts, 3; T. J. Watts, 4; I. Hammond, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. And on Sunday, May 20th, for morning service, 720 Chichester Surprise, in 25 mins. J. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; W. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; J. Luckey, 5; T. J. Watts (first 720 in the method as conductor), 6. Also for afternoon service 720 Cambridge Surprise (2nd the observation). J. Cavill, 1; G. Jordan, 2; I. Hammond, 3; G. Gray, 4; J. Luckey, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. And on Thursday, May 24th, in honour of the Queen's birthday, 720 York Surprise. J. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; W. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. Also 720 London Surprise (4th the observation). J. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; G. Gray, 3; T. J. Watts, 4; J. Luckey, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. And on Sunday, May 27th, for morning service, 720 Worcester Surprise. J. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; W. Watts, 5; T. J. Watts (conductor), 6. And on Thursday, May 31st, for practice, 720 London Scholars' Pleasure. J. Cavill, 1; G. Jordan, 2; I. Hammond, 3; G. Gray, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. Also 720 Morning Exercise (5th the observation). J. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. And on Sunday, June 3rd, for Divine Service in the morning, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob in 24 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. Tenor 13 cwt.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

**MAIDSTONE (Kent).**—On Sunday morning, June 3rd, for Divine Service at All Saints' church, 305 Grandsire Caters. J. Constable, 1; G. Pawley, 2; T. Mannering (conductor), 3; R. Simmonds, 4; A. Gasson, 5; A. H. Woolley, 6; E. Elliott, 7; A. Tawney, 8; A. Palmer, 9; T. Bonnor, 10. For evening service 504 Stedman Triples. T. Mannering, 1; W. Mannering, 2; A. H. Woolley, 3; A. Tawney, 4; H. Hopkins, 5; G. Pawley, 6; A. Palmer (conductor), 7; T. Bonnor, 8. H. Hopkins hails from London.

**GOWDHURST (Kent).**—On Monday, June 11th, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles) in 30 mins. T. Lambert, 1; W. Lambert, 2; F. Butchers, 3; G. Hodge, 4; J. Beach, 5; F. Lambert (conductor), 6. This was rung on the back six. Tenor 27 cwt.

**UPCHURCH (Kent).**—On Saturday, June 9th, for practice, 720 of Grandsire Minor (thirty-eight bobs and twenty-two singles). G. Dennis, 1; T. W. Jarrett, 2; C. H. Drake, 3; H. Wood, 4; W. T. Hyland, 5; G. A. Ransom (conductor), 6. This was the conductor's 200th 720. Also 720 Oxford Bob Minor. T. W. Jarrett, 1; W. T. Hyland, 2; C. H. Drake, 3; G. A. Ransom, 4; H. Wood, 5; W. Seamer (conductor), 6. And 720 Court Bob Minor. G. Dennis, 1; W. Seamer, 2; W. T. Hyland, 3; W. Laker, 4; G. Capeling, 5; G. A. Ransom (conductor), 6. Messrs. Jarrett and Ransom belong to Sittingbourne; Drake to Ospringe; Wood to Rodmersham; the rest to the local company.

**SITTINGBOURNE (Kent).**—On Monday, June 4th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor (eight bobs and six singles) with the tenor covering. J. Shedd, 1; T. W. Jarrett, 2; J. G. Elliott, 3; E. Bridges, 4; H. Wood, 5; G. A. Ransom (conductor), 6; W. Walter, 8. On Sunday, June 10th, for Divine Service a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. J. Shedd, 1; T. W. Jarrett, 2; H. Baker, 3; H. E. Simpson (conductor), 4; E. J. Bottle, 5; H. Burling, 6; G. A. Ransom, 7; W. Walker, 8. Messrs. Bridges, Baker, and Burling belong to Ospringe.

**TUNSTALL, NEAR SITTINGBOURNE.**—On Friday, June 15th, on the occasion of the induction of the Rev. H. E. T. Cruso to the living of Tunstall, a 720 of Bob Minor. H. J. Tidy, jun., 1; E. Bridges, 2; T. W. Jarrett, 3; H. Wood, 4; E. J. Bottle, 5; G. A. Ransom (conductor), 6. This is believed to be the first 720 on the bells since their conversion from the original five, by Mears and Stainbank, in 1843.

**TUNBRIDGE WELLS (Kent).**—On Sunday, May 13th, at the parish church, a 504 of Grandsire Triples. R. Burfield, 1; W. Porter, 2; J. Muggridge, 3; H. Porter, 4; E. W. Allen, 5; W. Latter (conductor), 6; S. Perkins, 7; G. Smithers, 8. E. Allen hails from Borden, Kent. On Thursday, May 24th, for practice, a 576 of Bob Major. R. Burfield (longest touch in the method), 1; P. Brooker, 2; H. Porter, 3; E. Mankelow, 4; S. Perkins, 5; G. Smithers, 6; C. Goble, 7; W. Latter (conductor), 8. On Sunday, June 3rd, a 504 Stedman Triples. E. Mankelow, 1; P. Brooker, 2; H. Porter, 3; G. Smithers, 4; C. Goble, 5; S. Perkins, 6; T. Card (conductor), 7; W. Latter, 8. On Thursday, June 7th, a 350 of Grandsire Triples. W. Latter, 1; R. Burfield, 2; E. Mankelow, 3; P. Brooker, 4; G. Smithers (conductor), 5; H. Porter, 6; J. Muggridge, 7; C. Goble, 8. And a 720 of Treble Bob Minor in 26 mins. (nine bobs). E. Mankelow, 1; P. Brooker, 2; S. Perkins, 3; H. Porter, 4; C. Goble, 5; W. Latter (conductor), 6. This is W. Latter's first 720 of Treble Bob Minor as conductor, and the first 720 by all the band.

#### THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

**DALTON-IN-FURNESS.**—On Friday, June 1st, for practice, 720 Bob Minor (twenty-two singles) in 25 mins. T. Watson, 1; T. Townson, 2; C. J. A. Cushing, 3; T. Stuart, 4; A. E. Sheppard, 5; J. Burrows (conductor), 6. Also 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-four bobs and two singles) in 26 mins. R. W. Burrows, 1; J. Gibson (first 720), 2; C. J. A. Cushing, 3; T. Stuart, 4; T. R. Jackson (conductor), 5; J. Burrows, 6. On Sunday evening, June 10th, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and fourteen singles) in 24 mins. R. W. Burrows, 1; T. Watson, 2; A. E. Sheppard, 3; T. Stuart, 4; T. R. Jackson (conductor), 5; J. Burrows, 6.

#### DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

**TANFIELD (Durham).**—On Sunday morning, June 10th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 720 Kent Treble Bob. W. R. Brewis, 1; W. Brewis, 2; T. Brewis, 3; H. Dall, 4; F. Lowe, 5; F. J. Harrison (conductor), 6. For evening service 720 Woodbine Treble Bob Minor. W. R. Brewis, 1; H. Tyson, 2; H. Dall, 3; T. Brewis, 4; F. Lowe, 5; F. J. Harrison (conductor), 6. \*First 720 in the method.

#### THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

**HEADINGTON (Oxon).**—On Sunday evening, June 3rd, after Divine Service at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor in 25 mins., being the first 720 by the local band. T. Tolley, 1; H. Bennett, 2; W. Jacobs, 3; J. Adams, 4; G. Stace (conductor), 5; G. Tolley, 6.

**READING (Berks).**—On Tuesday, June 5th, at St. Giles' church, on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. Verner to Miss Franklin, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 1260 changes. G. Boddington, 1; H. Coffee, 2; F. Sweetzer, 3; A. E. Evans, 4; A. W. Reeves, 5; H. Dibley, 6; A. E. Reeves (conductor), 7; H. Smart, 8. And in the evening, 910 Grandsire Triples. H. Dibley, 1; H. Coffee, 2; G. Boddington, 3; A. E. Evans, 4; A. E. Reeves, 5; A. W. Reeves, 6; F. Sweetzer (conductor), 7; H. Smart, 8.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

FRAMLINGHAM (Suffolk).—On Saturday, June 9th, at St. Michael's church, 1376 of Bob Major. \*W. Ostler, 1; Rev. J. Holme Pilkington (conductor), 2; \*A. E. Read, 3; \*H. Howlett, 4; \*C. Harper, 5; C. F. Ling, 6; \*S. Garnham, 7; \*J. Self, 8. C. F. Ling hails from Bedford; the rest belong to the local company. \*Longest length in the method.

## THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

LONDON.—On Saturday, May 12th, at the church of St. Giles-in-the-Fields, an attempt was made for a peal of Stedman Triples, which unfortunately came to grief, after ringing 2436 changes in 1 hr. 25 mins., through a change-course. F. Pitts, 1; F. Perrin, 2; J. Cawley, 3; A. Davis, 4; H. Warnett, 5; H. N. Davis (conductor), 6; W. Hasted, 7; G. Turl, jun., 8. On Saturday, June 2nd, the same peal was again attempted, which also came to grief, after ringing 2184 changes in 1 hr. 20 mins, through the treble rope slipping wheel. F. Pitts, 1; H. Barton, 2; A. R. Davis, 3; J. Cawley, 4; F. G. Perrin, 5; H. N. Davis (conductor), 6; W. C. Hasted, 7; G. Turl, jun., 8.

## THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

HENDON (Middlesex).—On Wednesday, May 9th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. E. E. Pratchett, 1; B. C. Pratchett, 2; H. J. Martin (conductor), 3; H. S. Reeves, 4; F. Pratt, 5; C. Crampton, 6. On Sunday, May 13th, 720 Plain Bob (twenty-six singles). F. Jones (first 720), 1; E. E. Pratchett, 2; B. C. Pratchett, 3; H. S. Reeves, 4; C. H. Martin (conductor), 5; C. Crampton, 6. On Wednesday, May 23rd, 300 Canterbury Pleasure. W. Church, 1; E. E. Pratchett, 2; H. J. Martin, 3; F. Pratt, 4; C. H. Martin, 5; C. Crampton, 6. And 720 College Single (sixteen bobs two singles). F. C. Jones (first 720 in the method), 1; B. C. Pratchett, 2; F. Pratt, 3; E. E. Pratchett (first 720 in the method with a bob bell), 4; C. H. Martin (conductor), 5; C. Crampton, 6. Also 240 Grandsire Doubles. F. C. Jones, 1; H. J. Martin (conductor), 2; F. Jones, 3; C. H. Martin, 4; E. E. Pratchett, 5; E. C. Allen, 6. On Thursday, May 24th, at 5 a.m., in honour of the Queen's birthday, 720 Plain Bob (twenty-six singles). H. Martin, 1; B. C. Pratchett, 2; H. J. Martin, 3; F. Pratt, 4; C. H. Martin (conductor), 5; C. Crampton, 6. On Sunday, May 27th, for evening service, 720 Kent Treble Bob. E. E. Pratchett, 1; F. Pratt, 2; H. J. Martin, 3; H. S. Reeves, 4; C. Crampton, 5; C. H. Martin (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, May 29th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. E. E. Pratchett, 1; B. C. Pratchett, 2; F. Pratt, 3; C. Crampton, 4; H. J. Martin, 5; C. H. Martin (conductor), 6. On Wednesday, May 30th, 720 Plain Bob. J. Thrussell (first 720), 1; E. E. Pratchett, 2; B. C. Pratchett, 3; F. Pratt, 4; C. H. Martin (conductor), 5; C. Crampton, 6. On Sunday, June 3rd, after evening service, 720 Kent Treble Bob. W. Burrows, 1; B. C. Pratchett, 2; J. Nixon, 3; J. Cawley, 4; R. Bevan, 5; C. H. Martin (conductor), 6. Messrs. Cawley, Bevan, and Nixon hail from Haverstock Hill; Burrows and Reeves from Finchley.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

KIDDERMINSTER (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, April 29th, at the church of St. Mary and All Saints, 432 of Double Norwich Court Bob Major. J. Bennett, 1; W. H. Smith, 2; G. Salter, 3; N. Davis, 4; E. C. Hunt, 5; J. Bennett, 6; T. J. Salter (conductor), 7; J. Crane, 8. On Sunday, May 13th, 672 Cambridge Surprise Major. E. C. Hunt, 1; W. H. Barber, 2; J. Bennett, 3; A. E. Parsons, 4; T. J. Salter, 5; G. Salter, 6; J. Crane, 7; W. H. Smith (conductor), 8. W. Barber hails from Clent, A. E. Parsons from Old Hill. And a 252 Stedman Triples, conducted by J. Crane. On Sunday, May 26th, a 504 of Grandsire Triples. J. Bennett, 1; T. Wakeman, 2; J. Bennett, 3; N. Davis, 4; E. C. Hunt, 5; T. J. Salter, 6; W. H. Smith (conductor), 7; T. Walters, 8. On Sunday, June 3rd, a 504 of Grandsire Triples. J. Bennett, 1; T. Wakeman, 2; N. Davis, 3; J. Bennett, 4; W. H. Smith, 5; T. Salter, 6; J. Crane (conductor), 7; E. C. Hunt, 8.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—FYLDE BRANCH.

LYTHAM (Lancashire).—On Sunday evening, June 10th, at St. John's church, 720 College Single Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles) in 24 mins. W. Bamber, 1; T. H. Mark, 2; G. Maries (first 720 in the method), 3; J. Salthouse, 4; C. H. Kerr, 5; J. Fell (conductor), 6.

## THE WATERLOO SOCIETY, LONDON.

BRIXTON.—On Sunday evening, May 21st, for Divine Service at St. John's church, 1280 Kent Treble Bob Major in 52 mins. H. N. Davis, 1; B. Foskett, 2; F. Perrin, 3; E. P. O'Meara, 4; A. R. Davis, 5; W. Ingham, 6; J. E. Davis (conductor), 7; G. Wild, 8. On Sunday evening, June 3rd, for Divine Service, 1152 Kent Treble

Bob Major. W. Bedwell, 1; F. Perrin, 2; H. N. Davis, 3; P. Howard, 4; A. R. Davis, 5; G. Smith, 6; J. E. Davis (conductor), 7; G. Wild, 8.

BLOOMSBURY.—On Sunday, May 27th, at the church of St. Giles-in-the-Fields, 704 Kent Treble Bob Major. D. Griggs, 1; H. N. Davis (conductor), 2; F. Perrin, 3; A. Barton, 4; A. Davis, 5; F. Pitts, 6; J. E. Davis, 7; E. P. O'Meara, 8.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

HASTINGS (Sussex).—On Wednesday, May 30th, for practice at Christ Church, Blacklands, on Selby's apparatus, 72 and 108 of Grandsire Minor. W. R. J. Quaife, 1; F. Lock, 2; J. Livermore, 3; P. J. Block, 4; A. Tester, 5; S. Saker (conductor), 6. First touch of Minor by the local band. On Sunday morning, June 10th, for Divine Service, five 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles (four 3-part and one 2-part, called differently) in 25 mins. F. Lock, 1; P. J. Block, 2; J. Livermore, 3; S. Saker (conductor), 4; W. H. Swain, 5. For evening service three 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, called differently. F. Lock (conductor), 1; J. Livermore, 2; H. J. F. Crane (longest touch with a bob bell), 3; P. J. Block, 4; A. Tester, 5; W. H. Swain, 6. Tenor 21½ cwt.

ARMLEY (Yorks).—On Sunday, June 10th, for Divine Service at Christ Church, 360 Oxford Treble Bob. Jno. Thackeray (conductor), 1; F. Blackith, 2; B. Cowling, 3; J. Heckingbottom, 4; M. Broadbent, 5; J. Guy, 6. And 360 Merchants' Delight. Joe Thackray, 1; B. Cowling, 2; Jno. Thackeray (conductor), 3; J. Heckingbottom, 4; M. Broadbent, 5; J. Guy, 6.

CHADDESLEY CORBETT (Worcestershire).—On Tuesday, June 12th, 546 Grandsire Triples. J. Perrins, 1; E. Playdon, 2; J. Chance, 3; \*A. Jackson (conductor), 4; E. Gilbert, 5; W. Hemming, 6; J. Broad, 7; T. Roberts, 8. \*First touch as conductor.

COOKLEY (Worcestershire).—On Tuesday, May 22nd, a 720 of Double Court Bob Minor. T. Salter (conductor), 1; G. Davis, 2; N. Davis, 3; W. H. Smith, 4; W. Smith, 5; E. C. Hunt, 6. First 720 in the method by the 3rd, 5th, and 6th ringers.

HENDON (Middlesex).—On Sunday morning, June 3rd, 720 Canterbury Pleasure. \*J. Thomas (Chester Guild), 1; B. C. Pratchett, 2; C. H. Martin (conductor), 3; F. Pratt, 4; H. J. Martin, 5; C. Crampton, 6. And for evening service, 720 Plain Bob. J. Thomas, 1; C. H. Martin, 2; H. S. Reeves, 3; E. E. Pratchett, 4; F. Pratt (conductor), 5; C. Crampton, 6. \*First in the method, and hails from Wrenbury, Cheshire.

HULL (Yorks).—On Sunday evening, June 10th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 720 Kent Treble Bob (twelve bobs) in 29 mins. F. Merrison, 1; G. Marshall (first 720 with a bob bell), 3; G. T. Miller, 4; T. Stockdale, 5; J. Dixey, 6; C. Jackson (conductor), 7; J. W. Dale, 8.

NORTH WINGFIELD (Derbyshire).—On Saturday, June 9th, 720 Bob Minor (thirty singles and sixteen bobs). T. Allibone, 1; T. Day, 2; J. Butler, 3; T. Millington (Clay Cross, conductor), 4; W. Hopkinson, 5; T. Clough (Clay Cross), 6. Also 720 Bob Minor (thirty-six singles and six bobs). J. Butler, 1; T. Allibone, 2; T. Clough, 3; T. Millington (conductor), 4; W. Hopkinson, 5; T. Day, 6. Tenor 18½ cwt. in F.

NORTON (Staffordshire).—On Tuesday, June 5th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor in 28 mins. J. Naylor, 1; J. H. Naylor, 2; E. Glover (conductor), 3; J. Gibson, 4; T. Johnson, 5; J. Brindley, 6. First 720 in the method by all except the conductor.

STONY STRATFORD (Bucks).—On Saturday, June 9th, 720 Bob Minor (eight bobs and six singles) in 25 mins. J. Read, 1; R. W. Valentine, 2; E. Yates, 3; G. Cawley, 4; Rev. J. H. Travers, 5; G. Valentine (conductor), 6. J. Read hails from Wicken, Northants. On Sunday morning, June 10th, for Divine Service, 360 Bob Minor. A. Clarke, 1; R. W. Valentine, 2; E. Yates, 3; G. Cawley, 4; G. Valentine, 5; Rev. J. H. Travers (conductor), 6.

WELLINGTON (Salop).—On Sunday evening, June 10th, for Divine Service, 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Rowley (conductor), 1; T. Brnd (Shrewsbury), 2; R. Nickolls, 3; R. Rowley, 4; B. Shaw, 5; E. Childs, 6; T. Pritchard, 7; G. More, 8.

YARNTON (Oxon).—On Sunday evening, May 27th, some of the Kidlington ringers visited this place and rang for Divine Service 720 Grandsire Minor. F. Webb, 1; W. Bennett, 2; J. Matthews, 3; H. Butler, 4; J. Franklin, 5; H. Judge (conductor), 6. Tenor about 23 cwt. This is supposed to be the second 720 ever rung on these heavy bad going bells (although they were rehung in 1892), but they would go much better if the frame was well bolted.

## Notices.

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The Surrey Association. — The Annual Report for 1893 is now ready for circulation. Representatives requiring them sent on should forward the number of Copies they require, together with the amount of postage at the following rates, viz.: threehalfpence for six, and threepence for twelve copies.

R. B. BLANCHARD, *Hon. Sec.*  
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The Yorkshire Association. — Wanted, two competent members to ring the 5th and 6th bells, along with Mr. G. Bolland, Tong, and five of the St. Wilfrid's Society, Calverley, to attempt a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major. Members wishing to take part please write as early as possible. EZRA KEIGHLEY.  
Calverley, near Leeds.

Norwich Diocesan Association. — Saxmundham District. — The fourth annual district meeting will be held at Sweffling, today, Saturday, June 23rd. The tower will be open for ringing from 4 till 9 o'clock. Business meeting at 6 o'clock in the Iron Room near the church, when the annual report will be read. The Rector will preside. All members and friends cordially welcome.

WILLIAM TAYLOR, *Hon. District Sec.*  
Leiston.

Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford. — The annual meeting in connection with this Society will be held to-day, Saturday, June 23rd, 1894, at Lichfield. Ringing at 2 p.m., sermon at 4 p.m. in Cathedral by the Rev. E. D. Pollock, vicar of Tamworth. Tea at 5.15 at Coffee house, tickets sixpence each to all members who have paid their subscriptions, to others 1s. S. REEVES, *Hon. Sec.*  
10, Bull Street, West Bromwich.

South and West Middlesex Association. — The next monthly meeting of the above Association will be held at Staines, Middlesex, to-day, Saturday, June 23rd, 1894, at 5 o'clock, for united practice and enrolling members.

E. J. WALSOM, *Secretary and Treasurer.*

Saffron Walden Society. Established 1623. — This society will hold its 271st anniversary on Wednesday, the 27th inst. Dinner at two o'clock, at The King's Arms inn. All friends heartily welcomed. G. MARTIN, *Sec.*

St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham. — The usual annual meeting will be held on Tuesday, 26th inst., at The Tamworth Arms, Moor Street, Birmingham, when it is hoped that every member will make it convenient to attend. Books open at 8, and chair to be taken for subsequent business at 8.30 p.m.

W. H. GODDEN, *Hon. Sec.*  
61, Roland Road, Handsworth.

The Surrey Association. — The annual meeting will be held at Dorking, on Monday, July 2nd. By kind permission of the Rev. E. A. Chichester the tower of St. Martin's (8 bells) will be open for ringing from 3 p.m. until 9 p.m. The tower of Kanmore Common is not available. The election of officers will take place at this meeting. Tea at the parish church room (close to church) at 5.30 p.m.

Representatives are requested to forward the number who intend to be present at tea to the undersigned not later than Wednesday, June 27th. By permission of the Rev. E. Sanders, the tower of St. Michael's, Betchworth, distance 2½ miles (six bells), will be open from 4 till 9 p.m. Methods for practice: Violet, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and College Single.

R. B. BLANCHARD, *Hon. Sec.*  
13, Sunnyhill Road, Streatham, S.W.

Liverpool Diocesan Guild. — The next meeting of this Guild will be held at St. Luke's, Crosby, on Saturday, June 30th. Bells open 3 p.m. Meeting 6 p.m.

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

The Lancashire Association. — Liverpool Diocesan Branch. — The usual monthly meeting will be held at Halewood, on Saturday, July 7th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Business meeting to be held in the schoolroom.

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

The Bedfordshire Association. — Quarterly meeting at Turvey, on Saturday, June 30th. W. W. C. BAKER, *Hon. Sec.*

Leeds and District Amalgamated Society. — The next monthly ringing meeting will be held at Armley, on Saturday, June 30th. Ringing to commence at 3 p.m. Business meeting at 7 p.m. Meeting house, The Barley Corn inn, Town Street R. BINNS, *Hon. Sec.*  
3, Dame Street, Hogg's Field, Holbeck.

The Chester Diocesan Guild. — Wirral Branch. — The next monthly meeting will be held in the Schoolroom, Woodchurch, on Saturday next, June 30th. Tea at 6 p.m. (free). Tower open from 3 p.m. Members who intend to be present are requested to send notice not later than Monday, June 25th, to F. R. T. BOLTON, *Hon. Sec.*

Braeside, West Kirby.

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association. — Bath Branch. — The annual meeting of this branch will be held at St. Andrew's church, Bath, on Monday, July 2nd, at 7 p.m., when it is hoped all members will make it convenient to attend. JAMES FUSSELL, *Hon. Sec.*

St. Peter's Society, Walworth. — The members of the above Society intend holding their first annual excursion on Saturday, July 14th, to great Marlow, Bucks. All honorary members and friends wishing to accompany us are kindly requested to communicate with the Secretary or attend meeting at St. Peter's on Friday, June 29th, at 8.30 p.m.

F. PERRIN, *Hon. Sec.*  
42, Aylesbury Street, Walworth, S.E.

St. Mary's, KIDDERMINSTER. — The tower of St. Mary's is now closed for ringing. The church is undergoing a restoration at the hands of an anonymous donor. Portions of the church are already completed. The tower has now been commenced, and is to be thoroughly restored and cased with new stone. It is expected to take from twelve to eighteen months.

THE PEAL AT CRAWLEY. — This peal was rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. F. Dench, who attained his nineteenth birthday on that day. It is also his 25th peal, which are made up as follows: Grandsire Triples, 3; Court Bob Triples, 1; Treble Bob Major, 1; Stedman Triples, 4; Double Norwich Court Bob Major, 2; Superlative Surprise Major, 10; Cambridge Surprise Major, 1; on six bells, 3.

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Four times repeated.

First rung at Pinner, on Sunday, May 6th, 1894, conducted by Harold N. Davis.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS. — Mr. Geo. Woodiss has removed to Rydens Grove, Hersham, Walton-on-Thames.

PORTRAIT NUMBER. — Next week, we shall, if possible, publish a group portrait of the band who recently rang the long peal of Superlative at Loughborough.

## Ringers Wanting Situations.

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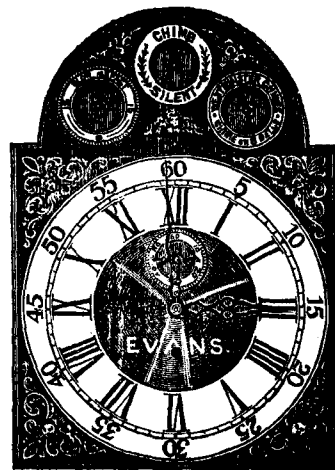
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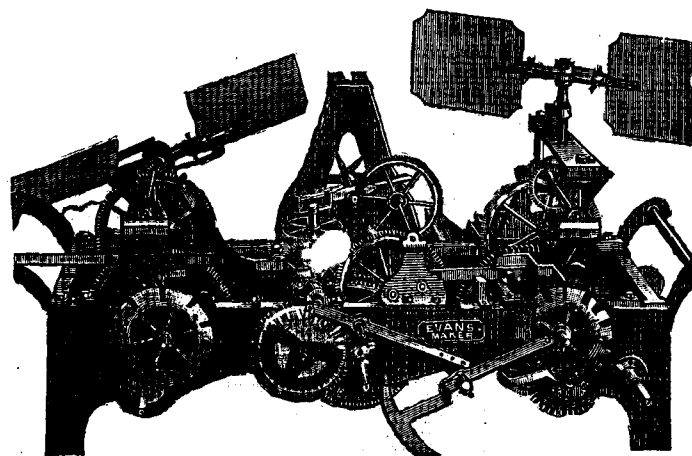
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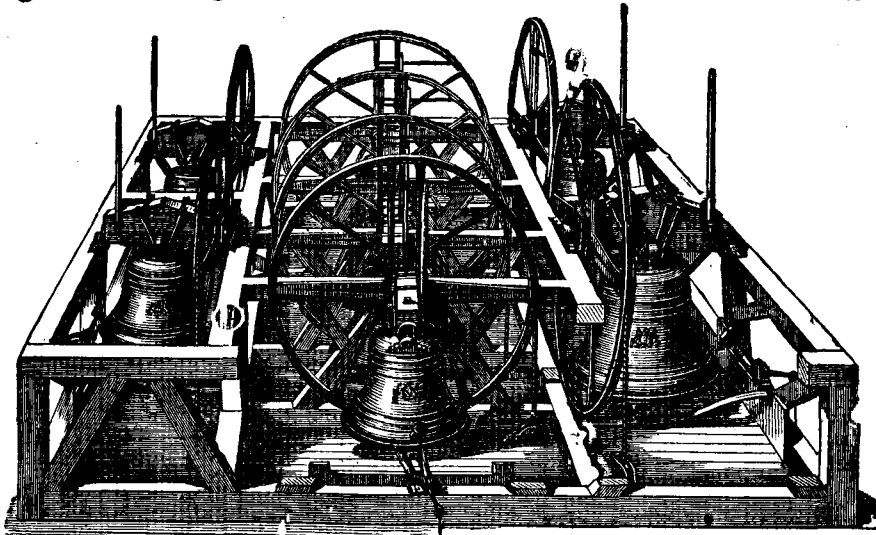
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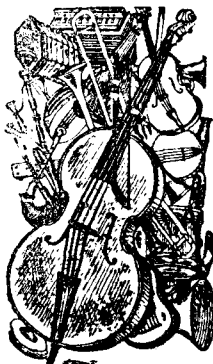
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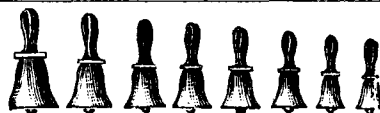
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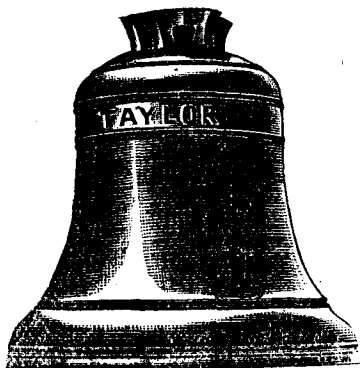
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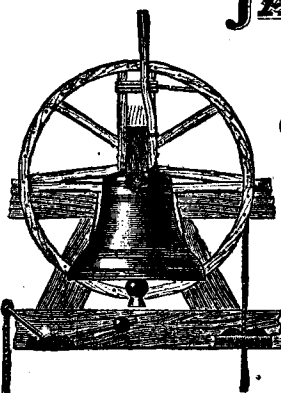
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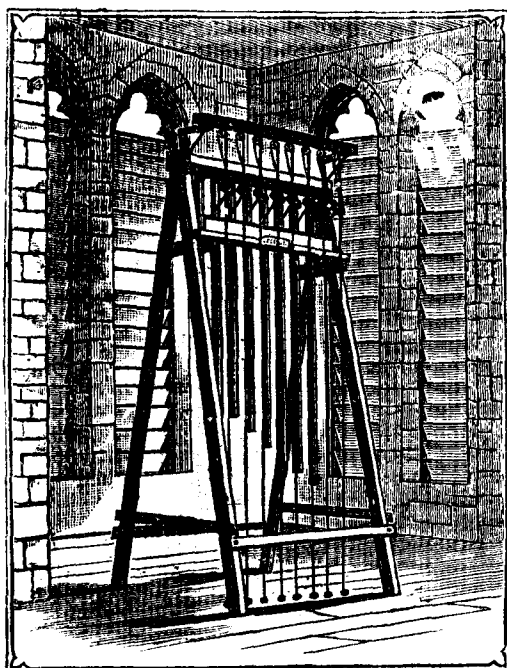
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## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, June 5th, the members of this Guild held their festival at Ludlow. The weather was stormy, and spoilt a great deal of the pleasure. At 10.15 a.m. a large number of the members arrived, and a band of ringers visited the belfry of St. Lawrence's parish church, and rang touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Plain Bob Major. Before the service a well-struck 504 of Stedman Triples was rung.

At 11.45 service was held at St. Lawrence's church. The following were the number of members present:—Parish of Bodenham, 1; Bridgnorth, 9; Clun, 4; Colwall, 9; Cradley, 8; Eastnor, 6; Foy, 8; Hereford, 6; Knighton, 6; Ludlow, 24; Lugwardine, 4; Ross, 8; Tenbury, 8; Upton Bishop, 6; Welshpool, 8; Winstanston, 7; Woolhope, 7; Worfield, 6. The prayers were intoned by the Rev. A. C. Lee (Lugwardine), and the lessons were read by the Revs. J. D. Creighton and A. Lynne (Ludlow). Hymns 156, 155, and 215 were sung. The sermon was preached by the Rev. G. W. Turner, M.A., the text being Colossians iii. 23, "Whatsoever ye do, do it heartily as to the Lord, and not unto man." The rev. gentleman, in the course of his sermon, referred to bell-ringing as a part of the church work. He was very attentively listened to. A collection was made at the close on behalf of the funds of the Guild.

After the service the members adjourned to the George hotel, Castle Street, where a substantial dinner was provided by Mrs. Butcher, whose catering gave every satisfaction. The chair was taken by Mr. J. G. Buchanan, of Clun, and he was supported by the Revs. A. C. Lee (hon. secretary of the Guild), H. C. Sturges (Bodenham), A. Lynne (Ludlow), J. G. Swainson (Wistanston), J. P. Cranston, R. Harrington, J. A. Morley, J. D. Creighton, G. W. Turner, Prebendary Oldham (Bridgnorth), Messrs. R. Marston (The Castle), T. Lowe, K. Tillyard, T. H. Green, G. Woolley, E. S. Lloyd, J. Palmer, and E. Sheldon. About 120 sat down altogether.

After dinner the Chairman proposed "The Queen."

The Rev. H. C. Sturges proposed "The Hereford Diocesan Guild of Church Bell-Ringers," and he said he did so with great pleasure, as he had been a member of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, which numbered 1500 members. He was one of the first of those who were the means of forming that society. The ringers had formed themselves into a Guild for the cause of Church work. There were two kinds of ringers—those who joined the Guild for the sake of Church work, and those who joined for the purpose of ringing the longest peal on record. He (the speaker's) first experience of ringing was at Oxford, under ringing-master Mr. Trowett, who gave him his first lesson, and then he went to his rooms, and he, with the assistance of some other clergy, formed the Guild. In the winter nights they used to practice on handbells and a blackboard, and from that they gradually got to ring Grandsire, Stedman, and Grandsire Doubles. All who joined the Guild should always have the real interests of the Church at heart. The Church was now being dragged about and spoken against, and it was a very great thing to have a body of men who would stick together and do all they could to support the Church. He congratulated Mr. Turner on his sermon that day. He had heard a great many sermons on the same subject, but he had never heard a better. He coupled with the toast the name of their Master and Chairman, Mr. J. G. Buchanan.

Mr. Buchanan, in reply, said he had been at many meetings of this Guild since it started, but had never been at a better than this, and it did not look as if the Guild was going to pieces. The officers were always anxious as to the future of the Guild, at the end of every year. This year they met, and the Secretary gave a very good report, and with it a money bag which amounted to £30. What puzzled him was where he got it from. He was pleased to see that there was now a keenness among the young ringers, and that several peals had been rung this year. He thanked one of the local members of the Guild who had placed his beautiful grounds at the disposal of the members, and above all their Hon. Secretary, who had been at the trouble of bringing them all together. He proposed the health of the Rev. A. C. Lee, Hon. Secretary.

The Rev. A. C. Lee, in replying, said he would first tell them the programme for the day. He had arranged for a band of ringers to attend Stanton Lacy and Bromfield; and at the latter place, through the kindness of the Hon. Miss Clive and

Lord Windsor, the members would be allowed to walk through the shrubberies at Oakley Park. At five o'clock tea would be served by the kindness of Mr. Robert Marston, in the Castle, and they could also inspect the Castle; the museum would be open, and those who liked could walk round the Castle and over Whitcliffe. As to the business part of the proceedings, he must say he had been well backed up by the members. There was a splendid keenness about the Guild, and it was satisfactory to him to see the way the Guild had taken the work up of change-ringing. In the report there was a proposition of his as to their surplus funds, which would very likely be much increased this year, and might amount to £40. He suggested that they should give grants to towers who are either adding to their bells or restoring the towers, and he should say that the grant should not exceed £1 per bell. This would justify their position, and would be doing a great deal of good in helping bell-ringing. Their thanks were due to the rector of Ludlow for allowing them the use of the church that day.

Mr. J. Wall (Ross), said he wished to bring forward a resolution, without going into politics. He proposed "That this meeting of Church Bell Ringers, composed in part of members of the Welsh Church, wish to give their unanimous protest against the unjust measure now before Parliament for the Dis-establishment of the Church in Wales."

Mr. J. T. Bratton (Welshpool), seconded.

The Chairman said the resolution had nothing to do with the committee, but as it was a private member's resolution, he would put it to the meeting, and it was carried.

The Rev. H. C. Sturges asked for an opinion as to ringing the bells for church on Sundays. Since he had been at Bodenham, two bands of ringers had been broken up because they would not ring for service, and he could not recognise ringers who would not ring for service. He should like to know what other towers did in this matter.

Mr. Cartwright: There ought to be a fixed rule as regarded the belfries.

The Rev. H. C. Sturges: You say they ought to be paid?

Mr. Cartwright: Certainly not.

The Rev. H. C. Sturges thought they ought to be paid.

The Rev. A. C. Lee said they could not make rules from a centre. He thought it should be left to every parish to make its own rules.

The meeting then ended, and an adjournment was made to the belfry of St. Lawrence's church, where three courses of Bob Major were rung by Messrs. Maddox, Greenly, Wall, Bird, Turner, Buffery, Bratton, and Fussell. Courses of Grandsire, etc., also were rung. At five o'clock tea was provided in the grounds of Ludlow Castle by Mr. Robert Marston, and afterwards more bell-ringing was indulged in until quarter-to-seven.

## CHICHELEY, BUCKS.

On Saturday, June 2nd, a friendly meeting of ringers was held and a very pleasant afternoon spent. Ringers were present from Bedford, Stony Stratford, Emberton, Gurney, Olney, and Kempston, and the following ringing was done under great difficulties; 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs two singles). I. Hills, 1; W. G. Coneley, 2; G. Valetine, 3; W. Freman, 4; Rev. J. H. Travers, 5; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 6. Great credit is due to C. W. Clarke for the way in which he rang the tenor. And a 6-score of St. Simon's Doubles. I. Hills, 1; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 2; J. Lovell, 3; W. Freman, 4; H. Lett, 5; W. Smith, 6. Also a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles. C. W. Clarke, 1; I. Hills, 2; G. Allen, 3; H. Lett, 4; W. Sergeant (conductor), 5; W. Smith, 6. A very creditable plain-course of Grandsire Doubles was also rung by the local band in whole pulls. Tenor about 16½ cwt. Our correspondent adds a few remarks in reference to the bells, which are a fair ring of six for tone and tune, but the "go" of them is quite another thing, they certainly want an experienced bell-hanger. "I think when a band of change-ringers go out and find a peal of bells in bad condition, it is their duty to point it out. Very often the local ringers in country places never try bells that go well, and so are quite ignorant of the fact that their own go badly. I am quite sure, without any stretching, that the tenor at Chicheley requires more exertion to ring to 720 of Bob Minor, than it would require to ring St. Paul's tenor, Bedford, for five hours."



### THE LONG PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE AT LOUGHBOROUGH.

As is well known, on Whit Tuesday last, eight members of the Midland Counties Association, rang at Loughborough the longest peal in the above method which has yet been performed—8800 changes. The record appeared in due course, and we publish this week a group photograph of the company. Below a brief notice of each member is given in the order in which they rang.

N. J. PITSTOW.

Born at Saffron Walden on August 6th, 1846. From childhood fond of bells, and when he went into the office where he is now employed, he came into contact with three members of the old company of ringers. At that time Bob Major was only practised, and in three months he scored his first 1008 in that method, which entitled a probationer to be eligible for membership in the Saffron Walden company. He rang his first peal at Long Melford, in the Treble Bob method, which was a composition of his own, in 1878. Since that year he has rung upwards of 100 peals in all the well-known methods, and has composed peals in all the standard methods. He is a pupil of the late Jasper Snowdon in the theory of the Art, and owes all his knowledge of that part of the science to the great Northern Chief. He is a member of most of the country Associations, and also of the Ancient Society of College Youths, London, and represents his county Association as a member of the Central Council.

REV. G. F. COLERIDGE.

Born at Cadbury Vicarage, Devon, on November 10th, 1857. He first made acquaintance with bells when robbing jackdaws' nests for the tasty and luscious delicacy. Learnt to ring a bell at school in Dorset, and later, at Salisbury, was to be found on ringing days with the town companies. Matriculating at Oxford in 1876, he joined the University Society, and learnt ringing proper, scoring in due course the first peals of Grandsire and Stedman by that society. Ordained Deacon in 1884, he took part in the first clerical peal of Stedman Triples, and two years later, the first peal rung by those in Priest's orders. Has been Curate of Caversham for ten years, and has rung 138 peals in various methods, the chief being 6720 and 12096 Double Norwich, 13054 and 15041 Stedman Caters, and 8800 Superlative Surprise. Is removing next week to Crowthorne Vicarage, Berks., bearing with him a magnificent photo. in massive frame, depicting himself surrounded by his Caversham band, faithful, loyal, and devoted, who thus testify to their esteem by the handsome present they have given him on leaving. The two churches at Crowthorne possess but one ting-tang each. Mr. Coleridge therefore in future will be dependent for peal-ringing on his many friends scattered throughout England.

ARTHUR JAMES.

This gentleman was born October 11th, 1868, in the parish of St. Mary, Whitechapel. His parents removed to Saffron Walden when he was three years old. He took an early liking for bells, and made rapid progress as a beginner, soon becoming proficient in Stedman. He has now mastered all the most difficult methods, including London Surprise Major, and out of a total of 19 peals has scored 5 of Superlative, 1 of Cambridge, 3 of Double Norwich, 4 of Stedman, 1 of Treble Ten, and 5 of Treble Bob Major. He also takes an interest in the volunteer movement, and is a sergeant in the Saffron Walden Corps.

ERNEST PITSTOW.

Born at Saffron Walden on July 30th, 1860. Like his elder brothers was fond of bells from early youth. He is an excellent striker and a reliable ringer, and has rung close upon 100 peals of Stedman Triples, Caters, and Cinques; Grandsire, Bob Major, Double Norwich, Treble Eight, Treble Ten, Maximus, Superlative and Cambridge Surprise. He was one of the unfortunate, like the Rev. G. F. Coleridge, who took part in the mongrel and false peal of Superlative at Southgate, composed and conducted by J. W. Washbrook. Besides taking such a keen interest in ringing, he is a first rate musician, and is Band-master of the Saffron Walden Excelsior Band.

JOSEPH HARDY.

Was born in 1862 and learnt to ring at the parish church, Loughborough, his first peal being one of Grandsire Triples at St. Andrew's, Derby, on March 27th, 1883. Since then he has taken part in 47 peals in five different methods, viz.: Grandsire Triples and Caters, Stedman Triples and Caters, Treble Bob Major and Royal, Forward Royal, and Superlative Surprise Major. He has for some time been Secretary of the local company.

SAMUEL SMITH.

Born at Shepshed, Leicestershire, in 1859, and first began ringing at the parish church, Loughborough, his first peal being a 5040 of Grandsire Triples, at Coleorton, on November 17th, 1883. Since then he has taken part in 44 peals in six different methods, viz.: Grandsire Triples and Caters, Stedman Triples and Caters, Treble Bob Major and Royal, Forward Royal, Double Norwich Court Bob Major, and Superlative Surprise Major.

RICHARD FARMER LANE.

Born at Earl Shilton, Leicestershire, in 1855, and first began to practice ringing at Stony Stanton on the light peal of six, his first peal being a 5040 of Grandsire Triples rung by the Midland Counties Association on April 30th, 1886—the wedding peal of Mr. John W. Taylor, jun. Since then he has taken part in 50 peals in five different methods, viz.: Grandsire Triples and Caters, Stedman Triples and Caters, Treble Bob Major and Royal, Double Norwich Court Bob Major, Superlative Surprise Major, and one 5040 on six bells; and has conducted a peal of Stedman Caters, and Treble Bob Royal, the longest length being a 9120 of Treble Bob Major at St. Bartholomew's, Quorndon, on December 1st, 1888, in 5 hrs. and 38 mins.

JOHN WILLIAM TAYLOR, JUN.

Very little need be said about Mr. Taylor, as he is so well known. It may be taken that the peal was rung under his auspices. Though he has rung 155 peals, among which are the most complex methods, he finds time to occasionally attend "the meet," and thus he is conversant with another "hunt" besides those known in bellringing.

### THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

The members of the Alton branch of the above Guild took a trip on Saturday, June 9th, 1894, to Privett, for the purpose of attempting a peal on the fine ring of eight which this place possesses, and to have a friendly pull with the Privett ringers. The party left Alton about 2 o'clock in a brake, reaching Privett just before 4 o'clock, after enjoying one of the pleasantest drives in the neighbourhood. Tracks were soon made for the belfry, after seeing the Vicar, who said that all was ready. The bells were raised in peal, and at 4.20 p.m., "go" was called to the tune of Grandsire Triples, which was successfully brought round in 2 hrs. 43 mins., a record of which appeared in the proper place. After taking a slight rest, and meeting several of the local band, a 504 Grandsire Triples was rung by the following members: L. Goodale, 1; W. Withers, 2; H. Withers, 3; G. Reading, 4; A. Baker, 5; G. Gasson, 6; H. Sutton (conductor), 7; E. Finden, 8. Time had now come to be thinking about returning home, and after having a friendly chat about ringing matters, etc., the visitors took leave of Privett, arriving home about 10 o'clock, all having thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon's outing. The members wish to take this opportunity of thanking the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to the steeplekeeper for having everything in readiness.

### BLESSING A NEW PEAL OF BELLS.

On Thursday afternoon, June 14th, the handsome church of the Servite Fathers, Fulham road, was crowded with a large and fashionable congregation, the occasion being the blessing of the new peal of eight bells by Cardinal Vaughan.

The bells were arranged in the centre of the church in order of size, suspended from a massive wooden framework at the height of seven to eight feet from the floor. The frame itself was covered with red baize, on which were sacred mottoes, while on the top of the beam were beautiful ferns and flowers. The bells were also decorated with floral emblems. As we have

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stated, there are eight in number, the largest being called "Our Lady of Dolours," and the other seven being named after the seven holy founders of the Servite Order. On each of the bells are appropriate mottoes in Latin, such as "Pray for us," "Sing to the glory of God," etc. The bells are the gift of a gentleman.

Promptly at four o'clock the Cardinal arrived at the Priory door, and was received by the Very Rev. the Abbott, and the Brothers of the Order, and a procession was formed to the church, the cross bearer and incense burner bearers led, and then came the following clergy: the Right Rev. Monsignor Fenton (Fulham), Fathers Antrobus, Gordon, E. Garnet (the Oratory), the Brothers of the Order and the Abbott, after which came Cardinal Vaughan, vested in cloth of gold, wearing a jewelled mitre, and carrying his pastoral staff, and supported on each side by the Revs. Father McCann and Herbert. The clergy having taken their positions in the Sanctuary, and the Rev. J. Coake Robinson having delivered an appropriate address, the Cardinal proceeded with his attendant clergy to the bells in the centre of the church, and recited portions of the 50th, 53rd, 56th, 66th, 69th, 85th, and 129th psalms, at the close of which he rose, and standing with his mitre blessed salt and water. Then having laid aside his crozier and mitre he offered up prayer, after which he placed salt in the water in the form of a cross. Prayer was again offered, and then placing his mitre on his head again, he began to wash the bell with the blessed water, the clergy continuing the washing. While this ceremony was proceeding, portions of the 145th, 146th, 147th, 148th, 149th, and 150th psalms were intoned, at the conclusion of which the Cardinal, with the thumb of his right hand, made the sign of the cross on the outside of the bell in the holy oil which is used for the sick after prayer, the Cardinal wiped off the cross which he made on the bell and commenced, the choir continuing the Antiphon, "the voice of the Lord is upon many waters, etc." The 28th psalm intoned, the Antiphon was repeated, during which the Cardinal made with the holy oil seven crosses on the outside of the bells, and four on the inside, with the chrism, saying each time "May this signal be blessed and consecrated, O Lord." After another prayer the Cardinal resumed his seat, and placed into the thurible, thyme, frankincense, and myrrh. The thurible was then placed underneath each bell, so that the smoke might ascend into it. After the singing of the 74th psalm, and the reading of a portion of the 10th chapter of St. Luke's gospel, the ceremony was brought to a close by the Archbishop kissing the book of the gospel, and making the sign of the cross on each bell.

The service of Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament was then held, after which the Cardinal gave his episcopal blessing.

### 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."

#### DISCOURTESY.

SIR,—Knowing from experience your attitude towards incivility between ringers, I hope that you will allow me through the medium of your columns to call attention to an unusually flagrant breach of courtesy. Your correspondents from time to time have complained of not being invited to ring, when visiting a strange belfry:—one gets accustomed to that little annoyance in time, though we all hope that such a state of things will soon be a thing of the past: but perhaps few of your readers (at any rate I hope so) have had such an experience as that which I am about to relate. One Tuesday evening lately I went to an Oxford church, not 100 miles away from the railway station, and found the ringers just assembling for practice. I was invited to ring, and although we did not get quite so far as the 20th change of Grandsire Doubles, I spent an enjoyable time there. After the bells were down, I was informed that they rung every Tuesday, and was asked to come again. Accordingly on the following Tuesday I walked to the same church (about a mile from my residence) and found the ringers this time assembled in solemn conclave on the ground floor, engaged in some mysterious debate, the subject of which, I learnt, was the presence of four over and above the regular six ringers. At the bottom of the tower steps stood the Clerk, keys in hand, and looking pugnacious. The arrival of an eleventh man did not tend to simplify matters, and on my entering the church that worthy dignitary turned to me and explained that "I should see how it was: he did not object to one or

two extra, but they must draw the line somewhere!" Of course I received this authoritative statement in respectful silence, but remembering that on the previous occasion there had been at least twelve persons in the belfry, I did venture to enquire of a ringer where they usually drew the line. My question elicited the reply that as the regular ringers did not always attend practice, strangers were occasionally asked to come and help, but it was always uncertain whether their services would be required, and they had to take their chance of being admitted after all. Finally the debate was adjourned, and the ringers proceeded up the tower steps, the aforesaid parish dignitary standing with the key in the door. Six disappeared up the steps: a seventh followed, but scarcely were his feet on the stairs when the door was closed and the key turned. Four of us, left outside, submissively made for the church door, and our official friend graciously directed us to the nearest gate in the churchyard. I may add that one of my companions in exclusion had been invited by one of the ringers that very morning to come and assist. Now, Sir, I do not wish hereby to cast reflections on the character of any individual ringers. Several of them I have met before and found quite civil and obliging, but wherever the blame lay, the possibility of such an occurrence is a matter to be deprecated. These relics of barbarism are no credit to any civilised community, least of all to an University city, and such conduct on the part of a body of church officers calls for emphatic protest, as their behaviour naturally reflects upon the Church itself. In conclusion, I must apologise to your readers for encroaching on their patience, but they will agree with me that to invite strangers to a belfry and then tell them that they are not wanted, is a somewhat extreme case of discourtesy. F. LL. E.

#### TRUE AND FALSE AUTHORSHIP.

SIR,—In your last issue I notice a peal of Bob Major, composed by James George, of Rugby, and rung at Pinner, conducted by H. N. Davis. If either of these gentlemen will refer to Hubbard's "Campanologia," last edition, page 70, he will see the same, given as the composition of the author. Mr. George is not the only one who has been so unfortunate as to compose a five-part peal that had been already published. One of my first compositions in this method was a first composition in this method was a five-part peal, which was rung at Norwich, on April 12th, 1893, and the figures appeared shortly after in "THE BELL NEWS." However, I have just received a note from the Rev. H. E. Bulwer pointing out that it is simply a variation of one of Shipway's, that I had not previously seen. I therefore relinquish all claim to the composition, and on looking into the matter have come to the conclusion that it is not possible to produce a peal on this plan, that is not a variation of one already published. It seems to me that not more than eight or ten distinct peals can be obtained, perhaps not so many, certainly not more, but as every peal can be varied into about two or three hundred forms, it is easy to see where all the five-part peals that have been rung in by-gone days come from. In the good old times composers sailed closer to the wind than would be altogether considered fair now-a-days, as witness the compositions of, I think, J. Miller, rung at Bennington, which are only reverses of peals by Middleton, Cox and others; or again, Royle's 5040 of Double Norwich, which is the same as a 5040 Bob Major by Henry Hubbard. With regard to Mr. Meadows letter, I hardly see how he substantiates his argument. If anyone is allowed to slightly vary a peal and call it his own,—on the same plan—who would be a composer? J. ARMIGER TROLLOP.

N.B.—In speaking of five-part peals, I of course, only referred to those with one bell fixed for a whole part. There is plenty of scope for peals with no fixed bell, and a five-part peal without a call at home is not an easy thing to produce.

Norwich, June 25th, 1894.

[Several other communications to the same effect have reached us.—Ed.]

The letter of "Churchman" is unaccompanied by the name and address of the writer.

Mr. Attree's Analysis will appear next week

TRIPS TO IRELAND.—The Manchester and Waterford Steamship Company announce a series of sailings of a new first-class full-powered steamship, "Quiraing," between Waterford and Manchester, the passage occupying about twenty-four hours. This vessel has been built specially for the purpose, and possesses splendid and luxurious accommodation for passengers. The fares are very moderate, being: saloon, 15s., return, 25s.; second saloon, 7s., return, 12s. 6d. Special and favourable rates will be made in favour of any band of ringers visiting Ireland. There are peals of eight both at Waterford and Limerick, in good order, and we believe a peal has not yet been rung at the last named city. A favourable opportunity is here presented, not only for an enjoyable and health-giving short sea passage, but also for a ringing tour around some of the most splendid scenery in Ireland. All information may be obtained by applying to the Manchester and Waterford Steamship Company, 68, Corporation Street, Manchester

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

DISTRICT MEETING AT SWEFFLING.—The fourth annual meeting of the Saxmundham District was held at Sweffling on Saturday, June 23rd, when twenty-one members assembled from Aldeburgh, Leiston, Saxmundham, Kelsale, Rendham, Sweffling, Great Glemham, Benhall and Framlingham. The church bells were most kindly placed at the disposal of the members, and were kept going during the afternoon and evening in the Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Grandsire Minor methods. The business meeting was held at six o'clock in the Iron Mission Room, presided over by the Rector of Sweffling, the Rev. H. Ruxton, M.A., when the minutes of the last meeting were read, confirmed, and signed by the chairman.

The Honorary District Secretary, Mr. William Taylor, then read the annual report, which showed that seven peals had been rung within the district during the year, viz.: one peal of each Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major at Kelsale; two peals of Kent Treble Bob Major at Leiston; two 5040's (one each in three and five methods) of Doubles at Peasenhall, and a 5040 in five methods of Doubles at Sibton, showing a marked increase in the way of performances during the year as compared with the two previous years. During the year three honorary and two performing members and three probationers have joined the Association within this district, while in one case membership has ceased owing to removal. This gives a nett increase of five members upon the year. Since the recent restoration of the ring of six bells at Benhall, the tower has been brought into union with the Association, and thus increasing the total number of towers to ten within the district. Quarterly meetings have been held at Kelsale, Peasenhall, Benhall and Leiston, all of which have been well attended, both numerically and representatively. In concluding the report the Secretary thanked all his brother-ringers for the ready and willing support they had at all times rendered to him in promoting the work and objects of the Association.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Aldeburgh, on September 15th. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector for presiding over the meeting, also for the use of the Mission Room and the church bells upon the occasion, on the proposition of the Honorary Secretary, and seconded by Mr. F. Thompson, which was acknowledged in a kind and encouraging manner by the rev. gentleman, who expressed the pleasure he felt at meeting the members, and at presiding over the meeting. This brought to a close a very successful gathering.

## THE FIRST PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES ON HANDBELLS.

Mr. Cooter asks us to insert the following:—

SIR,—I herewith send you a copy of the letters which appeared in "BELL NEWS" in 1888, relative to the above subject, asking you to kindly republish them. Perhaps their perusal may deter F. G. Newman and others from making propositions upon subjects which occurred before they were born, and therefore cannot have any personal knowledge. The paragraph in Mr. Dains' letter that the old gentleman expressed his astonishment "after a lapse of so many—forty years ago," is misleading, as my condemnation of the so-called peal has been made publicly from 1853 till now. When *Bell's Life* and *Church Bells* refused to insert my letters, I had no opportunity of vindicating my position in print till 1888, when you, Sir, generously gave me the chance. The ringer of 3-4 was too intent upon his own share, and was hardly qualified at that time to judge whether his associates were right or wrong. The last two lines, copied by Mr. Dains, that "several of them had the figures of the peal before them and ticked off the sixes as they were rung," are a—well—pure invention, as Mr. M. A. Wood can testify.

WILLIAM COOTER.

[From "THE BELL NEWS" of July 7th, 1888.]

SIR,—In your valuable journal of Saturday last under the heading "Saffron Walden, Essex," the following lines appear: "Among the visitors were several veteran ringers, viz., Mr. Thomas Powell, the only survivor of the band who rang the first double-handed peal of

Stedman Triples." During the latter part of 1853, the rivalry was very keen between the two London senior societies respecting the first peal of Stedman Triples upon handbells. After several attempts by both parties, the Cumberlands rang on December 19th, 1853, 2 hrs. 40 mins. At the termination I publicly stated in the room (Mr. M. A. Wood was with me), that Cox shifted his bells for nearly a course, and put them right just before the part-end came up; consequently many changes were struck twice and others not at all. I was pooh-poohed, and the touch was paraded as a true peal. Some years afterwards the late Mr. Haley acknowledged in the presence of Messrs. M. A. Wood, Dorrington, myself and many others, that Mr. Cox sequestered 1-2, and that I was correct in condemning what I saw; he also added that the first true peal was rung on January 20th, 1854, every blow of which he heard, and which was called, Sir, by your obedient servant,

WILLIAM COOTER.

[From "THE BELL NEWS" of July 14th, 1888.]

SIR,—In your valuable paper of Saturday last, a letter appeared from Mr. Cooter, stating that the first peal of Stedman Triples rung in hand by Messrs. Cox, Powell, Haley, and Britten, of the Cumberland society, was no peal, and the College Youths rang the first peal a month later. I am surprised at Mr. Cooter making such a statement, when he well knew that it was pronounced in the presence of nineteen members of the Cumberlands and College Youths' societies to be an excellent peal, and was published in *Bell's Life* and several other papers, of which I have a copy, the Cumberlands celebrating the event by a supper, when most of the society were present, nothing ever being mentioned about the peal not being true until after the death of Messrs. Britten, Cox, and Haley. Now thirty-four years have passed away, and all the senior members, so that none are now left to contradict that statement. Now Mr. Haley was well-known throughout all England as one of the cleverest and best in the science of ringing, also one of the most straightforward men in peal-ringing, as is well-known. Is it in reason that he would go on ringing, when he knew there was a change-course? He would have stopped the ringing at once, as many ringers in London can testify. Now why did not Mr. Cooter contradict it in the papers at that time. In our Editor's remarks of last Saturday's number, he truly says that bob-callers are to be found who will not stick at trifles.

THOMAS POWELL.

[From the same.]

SIR,—In your leader last week you say "It may reasonably have been thought that the exposure could have been postponed, now that such an interval has elapsed, till all the parties concerned had shuffled off this mortal coil." When *Church Bells* gave a list of handbell peals, I sent a letter couched in similar terms to mine of last week; no notice was taken, all the party were then alive. Had "THE BELL NEWS" been published at the time, its astute and impartial Editor would have allowed me to thoroughly to thresh out the matter at once.

WILLIAM COOTER.

[From "THE BELL NEWS" of July 21st, 1888.]

SIR,—Kindly permit my final. Mr. Powell is surprised at my statement when the peal was pronounced excellent by both Societies, etc. I attack the truth of the performance; the incidents at an attempt made in St. Martin's Lane previously, caused me to watch one person narrowly, with the result previously stated. The Editor of *Bell's Life* would not spare room for a controversy only interesting to a small number of readers. A parry with "Free Lance," now. The late Mr. Hubbard could only publish what was sent to him; he had no opportunities of testing the accuracy of any performance in London. I opine the work was finished in a hurry, or the peals of Stedman Caters, 5086, page 178, and two peals, pages 180 and 181, would not have been inserted, the three being false. Mr. Editor, I am now in the "sere and yellow leaf"; ere entering the bourne from whence no traveller returns, I can reflect that no person associated with me in peals I was calling should ever say that I kept on when the bells got wrong, and wrong they will get sometimes.

WILLIAM COOTER.

[From the same.]

SIR,—As my name is mentioned in Mr. Cooter's letter to you of July 7th, re the first peal of Stedman Triples on handbells, permit me to say that not only myself, but at least a dozen others heard the late Mr. Haley make the confession that the peal was false. I may add that when our late friend John Cox heard what Mr. Haley had said, he (John Cox) did not attempt to deny it, but only remarked "Did he though, ah?"

GEORGE DORRINGTON.

9, Church Row, Bethnal Green.

## 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 Surrey Association.**—The annual meeting will be held at Dorking, on Monday, July 2nd. By kind permission of the Rev. E. A. Chichester the tower of St. Martin's (8 bells) will be open for ringing from 3 p.m. until 9 p.m. The tower of Ranmore Common is not available. The election of officers will take place at this meeting. Tea at the parish church room (close to church) at 5.30 p.m. By permission of the Rev. E. Sanders, the tower of St. Michael's, Betchworth, distance 2½ miles (six bells), will be open from 4 till 9 p.m. Methods for practice: Violet, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and College Single.

R. B. BLANCHARD, *Hon. Sec.*  
13, Sunnyhill Road, Streatham, S.W.

**Liverpool Diocesan Guild.**—The next meeting of this Guild will be held at St. Luke's, Crosby, to-day, Saturday, June 30th. Bells open 3 p.m. Meeting 6 p.m.

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

**The Lancashire Association.**—Liverpool Diocesan Branch.—The usual monthly meeting will be held at Halewood, on Saturday, July 7th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Business meeting to be held in the schoolroom.

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

**The Bedfordshire Association.**—Quarterly meeting at Turvey, to-day, Saturday, June 30th. W. W. C. BAKER, *Hon. Sec.*

**Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.**—The next monthly ringing meeting will be held at Armley, to-day, Saturday, June 30th. Ringing to commence at 3 p.m. Business meeting at 7 p.m. Meeting house, The Barley Corn inn, Town Street R. BINNS, *Hon. Sec.*  
3, Dame Street, Hogg's Field, Holbeck.

**The Chester Diocesan Guild.**—Wirral Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held in the Schoolroom, Woodchurch, to-day, Saturday, June 30th. Tea at 6 p.m. (free). Tower open from 3 p.m.

F. R. T. BOLTON, *Hon. Sec.*

Braeside, West Kirby.

**Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.**—Bath Branch.—The annual meeting of this branch will be held at St. Andrew's church, Bath, on Monday, July 2nd, at 7 p.m., when it is hoped all members will make it convenient to attend.

JAMES FUSSELL, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Midland Counties' Association.**—The first quarterly meeting of the year will be held at Melbourne, on Saturday, July 14th. The peal of 8 at the parish church open from 2 p.m. till 9. Committee meeting at 4.15 p.m. Tea and general meeting at 5, both in the National School. Parties of eight or more can obtain fare-and-a-quarter tickets by giving three days' notice at any station. Last train for Derby leaves at 8.10 p.m. Visiting members who have paid their subscriptions for the current year, and send their names to Mr. H. Hollingworth, Alma Street, Melbourne, not later than Saturday, July 7th, will be charged 6d. each for tea; local members and members not sending in their names will be charged rs. each as usual.

J. O. LANCASHIRE, *Hon. Sec.*  
22, St. Peter's Road, Leicester.

**The Oxford Diocesan Guild.**—The Annual Festival will be held at Chipping Norton, on Monday, July 16th. Special train from Chipping Norton Junction, 11.48; Service 12.15; Dinner 1.30. Application for tickets should be made at once to

REV. R. H. HART-DAVIS.

Dunsden Vicarage, Reading.

**The Essex Association.**—There will be a district meeting of the above on Saturday, July 21st, at Barking. Tea will be served at 5 p.m. and a business meeting will follow. Members intending to be present must inform the Assistant Secretary not later than the previous Tuesday.

HENRY T. W. EYRE, *Assistant Sec.*

Great Totham, Witham.

**Sussex County Association.**—Eastern Division.—A divisional meeting of the above will be held on Saturday, July 7th, at East Hoathly. Ringing will commence at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5, and business meeting immediately after. Members who intend to be present are requested to let the Hon. Sec. know by Wednesday, July 4th.

W. E. NYE, *Hon. Sec.*

15, Commercial Road, Eastbourne.

**Stoke-on-Trent Archidiaconal Association.**—The next meeting will be held at Kingsley, on Saturday, July 7th. Members intending to be present are requested to give notice to the Rev. H. E. Beech, the Rectory, Kingsley, not later than Wednesday, July 4th.

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

W. TWIGG, }

**Norwich Diocesan Association.**—A Quarterly General Meeting will be held at Kelsale, on Tuesday, July 17th. Lunch at 1.30 at New Church House, by kind permission of Rector—25. Hon., is. 3d. Company Members. Notice of intention to be present, with station of departure, to reach the Hon. Sec. by Tuesday, July 10th. H. EARLE BULWER, *Hon. Sec.*

Stanhoe Rectory, King's Lynn, 27 June, 1894.

## Compositions.

## A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR.

By THE REV. H. LAW JAMES.

5056.

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

This peal has the 4th and 6th their extent in 6ths place. First rung at Prestbury, on May 22nd, 1894, conducted by its composer.

## A 1-PKAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS.

By CORNELIUS CHARGE, Fulham.

1259.

2	3	4	5	6*
3	5	4	2	6
5	2	4	3	6
4	3	2	5	6
2	5	3	4	6
5	4	3	2	6
3	2	4	5	6
4	5	2	3	6
5	3	2	4	6
2	4	3	5	6
6	2	4	5	3
2	5	4	6	3
4	2	5	6	3

\*7th in and out at 3 with a double. Round as usual.

## A PEAL OF CANTERBURY PLEASURE MAJOR.

By J. ARMIGER TROLLOP, Norwich Scholars.

5184.

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

Five times repeated. Single half-way and end. This peal has 7-8 together every lead, and the 2nd and 3rd never in 6ths place at a course-end. First rung at Norwich, on hand-bells, May 7, 1894, conducted by its composer.

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

SATURDAY, JUNE 30, 1894.

JUST before going to press our attention has been called to a proposed memorial to the late Mr. THEOBALD, member of Parliament for the Romford Division of Essex. A large and influential committee has been formed, and an appeal for funds is the issue. The definite form of the memorial is not at present settled; but one of the proposals—there are four we believe—is a peal of bells at Havering church. This is the village where the late Mr. THEOBALD resided while a member of the House of Commons; and it was in the pretty little churchyard of Havering—the village where it is said EDWARD THE CONFESSOR lived and died, and where, so the legend runs, the nightingales disturbed the King at evening vespers—that the mortal remains of the late member after his sad and fatal accident were laid to rest last March. The church was some few years ago restored, and at the same time it is said the tower was fitted for a bell-frame. The proposal is one well worthy of all support, and would prove as permanent and lasting a memorial that could possibly be erected. Standing upon a hill in one of the most lovely spots of Essex, where the eye can see views of Kent, Herts., Surrey and Middlesex, with a large stretch of the Thames, like a silvery band along the distant landscape, a good ring of bells would be heard for miles throughout

the Division, and generations yet unborn would learn of the great esteem in which the late Mr. THEOBALD, through his constant attendance in the House, and his liberality to all, was held.

We are informed that a ringers' meeting in connection with the Essex Association will be held shortly, to which all members will be invited, and at which a resolution intended to support the movement will be submitted. We wish it every success.

### The Metropolis.

#### THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, June 23, 1894, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW, BETHNAL GREEN,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; HOLT'S ONE-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

ARTHUR HUGHES* .. .. Treble.	I. GEORGE SHADE .. .. 5.
JAMES PETTIT .. .. 2.	EDWARD E. RICHARDS .. 6.
THOMAS LANGDON .. .. 3.	WILLIAM RICHARDS .. 7.
MATTHEW A. WOOD .. .. 4.	JAMES SCHOLES .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by I. GEORGE SHADE.

\*First peal in the method.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 23, 1894, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, LEWISHAM,

#### A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 22 cwt.

ARTHUR J. NEALE .. .. Treble.	HARRY WARNETT .. .. 5.
HAROLD N. DAVIS .. .. 2.	CHARLES WILKINS .. .. 6.
GEORGE CONYARD .. .. 3.	WILLIAM BEDWELL .. .. 7.
JAMES E. DAVIS .. .. 4.	EDWIN BARNETT .. .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS and Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT.

The above is a one-part peal with the 6th nine course ends at home, and is taken from Snowdon's Treble Bob, p. 80.

### The Provinces.

#### QUEDGELEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

#### GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(ST. MICHAEL'S JUNIOR BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, June 20, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; HEYWOOD'S VARIATION. Tenor 9½ cwt. in G.

JOHN AUSTIN .. .. Treble.	FRANK KNIGHT .. .. 5.
FRANCIS E. HART .. .. 2.	WILLIAM C. JONES .. .. 6.
E. BANKES JAMES .. .. 3.	ADOLPHUS ROBERTS .. .. 7.
FRANCIS E. WARD .. .. 4.	STEPHEN KNIGHT .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

First peal of Stedman by the brothers Knight.

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

On Wednesday, June 20, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES. Tenor 25 cwt.

G. T. MARSHALL .. .. Treble.	T. STOCKDALE .. .. 5.
W. T. VERITY .. .. 2.	C. JACKSON .. .. 6.
G. T. MILLER .. .. 3.	J. DIKEY .. .. 7.
F. MBRRISON .. .. 4.	J. W. DALE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by J. J. PARKER and Conducted by C. JACKSON.

This peal is in four parts, and will be found in "THE BELL NEWS" of April 1st 1893, p. 638. Rang in honour of Her Majesty's Accession.

#### SALISBURY, WILTS.

#### THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, June 20, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; THURSTANS' COMPOSITION.

WALTER S. WISE .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. 5.
JAMES ELCOMBE .. .. 2.	ARTHUR W. BARKUS .. 6.
THOMAS BLACKBOURN .. 3.	ROBERTO W. J. GOLLOP .. 7.
SIDNEY MACEY .. .. 4.	SIDNEY AMES .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WALTER S. WISE.

#### WIGAN, LANCASHIRE.

#### THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—LIVERPOOL BRANCH.

On Thursday, June 21, 1894, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 28 cwt. in C.

ROBERT FISHER .. .. Treble.	SAMUEL HALL .. .. 6.
SAMUEL C. E. TURNER* .. 2.	JONATHAN F. HALL .. .. 7.
WALTER MARSDEN .. .. 3.	JOHN FISHER .. .. 7.
EDWARD BENTHAM .. .. 4.	WILLIAM MAJOR .. .. Tenor.
JOHN BARKER .. .. 5.	GEORGE H. STAVELEY ..

Conducted by SAMUEL C. E. TURNER.

\*First peal as conductor.

#### LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

#### THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, June 22, 1894, in Three Hours Twenty-two and ½ Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5035 CHANGES. Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

JOHN SMITH .. .. Treble.	ERNEST W. CARTWRIGHT .. 6.
ARTHUR W. MATTHEWS .. 2.	EDWARD READER .. .. 7.
WILLIAM A. TYLER .. .. 3.	WILLIAM T. BILLINGHURST .. 8.
JOHN W. TAYLOR, SEN. .. 4.	JOHN W. TAYLOR, JUN. .. 9.
SAMUEL SMITH .. .. 5.	THOMAS GRUNDY .. .. Tenor.

Composed by the late HENRY JOHNSON and Conducted by JOHN WILLIAM TAYLOR, JUN.

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

On Saturday, June 23, 1894, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

#### A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 20 cwt.

ARTHUR STOKOE .. .. Treble.	*HARRY WILLIAMS .. .. 5.
WALTER WOOD .. .. 2.	JOHN THACKRAY .. .. 6.
ALFRED NAYLOR .. .. 3.	WILLIAM CHILD .. .. 7.
LEONARD STOKOE .. .. 4.	ALBERT HAISTE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by the late H. JOHNSON and Conducted by W. CHILD.

\*First peal in the method.

#### SAFFRON WALDEN, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

(THE SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, June 23, 1894, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

#### A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES. Tenor 24 cwt.

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

Composed by C. MIDDLETON and Conducted by F. PITSTOW.

This is the first peal in the method rang in the Eastern Counties, and was accomplished at the third attempt.

## IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION, AND THE  
ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY, IPSWICH.

On Saturday, June 23, 1894, in Three Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5088 CHANGES;  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 32 cwt.

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

Composed by D. PRENTICE and Conducted by W. L. CATCHPOLE.

\*First peal on twelve bells. Messrs. Brighton and Borrett hail from Norwich.

## EPSOM, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 23, 1894, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

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

EDWARD TRENDALL .. Treble.	W. POLE ROUTH .. .. 5.
JOHN TRENDALL† .. .. 2.	†CHARLES TRENDALL.. .. 6.
FREDERICK TRENDALL† .. 3.	†JAMES TRENDALL .. .. 7.
CHARLES DEAN† .. .. 4.	†HENRY BRYANT .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN TRENDALL.

†First peal. This is the first peal by the Benbilton society.

## FARNHAM, SURREY.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(ALTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 23, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 21 cwt.

ERNEST BRYANT .. Treble.	GEORGE GASSON .. .. 5.
WM. G. WITHERS .. .. 2.	ERNEST FINDEN .. .. 6.
GEORGE READING .. .. 3.	ALFRED BURGESS .. .. 7.
HARRY E. WITHERS .. .. 4.	JAMES GOODALE.. .. Tenor.

Conducted by HARRY E. WITHERS.

## SKIPTON, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, June 24, 1894, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 18½ cwt.

W. CLARK .. .. Treble.	W. L. MASON .. .. 5.
J. BOOTHMAN .. .. 2.	H. HORNER .. .. 6.
S. DOUGHTY .. .. 3.	W. BILLOWS .. .. 7.
F. METCALFE .. .. 4.	W. D. HILLARY.. .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS and Conducted by W. BILLOWS.

This peal, in thirteen courses, contains the 6th the extent each way in 5-6, and the 5th the extent right; also eleven of the twelve 8-5-7s and 8-6s, and is now rung for the first time. Messrs. Clark and Mason hail from Gargrave; the rest belong to the local company.

## HENFIELD, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 26, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
THURSTANS' ORIGINAL. Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

WILLIAM J. ALLISS .. Treble.	WILLIAM HILLMAN .. .. 5.
CHARLES TYLER .. .. 2.	ALFRED W. GROVES.. .. 6.
HENRY CHANDLER .. .. 3.	LAZARUS PAYNE .. .. 7.
GEORGE PAYNE* .. .. 4.	*ALBERT HEASMAN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES TYLER.

\*First peal. Rung in honour of the birth of a son to their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of York. H. Chandler belongs to the Warnham branch; the rest are local men.

## Performances on Five and Six Bells.

## BUNWELL, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 13, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

SEVEN 720s OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR, EACH  
CALLED DIFFERENTLY.

R. HUTTON .. .. Treble.	A. DUNNETT .. .. 4.
G. SMITH, SEN. .. .. 2.	G. SMITH, JUN. .. .. 5.
J. HINCHLEY .. .. 3.	J. HILLING .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by R. HUTTON.

## WEST HAM, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 16, 1894, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY, BARKING ROAD,

SEVEN 720s OF BOB MINOR, EACH CALLED  
DIFFERENTLY. Tenor 7½ cwt.

J. WAITS .. .. Treble.	W. H. DORAN .. .. 4.
A. J. PERKINS .. .. 2.	G. PEARL .. .. 5.
W. TRUSS .. .. 3.	W. H. DALLIMORE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by A. J. PERKINS.

W. Truss was elected a member of the above Association previous to starting. First 5040 on the bells, and the first by J. Waits (churchwarden).

## BIRSTALL, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

(LEICESTER DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, June 23, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## 5040 OF DOUBLES IN FIVE METHODS;

St. Simon's, Extreme, Plain Bob, Canterbury and Grandsire  
Doubles. Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

ROBERT BRADSHAW .. Treble.	WILLIAM CORNISH .. .. 3.
ARTHUR SMITH .. .. 2.	EDWARD SMITH .. .. 4.
WILLIAM WILLSON .. .. Tenor.	

Conducted by WILLIAM WILLSON.

This is the first 5040 on the bells, and first by the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd ringers. The conductor belongs to Leicester, the rest are local men, and they deserve credit for the pains they have taken in their lessons, having only practised six weeks. It is the first 5040 scored by the local "Goscote Society of Bell-Ringers."

## UPCHURCH, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 23, 1894, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

SEVEN 720s OF MINOR IN SEVEN DIFFERENT  
METHODS;

Being 720 each of the following:

Court Bob, Place, College Single, Grandsire, Canterbury  
Pleasure, Oxford Bob, and Plain Bob.

GEORGE DENNIS .. Treble.	WILLIAM LAKER .. .. 4.
WILLIAM SEAMER .. .. 2.	GEORGE CAPELING .. .. 5.
WILLIAM J. HYLAND .. 3.	GEORGE A. RANSOM .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE ALFRED RANSOM.

First 5040 by all in seven different Minor methods; also by the Kent County Association in seven different methods.

ERROR.—It has been officially pointed out to us that our definition last week of what the Central Council holds to be a peal is wrong. The performances of Bunwell and West Ham are to be defined as "peals," and in this present number it will be found that we have amended the record by republishing them.

A CORRECTION.—The peal rung at Gooles recorded in our last issue, should have read:—"A peal of Grandsire Triples, 5040 changes."

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## Date Touches.

## THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

**NORTH WINGFIELD.**—On Tuesday, June 12th, at the parish church, 1894 changes, comprising of a lead of Bob Doubles, 720 Bob Minor, 720 College Single, and 444 of Canterbury Pleasure in 1 hour and 10 mins. G. Burton, 1; W. Butler, 2; F. Knowles, 3; J. Butler, 4; W. Hopkinson, 5; J. Tarlton (conductor), 6. Tenor 18½ cwt. in F.

**CARDIFF (South Wales).**—On Wednesday, June 20th, at St. John's church, on the occasion of the Earl of Dumfries opening the New Park, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, with 9-8-10 covering, in 1 hr. 18 mins. A. Hatton, 1; J. Richards, 2; E. Stenner, 3; A. Rowley, 4; W. Burkinshaw, 5; G. Hardage, 6; E. Cook (conductor), 7; A. Barnfield, 8; J. Cook, 9; C. Winfield, 10. This is the first date touch of Grandsire Triples ever rang in South Wales by a purely local band, and the first by all except the ringers of 2nd and 5th. Composed by N. Spindlow, Ducklington.

## Miscellaneous.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

**WOODBURN (Bucks).**—On Sunday, June 17th, for Divine Service at St. Paul's church, 350 of Grandsire Triples. W. Wheatley, 1; W. E. Taylor, 2; J. West, 3; J. Garrell, 4; W. E. Yates (conductor), 5; F. Couzins, 6; F. G. Healey, 7; G. Whiteman, 8. W. E. Taylor and W. E. Yates hail from Marlow, the rest are local men. On Monday, June 18th, for practice, 168 of Grandsire Triples. F. Whiteman, 1; W. Wheatley, 2; J. West, 3; J. Garrell, 4; W. E. Yates, 5; F. Couzins, 6; F. G. Healey (conductor), 7; G. Whiteman, 8. And 168 in the same method conducted by J. West, the rest standing as above; these are the first touches conducted by local men.

**BEACONSFIELD (Buck).**—On Saturday, June 16th, at the parish church, on handbells, the local ringers succeeded in ringing their first 120 of Grandsire Doubles, conducted by G. Tapping. On Wednesday, June 20th, on the tower bells, several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. T. Tapping, G. Leslie, R. Price, F. Price, G. Tapping, A. Worley, R. Buckland and S. Wade. Great credit is due to the above band, who have only been learning the art of change-ringing five weeks, and have only received four lessons under W. E. Yates of Marlow. These are the first 6-scores by all the above.

## THE STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

**BUCKNALL (Staffordshire).**—On Sunday, June 3rd, at the parish church, for Divine Service in the morning, 720 New London Pleasure. H. Alcock, 1; D. Preston (first 720 with a bob bell), 2; R. W. Twigg, 3; C. Preston, 4; G. Hobbs, 5; W. Twigg (conductor), 6. H. Alcock hails from Hanley, and it is his first 720 of Treble Bob. On Tuesday, June 3rd, for practice, 720 York 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, and was rung at the first attempt. On Sunday, June 10th, for early Sacrament, 720 York Surprise, standing as before. And for Divine Service in the morning, a 720 London Scholars' Pleasure. W. Wheeldon, 2; J. E. Wheeldon, 3; R. W. Twigg, 4; G. Hobbs, 5; the others as before. On Tuesday, June 12th, a 720 Lichfield Surprise. D. Preston, 1; J. E. Wheeldon, 2; R. W. Twigg, 3; C. Preston, 4; W. Wheeldon, 5; W. Twigg (conductor), 6.

**HANLEY (Staffordshire).**—On Thursday, June 14th, at St. John's church, 504 Grandsire Triples. G. Mountford, 1; H. Alcock, 2; T. Allen, 3; A. Cherry, 4; H. Page, 5; A. Clew, 6; G. Woods (conductor), 7; T. Holdcroft, 8. First 504 by G. Mountford, H. Alcock, and A. Cherry. Also 112 in the same method. A. Shufflebotham, 1; H. Alcock, 2; F. Mountford, 3; A. Cherry, 4; T. Holdcroft, 5; T. Mountford, 6; H. Page (conductor), 7; A. Clew, 8. First 112 by T. Mountford and A. Shufflebotham. Messrs. Page, Clew, and Allen hail from Stoke-on Trent; Woods from Longton; the rest are local men.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

**DEBENHAM (Suffolk).**—On Wednesday, June 6th, at the parish church, eight members of the above Association attempted a peal of Treble Bob to commemorate the long peal of Oxford Treble Bob (16,608 changes) which was rung at Debenham on Whit-Monday, June 6th, 1892, but after ringing upwards of 3650 changes in 2 hrs. and 11 mins. it came to grief. F. Ling, 1; G. Rowe, jun. 2; W. Ruffles, 3; W. Grimes, 4; W. Crickmer, 5; F. Clayton, 6; J. Motts (conductor), 7; D. Collins, 8. J. Motts hails from Ipswich; Messrs. Collins and

Clayton from Worlingworth; F. Ling from Bedford; W. Crickmer from Earl Soham; the rest belong to the Debenham company. Afterwards some touches of Treble Bob were rung in which W. Rumsey and G. Sparrow, belonging to the Debenham company, took part, it being their first touches in the method.

**BRANDESTON (Suffolk).**—On Wednesday, June 13th, 240 Cambridge Surprise. H. W. Baldry, 1; J. Durrant, 2; E. Wightman, 3; S. Wightman, jun., 4; G. Wightman (conductor), 5; A. S. Wightman, 6. Also 720 Oxford Treble Bob. G. Wightman (conductor), 1; J. Durrant, 2; A. E. Read (first 720 in the method), 3; S. Wightman, jun., 4; H. W. Baldry, 5; A. S. Wightman, 6. And 720 Kent Treble Bob. A. S. Wightman (conductor), 1; Rev. J. Holme Pilkington, 2; A. E. Read (first 720 in the method), 3; J. Tarrant, 4; E. Wightman, 5; G. Wightman, 6. Rev. J. Holme Pilkington and A. E. Read hail from Eramlingham. On Wednesday, June 6th, 720 Duke of York. H. W. Baldry, 1; D. G. Wightman, 2; E. Wightman, 3; S. Wightman, jun., 4; G. Wightman, 5; A. S. Wightman (conductor), 6. Also 720 Woodbine. E. Wightman, 1; J. Durrant, 2; S. Wightman, jun., 3; J. Tarrant (Monewden), 4; H. W. Baldry, 5; A. S. Wightman (conductor), 6. And 360 Double Court, 240 Oxford, and 240 Kent Treble Bob. A. S. Wightman (conductor), 1; E. Wightman, 2; J. Durrant, 3; J. Tarrant, 4; H. W. Baldry, 5; S. Wightman, jun., 6.

**MONEWDEN (Suffolk).**—On Friday, June 15th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. E. W. Brooks, 1; G. Wightman, 2; R. H. Hayward, 3; J. Tarrant, 4; A. S. Wightman (conductor), 5; S. W. Martin, 6. Also 360 Kent Treble Bob, and a course each of Woodbine, Double Court, and College Single. E. W. Brooks, 1; R. H. Hayward, 2; J. Tarrant, 3; S. W. Martin, 4; G. Wightman, 5; A. S. Wightman (conductor), 6. On handbells a course of Bob Royal. R. H. Hayward, 1-2; J. Tarrant, 3-4; A. S. Wightman, 5-6; G. Wightman, 7-8; S. W. Martin, 9-10. And two courses of Bob Major. A. S. Wightman, 1-2; J. Tarrant, 3-4; G. Wightman, 5-6; S. W. Martin, 7-8.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

**BROMLEY (Kent).**—On Tuesday afternoon, June 12th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples in 43 mins., on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. R. B. Aithen with Miss H. Soames, of Bromley. G. Simpson, 1; R. Humphery, 2; E. Dunn, 3; W. Fright, 4; G. Durling (conductor), 5; F. Sanders, 6; T. Harford, 7; W. James, 8. And for practice in the evening, 576 Treble Bob Major. G. Simpson, 1; R. Humphery, 2; E. Dunn, 3; W. Smith, 4; G. Durling (conductor), 5; F. Sanders, 6; W. Fright, 7; T. Harford, 8. And a 238 Grandsire Triples with F. Town, 2. On Sunday, June 17th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples in 43 mins. J. Town, 1; R. Humphery, 2; T. Durling, 3; W. Smith, 4; G. Durling (conductor), 5; J. Emery, 6; H. P. Harman, 7; W. James, 8. And for evening service, a 630 Grandsire Triples. J. Town, 1; R. Humphery, 2; E. Dunn, 3; W. Fright, 4; G. Durling (conductor), 5; G. Simpson, 6; J. Groombridge, 7; W. James, 8.

**UPCHURCH (Kent).**—On Saturday, May 26th, at St. Mary's church, 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-eight bobs and twenty-two singles), in 26 mins. A. T. Hyland, 1; H. Shipp (first 720 in the method), 2; W. T. Hyland, 3; G. Capeling, 4; G. Dennis (first 720 in the method), 5; G. A. Ranson (conductor), 6. On Sunday morning, June 10th, 720 of Oxford Bob (eighteen bobs and two singles) in 25 mins. G. Dennis, 1; W. Laker, 2; W. T. Hyland, 3; A. Dunster (first 720 in the method), 4; G. Capeling, 5; W. Seamer (conductor), 6. A. Dunster hails from Rainham.

**WESTERHAM (Kent).**—On Thursday, June 7th, three courses of Grandsire Major. C. Boreham, 1; R. Stone, 2; D. Wright, 3; G. B. Selby, 4; G. Steer, 5; J. Heath, 6; H. J. Selby, 7; E. R. J. Dunk (conductor), 8. Also on handbells a 6-score of Stedman Doubles. E. Dunk (conductor), 1; G. B. Selby, 2; J. Heath, 3; G. Steer, 4; H. J. Selby, 5; R. Stone, 6. And on Sunday, June 10th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. C. Boreham, 1; G. B. Selby, 2; D. Wright (composer and conductor), 3; E. R. J. Dunk, 4; H. J. Selby, 5; J. Heath, 6; G. Steer, 7; A. H. Collins, 8.

## ST. MARTIN'S SCHOLARS, STAMFORD.

**STAMFORD.**—On Tuesday, June 19th, at St. Martin's church, 720 of Bob Minor in 26 mins. (fourteen bobs and two singles). W. Turner, 1; E. Poppel, 2; R. Wych, 3; C. Harper, 4; F. Dennesson, 5; Rev. H. Law James (conductor), 6. Tenor 14 cwt.

## THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

**LONDON.**—On Saturday, June 16th, at St. Giles-in-the-fields, an attempt was made for a peal of Superlative Surprise Major, 5440 changes. After having rung 4640 changes a mistake took place which caused the conductor to call stand. W. Bedwell, 1; H. Dains, 2; G. Smith, 3; J. Hannington, 4; C. Wilkins, 5; P. Howard, 6; A. Jacob, 7; G. Newson (conductor), 8.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

RAWMARSH (Yorkshire).—On Saturday, June 16th, at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Bob Major, 1264 changes, in 42 mins. H. Bunce, 1; J. H. Brothwell, 2; S. Walker, 3; W. Lambert, 4; J. Ensor, 5; W. Hawkins, 6; T. Whitworth (conductor), 7; T. Wild, 8. Whitworth, Walker, Lambert, and Brothwell hail from Treeton, and is the first quarter-peal of Major by Lambert and Brothwell.

HULL (Yorkshire).—On a recent Wednesday, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 44 mins. F. Moulson, 1; J. T. Miller, 2; G. T. Marshall, 3; F. Morrison, 4; T. Stockdale, 5; C. Jackson (conductor), 6; J. Dixey, 7; J. W. Dale, 8.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

WOODFORD (Essex). On Sunday, June 10th, after evening service 720 Plain Bob Minor in 27 mins. C. Dempsey, 1; F. Gowers, 2; W. Truss, 3; W. Doran, 4; G. Cornell, 5; J. Marks (conductor), 6.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

RAWTENSTALL (Lancashire).—On Tuesday, June 5th, for practice, at the parish church, 720 of Bob Minor. J. Rollerson, 1; T. Rollerson, 2; G. H. Hargreaves (first 720), 3; J. H. Nuttall, 4; J. Smith (conductor), 5; J. Ramsbottom, 6.

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CIRENCESTER (Gloucestershire).—Recently at the church of St. John the Baptist, the last 700 of Holt's Original. \*A. E. Edwards, E. P. Harmer, F. W. Bond, F. Gardner, C. Bartlett, \*H. Midwinter, H. C. Bond (conductor), H. Clutterbuck, and H. F. Gardner. \*Proposed for membership at the recent meeting of the Association at Stroud.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

FAREHAM (Hants).—On Monday, June 11th, at the parish church, 504 Stedman Triples. J. Hewett, 1; C. Pivett, 2; G. Gratham, 3; H. Jennings, 4; F. Hill, 5; Rev. R. C. M. Harvey, 6; J. W. Whiting (conductor), 7; W. Linter, 8. And 336 Bob Major. C. Pivett, 1; J. Hewett, 2; F. Hill, 3; W. Linter, 4; H. Jennings, 5; Rev. R. C. M. Harvey, 6; G. Gratham, 7; J. Whiting, 8. On Saturday, June 23rd, after meeting one short for a peal of Stedman Triples, the following attempted a peal of Grandsire Triples, at the church of SS. Peter and Paul, which came to grief through a change-course after ringing 4242 changes in 2 hrs. 25 mins. A. E. Macey, 1; W. J. Sevier, 2; F. Hill, 3; C. J. Chooet, 4; Rev. R. C. M. Harvey, 5; W. H. George (conductor), 6; J. W. Whiting, 7; G. Graffham, 8. Tenor 15 cwt.

NORTH STONEHAM (Hants).—On Sunday, June 24th, at St. Nicholas church, for evening service, three 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, called differently. W. J. Sevier, 1; T. Newnham, 2; C. J. Chooet, 3; J. Weaver, 4; W. H. George (conductor), 5; W. Payne, 6. Also one 6-score. E. Mundy, 1; G. Bennett, 2; W. J. Sevier, 3; C. J. Chooet, 4; J. Weaver (conductor), 5; G. Dumper, 6. And another 6-score with W. Payne on the 5th. Mr. Weaver hails from Winchester, Newnham from Fair Oak, and Messrs. Mundy, Bennett, and Dumper belong to the local band. Rung in honour of the birth of the heir to the Duke and Duchess of York. Tenor 7½ cwt.

## NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

ORDSALL (Notts).—On Sunday morning, June 3rd, for Divine Service, 720 Plain Bob Minor. H. Merrills, 1; G. Swannack, 2; W. H. Johnson, 3; H. Blagg, 4; J. C. Whetstone (conductor), 5; J. White, 6. G. Swannack hails from East Retford, and it is his first 720 in the method. On Tuesday night, June 19th, for practice, 720 College Single Minor. H. Merrills, 1; J. C. Whetstone, 2; W. H. Johnson (first 720 in the method), 3; J. B. Joynes, 4; H. Blagg (first 720 in the method as conductor), 5; J. White, 6. On Thursday, June 21st, on the occasion of the return of the Rev. E. T. Hudson, curate of Ordsall, from his honeymoon tour, 720 Bob Minor. H. Merrills, 1; J. C. Whetstone, 2; W. H. Johnson, 3; H. Lambert, 4; H. Blagg (conductor), 5; J. White, 6.

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

LONDON.—On Saturday, June 3rd, eight members attempted a peal of Grandsire Triples at the church of St. John's, Waterloo Road, which was unfortunately stopped through illness near the church, after ringing 2618 changes in 1 hr. 29 mins. W. Langdon, 1; G. W. Wild, 2; F. G. Perrin, 3; T. Langdon, 4; A. R. Davis, 5; E. P. O'Meara, (conductor), 6; H. N. Davis, 7; T. H. Taffender, 8. On Sunday, June 17th, for evening service at the church of St. Peter, Walworth, 720 of Grandsire Minor in 24 mins. H. Taffender, 1; F. G. Perrin, 2; W. Langdon, 3; T. Langdon, 4; G. Thompson, 5; E. P. O'Meara

(conductor), 6. And 224 Grandsire Triples with A. R. Davis and H. Barton. On Saturday, June 23rd, meeting short for a peal at the same church, a 720 Grandsire Minor in 25 mins. T. H. Taffender, 1; W. Weatherstone (conductor), 2; W. Langdon, 3; A. R. Davis, 4; G. Thompson, 5; E. P. O'Meara, 6.

## SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

TIPTON (Staffs).—On Monday, June 11th, at the church of St. Martin, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor in 23 mins. A. H. Hill, 1; W. R. Small, 2; E. Goodreds, 3; A. Spittle, 4; W. Micklewright, 5; J. E. Groves (conductor), 6. Tenor 12½ cwt.

TETTENHALL (Staffs).—On Friday, June 15th, at the church of St. Michael, 720 Grandsire Minor in 27 mins. C. Bassage, 1; B. Dalton, 2; T. Rowe, 3; J. Rowe, 4; A. Griffiths, 5; J. E. Groves (conductor), 6. Tenor 13½ cwt. This was rang half-muffled as a last token of respect to the late Mr. John Fowler, who died on June 13th, and was a member of the above society.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

BIRSTALL (Leicestershire).—On Friday, May 18th, at the parish church, 240 Grandsire and 120 Bob Doubles. R. Bradshaw, 1; A. Smith, 2; W. Cornish, 3; E. Smith, 4; W. Willson, 5. On May 24th, 240 Bob Doubles, and a plain course of Canterbury. On June 1st, a 6-score each of Bob, Canterbury, and Grandsire, D. Allot ringing the 4th. On June 7th, 480, being a 6-score of Grandsire, extremes, Bob, and Canterbury. On June 14th, 240 extremes, and two plain courses of St. Simon's. On June 18th, a 6-score in each of the above.

LEICESTER.—On Saturday, June 2nd, at St. George's church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob, 240 Kent Treble Bob, and 360 Oxford Bob Minor. G. Burrows, 1; J. Buttery, 2; A. R. Aldham (Barwell), 3; J. H. Swinfield (Shilton), 4; W. H. Inglesant (Loughborough), 5; W. Willson (conductor), 6.

## THE SOUTH AND WEST MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

HILLINGDON, NEAR UXBRIDGE.—On Sunday, June 3rd, at the church of St. Andrew, 1260 Grandsire Triples, composed by the Editor, in 45 mins. S. Smith, 1; W. Joiner, 2; J. J. Parker (conductor), 3; A. Finch, 4; W. Ginn (first 1260), 5; H. Wilkinson, 6; J. J. Pratt, 7; J. Pedder (first 1260), 8. Also previous to a confirmation service in the afternoon, 1260 Oxford Bob Triples. S. Smith, 1; J. J. Parker (composer and conductor), 2; H. Hicks, 3; A. Finch, 4; W. Joiner, 5; H. Wilkinson, 6; R. Flaxman, 7; A. T. Dampier, 8. On Saturday, June 9th, after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal, 1260 Grandsire Triples. A. Dalton (Barnet), 1; W. Joiner, 2; J. J. Parker, 3; F. Blondell (Barnet), 4; J. D. Mathews (Barnet), 5; H. Wilkinson, 6; J. J. Pratt (conductor), 7; A. H. Belton (Barnet), 8.

ARMLEY (Yorks).—Handbell Ringing.—On Monday evening, June 17th, in Christ church tower, on handbells retained in hand, three courses of Grandsire Caters. A. Craven, 1-2; J. Thackray, 3-4; H. Williams (conductor), 5-6; John Thackray, 7-8; G. Barraclough, 9-10. And a plain-course of Treble Bob Royal. J. Thackray, 1-2; John Thackray, 3-4; H. Williams, 5-6; G. Barraclough, 7-8; A. Craven, 9-10. The above touches were rung as a farewell compliment to Mr. Arthur Craven, who left the day following to reside at Staveley, Derbyshire.

AYSGARTH (Yorks).—On Saturday, June 16th, at St. Andrews church, 720 Kent Treble Bob. E. Cox, 1; G. Park, 2; R. B. Wilson, 3; W. Porter, 4; G. W. Park, 5; G. A. Overton (conductor), 6.

BRADFORD-ON-AVON (Wilts).—On Saturday, June 9th, at the parish church, the St. John's ringers from Frome, visited this place, and rang the following touches of Grandsire Triples. After raising the bells in peal a 112 was rung. H. Gaisford, 1; W. Bishop, 2; C. Summers, 3; H. Scammell, 4; E. Fricker, 5; J. Rebbeck, 6; F. Rebbeck, 7; J. Millard and A. King, 8. And a 504. A. Langford and F. Rendall, 8. And 240 Grandsire Doubles with 7-6-8 covering. W. Bishop, 1; W. McCaffery (Trowbridge), 2; E. Fricker, 3; C. Summers, 4; J. Rebbeck, 5; A. Gaisford, 6; A. Langford, 7; J. Millard and C. Bishop, 8. And 336 Grandsire Triples. W. McCaffery, 4, the others as before. And a 294. E. Fricker, 1; H. Scammell, 4; W. McCaffery, 5. And a 406. F. McCaffery (Trowbridge), 1; W. Bishop, 2; W. McCaffery, 3; H. Scammell, 4; E. Fricker, 5; J. Rebbeck, 6; F. Rebbeck, 7; A. Langford and H. Gaisford, 8. All the Triples were conducted by F. Rebbeck, who was the youngest change-ringer of the party.

BUTTERWICK (Lincolnshire).—On Sunday morning, June 17th, for Divine Service, four 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. J. Colman, 1; J. Philips, 2; J. E. Clark, 3; H. Palmer (conductor), 4; C. R. Lilley, 5. And two 6-scores with E. Garfit, 1; C. R. Lilley (conductor), 5; the rest as before. J. Colman and J. E. Clark belong to Skirbeck, H. Palmer and C. R. Lilley Boston, the rest to Butterwick.



**BUXHALL (Suffolk).**—On Sunday, June 24th, for afternoon service, by the local band, a 6-score each of Grandsire, Dream, and St. Dunstan's Doubles. T. Durrant, 1; W. Durrant, 2; W. Welham, 3; A. Sawyer, 4; H. Edwards (conductor), 5. After service, two 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. T. Durrant, 1; H. Howlett, 2; W. Welham, 3; A. Symonds, 4; H. Edwards (conductor), 5. H. Howlett hails from Woolpitt, A. Symonds from Lavenham.

**CARDIFF (South Wales).**—On Tuesday, June 12th, for practice at St. John's church, 504 Grandsire Triples, with 9-8-10 covering. A. Hatton, 1; J. Richards, 2; E. Stenner, 3; W. Burkinshaw, 4; A. Rowley, 5; E. Cook (conductor), 6; G. Hardage, 7; A. Barnfield, 8; W. Gray, 9; C. Winfield, 10. On Sunday, June 17th, for evening service, 630 in the same method, with 9-8-10 covering. E. Slatter, 1; J. Richards, 2; E. Stenner, 3; E. Cook (conductor), 4; W. Burkinshaw, 5; A. Rowley, 6; G. Hardage, 7; A. Barnfield, 8; A. Hatton, 9; J. Flower, 10. E. Slatter hails from Dumbleton, Gloucestershire, and this is his first touch of Triples.

**COLCHESTER (Essex).**—On Tuesday and Wednesday, June 12th and 13th, at the parish church, on the occasion of the meeting of the Essex Agricultural Society at Colchester, the following were rung: a 672 Bob Major. D. Elliott, 1; W. Button, 2; A. Bowell, 3; G. M. Rashbrook, 4; E. Beckwith, 5; F. Bumpstead, 6; W. Burch, 7; R. W. Stannard (conductor), 8. And a 448 of the same. D. Elliott, 1; W. Button, 2; R. W. Stannard (conductor), 3; G. M. Rashbrook, 4; F. Bumpstead, 5; E. Beckwith, 6; W. Burch, 7; A. Bowell, 8. And 1008 in the same method in 36 mins. D. Elliott, 1; W. Button, 2; G. M. Rashbrook, 3; A. Bowell, 4; F. Bumpstead, 5; E. Beckwith, 6; W. Burch, 7; R. W. Stannard (conductor), 8. And 723 of the same with the treble and 8rd men changing. And 960 Kent Treble Bob Major. W. Button, 1; R. W. Stannard (conductor), 2; D. Elliott, 3; G. M. Rashbrook, 4; G. Pye, 5; E. Radley, 6; E. Beckwith, 7; A. Bowell, 8. And 238 Oxford Treble Bob Major. J. Starling, 1; R. W. Stannard, 2; G. Pye, 3; W. Hammond, 4; D. Elliott, 5; E. Radley, 6; E. Beckwith, 7; A. Bowell, 8. D. Elliott and E. Beckwith hail from Coggleshall; E. Radley from Stisted; G. Pye from Romford; J. Starling from Great Bromley; A. Bowell from Ipswich; W. Hammond from Baintree; the rest belong to the local company.

**HITCHAM (Suffolk).**—On Sunday afternoon, at All Saints' church, two 720s Bob Minor. First 720 (fourteen singles and six bobs): T. Levitt (first 720), 1; A. Symonds, 2; W. Green, 3; C. Green, 4; A. Keeble (conductor), 5; J. Taylor, 6. Second 720 (eighteen bobs and two singles): C. Parker, 1; J. Moore, 2; A. Hollocks, 3; H. Sewell (first 720), 4; W. Green (conductor), 5; A. Keeble, 6. Messrs. Keeble, Parker, W. and C. Green hail from Moncks Eleigh, Moore and Hollocks from Preston; Symonds from Lavenham; Taylor from Bildestone; Levitt and Sewell are local men. The visitors wish through the medium of "THE BELL NEWS" to thank the churchwardens and rector for the use of the bells, also to thank the young band for their kind treatment and for the use of their grand peal of handbells, which were used at the White Horse inn. After refreshing the inner man, at 8.0 p.m. the visitors separated to their respective homes, most of them having a distance of five miles to walk.

**LICHFIELD (Staffordshire).**—On Wednesday, May 30th, on the occasion of the visit of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales to Lichfield, at St. Mary's church, 728 Grandsire Triples. E. Gallimore, 1; J. Timms (Tamworth), 2; J. Hardy (Warwick), 3; T. Meredith (Barton-under-Needwood), 4; H. Canner (Ashby-de-la-Zouch), 5; J. Lawton (Walsall), 6; F. J. Cope (conductor), 7; J. Watmore (Brierley Hill), 8. On Tuesday, June 5th, at the Cathedral, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. A. Bowler, 1; W. Dempster, 2; E. Gallimore, 3; J. Key, 4; F. J. Cope (conductor), 5; C. Barrett, 6; H. Meacham, 7; J. H. Gallimore, 8. This touch was rung on the occasion of the marriage of Miss A. Luckock, second daughter of the Very Rev. the Dean of Lichfield.

**LONDON.**—On Monday evening, June 25th, at the church of St. Mary, Lambeth, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor in 26 mins. E. P. O'Meara (conductor), 1; G. McLaughlin, 2; F. Buck, 3; S. Andrews, 4; H. Ellis, 5; W. T. Cockerill, 6. And 528 Bob Minor in 18 mins. G. T. McLaughlin, 1; H. S. Ellis, 2; F. Buck, 3; S. Andrews, 4; E. P. O'Meara, 5; W. T. Cockerill (conductor), 6.

**WOBURN (Beds).**—*Handbell Ringing.*—On Monday, May 28th, 360 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor. F. Gilby, 1; J. C. Cooke, 2; C. Herbert, 3; E. Herbert, 4; Cyril Herbert, 5-6. On June 4th, 336 of Bob Major. E. Herbert, 1-2; F. Gilby, 3; C. Herbert, 4; Cyril Herbert, 5-6; C. Wild, 7-8. On Monday, June 11th, a 464 Bob Major in the same order. And a 360 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor. F. Gilby, 1; Cyril Herbert, 2; C. Herbert, 3; J. C. Cooke, 4; C. Wild, 5; E. Herbert, 6. On Sunday, June 17th, a 504 Bob Triples. E. Herbert, 1-2; C. Herbert, 3-4; Cyril Herbert, 5-6; J. C. Cooke, 7-8. On Monday, June 18th, a 360 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. F. Gilby, 1; C. Herbert, 2; J. C. Cooke, 3; E. Herbert, 4; Cyril Herbert, 5-6. And at St.

Mary's church, on Monday, June 4th, on the back six, a 180 and 240 Bob Minor. F. Gilby, 1; C. Wild, 2; E. Herbert, 3; C. Herbert, 4; J. C. Cooke, 5; Cyril Herbert, 6. And 120 each of Grandsire and Bob Doubles. On Monday, June 25th, a 720 Bob Minor. F. Gilby, 1; C. Wild, 2; E. Herbert, 3; C. Herbert, 4; J. C. Cooke, 5; Cyril Herbert, 6. And a course of Oxford Treble Bob Minor in the same order. All conducted by Cyril Herbert.

**IMPERFECT REPORTS.**—At the last moment our attention has been directed to the report of a peal, in last week's paper, rung at Wigan. The conductor was said to be the Rev. H. F. Lloyd, whereas it should have been Thomas Halliwell. These mistakes generally occur through not sufficient care being taken in the preparation of reports. We beg our correspondents to send their peal reports quite distinct from anything else, and similar in arrangement to that adopted in their publication.

## MIDLAND RAILWAY.—IMPORTANT NOTICES AND ALTERATIONS FOR JULY.

### SCOTLAND.

#### EXTENSION OF DINING ARRANGEMENTS.

A NEW EXPRESS will leave London (St. Pancras) for GLASGOW and GREENOCK at 10.30 a.m. with 1st and 3rd Class Dining Carriage attached, in which Table d'Hôte Luncheons, Dinners, and other refreshments will be served en route.

A FIRST and THIRD CLASS DINING CARRIAGE will be run by the 10 a.m. EXPRESS from GLASGOW to LONDON, and the dining interval at Normanton will be discontinued, enabling the train to reach St. Pancras a quarter of an hour earlier. The train will stop at Heilfield, and a New Express be run thence to Manchester and Liverpool.

The 10.35 a.m. Express St. Pancras to Scotland will run via Nottingham instead of Leicester, and convey passengers for the Edinburgh Line and north of Scotland. The stop at Normanton will be discontinued, and passengers will be allowed 20 minutes for dinner at Leeds.

The 9.15 p.m. Express from St. Pancras to Scotland will be divided, the first train, conveying passengers for Edinburgh, Perth, the Highland Line, Dundee, and Aberdeen, will leave St. Pancras at 9.15 p.m., and run via Nottingham. The Glasgow and Greenock train will follow at 9.20 p.m., and run via Leicester.

### WESTERN HIGHLANDS, AND ISLANDS OF SCOTLAND.

THROUGH CARRIAGES will run between LONDON (St. Pancras) and GREENOCK, conveying tourists from London and all parts of the Midland Railway system for the Firth of Clyde and the Western Highlands and Islands of Scotland.

SPECIAL DAYLIGHT SERVICE to ROTHESAY, via GREENOCK (PRINCE'S PIER).

A Daylight Service throughout to the Highlands and Watering Places on the Firth of Clyde, will be given during July and August, from London (St. Pancras) at 10.30 a.m., arriving at Greenock at 8.15 p.m., in time to join the G. and S.W. Railway Co.'s Steamer reaching Rothesay at 9 p.m.

NORTH OF IRELAND (via Stranraer and Larne; Shortest Sea Passage).

A NEW DAY EXPRESS SERVICE has been established between ENGLAND and the NORTH OF IRELAND via Stranraer and Larne, and commencing July 2nd, passengers will leave St. Pancras at 10.30, Bristol 8.30, and Birmingham at 11.10 a.m., and Derby 12.20, Sheffield 1.18, Leeds 1.55, Bradford 2, Liverpool (Exchange) 1.40, and Manchester (Victoria) at 1.50 p.m., and reach Belfast the same evening.

A corresponding service will be in operation from Belfast, leaving at 9.5 a.m., and reaching Carlisle in time for passengers to join the Afternoon Dining Carriage Express from Glasgow to London, Manchester, Liverpool, Bradford, Leeds, Sheffield, Derby, Nottingham, Leicester, Birmingham, etc.

### ISLE OF MAN (via Barrow). Short Sea Route.

Until September 30th, a First Class Paddle Steamer will sail daily (Sundays excepted), from Barrow to Douglas at 1.45 p.m., and from Douglas to Barrow at 8.30 a.m., in direct connection with Trains from and to all parts of the Midland Railway System. Passengers should ask for tickets by the Barrow Route.

### OPENING OF THE DORE AND CHINLEY NEW LINE.

This line is NOW OPEN for through traffic, and EXPRESS TRAINS are run daily, at convenient hours, between SHEFFIELD and MANCHESTER, LIVERPOOL, and the LANCASHIRE and YORKSHIRE LINE.

Connections with the new line will be given to and from London (St. Pancras) and other parts.

### OTHER ALTERATIONS.

A NEW EXPRESS will leave ST. PANCRAS for DERBY, Buxton, Stockport, Southport, and Liverpool at 12.10 p.m., and the 12 noon Express from St. Pancras will cease to convey passengers to those points.

Other alterations will be made in the train service affecting London (St. Pancras) and other parts of the line, for which the public are referred to the July time tables and bills.

### ACCOMMODATION, &c.

New 1st and 3rd Class Dining Carriages between London (St. Pancras) and Glasgow (St. Enoch) on both Morning and Afternoon Expresses.

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### SPECIAL PUBLICATIONS for the HOLIDAYS.

Handy Pocket Guide to the Midland Railway. Price 3d. Pocket Tourist Guide to the Holiday Resorts in the British Isles, Illustrated. Price 3d. List of Furnished Lodgings in Farmhouses and Country Districts served by the Midland Railway System. Price 1d. These Guides, as well as Time Tables, Tourist Programmes, American and Continental Folders, and other publications, may be had on application at the Midland Stations and Agencies, the Superintendent of the Line; or to Derby, June, 1894. GEO. H. TURNER, General Manager.

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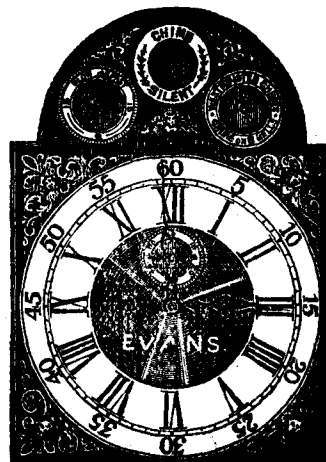
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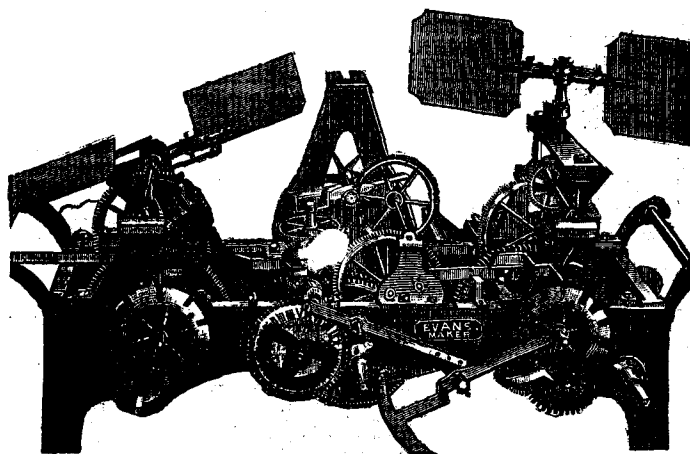
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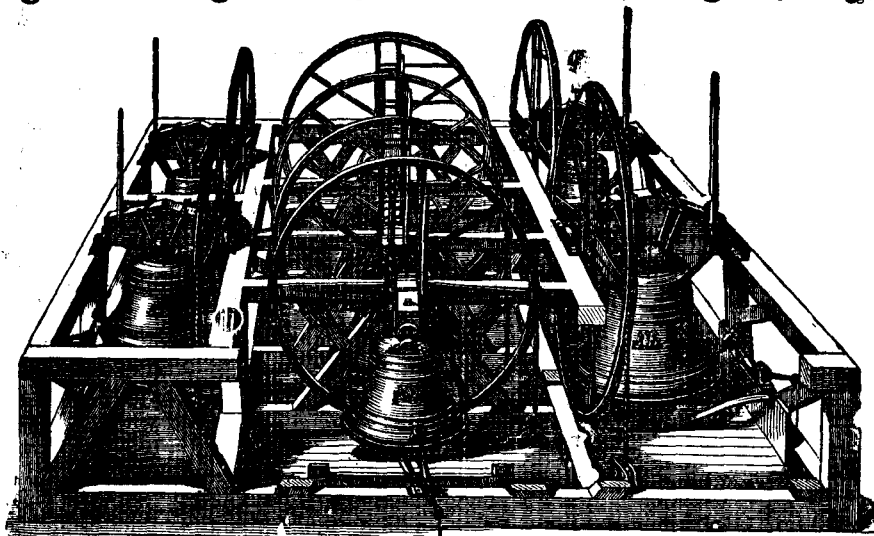


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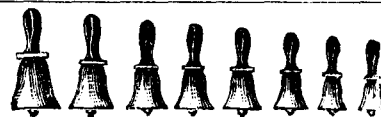
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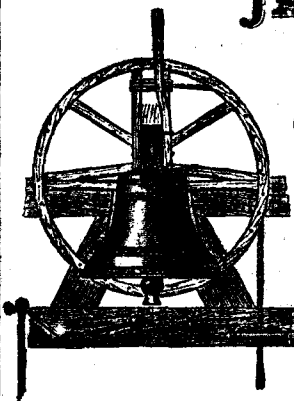
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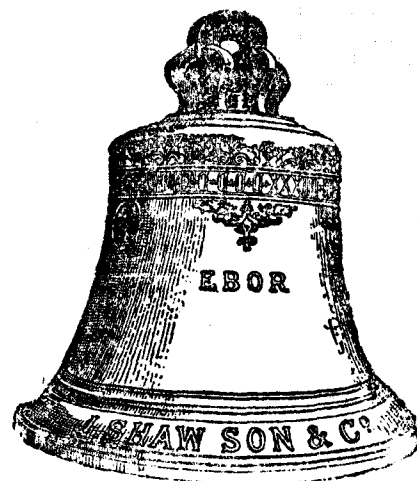
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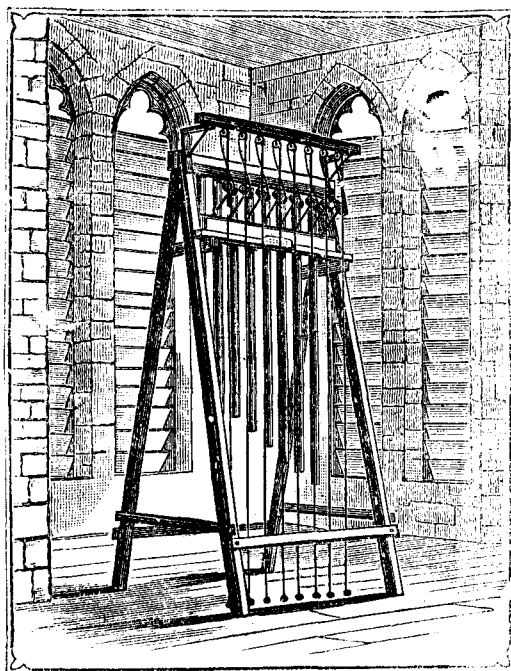
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The Chairman expressed his regret at the absence of the master, and assured them of the great interest he (Mr. Shaw) continued to take in the association.

The Local Secretary (Mr. J. Fussell) read the report, which recorded a satisfactory result of the year's working. After reference to the various meetings that had been held, the report went on to say that three peals had been recorded during the year, one of Plain Bob and two of Grandsire. Mention was made of the opening of a new ring of bells at St. Mark's, and of the fact that the first peal on them was rung by members of the association. The membership was six honorary, four unattached, and 79 performing members, as against 76 of last year; 14 had resigned or left the district, and there had been seventeen new members. Reference was made to the death of the President (the late Bishop of Bath and Wells), and the hope was expressed that his successor would be one who would take an interest in the association. The finances were stated to be in a good condition.

The Chairman complimented the members on the report, and hoped that the association would continue to increase numerically and financially. He also spoke of the indebtedness to Mr. Fussell and to the master for the interest they took in the welfare of the association.

On the motion of Mr. Wake, seconded by Mr. J. Smith Flower, the report was adopted.

The Secretary also presented the accounts, which showed a balance in December last of £1 1s. 5½d., and from that time to the present of £2 5s. 1½d.—The accounts for 1893 were passed.

The Chairman read a letter he had received from the master, in which he said that not only the Bath branch but the whole of the association was making most encouraging progress. They had now good and devoted secretaries in all the branches, and reports were constantly reaching him of the spread of the work; from one branch alone he heard that 30 new members were to be proposed. He mentioned that the report for the past three years would soon be published, and he thanked the Bath members for their faithful support at the annual meeting of the association a short time ago, and likewise Mr. Fussell for his careful and painstaking conduct of the affairs of the branch. He appealed for more support at the monthly meetings, and strongly urged the desirability of avoiding the clashing of peals except on very special occasions, as well as the necessity of every member identifying himself more closely with the work of his parish church.

Mr. Fussell was unanimously re-elected local secretary, with thanks for his services, his past efforts receiving recognition from the chairman and Messrs. Wake and F. Beasley.

It was decided, after some discussion, to revert to the old system of holding quarterly meetings, at which the monthly meetings should be arranged. The latter has recently been done twelve months in advance.

A suggestion was made that the association should hold an annual dinner, to which the Abbey Company promised their support while retaining their own institution, but it was generally thought that as the Abbey Company extended an invitation to all ringers there was no need of an association dinner, and no action was taken in the matter.

The thanks of the meeting were heartily accorded to the master, and a similar compliment was paid to the chairman for presiding, who in replying remarked that his great pleasure at presiding was further enhanced by remembering that he was the original person who proposed such an association. He fully endorsed the remarks of the master that the ringer ought not to be content with calling others to church but should regularly attend himself, and also become a communicant.

## THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

The annual meeting was held at Ottery St. Mary, on Saturday, last, June 30th, the date having been postponed from the 16th, owing to the death of Lord Coleridge. Letters had been received by the Hon. Secretary from the Archdeacon of Exeter, Canon Trefusis, Revs. S. W. E. Bird and J. S. Berkeley, and their worthy president, Col. Troyte, who, though greatly improved in health, was still in the doctor's hands. Col. Troyte has done a great deal for the Guild in the past, and he (the Hon. Sec.) was sure all would wish him a speedy recovery to health again.

The gathering was unusually large, 100 members being present, although there would have been a greater increase on this number had the original date been adhered to. The following bands were represented: Clyst St. George, Huntsham, Kenn, Ottery St. Mary, St. Davids, St. Edmunds, St. Sidwell's, and St. Thomas Exeter, Tiverton, Whitstone, Axminster, Withecombe, Raleigh, Clyst Hadon. Arrangements had been made for some of the bands to ring at Pehembury, Talaton and Fenelon, and the other at Ottery. By the kind permission of Lady Coleridge, Heath Court grounds were thrown open to the members, a kindness which was much appreciated, as a stroll in these beautiful gardens and grounds added greatly to the enjoyment of the day. At 4.30 the majority of the members assembled at the entrance to Heath Court, where a photograph was taken by Mr. Badcock, Broad Street, Ottery St. Mary; immediately after which all sat down to tea in the vicarage garden. At the conclusion of the tea, the annual meeting was held, which in the absence of the President and Vice-Presidents, was presided over by Rev. Maitland Kelly, Hon. Sec., also present the Revs. R. Porter, J. B. Pearson, G. Molineux, Cecil Hawker, R. Gibbs; Messrs. Ferris Shepherd, Assist. Sec., E. Munday, R. Crater, W. Chapple, F. Davey, W. Payne, F. Smith, J. Godfrey, E. Shepherd, B. Munday, &c. Before presenting the report the secretary said he was sure they all deeply regretted the cause which had led to the postponement of their meeting. Lord Coleridge had for many years been an honorary member of the Guild, for he was always ready to support any good work either in the parish or Diocese, and it was one of his last acts of kindness to grant the members permission to go over his beautiful grounds, which permission Lady Coleridge had most graciously renewed to them that day, and for which they were most grateful.

In presenting the report the secretary pointed out that the society was making steady progress, no fewer than thirty-seven fresh members having been enrolled during the year. He wished however to urge upon all members to do their most to spread the society still further: this could be done by bands visiting neighbouring towers and having a friendly ring with the local ringers, and offering to assist them in learning the art of change-ringing; there are many bands who are willing to learn if only an helping hand would be held out to them. He would also recommend where it was possible, that members of the Guild should meet for a friendly ring among themselves at some neighbouring tower, as by that means the bond of union between members would be strengthened.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the clergy who had granted the use of their bells during the day, and to the ladies who had catered so well for them, and to the Hon. secretary. After tea all adjourned to the beautiful old Collegiate church, where a short hearty service was held, the manner in which all joined in the responses and singing was very striking, the men's voices sounding forth in a most impressive manner. The vicar gave a short address from 2 Samuel xxiv. 24 in which he urged upon the members to see that their ringing for services or festivals was the very best music which could be produced from the bells at their command, and this they could do by learning to strike their bells really well and by acquiring the art of scientific change-ringing, but to do this it would cost them time, patience and perseverance, but they should not mind this, so that they might make an offering to Almighty God worthy of Him. After service some more ringing was indulged in, which was brought to a conclusion by an admirably well-struck 504 changes by a band composed of Ottery St. Mary and St. Sidwell's, Exeter. G. Godfrey, 1; S. Godfrey, 2; J. Baker, 3; Rev. M. Kelly, 4; W. Davey, 5; G. White, 6; F. Shepherd, 7; A. Pike (conductor), 8.

## THE BELLS OF ST. MICHAEL'S COVENTRY.

## RINGING OR CHIMING: WHICH?

A meeting was held in St. Michael's on Monday, June 25th, to consider, among other matters, the question of rehanging the bells. The vicar presided, and there were present Messrs. W. F. Wyley, S. Cash, H. J. Norris, and S. Gorton (churchwardens), Ald. Maycock, Messrs. J. Astley, J. G. C. Graham, T. Rickard, J. Hinds, T. G. Pegg, H. C. Perrin, and A. Davies. Mr. Wyley briefly explained the object of the meeting, and read part of a letter from Mrs. Woodcock, having reference to what had recently appeared in the papers as to replacing the bells. The letter was of a private nature, and Mr. Astley suggested that, under the circumstances, it would be better not to read it all. Mr. Wyley stated, however, that Mrs. Woodcock was prepared to contribute towards the bell tower at the proper time—presumably when it had been definitely settled what would be done in the matter, and when the liabilities on the restoration fund were cleared off. Mr. Astley raised an objection to the form of circular convening the meeting, which was as follows:—

"St. Michael's Vestry, Coventry,  
"June 19th, 1894.

"Dear Sir,—You are requested to kindly attend a meeting on Monday, June 25th, at St. Michael's Vestry, at 12.30 o'clock, to confer with the vicar and churchwardens as to the arrangements for the bazaar to be held in 1895 for the purpose of (1) Hanging the bells; (2) paying off the balance of restoration and other debts of the church and parish schools.—Yours faithfully,

"SAMUEL GORTON, Accountant Warden."

Mr. Astley objected because, in the first place, it referred to hanging the bells, and also because, in his opinion, this movement rested with the Restoration Committee rather than with the churchwardens, who had quite enough work already, without saddling themselves with further responsibilities. He mentioned that four years ago the vicar expressed himself as strongly opposed to replacing the bells in the tower simply for chiming, and referred to Dr. Mills' letter, addressed to Col. Caldicott in proof of his statement. That rehanging the bells in the old tower would be positively dangerous was beyond question; the architects and other competent authorities consulted had been unanimous on this point. Mr. Davies considered that chiming would not seriously damage the tower. Mr. Astley expressed surprise that a man of Mr. Davies' experience should have committed himself to such a statement; and explained, for that gentleman's information, that the tower had been restored, not rebuilt. The outer walls averaged about 16in. in thickness and the inner walls barely 9in., this being simply a casing to the old material. An estimate for replacing the bells had, he understood, been received from Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough, but this could not be looked upon as satisfactory, inasmuch as Messrs. Taylor were bell-hangers, not builders. Mr. Astley criticised the "other debts of the church and parish schools," which was rather a vague statement and wanted a deal of explanation. He well knew the position of affairs at Easter, and said there were then no more than could be met by careful management, unless the wardens had since increased their liabilities. With reference to the parochial schools, he found that in the statement of accounts to June 30th, 1893, there was a debt of £60 16s. 10d., after handing over £60 to Union street school account. For the first time there appeared a balance on Union street school account of £313 1s. 10d. This matter had nothing whatever to do with the parochial schools. It was mission work, and should have been kept distinct. Ald. Maycock spoke against rehanging the bells until the debt on the restoration fund had been liquidated. After some further discussion, the following resolution was proposed: "That a committee be formed to carry out a bazaar in order to raise funds for the payment of the balance of the restoration and other debts of the church and parochial schools and to rehang the bells." The proposition was carried with one dissentient. It was afterwards decided that those present should form the nucleus of a committee to carry out the arrangements, but Mr. Astley declined to serve in that capacity. Dr. Mills was requested to write to Mr. J. Oldrid Scott, and ask for his advice concerning the replacing of the bells for chiming purposes.

The following is the letter referred to by Mr. Astley:—

"St. Michael's vestry, Coventry,  
"June 3rd, 1890.

"Dear Sir,—At a special meeting of vicar and wardens held last evening, your letter of the 8th ult. and accompanying memorial of parishioners and others in favor of rehanging our bells for chiming only in the present tower was duly read. As chairman, I am requested to assure you, and through you the other signatories, that we have given the matter our most serious and attentive consideration. Could the bells be rung with safety in the present tower, that, and that alone, would be the place for them. This, however, is now universally allowed to be out of the question. Not only so, but we are led to believe that chiming the bells above the groined ceiling would not be expedient, and we are furthermore assured on all sides that chiming only would never satisfy the St. Michael's parishioners, who are proud, and justly so, of their famous bells. Individually and collectively we, the vicar and wardens, have arrived at the conclusion that the difficulties of the question will only be solved, and the interests of the parish best served, by the erection of a new bell tower; and we are confirmed and supported in this belief, professionally, by the highest architectural authority; and ecclesiastically by our Bishop, Archdeacon, and other Church authorities.

"We believe that the large bulk of public feeling is with us, and, indeed, since the memorial here referred to was presented, some of the signatories have asked us to withdraw their names, as they had either changed their minds or signed under some misapprehension.—I am, dear sir, faithfully yours,

"JAMES ROBERT MILLS, D.D.,  
"Vicar of St. Michael's.

"To Colonel Caldicott, J.P."

## LETTER FROM MR. OLDRID SCOTT.

A letter has been received from Mr. J. O. Scott stating that, whilst he has always held that it would be very unwise to attempt to ring the bells in the steeple, there will be no danger at all involved in chiming them, whilst the effect would doubtless be very beautiful. Mr. Scott adds that he will be very happy to see that the work is properly carried out, and in a manner in no way detrimental to the tower and spire.

## LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.

The anniversary of the augmentation of the bells of the church of SS. Peter and Paul, from six to eight, in the year 1811, was held on Thursday, June 21st, very few visitors putting in an appearance, which, however, the local company were very pleased to see; and a hearty grip of the hand was awarded to each as he entered the grand pile of cut flint, which is worthy of the splendid peal of eight it contains—which are not in the best going order, except the tenor. The ringing during the day was well struck, beginning in the morning with a 560 of Grandsire Triples by the local company. During the forenoon a 720 of Bob Major was rung, in which Mr. Duce, of Long Melford, took part. In the afternoon a splendid touch of Kent Treble Bob Major was rung by Messrs. J. Tolliday, Hazel, Nevard, T. King, H. Smith, A. Symonds, H. Harper, C. Sillitoe (conductor). A 504 of Grandsire Triples in the evening brought the day's ringing to a close, which was rung at the time the visitors were leaving for their respective homes. The visitors were Messrs. Tolliday, Harper, Sillitoe (from Sudbury), Hazel (Little Bentley), Nevard (Great Bentley), Duce (Long Melford), H. Bowell (Ipswich).

## HORSHAM, SUSSEX.

On Saturday, June 30th, at the parish church, an attempt was made for a peal of Superlative Surprise Major, but unfortunately for the band after ringing 3 hrs. 18 mins., and in the second course from the finish, the vicar, Dr. Robinson, came rushing into the tower swinging his hat and calling "Stop, stop, stop," and when they had stopped and asked the reason, the vicar in an excited manner told the conductor that they were ringing longer than he had given permission for. They were about ten minutes over the time, which was owing to the bad "go" of the sixth and tenor. When remonstrated with, and told what he had done, he told them it was nothing to do with him. He would like to see the light turned out. Four of the band had eight miles to walk home, and the feelings of them all can better be imagined than described. A. Cripps, 1; J. Rice, 2; E. Jordan, 3; R. Jordan, 4; F. Dench, 5; A. D. Mills, 6; J. Parker (conductor), 7; F. W. Cripps, 8. Tenor 24 cwt.

# OPENING OF A NEW PEAL OF SIX BELLS AT MISSON (NOTTS).

On Tuesday last four members of the Ordsall Society, along with two from East Retford, under the leadership of Mr. H. Haigh, were invited by the Restoration Committee to open the new peal of bells which were dedicated by the Bishop of Southwell.

After the dedication, and between service, plain course of Bob Minor was rung.

During luncheon the ringers rung a 720 of Bob Minor in 26½ minutes. J. E. Whetstone, 1; J. B. Joynes, 2; H. Lambert, 3; H. Blagg, 4; H. Haigh (conductor), 5; J. White, 6. After which a 720 of Canterbury Pleasure, with J. E. Whetstone and J. Joynes changing positions, and which was also conducted by H. Haigh. These two 720's were rung specially after service, in order that all present at luncheon could have the pleasure of listening, and give their opinion with regard to quality of tone.

The ringers next partook of luncheon provided in the school-room, and then adjourned to the Vicarage Grounds, where a sale of work was going on, and amusements.

After partaking of a good tea, the ringers once more made for the tower to ring the last 720, and which was undoubtedly the best struck one of the day, viz.: a 720 of College Single. This wound up a most enjoyable day's ringing. The following were at the ropes: H. Haigh (conductor), 1; J. E. Whetstone, 2; J. Joynes, 3; H. Lambert, 4; H. Blagg, 5; J. White, 6.

This church possessed formerly a ring of four bells, which were destroyed by lightning on September 23rd, 1893, together with the greater portion of the church, but by dint of perseverance and hard work by the Restoration Committee they have replaced the old peal entirely with a new ring of six—Tenor, 12 cwt. 22 lbs., key of G. The general opinion about the whole peal, which has been put up by Messrs. Mallaby and Sons, of Masham, is that the splendid go of them, combined with the excellence of purity in tone, reflects great credit on that firm of bellhangers.

The following are the weights and inscriptions on the bells:—

	Cwt.	qrs.	lbs.	Inscription.
Treble	5	3	21	"Fear ye the Lord."
2nd	6	0	25	"Glory to God alone."
3rd	7	0	12	"From Lighning"
4th	8	0	2	"And Tempest"
5th	9	0	14	"Good Lord"
6th	12	0	22	"Deliver us."

The ringers desire to thank the Vicar and Churchwardens, through the medium of this paper, for their generosity, and also to Mr. and Mrs. Brooks for the utmost kindness and consideration with which they were treated before and after service.

It is very gratifying to know that a band of ringers has been found, viz.: 9, some of which can handle the bells very nicely, and it is hoped that ere long they will be able to ring a 720 changes, and give harmony and pleasure to the people of the village to which they belong.

H. H.

## BARTON-LE-CLEY, BEDS.

Monday, July 2nd, was the day selected by the Rev. J. F. Cornwall, Rector of this parish, for the annual festival of the ringers of the neighbourhood. The bells are a ring of five, the usual Bedfordshire number, tenor about 18 cwt. At 1.30 the bells were raised in peal by the Barton men, and from that hour to five o'clock were kept going by bands from Shillington, Meppershall, Henlow, Gravenhurst, and Silsoe. Five members of the Bedfordshire Association, viz., Messrs. Hills and Clarke from Bedford, C. and E. Herbert from Woburn, and Rev. W. W. C. Baker were also present, and rang several 6-scores of Grandsire and Bob Doubles.

The company, numbering about sixty, sat down to an excellent tea at five o'clock at The Bull inn. At seven o'clock a service was held at the Church, the special psalms and hymns being appropriate to the occasion. The Rector intoned the prayers, the lesson was read by the Rev. J. A. Bouser, Vicar of Shillington and Rural Dean, and the preacher was the Rev. W. W. C. Baker, Rector of Milton Bryant, and Hon. Sec. Beds. Association. His address was based on Rom. xv. 3, "Even Christ

pleased not himself," and was a plea for unselfishness and consideration for others among ringers.

After service, while the party were sitting down to supper, touches were rung upon the handbells, including a course of of Grandsire Caters. \*E. Herbert, 1-2; Rev. W. Baker, 3-4; C. W. Clarke, 5-6; Cyril Herbert, 7-8; \*J. Hills, 9-10. \* Their first course of Caters double-handed. As showing the benefit arising from these friendly gatherings it may be mentioned that acting on the advice given them at a similar meeting at Shillington last year, the Shillington men have begun to practise half-pull ringing, and on Monday were striking Bob Singles most creditably.

Besides the clergy named there were present during the afternoon the Rev. H. A. Orlebar, Vicar of Silsoe, and the Rev. R. F. Cory, Vicar of Higham Gobion. The thanks of all present are due to the Rev. J. F. Cornwall for his cordial welcome, and the excellent arrangements he had made for the success of the festival.

## INSCRIPTIONS AND WEIGHTS OF THE BELLS OF THE BELLS OF THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, MEARS ASHBY.

1.—"IN DEI GLORIAM. H. M. STOCKDALE & T. MERCER 1879."

(Weight 6 cwt. 14 lbs.)

2.—"JOHN CALLIS CHURCHWARDEN E. ARNOLD FECIT 1793."

(Weight 6 cwt. 2 qrs.)

3.—"GOD SAVE OVR KING 1621 E N"

(Weight 7 cwt. 2 qrs. 12 lbs.)

4.—"A BDC FGHI KLMNO PQRST"

(Weight 8 cwt. 2 qrs. 21 lbs.)

5.—"IHS NAZARENVS REX IVDEORVM FILI DEI MISERERE MEI S. PRATT & W. CHURCH HIEROPHYLACI BUS T. & J. EAYRE FECERUNT 1718."

(Weight 9 cwt.)

The bells were completely rehung in the year 1879, when a new treble was added. It was the joint gift of the two gentlemen whose names are inscribed upon it. The third bell was, probably cast by a founder named Keene, of Woodstock. The fourth (an Alphabet bell bearing no date) appears to have come from the old Leicester foundry of the Newcombes, the latter part of the sixteenth century. The tenor was one of the first bells made by the Eayres, of Kettering, who afterwards became so celebrated for clocks and bells. Its diameter is 39½ inches, and it is rather light in weight and deep in tone for its size.

H. M. Stockdale, Esq., J.P., Mears Ashby Hall, takes considerable interest in the bells and ringers. Mr. Stockdale, jun., handles a rope in the belfry, and is instructing the local company in change-ringing. The Misses Stockdale, too, occasionally amuse themselves by ringing on the handbells.

Recently the ringers from Earls Barton visited Mears Ashby, and, by kind permission of the Rev. J. B. Fawcett, rang the following: two 6-scores of Plain Bob Doubles. O. Chapman, 1; G. Johnson, 2; H. Line, 3; F. Jones, A. White (conductor), 5. And two 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. O. Chapman, 1; G. Johnson (conductor), 2; H. Line, 3; A. White, 4; G. Knight, 5. The bells go well.

## WOODSTOCK, OXON.

The parish church clock of Woodstock has just been thoroughly restored by John Smith and Sons, Midland Clock Works, Derby. Four new dials, with hour and minute hands have been fitted in the place of the old dials, which had hour hands only. The same firm made the clock at Bladon church, which is also quite close to Blenheim House.

CENTRAL COUNCIL REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON  
CALLS AND COLLECTION OF PEALS.—Now ready.  
Price Twopence, post free. Stamps with order to Rev. H. E. BULWER,  
Stanhoe Rectory, King's Lynn.

## Ringers' Outings.

**ST. HILDA'S SOCIETY, MIDDLESBROUGH-ON-TEES.**—On Saturday, June 23rd, nine members of this society, many of whom were accompanied by their wives, journeyed to Guisborough, Yorks., for an afternoon's outing, arrangements having been previously made for the use of the bells at the church of St. Nicholas, which are a grand little ring of six, tenor 9½ cwt. in E., and having recently been thoroughly overhauled at considerable cost, were found to be in first-class going order. On arrival the party was joined by Mr. R. Haswell, of the local company, who had everything in readiness, and a start was made for a 720 of Kent Treble Bob, which was brought round in good style; also 120 of Stedman Doubles. The company then accepted an invitation down to the vicarage, where they were heartily welcomed by the worthy vicar, the Rev. F. Morgan. Here touches of Grandsire, Stedman, and Kent Treble Bob Major were accomplished on the handbells, while many of the visitors preferred to ramble round the well-kept gardens and lawns. Another visit was then made to the church, and after ringing a 720 of Bob Minor, in which R. Haswell, of the local company took a rope, the visitors were conducted by the vicar to a restaurant, where a first-class spread was laid out, and in true ringer fashion, ample justice being done to the many good things provided. After tea the vicar, in a short speech, thanked the Middlesbrough men for going there that day and ringing, which was responded to by Mr. Blakiston. The visitors were then shown through the Abbey grounds, and the various places of interest, in which the place abounds, were kindly pointed out by the head gardener, not forgetting to mention the monster chestnut tree, which in itself is quite a curiosity, measuring something like 24 ft. in girth at its base, the overhanging branches having touched the ground and taken root again, gives it the appearance of a cluster of trees instead of only one. Visiting the tower once more, and attempting a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, which unfortunately was lost near the end, after some capital striking. Three of the Guisborough men were then put through 120 of Grandsire Doubles, which finished the day's ringing. The visitors wish through these columns to thank the Rev. F. and Miss Morgan for the way they were entertained, and also the local ringers, all having so thoroughly enjoyed themselves. A 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor was rung. R. Borrows, 1; J. H. Jones, 2; J. W. Passman, 3; A. Mellanby, 4; A. McFarlane, 5; J. H. Blakiston (conductor), 6. And 720 Bob Minor. J. Nicholson, 1; R. Haswell, 2; R. Fenwick, 3; A. McFarlane, 4; J. W. Passman (conductor), 5; A. Mellanby, 6. Also 120 Grandsire Doubles. T. Knaggs (conductor), 1; R. Haswell, 2; J. H. Jones, 3; J. Cotterill, 4; J. H. Blakiston, 5; S. Walker, 6.

**THE BRAINTREE AND BOCKING SOCIETIES.**—Saturday, June 16th, was the day chosen for the outing of the above Societies, and Sudbury was the place agreed for to go. The time for starting was 8.30 a.m. at Baintree Railway Station, where we had to meet our old friends Mr. Ezra Carter and Mr. E. Horrex from London, and they brought with them five other friends, and after the usual greeting, we got into the brake, and off to Bocking, where we were joined by the local ringers and friends, and then for a sixteen miles' beautiful country drive, which was enjoyed by all, but we had to make a short stop after the first nine miles for the weather was very hot, and we all regaled ourselves with a button-hole of wild flowers, and reached Sudbury at 12.10, where dinner was ready for us at The Christopher hotel. After dinner was over some went boating, some cricketing, and the ringers went ringing and were joined by the Sudbury company. At Sudbury there are three churches and each have a ring of eight. All Saints being the first to visit, we rung 336 Bob Major, and 288 Kent Treble Bob Major; the next was St. Gregory's, and we rung 768 Kent Treble Bob Major; and the last was St. Peter's, where we rung 288 Kent Treble Bob Major; 168 Stedman Triples, and a touch of Bocking Treble Bob Minor and then it was time for tea, where we adjourned to The Christopher hotel. After tea was over we had a short concert, Mr. E. Horrex, of London, was elected chairman, and he

was quite at home, and Mr. P. Sillitoe, of Sudbury, presided at the piano. Songs were sung by Messrs. E. Horrex, C. Bearman, J. Cornet, F. Rudkin, H. Harper, E. Carter, W. Howell, F. Carter, E. Horrex, jun., and J. Tolliday. Mr. E. Carter proposed a vote of thanks to the Sudbury ringers for meeting us, and having everything in readiness, and to the vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells. The Sudbury company rung a course of Grandsire and Stedman Caters on the handbells, and after singing "God Save the Queen," a start was made for home, which was reached at midnight, after a very pleasant day's outing. F.R.

**THORNBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.**—On Monday, June 25th, the parish ringers, with the choir, had their annual outing, the place selected being Plymouth. A start was made from Thornbury at 3 a.m., when a lovely drive to Bristol was enjoyed, a distance of about eleven miles. The traip being duly boarded, a start was made via Taunton, Exeter, Dawlish, etc., Plymouth being reached about 10 o'clock, the scenery along the route being much enjoyed. Previous arrangements had been made for a ring at Charles church, where Messrs. Taylor and Marsh very kindly met us. Time being limited, only two short touches were rung, viz., 160 Grandsire Triples, conducted by E. J. Taylor, and 336 in the same method, conducted by F. K. Howell. The following took part in the ringing; W. Davis, C. Eddington, E. Eddington, F. Poole, A. P. Phelps, T. Alsopp, H. T. Howell, F. K. Howell, and Messrs. Taylor and Marsh. To these gentlemen the Thornbury ringers wish to tender their hearty thanks for so kindly meeting them for their first ring in Plymouth. Various trips were taken on boats, including a visit to the Eddystone Lighthouse. The return journey was commenced at 7 o'clock, Bristol being reached just before 12 o'clock, Thornbury at 2 a.m., which ended another outing. Everyone had thoroughly enjoyed themselves, and at the same time were well tired.

## MIDHURST, SUSSEX.

**PRESENTATION TO DR. GEORGE.**—On Wednesday, June 20th, the ringers of Midhurst Church assembled in the belfry to take a formal farewell of their conductor, Dr. George, who is shortly leaving Midhurst, and to testify their appreciation of his valuable services, presented him with a silver hand bell, with an illuminated address. The presentation was made by the Vicar, the Rev. S. M. Campbell, who expressed the regret one and all felt in losing one who had done so much to promote change-ringing, and thanked Dr. George for the interest he had always taken. The Rev. J. W. G. Loder-Cotter (Hon. Sec. of S.C.A.) seconded, and referred to the progress made in change-ringing in the Midhurst belfry since it was started by Mr. Williams, and carried on by Dr. George. Dr. George then expressed his grateful thanks to his friends for their kindness, which was quite unexpected by him. The address was as follows:—

"We, the undermentioned past and present members of the Midhurst Belfry, ask you to accept the accompanying present upon the occasion of your departure from Midhurst, as a token of our good wishes, and in appreciation of the great interest you have always shown in advancing the art of change-ringing during six years' service in the Midhurst Belfry. Our united wish is, that your future career may be one of prosperity and happiness.

Bennett, A. B.	Rump, F. R.
Best, C.	Soane, C.
Boswell, G.	Tribe, C. (Bitterne)
Bull, G. A.	Tribe, C.
Campbell, S. M.	Wake, H. E.
Ellis, T. E.	Werry, W.
Lee, J.	Williams, G.
Loder-Cotter, J. W. G.	Worsfold, W.
	Mrs. Williams."

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

**NORTHWICH BRANCH.**—A meeting of this branch was held on Saturday, June 23rd, at Northwich. Members attended from Rudworth and Davenham, and about twenty had tea at the Cocoa Rooms, Northwich. Most of the ringers in this branch are only learning change-ringing. It was arranged to hold the next meeting at Great Rudworth, on September 29th.



## ST. NICHOLAS' CATHEDRAL, NEWCASTLE.

We are given to understand that the city authorities of Newcastle-on-Tyne have given instructions to Messrs. W. Potts and Sons, of Leeds and Newcastle, to fix a new large Cambridge quarter-chime clock in the tower of St. Nicholas' cathedral, of much greater strength than the present one, and more suitable for the fine new hour bell recently erected there. The bell will be also utilized for denoting to the shipping in the harbour the correct time at one o'clock daily by circuit wire from Greenwich Observatory, the one o'clock gun having been discontinued now for some time. The above clock is now in hand at Messrs.

Potts' works, and when completed will be the largest in the kingdom. Messrs. Potts have also received instructions from the Mayor and Corporation of Newcastle to fix the clock taken out of the Cathedral into the tower of All Saints' church in that city, the old clock being worn out. They are also making new clocks for Hayfield church, Derbyshire, Stanhope church, county Durham, Wilsden church, near Bradford, Kirkbymoorside church, North Yorks, Rufforth church, near York, Southport Infirmary, the new city hall, Sheffield, with four 11-ft. 6-in. illuminated dials, large clock for Messrs. Reckitt's Works, Hull, with two 6-ft. dials, etc.

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

											Treble Bob Methods.	Grandsire.	On 6 bells.			Dble M <sup>th</sup>	Plain Methods.	Surprise Methods.		Stedman.								
	January.	February.	March.	April.	Total.	Maximus.	Royal.	Major.	In 7 Treble Bob Minor methods.	Cinquies.	Caters.	Major.	Triples.	In 1, 2, or 3 Minor methods. In 4, 5, 6 or 7 Minor methods.	Dble. Norwich C.B.R.	Royal.	Major.	Triples.	Doubles.	London Sur- prise.	Cambridge Sur- prise.	Superlative Surprise.	Cinquies.	Caters.	Triples.	Value in points see*		
1	Norwich Diocesan Association..	6	7	10	11	34	—	—	12	—	—	1	1	—	2	1	1	10	2	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	382	
2	Kent County Association .....	7	5	5	4	21	—	—	3	—	1	—	12	1	1	—	1	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	191	
3	Lancashire Association .....	5	6	4	6	21	—	—	2	—	—	—	15	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	208	
4	Yorkshire Association .....	3	7	6	4	20	—	—	10	4	—	—	3	—	—	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	322	
5	Oxford Diocesan Guild .....	3	3	4	8	18	—	—	—	—	1	—	4	—	—	—	3	1	—	1	—	3	—	2	3	—	434	
6	Midland Counties Association..	5	4	4	4	17	—	—	1	—	2	—	6	1	1	—	—	1	1	—	2	—	1	1	—	—	267	
7	Anc. Soc. College Youths.....	6	3	5	2	16	—	1	3	—	—	—	2	—	—	1	2	1	—	—	1	2	1	2	—	—	372	
8	Sussex County Association. ....	1	1	5	4	11	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	2	—	—	2	—	—	1	1	—	—	3	—	240	
9	Gloucester and Bristol Assocn. .	3	3	3	1	10	—	—	1	—	1	—	6	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	122	
10	Soc. Archdeaconry of Stafford..	1	2	4	3	10	—	—	—	—	1	2	4	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	110	
11	Royal Cumberland Youths ....	1	3	2	3	9	1	—	—	—	3	—	2	—	—	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	110	
12	Winchester Diocesan Guild .....	2	1	2	2	7	—	—	—	—	1	—	4	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	58	
13	Bedfordshire Association .....	4	1	2	—	7	—	—	2	—	—	—	1	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	108	
14	Durham & New'cle Dio. Asn. ....	2	—	2	2	6	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	2	—	—	160	
15	Essex Association .....	1	1	4	—	6	—	1	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	140	
16	Salisbury Diocesan Guild .....	3	—	1	2	6	—	—	—	—	2	—	3	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	52	
17	Surrey Association .....	1	—	4	—	5	—	—	1	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	48	
18	Raunds and Wellingboro' Assn. .	1	1	2	1	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	40	
19	Hertford Association .....	—	2	2	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	32	
20	Waterloo Society London.....	—	2	—	1	3	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	42	
21	St. Martin's Soc. Birmingham..	1	1	—	1	3	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	64	
22	Worcester and Districts Assocn. .	1	—	1	—	2	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	22	
23	Stoke Archdeaconal Assocn. ....	—	1	1	—	2	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	32	
24	North Lincolnshire Assocn. ....	—	—	1	1	2	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	24	
25	United Counties' Association ..	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	24	
26	Liverpool Diocesan Guild.....	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	8	
27	Bath and Wells Association....	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	8	
28	Middlesex Association .....	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	8	
29	Heavy Woollen Dist. Assocn....	1	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	20	
30	Hereford Diocesan Guild .....	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	8	
31	South Lincolnshire Association ..	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	
	Independent Societies .....	4	4	5	8	21	—	—	3	—	2	—	13	—	1	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	200	
		65	59	80	69	273	1	3	42	7	1	16	3	96	3	11	6	1	29	14	6	1	1	11	2	5	14	3862

The peals of Triples, Major and Royal comprised:—Bob Triples 5; Bob Major 26; Bob Royal 1; Oxford Bob Triples 7; Union Triples 1; Darlaston Bob Triples 1; Canterbury Pleasure Major, 3. The 21 peals by Independent Societies were rung as follows:—In Lancashire 4; Gloucestershire 2; Shropshire 2; Staffordshire 2; Worcestershire 2; Berkshire 1; Cheshire 1; Cambridgeshire 1; Middlesex 1; Somersetshire 1; Surrey 1; Suffolk 1; North Wales 1; Yorkshire 1.

1892—January ..	79
February ..	63
March ..	72
April ..	63

277

1893—January ..	77
February ..	90
March ..	44
April ..	82

293

1894—January ..	65
February ..	59
March ..	80
April ..	69

273

Decrease on the corresponding four months of 1893:—20.

\*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.

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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;  
IN THE KENT VARIATION.

CHARLES DEAN .. .. Treble.	JAMES TRENDALL .. .. 5
JOHN TRENDALL* .. .. 2.	*CHARLES TRENDALL .. .. 6.
FREDERICK TRENDALL* .. 3.	H. KENTEN .. .. 7.
FRANK M. BUTLER .. .. 4.	†EDWARD TRENDALL .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by EDWARD TRENDALL.

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

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On Saturday, June 30, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES,  
Tenor 19 cwt.

JAMES HEFFER, JUN. .. Treble.	*CHARLES HARPER .. .. 5.
REV. J. HOLME PILKINGTON 2.	*WILLIAM NORMAN .. .. 6.
FREDERICK CLAYTON .. 3.	WILLIAM G. CRICKMER .. 7.
CHARLES F. LING .. .. 4.	WILLIAM FLORY .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD and Conducted by W. G. CRICKMER.

\*First peal (C. Harper is 71 years old). Rung in honour of the birth of a son to T.R.H. the Duke and Duchess of York. F. Clayton hails from Worlingworth; C. F. Ling from Bedford; W. G. Crickmer from Earl Soham; the rest belong to Framlingham.

## GRIMSBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE AND YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 30, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

G. T. MARSHALL .. .. Treble.	J. BAKER .. .. 5.
A. B. SHEPHERD .. .. 2.	C. JACKSON .. .. 6.
T. STOCKDALE .. .. 3.	J. W. CHAPMAN .. .. 7.
W. H. HEYHOE .. .. 4.	J. W. DALE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES JACKSON.

Messrs. Marshall, Stockdale, Jackson and Dale hail from Hull, the rest are local men.

## WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.

## THE WALTHAM ABBEY SOCIETY.

On Saturday, June 30, 1894, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S BOB-AND-SINGLE VARIATION. Tenor 19 cwt. in E.

FRANK CARTER .. .. Treble.	DAVID TARLING .. .. 5.
HENRY JAMES* .. .. 2.	†GEORGE THURGOOD .. .. 6.
GEORGE E. PEACE† .. .. 3.	THOMAS COLVERD .. .. 7.
FRANK JELF .. .. 4.	*GEORGE COLE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE THUROOOD.

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

## NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, July 1, 1894, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

THOMAS BREWIS .. .. Treble.	HUGH D. DALL .. .. 5.
FRANCIS LEES .. .. 2.	*WILLIAM BREWIS .. .. 6.
ALFRED F. HILLIER .. .. 3.	FREDK. J. HARRISON .. .. 7.
CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE .. .. 4.	WILLIAM HOLMES .. .. Tenor.

Composed by JAMES S. WILDE and Conducted by WM. HOLMES.

\*First peal on eight bells. Messrs. Brewis belong to Tanfield, the rest to St. Johns.

## GLOWICK, OLDHAM, LANCASHIRE.

On Thursday, July 3, 1894, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REEVES' VARIATION.

Tenor 9 cwt.

FRED. COCKS .. .. Treble.	SAMUEL STOTT .. .. 5.
FRED. CROSLAND .. .. 2.	*JAMES LEES .. .. 6.
E. B. SHAW .. .. 3.	EPHRAIM ORME .. .. 7.
JAMES PRIESTLEY .. .. 4.	*FRED. BUCKLEY .. .. Tenor.

No Conductor mentioned.

\*First peal. Messrs. Shaw, Crossland, Priestley, Lees and Buckley hail from Leesfield; Stott and Cocks from Oldham; Orme from Longton, Staffordshire.

## Performances on Five and Six Bells.

## MARKET DEEPING, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE SOUTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 23, 1894, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GUTHLAG,

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

Tenor 16 cwt.

R. CLARKE* .. .. Treble.	C. HARPER .. .. 4.
R. WYCHE .. .. 2.	F. DENNISON .. .. 5.
G. WELLS* .. .. 3.	REV. H. LAW JAMES .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by REV. H. LAW JAMES.

\*First 5040. This is the 5043 on the bells. R. Clarke belongs to Glinton; G. Wells to Market Deeping; Rev. H. Law James and the rest to St. Martin's Scholars, Stamford.

## BARROW-ON-SOAR, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 30th, 1894, in Four Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## 6000 DOUBLES IN THE FOUR FOLLOWING METHODS:

Canterbury, Extreme, Plain Bob, and Grandsire.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

THOMAS HERBERT .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM DEXTER .. .. 3.
JOHN SHARPE .. .. 2.	ISRAEL LOVETT .. .. 4.
W. H. INGLESANT .. .. Tenor.	

Conducted by W. H. INGLESANT.

This is the first 5040 on the bells, and the longest length by all except the conductor; each 6-score being called differently.

## Miscellaneous.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

TOWN MALLING (Kent).—On Tuesday, June 26th, for practice, 360 Canterbury Pleasure. W. Capon, 1; W. Smith (first 360 in the method), 2; J. Worsley, 3; W. Harden, 4; Rev. A. L. Brine, 5; J. W. Leonard (conductor), 6.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS (Kent).—On Wednesday, June 20th, an attempt was made for a peal of Oxford Bob Triples, which came to grief through a wrong call, after ringing 4620 changes in 2 hrs. 41 mins. P. Brooker, 1; E. Mankelow, 2; H. Porter, 3; G. Stonestreet, 4; W. Latter, 5; W. Steed, 6; S. Perkins (conductor), 7; C. Goble, 8. This is W. Steed's first attempt for a peal as conductor, and with G. Stonestreet hails from Tonbridge.

CRAYFORD (Kent).—On Tuesday, June 19th, Thurstans' one-part peal of Stedman Triples was attempted, but came to grief after ringing 2 hrs. 45 mins., there being only a little more than another course to ring to finish the peal, the last bob having been made, and the bells in the plain course. J. Turner, 1; F. Hayes, 2; W. I. Reeve, 3; G. Conyard, 4; C. Wilkins, 5; A. Peill, 6; E. Barnett (conductor), 7; A. Saxby, 8. It was at first arranged for a peal of Treble Bob, but one of the band not being able to come at the last minute, Stedman Triples was substituted.

WESTERHAM (Kent).—On Sunday evening, June 24th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. R. Stone, 1; G. B. Selby, 2; D. Wright, 3; G. Steer (composer and conductor), 4; E. R. J. Dunk, 5; J. Heath, 6; H. J. Selby, 7; D. Ashdown, 8.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BARKING (Essex).—On Saturday evening, June 30th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. A. Hardy, 1; T. Faulkner, 2; H. Parker, 3; Y. Green, 4; A. Deards, 5; H. Springhall, 6; A. Whight (first quarter-peal as conductor), 7; E. A. Davies, 8.

KELVEDON (Essex).—On Sunday, June 24th, after evening service, 720 changes were rung in honour of the birth of the Prince, one consisting of two 6-scores of Oxford, one of Cambridge, and three 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, each called differently. F. Dale, 1; J. Elliott, 2; J. Frost, 3; H. Evers, 4; W. Elliott (conductor), 5. Tenor 21 cwt.

STANSTED (Essex).—On Thursday, June 7th, at the church of St. Mary the Virgin for practice, 720 London Treble Bob. J. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; T. J. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; W. Watts, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. On Thursday, June 14th for practice, 720 Plain Bob Minor. T. Jordan, 1; I. Hammond, 2; J. Sibley, 3; G. Gray, 4; W. White, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. Also 720 Durham Surprise. J. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; G. Gray, 3; W. Watts, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. On Sunday, June 17th, for morning service, 360 Worcester Surprise. J. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; W. Watts, 5; T. J. Watts (conductor), 6. And for afternoon service, 720 Plain Bob Minor (fourteen bobs two singles), composed by the late B. Annable. J. Cavill, 1; T. Jordan, 2; I. Hammond, 3; G. Gray, 4; J. Luckey, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. On Thursday, June 21st, for practice, 720 Wells Surprise. 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 720 Stansted Double Bob. T. Jordan, 1; I. Hammond, 2; G. Gray, 3; W. Watts, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. Tenor 13 cwt.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

WESTHALL (Suffolk).—On Sunday, June 3rd, for afternoon service, two 6-scores each of Stedman and Grandsire Doubles. F. Lamberg, 1; J. Cole, 2; J. Howlett, 3; R. Lambert, 4; J. Larter (conductor), 5.

Ad after service, two 6-scores each of Stedman and Bob Doubles. J. Woolnough, 1; J. Cole, 2; F. Lambert, 3; R. Lambert, 4; J. Larter, 5. F. Lambert hails from Halesworth; J. Larter from Henham.

WENHASTON (Suffolk).—On Sunday, June 10th, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor in 25 mins. C. List, 1; A. Miles, 2; J. Farrington, 3; J. Youngs, 4; J. Larter (conductor), 5; J. Punchard, 6. After service, 720 Bob Minor, with W. Eastaugh, 3; G. Eastaugh, 4; the others as before. This is J. Farrington and W. Eastaugh's first 720.

HALESWORTH (Suffolk).—*Handbell Ringing*.—Recently, 720 Bob Minor in 15½ mins. F. Lambert, 1-2; G. Lovell, 3; C. Kerrison, 4; J. Larter (conductor), 5-6. And a course of Bob Major. G. Lee, 1; G. Lovell, 2; F. Lambert, 3-4; J. Larter, 5-6; C. Kerrison, 7-8.

HINGHAM (Norfolk).—On Thursday, June 21st, at St. Andrew's church, 720 Bob Minor with the tenor covering. G. Whitehand, 1; J. Miles, 2; W. Tuttle, 3; J. Howes, 4; J. Sadd, 5; E. Eagling (conductor), 6; J. Skipper, 7. And 560 Bob Major. W. Muffett, 1; J. Miles, 2; J. Howes, 3; W. Tuttle, 4; T. Cudbird, 5; J. Sadd, 6; E. Eagling (conductor), 7; J. Skipper, 8. Tenor 18 cwt. Miles and Howes hail from Attleborough, and this is the latter's first touch on 8.

BESTHORPE (Norfolk).—On Sunday, June 24th, on the occasion of a Flower Service, six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. S. Daniels, 1; J. Miles, 2; R. Ettridge, 3; J. Howes (conductor), 4; J. Lawrence, 5. Also several 6-scores in which A. Howes took part. This company hails from Attleborough. Recently by the local company six 6-scores of Bob Doubles. J. Stanley (conductor), 1; W. Eagling, 2; J. Warren, 3; W. Cook, 4; W. Eastoll, 5. Also a 6-score by F. Stanley, J. Cook, and F. Jolley. Credit is due to this band as they have only been learning a short time under a course of lessons from the Attleborough company.

ATTLEBOROUGH (Norfolk).—*Handbell Ringing*.—At the house of Mr. Miles, a 360 Bob Minor. J. Miles, 1-2; A. Howes, 3-4; J. Howes, 5-6. Also 672 Bob Major. J. Miles, 1-2; A. Howes, 3-4; J. Howes (conductor), 5-6; J. Lawrence, 7-8. Owing to the dangerous state of the tower bells of this parish, which are a fine ring of six, tenor about 16½ cwt. ringing has ceased now for about two years, and it is to be hoped soon that our church authorities will take steps to have the bells put in going order.

WILBY (Norfolk).—Recently several 6-scores of Bob Doubles. F. Kerry, 1; A. Howes, 2; S. Daniels, 3; J. Howes (conductor), 4; J. Lawrence, 5. Little could be done here as the bells are in bad going order.

QUIDENHAM (Norfolk).—Recently at the church of St. Andrew's, 720 Bob Minor. J. Woods, 1; A. Howes (first 720), 2; J. Adams, 3; J. Howes, 4; J. Woods (conductor), 5; J. Lawrence, 6. And a 360 in which F. Kerry took part. A. and J. Howes, J. Lawrence, F. Kerry, hail from Attleborough. J. Adams from Harling, J. Woods jun., and J. Woods, sen., from Kenninghall. These are a beautiful ring of bells, tenor 16 cwt.

#### THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

FARNHAM (Surrey).—On Wednesday, June 20th (Accession Day), a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. A. J. Le Clercq, 1; F. A. Barnett, 2; W. Baxter, 3; A. White, 4; G. H. Barnett, 5; C. Fry, 6; A. E. Headey (conductor), 7; H. Wright, 8. On Sunday morning, June 24th, for Divine Service 826 Grandsire Triples. A. J. Le Clercq, 1; H. Garfath (conductor), 2; A. E. Headey, 3; A. Smith, 4; G. H. Barnett, 5; C. Fry, 6; A. White, 7; G. Carter, 8. G. Carter hails from Woolwich; the rest belong to the local band. For Divine Service in the evening a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. A. E. Headey, 1; A. Smith, 2; G. H. Barnett, 3; A. White, 4; A. J. Le Clercq, 5; C. Fry, 6; H. L. Garfath (conductor), 7; H. Wright, 8. Tenor 21 cwt.

WINCHESTER.—On Thursday, June 21st, at the Cathedral, 540 Grandsire Caters. C. J. North, 1; G. Smith, 2; W. J. Sevier, 3; C. J. Chooet, 4; T. Newnham, 5; R. Hasted, 6; W. C. Lampard, 7; J. Weaver, 8; W. H. George (composer and conductor), 9; D. Froome, 10. And 532 Grandsire Triples. R. Hasted, 1; C. J. Chooet, 2; G. Smith, 3; W. J. Sevier, 4; T. Newnham, 5; J. Weaver, 6; W. H. George (composer and conductor), 7; D. Froome, 8. Tenor 32 cwt.

ROMSEY (Hants).—On Tuesday, June 19th, at the abbey church, 168 Grandsire Triples. C. Cole, 1; J. Elcombe, 2; G. Newman, 3; A. Newman, 4; C. J. Chooet, 5; F. Russen, 6; W. H. George (conductor), 7; G. Saint, 8. And 280 in the same method. A. Macey, 1; T. Cole, 2; G. Newman, 3; A. Newman, 4; C. J. Chooet, 5; F. Russen, 6; W. H. George (conductor), 7; W. Payne, 8. Also 420 Bob Triples. A. Macey, 1; J. Elcombe, 2; J. Newman, 3; A. Newman, 4; C. J. Chooet, 5; F. Russen, 6; W. H. George (conductor), 7; T. Cole, 8. Tenor 25 cwt.

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

HANDSWORTH.—On Monday, June 18th, at St. Mary's church, 1260 Grandsire Triples in 46 mins. G. Williams, 1; H. Bastable, 2; B. Starkey, 3; W. Verry, 4; T. Verry, 5; R. Faux, 6; T. Westwood (conductor), 7; J. W. Bacon, 8. Composed by the Editor of "THE BELL NEWS."

#### THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

CROYDON (Surrey).—On Saturday, June 16th, at the church of St. Peter, on the occasion of the marriage of Dr. Whaite, with Miss Moore, of South Croydon, 630 Grandsire Triples. F. Larbey, 1; H. Brooker (conductor), 2; W. Dolton, 3; W. W. O. Gammon, 4; G. Burt, 5; C. Kitching, 6; F. Hermon, 7; B. Blake, 8. And 672 in the same method. W. Dolton, 1; F. Larbey, 2; W. W. O. Gammon, 3; G. Burt, 4; H. Brooker (conductor), 5; C. Kitching, 6; F. Hermon, 7; B. Blake, 8.

#### THE WORCESTER CATHEDRAL GUILD.

WORCESTER.—On Sunday, June 24th, at the Cathedral, in honour of the birth of an Heir Apparent to the Throne, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, 1259 changes, in 50 mins. B. S. Hill, 1; W. Cotton, 2; W. Powell, 3; W. H. Johnson, 4; G. Hinton, 5; W. Page (conductor), 6; W. Bradford, 7; R. Horton, 8; E. Davis, 9; T. Mallin and W. Bright, 10. For Divine Service in the morning at St. Helen's church, 528 Grandsire Major. W. Bright, 1; W. Cotton, 2; W. Powell, 3; W. H. Johnson, 4; J. Hinton, 5; W. Page (conductor), 6; W. Bradford, 7; E. Davis, 8.

#### BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BATH.—On Sunday afternoon, July 1st, at St. James's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 1260 changes, in 45 mins. W. Simmonds, 1; C. Goodenough, 2; H. W. Brown, 3; J. Fussell, 4; F. King, 5; J. Cox, 6; C. W. Bell (conductor), 7; G. Crisp, 8. The above was rung for Divine Service on the occasion of the church parade of the United Patriots National Benefit Society, some of the ringers being members of that society.

#### THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONY OF STAFFORD.

TIPTON (Staffordshire).—On Monday, June 25th, at St. Martin's church, with the bells deeply muffled as a last token of respect to the late Dr. William Lees, Underhill, who died at the age of eighty years, and who was buried at Tipton Cemetery, a touch of 504 Grandsire Triples, conducted by W. R. Small, and a 433 in the same method. W. R. Small, E. Goodreds, A. H. Hill, W. James, W. Micklewright (conductor), J. Goodman, A. Spittle, E. Cashmore, J. Cullwick. On Sunday, July 1st, after evening service a touch in the Grandsire method. W. R. Small (conductor), S. Bowcutt, E. Goodreds, T. Horton, J. Hall, J. Bell, J. Nicholson, and F. Bywater. The deceased gentleman was highly esteemed, and was a good friend in the parish and also to the church.

#### THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ECKINGTON (Derbyshire).—On Saturday, June 23rd, at the parish church, 720 Duke of York. F. Hancock, 1; W. Price, 2; J. Emson, 3; G. Norman (conductor), 4; H. Turton, 5; G. Marsden, 6. Also 720 College Pleasure. F. Hancock, 1; W. Lambert, 2; J. Emson, 3; G. Norman (conductor), 4; H. Turton, 5; G. Marsden, 6. And 240 Violet. F. Hancock, 1; W. Lambert, 2; W. Price, 3; T. Bettison (conductor), 4; H. Turton, 5; G. Marsden, 6. These were rung on the occasion of the institution of the new Rector of the parish—the Rev. Henry Thornhill Morgan. The institution was made by the Lord Bishop of Southwell. Messrs. Emson, Turton, and Bettison hail from Killamarsh; W. Lambert from Treeton; the rest are local men.

BOLSOVER (Notts).—On Saturday, June 30th, at the parish church, the North Wingfield band paid a visit to the above place. Having previously got the vicar's permission to ring, and after looking about for ringers on arrival and getting keys, etc., the bells were at last raised, but owing to the fifth and tenor going so heavy, nothing but a 720 of Bob Minor could be brought round (eighteen bobs and two singles). G. Burton, 1; W. Butler, 2; T. Allibone, 3; J. T. Butler, 4; W. Hopkinson, 5; J. Tarlton (conductor), 6. Tenor 12 cwt. in G. The ringers wish through this paper to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells, and also the churchwarden for assisting them to get the keys, etc., the Bolsover ringers being out tripping at Blackpool.

NORTH WINGFIELD (Chesterfield).—On Wednesday, June 27th, at the parish church, 5040 changes in the following methods: 1440 College Single, 1440 of Canterbury Pleasure and 2880 of Bob Minor in 3 hrs. and 13 mins. G. Burton, 1; J. Butler, 2; F. Knowles, 3; W. Butler, 4; W. Hopkinson, 5; J. Tarlton (conductor), 6. First 5040 on the bells, and first 5040 by all the band excepting the conduc-

tor, and first 5040 conducted by him. Rang in honor of the marriage at Bath Abbey, of Miss E. B. Darby, daughter of the late Rev. G. W. Darby, rector of the parish. Afterwaras several touches were rung, the days' ringing concluding with a 720 of Bob Minor (thirty bobs and six singles). G. Burton, 1; T. Allbone, 2; F. Knowles, 3; J. T. Butler, 4; W. Hopkinson, 5; J. Tarlton (conductor), 6. Tenor 18½ cwt. in F. The bells were lowered in peal at 9.0 p.m., the ringers one and all wishing both bride and bridegroom long life and happiness.

#### THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—ROCHDALE BRANCH.

ROCHDALE (Lancashire).—On Sunday morning, June 3rd, at All Saints' Church, Hamer, 720, College Single (nine bobs and six singles) in 28 mins. J. Lingard, 1; R. E. Hoyle, 2; J. Crossley, 3; R. Whittles, 4; E. Schofield, 5; J. S. Marshall, 6. And in the evening, a 720 of Grandsire Minor (thirty-eight bobs and twenty-two singles) the ringers standing as above. On Sunday, June 10th, 720 College Single (eighteen bobs and two singles). J. W. Crossley, 1; R. E. Hoyle, 2; J. Crossley, 3; R. Whittles, 4; E. Schofield, 5; J. S. Marshall, 6. And in the evening, 720 of Grandsire Minor (thirty bobs and thirty singles), the ringers standing as above. On Sunday, June 17th, a 720 Bob Minor (twenty-one bobs and twelve singles). J. Hartley, 1; J. Lingard, 2; J. Crossley, 3; R. E. Hoyle, 4; R. Whittles, 5; J. S. Marshall, 6. All being conducted by J. Crossley. And in the evening, a 720 of Bob Minor. J. Hartley, 1; R. E. Hoyle, 2; J. Crossley, 3; E. Schofield, 4; J. S. Marshall, 5; \*J. W. Cockcroft (conductor, Shaw), 6. This is his first 720 in the method as conductor. On Sunday, June 24th, a 720 Bob Minor (forty-two singles). J. Hartley, 1; J. Lingard, 2; J. Crossley, 2; R. Whittles, 4; R. E. Hoyle, 5; J. S. Marshall, 6. And in the evening a 720 of College Single (eighteen bobs and two singles) in 27 mins. J. Hartley, 1; R. E. Hoyle, 2; J. Lingard, 3; R. Whittles, 4; J. Crossley (conductor), 5; J. S. Marshall, 6.

#### GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BRISTOL.—Recently, at St. George's church, 720 Grandsire Minor in 25 mins. E. Duckham, 1; C. H. Gordon, 2; H. T. Howell, 3; A. Knight, 4; W. Emery, 5; C. H. Tomkins (conductor), 6. Messrs. Duckham, Gordon, and Emery hail from the city, the rest are local men.

#### THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

PENARTH.—On Saturday, May 26, 720 Kent Treble Bob. J. Vinnicombe, 1; W. Biss, 2; D. Thomas (conductor), 3; F. Bartlett, 4; T. Northey, 5; C. Smith, 6. Also 720 Plain Bob Minor. J. Vinnicombe, 1; W. Biss, 2; G. Watkins, 3; F. Bartlett, 4; T. Northey, 5; D. Thomas (conductor), 6. Also 720 Grandsire Minor. G. Watkins, 1; W. Biss, 2; J. Vinnicombe, 3; F. Bartlett, 4; T. Northey, 5; D. Thomas (conductor), 6. The above was rung to celebrate the wedding of one of the band, Mr. J. Jones, his brother ringers wishing the happy couple much joy.

BENINGTON (Lincolnshire).—On Sunday morning, July 1st, at All Saints church, for Divine Service, a 6-score each of Grandsire Doubles, Plain Bob, Primrose, and Earl Soham Delight, being the first in the two latter methods on the bells. H. Broughton, 1; J. E. Clark, 2; C. R. Lilley, 3; H. Palmer (conductor), 4; T. Woods, 5; J. Kirk, 6. Messrs. Broughton, Lilley, and Palmer hail from Boston, the rest from Skirbeck.

BOXFORD (Suffolk).—On Monday, June 25th, at the parish church, by permission of the Rector, a mixed band rang 3424 Kent Kent Treble Bob Major in 2 hrs. 19 mins. C. Sillitoe (conductor, Sudbury), 1; W. J. Nevard (Great Bentley), 2; C. Honeybell (Glemsford), 3; A. J. Clarke (Stanstead), 4; F. Wells (Glemsford), 5; S. Slater (Glemsford), 6; O. Garwood (Glemsford), 7; A. Bowell (Ipswich), 8. Tenor 24 cwt. Composed by O. Lang, of Liversedge, and is the longest on the bells since the year 1814.

CRRWE (Cheshire).—On Sunday, June 17th, at Christ Church, for Divine Service in the evening, 896 Grandsire Triples. W. Evetts, 1; A. Harding, 2; J. Wright, 3; G. Harding, 4; A. Jervis, 5; A. Dudley (longest length with a bob bell), 6; R. T. Holding (conductor), 7; J. Davies, 8.

CLAY CROSS (Derbyshire).—On Sunday, June 24th, a 720 of Canterbury Pleasure Minor (thirty-eight bobs and twenty-two singles). J. Green, 1; W. Butler, 2; F. Knoles, 3; T. Millington (composer and conductor), 4; F. Marshall, 5; T. Clough, 6. W. Butler, and F. Knoles hail from North Wingfield, the rest belong to the local company.

DARLINGTON (Durham).—On Tuesday, June 12th, at Holy Trinity church, for practice, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. W. Kingdon (first 720

in the method), 1; G. W. Park, 2; G. J. Lungley, 3; R. B. Wilson, 4; T. Lungley, 5; G. A. Overton (conductor), 6. And 720 Plain Bob. A. Booth (first 720), 1; G. J. Lungley, 2; G. W. Park, 3; R. B. Wilson, 4; W. Porter, 5; T. Lungley (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, June 19th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure. G. W. Park, 1; G. Park, 2; E. Cox (first 720 in the method), 3; G. J. Lungley, 4; W. Porter (first 720 in the method), 5; G. A. Overton (conductor), 6. And 720 in the same method with W. Kingdon ringing the 4th, and it is his first 720 in the method.

DRIGHLINGTON (Yorkshire).—On Sunday evening, June 24th, for service, 1600 Oxford Treble Bob Major in 58 mins. H. Clapham, 1; G. H. Wilson, 2; W. Bolland, 3; D. Newton, 4; E. Wheeler, 5; L. Snowden, 6; F. Hargreaves, 7; R. Thornton (conductor), 8. Messrs. Bolland, Wheeler, and Hargreaves hail from Tong, the rest belong to the local company.

EAST DEREHAM (Norfolk).—On Thursday, May 31st, at the church of St. Nicholas, 1008 of Bob Triples in 40 mins. A. Crisp, 1; J. W. Marjoram, 2; F. Day, 3; F. M. Aldis, 4; J. Wells, 5; W. Leggett (conductor), 6; S. F. Burleigh, 8. On Tuesday, June 5th, 1680 Bob Major in 1 hr. 7 mins. A. Crisp, 1; F. Day, 2; F. M. Aldis, 3; F. G. Burleigh, 4; J. W. Marjoram, 5; J. Wells, 6; W. Leggett, 7; S. F. Burleigh (conductor), 8. On Thursday, June 7th, 504 Grandsire Triples in 24 mins. A. Crisp, 1; S. F. Burleigh (conductor), 2; J. W. Marjoram, 3; F. G. Burleigh, 4; F. Day, 5; J. Wells, 6; W. Leggett, 7; F. M. Aldis, 8. On Sunday evening, June 10th, for Divine Service, 924 Bob Triples, with tenor cover, in 40 mins. A. Crisp, 1; J. W. Marjoram, 2; F. M. Aldis, 3; F. G. Burleigh (conductor), 4; F. Day, 5; J. Wells, 6; W. Leggett, 7; S. F. Burleigh, 8. Tenor 24 cwt. in E flat. F. Day hails from Eye.

ERITH (Kent).—On Sunday evening, June 24th, for Divine Service at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 43 mins. A. Deards, 1; H. E. Parker, 2; A. Hardy (first quarter-peal), 3; T. Faulkner, 4; A. Whight, 5; E. Lucas, 6; F. J. Cullum (conductor), 7; H. Boar, 8. And 503 Grandsire Triples. A. Hardy, 1; A. Deards, 2; E. Lucas, 3; G. Cullum, 4; A. Whight, 5; F. J. Cullum, 6; S. Hayes (conductor), 7; W. Smith, 8. And 336 of Grandsire Triples. E. Lucas, 1; H. E. Parker, 2; A. Hardy, 3; T. Faulkner, 4; S. Hayes, 5; J. Garard, 6; A. Whight (conductor), 7; H. Boar, 8. Messrs. F. J. and G. Cullum, W. Smith and J. Garard are local men. The rest hail from Barking, Essex.

ECKINGTON (Derbyshire).—On Sunday, July 1st, at the parish church for Divine Service, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob. A. Craven, 1; T. Lee, 2; W. Cotes, 3; W. Worthington, 4; A. Worthington, 5; J. Harris (conductor), 6. And 360 of Oxford Treble Bob. W. Daffin, 1; T. Lee, 2; Smedley, 3; W. Cotes, 4; H. Mottershall, 5; G. Marden (conductor), Messrs. Harris, Craven, W. Worthington, A. Worthington, Smedley, Mottershall and Daffin hail from Staveley; Cotes and Lee from Rotherham; the rest belong to the local band.

FRAMPTON (Lincolnshire).—On Sunday morning, June 24th, for Divine Service, a 6-score each of the following methods: Grandsire, Plain Bob, April Day, and Primrose. J. Colman, 1; J. E. Clark, 2; S. Y. English, 3; H. Palmer (conductor), 4; C. R. Lilley, 5. Messrs. Palmer and Lilley hail from Boston, and the rest from Skirbeck.

MEREWORTH (Kent).—On Sunday, July 1st, at the church of St. Lawrence, for morning service, 720 Plain Bob Minor (eighteen bobs two singles). L. Newman, 1; G. E. Boorman, 2; G. Butler, 3; E. H. Newman, 4; W. Steed, 5; W. Eldridge (conductor), 6. W. Steed hails from Tonbridge, the others are local men.

MILVERTON (Somerset).—On Thursday, June 14th, at St. Michael's church, 504 of Grandsire Triples, rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to the late Lord Bishop of Bath and Wells. T. Andrews, 1; A. Andrews, 2; R. Scott (conductor), 3; W. Chapman, 4; J. Richards, 5; Rev. C. De Salis, 6; R. Andrews, 7; G. Andrews, 8. This is the longest touch by the Rev. C. De Salis, who is vicar of this parish and takes a great interest in change-ringing.

NUNEATON (Warwickshire).—On Sunday, July 1st, at the parish church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 41 mins. W. Stone, 1; T. W. Chapman, 2; H. Argyle, 3; H. Paulson, 4; J. F. Clarke, 5; H. Horwood, 6; J. George (composer and conductor), 7; W. Gilbert, 8. W. Gilbert, who hails from Coventry, is tower keeper at the church of Holy Trinity in that city, where there is a ring of eight in a wooden structure not safe for them to be rung. Both J. George and W. Gilbert took part in the ringing of the beautiful peal of ten bells at the church of St. Michael, Coventry, the last time they were rung on Sunday, June 28th, 1885.

OCKLEY (Surrey).—Recently at the parish church for practice, a 720 Oxford Bob. F. Barton, 1; Rev. C. E. Eagles, 2; G. Cox, 3; W. Mills, 4; J. Taylor, 5; C. Taylor (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, June 26th, to celebrate the wedding of Mr. Matthew Raindle of Woking, to Miss Agnes Chantler of this parish, a 720 Oxford Bob.



F. Barton, 1; J. Akehurst, 2; G. Cox, 3; W. Mills, 4; J. Taylor, 5; C. Taylor (conductor), 6. And in the evening a 720 and 360 in the same method, the ringers standing as before, excepting the Rev. C. E. Eagles who rang the 2nd.

**PENZANCE (Cornwall).**—On Sunday, June 24th, at St. Mary's church, after evening service, a congratulatory quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 44 mins., on the occasion of the accouchement of the Duchess of York, and the birth of a young Prince, whom it is presumed will be a future Duke of Cornwall. J. Bouse (Johannesburg, South Africa), 1; J. Hodder, 2; C. Tonkin, 3; J. Symons (conductor), 4; P. Hickens, 5; T. Hicks, 6; C. Bouse, 7; T. Kessell, 8. Composed by John Carter, of Birmingham.

**RUSHMERE (Suffolk).**—On Sunday, June 24th, at St. Andrew's church, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor. A. W. Brighton, 1; C. E. Borrett, 2; W. Motts, 3; C. H. Gillingham, 4; J. E. Potter, 5; J. Motts, 6. Conducted by A. W. Brighton. Messrs. Brighton and Borrett hail from Norwich.

**SHREWSBURY (Shropshire).**—On Sunday, July 1st, for Divine Service at St. Chad's church, an attempt was made on the back eight bells, for a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, Carter's twelve-part, but after ringing a quarter of an hour it collapsed. Another start was made, but the time being short 840 was rung. H. Jones, 5; W. Taylor, 6; W. Owen, 7; G. Burrows, 8; A. Espley, 9; F. Taylor, 10; G. Boylin (conductor), 11; W. Davies, 12. Tenor 43 cwt. in C.

**TROWBRIDGE (Wilts.).**—On Saturday, June 9th, with the bells half-muffled, at the parish church, a 168 of Grandsire Triples. W. McCaffery, 1; W. Bishop, 2; C. Summers, 3; H. Scammell, 4; E. Fricker, 5; J. Rebbeck, 6; F. Rebbeck (conductor), 7; A. Langford, 8. And 168 in the same position. And a 182 with W. Bishop, 1; H. Scammell, 2; J. Hayward, 4; W. McCaffery, 7; the others as before. Conducted by J. Rebbeck. All of St. John's, Frome, except J. Hayward and W. McCaffery.

**WRAXALL (Somersetshire).**—On Thursday evening, June 21st, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. J. Yonde, 1; G. Clements (first quarter-peal with a bob bell), 2; J. Harvey, 3; J. Bishop, 4; C. E. D. Boutflower, 5; A. Waters (conductor), 6; J. Winsor, 7; E. Weekes (first quarter-peal), 8. The above is Mr. Waters first attempt at calling a quarter-peal. Messrs. Waters and Clements hail from Barrow Gurney, and Mr. Boutflower from Bristol, the remainder being of the local band.

### Correspondence.

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

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

ANSWER TO MR. COOTER.

SIR,—Mr. Cooter, in his previous letter, stated that Cox shifted his bells for a whole six. Now he has altered it to nearly a whole course. Can anyone believe such statements as this? I beg to say that Cox did not shift his bells at all, and also to say that Mr. Cooter did not make any statement in the room after the peal was rung. If Cooter had any complaint to make, why did he not write to the Master of the Cumberland Society, and keep a copy of the letter by him for reference? That would, I think, have been the proper course to pursue. I must say that I consider the letters Mr. Cooter has written to be nothing better than a grave scandal against the late Messrs. Cox and Haley.

T. POWELL.

WIGAN BELLS.

SIR,—While congratulating our Wigan friends on their perseverance in ringing peals on such bad going bells as theirs appear to be (the seventh and tenor each requiring two men), I venture to ask them if "28 cwt. in C" is a correct description of their tenor. We are told by eminent authorities that a bell giving that note should weigh 40 cwt. It would be interesting, therefore, to know if the Wigan tenor is a good bell and correct in note.

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A friendly gathering of local practitioners intimately acquainted with Mr. C. Wild, son of the esteemed schoolmaster of Eversholt, met at Eversholt on Saturday, June 16th, for social intercourse and practice upon the fine ring of six there. Mr. B. Wild hospitably entertained his visitors, and, being his birthday, was warmly congratulated by his friends, who ascended the tower and rang with other touches: A 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor. J. C. Cooke, 1; W. Chibnall, 2; C. Wild, 3; Cyril Herbert, 4; Rev. W. W. C. Baker, 5; Mark Lane (conductor), 6. And a 6-score of Bob Doubles. Charles Herbert, 1; E. Herbert, 2; C. Wild, 3; J. C. Cooke, 4; Mark Laue, 5; F. Major, 6.

### MIDLAND RAILWAY.—IMPORTANT NOTICES AND ALTERATIONS for JULY.

#### SCOTLAND.

#### EXTENSION OF DINING ARRANGEMENTS.

A NEW EXPRESS will leave London (St. Pancras) for GLASGOW and GREENOCK at 10.30 a.m. with 1st and 3rd Class Dining Carriage attached, in which Table d'Hôte Luncheons, Dinners, and other refreshments will be served en route. A FIRST and THIRD CLASS DINING CARRIAGE will be run by the 10 a.m. EXPRESS from GLASGOW to LONDON, and the dining interval at Normanton will be discontinued, enabling the train to reach St. Pancras a quarter of an hour earlier. The train will stop at Hellfield, and a New Express be run thence to Manchester and Liverpool.

The 10.35 a.m. Express St. Pancras to Scotland will run via Nottingham instead of Leicester, and convey passengers for the Edinburgh Line and north of Scotland. The stop at Normanton will be discontinued, and passengers will be allowed 20 minutes for dinner at Leeds.

The 9.15 p.m. Express from St. Pancras to Scotland will be divided, the first train conveying passengers for Edinburgh, Perth, the Highland Line, Dundee, and Aberdeen, will leave St. Pancras at 9.15 p.m., and run via Nottingham. The Glasgow and Greenock train will follow at 9.20 p.m., and run via Leicester.

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A corresponding service will be in operation from Belfast, leaving at 9.5 a.m., and reaching Carlisle in time for passengers to join the Afternoon Dining Carriage Express from Glasgow to London, Manchester, Liverpool, Bradford, Leeds, Sheffield, Derby, Nottingham, Leicester, Birmingham, etc.

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A NEW EXPRESS will leave ST. PANCRAS for DERBY, Buxton, Stockport, Southport, and Liverpool at 12.10 p.m., and the 12 noon Express from St. Pancras will cease to convey passengers to those points.

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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.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Liverpool Diocesan Branch.—The usual monthly meeting will be held at Halewood, to-day, Saturday, July 7th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Business meeting to be held in the schoolroom.

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

**Sussex County Association.**—Eastern Division.—A divisional meeting of the above will be held to-day, Saturday, July 7th, at East Hoathly. Ringing will commence at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5, and business meeting immediately after.

W. E. NYE, *Hon. Sec.*  
15, Commercial Road, Eastbourne.

**Stoke-on-Trent Archidiaconal Association.**—The next meeting will be held at Kingsley, to-day, Saturday, July 7th. Members intending to be present are requested to give notice to the Rev. H. E. Beech, the Rectory, Kingsley, not later than Wednesday, July 4th.

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

**The Midland Counties' Association.**—The first quarterly meeting of the year will be held at Melbourne, on Saturday, July 14th. The peal of 8 at the parish church open from 2 p.m. till 9. The Melbourne Hall Gardens, open 3 to 4. Committee meeting at 4.15 p.m. Tea and general meeting at 5, both in the National School. Parties of eight or more can obtain fare-and-a-quarter tickets by giving three days' notice at any station. Last train for Derby leaves at 8.10 p.m. Visiting members who have paid their subscriptions for the current year, and send their names to Mr. H. Hollingworth, Alma Street, Melbourne, not later than Saturday, July 7th, to Monday, July 9th, will be charged 6d. each for tea; local members and members not sending in their names will be charged 1s. each as usual.

J. O. LANCASHIRE, *Hon. Sec.*  
22, St. Peter's Road, Leicester.

**Lancashire Association.**—Rossendale Branch.—Next meeting of the above branch will be held on Saturday, July 14th. Bells ready 4 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30 p.m.

J. B. TAYLOR, *Sec.*  
7, Church Street, Waterfoot.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of the above will be held at the parish church, Walsden, on Saturday, July 14th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6.30. for nominations of committee man and secretary, a good meeting is desired.

63, Clark Street, Rochdale.

**The Stoke Archidiaconal Association.**—The annual meeting of this Association will be held at Wolstanton, on Saturday next, July 14th. Belfry open at 3 o.p.m. Annual meeting in the School Room, at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m. Service with sermon by the Rev. H. E. Butler, vicar of Wolstanton, at 7.30 p.m. Members intending to be present are requested to give notice to Mr. W. Miller, Orchard Grove, Wolstanton, not later than Wednesday, July 11th.

REV. J. W. ALSTON, } *Hon. Sec.*  
WM. TWIGG, }

**The Gloucester and Bristol Association.**—Bristol.—Next meeting for practice will be held at St. Mary, Redcliffe (12), on Tuesday the 10th inst., at 7.45 p.m.

G. GORDON,  
*Local Sec.*

**The Oxford Diocesan Guild.**—The Annual Festival will be held at Chipping Norton, on Monday, July 16th. Special train from Chipping Norton Junction, 11.48; Service 12.15; Dinner 1.30. Application for tickets should be made at once to

REV. R. H. HART-DAVIS.

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**Norwich Diocesan Association.**—A Quarterly General Meeting will be held at Kelsale, on Tuesday, July 17th. Lunch at 1.30 at New Church House, by kind permission of Rector—25. Hon., 1s. 3d. Company Members. Notice of intention to be present, with station of departure, to reach the Hon. Sec. by Tuesday, July 10th.

H. EARLE BULWER, *Hon. Sec.*  
Stanhoe Rectory, King's Lynn, 27 June, 1894.

**The Essex Association.**—There will be a district meeting of the above on Saturday, July 21st, at Barking. Tea will be served at 5 p.m. and a business meeting will follow. Members intending to be present must inform the Assistant Secretary not later than the previous Tuesday.

HENRY T. W. EYRE, *Assistant Sec.*  
Great Totham, Witham.

**The Old East Derbyshire Association.**—The quarterly meeting will be held at Dronfield, on Saturday, July 21st. Business meeting at The Green Dragon inn at 5 o'clock. Peal of six bells. Station close to the tower.

Local sec., Mr. E. Platts.  
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**St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.**—The Annual picnic will be held at Solihull (G.W.R., seven miles) on Saturday afternoon, the 21st inst. Dinner, tickets price three shillings each to friends or non-entitled members may be obtained on application before the 17th inst. to

W. H. GODDEN, *Hon. Sec.*  
61, Roland Road, Handsworth.

**The Heavy Woollen Districts Association.**—The next meeting of the above will be held at Low Moor, on Saturday, July 21st, at 5 p.m. Meeting house, Chapel House inn, near the church. Business important.

GEO. H. SIMON, *Hon. Sec.*  
19, Albert Street, Batley Carr.

**Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.**—A district meeting will be held at Highbridge, on Saturday, July 28th. Full particulars in this paper, on the 21st. Hy. W. TOMPKINS, *Hon. Sec. and Treasurer*,  
The College, Old Clueve, Washford.

**THE BELLS OF THE SERVITE FATHERS.**—The bells, of which we gave an account of the blessing and benediction at the Servite Church in the Fulham road, in our last issue, were cast by the firm of Mears and Steinbank, of Whitechapel, and we understand are not to be hung for ringing; tenor about 24 cwt.

## ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

The letter of the "Committee on Peals" of the Central Council will appear next week.

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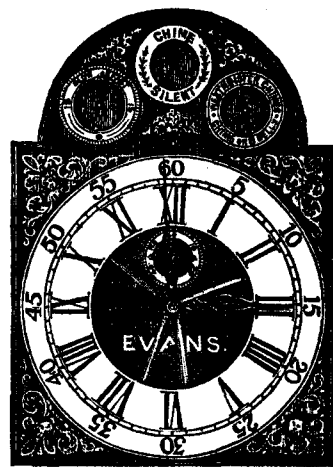
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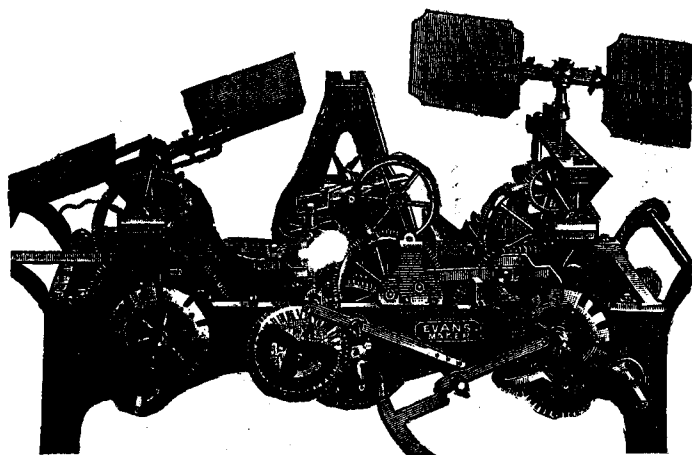
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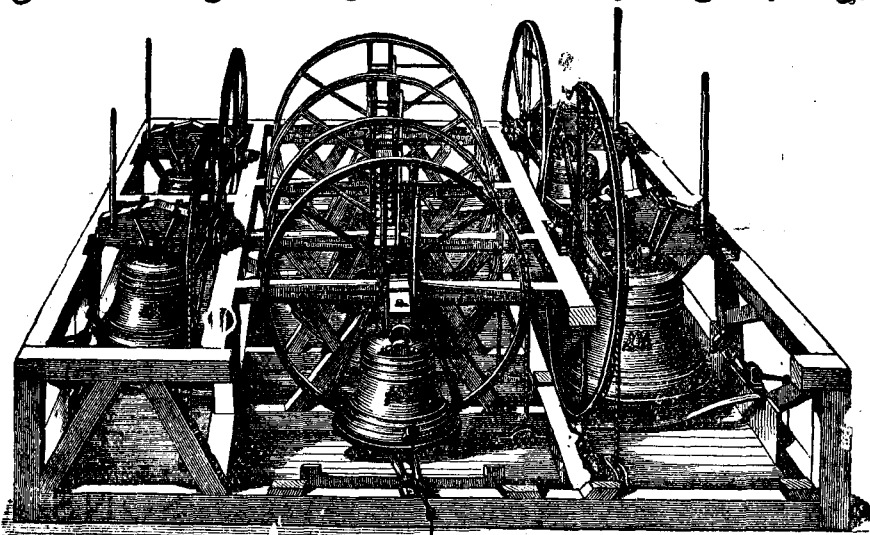


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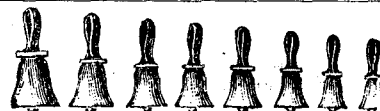
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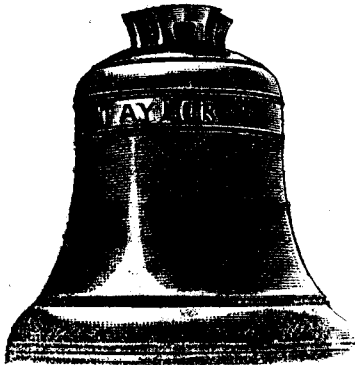
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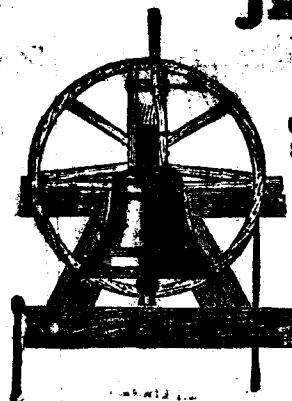
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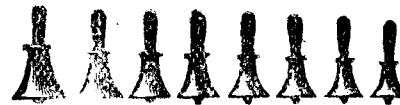
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# RE-OPENING OF BELLS AT WOOTTON COURTNEY, SOMERSET.

For the past three or four months the parishioners of this quiet little village have been deprived of the sound of their church bells. A close inspection of the bells and fittings revealed the fact that unless some extensive repairs were immediately carried out there was considerable danger of the bells one day coming down about the heads of the ringers. The whole of the old cage, together with the beams on which it rested, has been cleared out, and a substantial English oak cage substituted. This framework rests on solid oak beams on a set-off in the tower walls.

The inscriptions on the bells are as follows: Treble—"Walter Court, Tho. Gilham, Wardens. T.W. 1710 M. Mr. Robert Court. Mr. Tho. Ridler"; 2nd, "God save the Church. Ralph Combes, rector. Walter Court, Tho. Gilham, Wardens. T.W. 1710 M., T.I.; 3rd, "Recast by John Warner & Sons, London, 1876"; 4th, "Campana vivos convocat ad ecclesiam, 1606"—a Latin inscription which reads, "The bells call together the living to the church; tenor, "Andrew Bryant, William Berryman, Wardens. T.P. 1629." This bell weighs about 13 cwt.

Thursday, July 5th, was the day appointed for the re-opening, and by 4 p.m., which was the hour fixed for the service, a large congregation had assembled. Mr. A. P. Standley, F.C.O., organist of St. Mary Magdalene, Taunton, presided at the organ. The choir did their parts well, and the service was of a very hearty description. It commenced with the processional hymn, "Rejoice, ye pure in heart," from Hymns Ancient and Modern, and whilst it was being sung the following clergy entered the south door:—The Revs. J. Utten Todd (Minehead), J. J. Large (Cutcombe), Preb. Herringham (Old Cleeve), C. Sainsbury (Minehead), T. Crump (Corfe), H. Bray (Porlock), Preb. Buller (North Curry), and the rector, the Rev. E. P. Stanley. Evensong was said by the rector. Special Psalms were chanted, viz., the 145th and 150th, and the special lessons were read by the Rev. C. Sainsbury and Preb. Herringham. After the anthem, "O praise the Lord," by the Earl of Wilton, had been sung, the clergy, with the parochial ringers, proceeded to the west end under the tower, where a special form of service of dedication was used, and the bells were rung for a short time in rounds by the local ringers. Then the special hymn, "Lifted high within the steeple, all our bells are set on high," was sung, the clergy and ringers returning to the chancel. The Rev. Preb. Buller, of North Curry, preached, and selected as his text part of the 15th verse of the 89th Psalm, "Blessed is the people that know the joyful sound." In the course of his remarks, the preacher said that of the many joyful sounds there was nothing, perhaps, more joyous than the sound of a full peal of bells. When a birth or a marriage or a victory of importance was announced, it was the joyous sound of the church bells rung by his "friends of the outer choir," as he like to call the ringers, that proclaimed the tidings to the country round. Their oldest bell had a Latin inscription which meant "The bells call together the living to the church," and how common was it, particularly in country parishes, to see the church people lingering about the churchyard on their way to God's house listening to the bells. Southey was a great lover of bells and wrote many of his poems in praise of them. There were few people who did not love the sound of bells. On their second bell was inscribed "God save the Church," and if that prayer was true in 1710, when that bell was cast, most especially was it true in these days when an attack was being made upon the church. They were, as it were, building with one hand and holding a weapon of defence in the other. Most heartily therefore did he pray that God would save the church. As the sound of the trumpets of old called the people to prayer so in these days did the sound of the church bells. The preacher concluded with an earnest appeal to his hearers to try and realise the full power of God's love, which was the greatest of the many blessings He held out to all. During the offertory, which was in aid of the bell fund, the special hymn,

"Hark, on high, the joyful music," was sung, and as the clergy left the church hymn 292 (A. and M.), "Praise the Lord, ye heavens adore Him," was sung as a processional. The bells were soon in motion after the service, ringers being present from Dunster, Minehead, etc., and 6-scores of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles were rung, the "go" of the bells leaving nothing to be desired, though the ropes, being new, caused a little unsteadiness at first. The ringers were kindly invited by the rector to partake of tea on the beautiful lawn in front of the rectory, and here, too, the school-children were feasted in the same generous way.

## SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

The twelfth annual meeting of this Society was held at Lichfield on Saturday, June 23rd. The weather was fine, the attendance good, and the meeting very successful. Ringing began on the Cathedral peal soon after 2.30 o'clock and continued until the hour of cathedral service at 4 p.m.

Meantime a committee meeting was held in the reading-room of the Theological College, and subscriptions were received. Here nineteen new members were elected, and one Hon. Member—the Rev. C. W. Carrington, Vicar of Christ Church, West Bromwich.

The annual report was submitted and adopted and the balance sheet passed. The former stated that during the year twenty peals had been rung, and urged members to attend in larger numbers the quarterly meetings of the Society. The balance sheet showed that the year's expenses had just been met by the year's subscriptions.

At four o'clock the members of the Society attended the Cathedral Evensong. The anthem was "Give peace in our time," the treble solo in which was most beautifully sung. The sermon was preached by the Rev. E. D. Pollock, Vicar of Tamworth, an hon. member of the Society. After the Service a company of upwards of a hundred sat down to tea at the coffee house. The Rev. O. W. Steele, Rector of St. Michael's, presided, and proved a most efficient and genial chairman. The viands provided having been despatched, the annual general meeting was held. It was unanimously agreed to hold the three quarterly meetings during the ensuing year at Wood Green, Stafford and Bloxwich, the next meeting to be at Wood Green, on Saturday, September 22nd. The hon. members elected to serve on the Committee were: Rev. O. W. Steele, Rev. W. Solly and Mr. C. Ironmonger. The Hon. Secretaries were re-elected. On the motion of Mr. J. S. Pritchett, Mr. Rowland Cartwright, of Womburn, was elected as the second representative of the Society on the Central Council.

After votes of thanks to the preacher and chairman, who suitably acknowledged the compliment, the meeting dispersed, and the cathedral bells were soon ringing out in well-struck touches, until the visitors were obliged to leave to catch their trains.

The committee-men of the various bands in union with the Society are requested to send at once the names and addresses of their members to the Hon. Secretaries for insertion in the annual report. They are also invited to send the names of any of their members who wish to receive cards of membership.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

WIRRAL BRANCH. — The members of this branch held their monthly meeting on Saturday, June 30th, at Woodchurch. An excellent tea was kindly given by the Rector, the Rev. Canon Robin, to which about eighteen members sat down. The following towers were represented on this occasion: Bebington, Bidston, Bromborough, Rock Ferry, West Kirby, and Woodchurch. The Rector presided at the tea and meeting, and in a few well chosen words gave some useful advice to those present. A very hearty vote of thanks was passed to Canon Robin for his hospitality, and also for allowing the tower to be open during the afternoon and evening, when several touches were rung, the only one worthy of record being a 720 of Canterbury Pleasure. H. Bird, 1; E. Breeze, 2; F. Jones, 3; J. Cliffe, 4; W. Wilcox, 5; J. Dillon (conductor) 6.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 30th, the Otley parish church company, along with their wives and sweethearts left Otley at 7.20 in wagonettes, and had a most enjoyable drive under beautiful sunny weather to Beckwithshaw, where they arrived shortly after nine o'clock. Here a company of six ascended the tower of the parish church and attempted to ring a few touches of Kent Treble Bob Minor, etc., but to their great surprise they found it no easy task, the bells being in a very bad condition to ring (although a good tone ring of six) and so they had to relinquish the idea. The tenor took as much pulling for a few changes as York Minster tenor would take for a five hours' peal. The persons in charge of the bells would do well to look to them. Some light refreshment having been partaken of the party drove on, setting their faces towards Knaresborough, which was reached about noon. Having spent a short time looking round Knaresborough, and the castle grounds, and the venerable ancient church, the ringers, eight in number, went up the tower and rang a short touch of Kent Treble Bob Major, 768 changes in 29 mins. C. Ralph, 1; W. D. Clough, 2; A. Holmes, 3; A. Snowball, 4; F. Maston, 5; J. Nelson (conductor), 6; J. Horner, 7; W. Waddington, 8. Tenor 21 cwt. They would have rung more touches but could not owing to a service being held in the afternoon. Starting again from Knaresborough at 3 o'clock, the party drove on to The Golden Lion hotel at Harrowgate, where they were well catered for by Mr. and Mrs. Jenkins with a good meat tea, all doing ample justice to the good things provided. The ringers had, however, not yet completed their self-imposed labours, and after tea they ascended the tower of St. Mary's church and treated the inhabitants of Harrowgate to touches of Kent Treble Bob and Bob Major, the ringers being stationed as at Knaresborough. After taking a look round Harrowgate the company again boarded their conveyance and started on the homeward journey about 8 o'clock, arriving in Otley about ten, after an exceedingly pleasant day's outing. The company wish to thank, through the medium of this paper, the vicars and churchwardens of the three parishes for the kind use of their bells, etc.

## THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

The monthly meeting of the Guild was held at Crosby, on Saturday, June 28th, when about forty members attended from the following belfries:—Aughton, Crossens, Bootle, Sefton, Upholland, Southport, Ormskirk, and Tue Brook, besides the local company. The Society was heartily welcomed by the Vicar, Rev. R. Love, who conducted a hearty service in the church, and a very appropriate address being given by the Rev. Mr. Johnson, several ladies of the congregation entertained the members of the Guild to tea, the tables being tastefully decorated with flowers. An interesting incident was the presentation of button-holes to each of the members by a pretty little child, Miss Heyward, grand-daughter of the vicar. Tea being over the business meeting was held. Rev. R. Love presided, being supported by the Rev. W. T. Bulpit, Mr. Johnson, Messrs. Martin, James, Short, Heyward, etc. The chairman gave the Guild a most hearty welcome, and said it gave him very great pleasure to see them there that afternoon, and spoke of the benefits that could be derived from the Guild, as in the case of his late chief ringer (J. Howard), whose widow was in poor circumstances, and who heartily thanked the Guild for their kindness, and he (the chairman) hoped that before long they would pay another visit to Crosby. Several items of interest were afterwards discussed by the various ringers present, the usual vote of thanks bringing a most excellent and enjoyable meeting to a close. One honorary and eight performing members were elected.

## BLOCKLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

On St. Peter's day, Friday, June 29th, the bells of the above parish church, which have been augmented to eight by the addition of two trebles, were dedicated and re-opened. The new bells were cast by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, who have made a capital splice, and new fittings have been supplied and the bells hung on steel girders.

The new trebles were dedicated at the early service, at 8 a.m., and were then chimed for the first time. On the arrival of the Kidderminster ringers who had been invited by the vicar, Canon Houghton, and churchwardens, to open them, the eight bells were raised in peal and a well struck 252 of Stedman Triples, and a course of Double Norwich were brought round. R. E. Grove (conductor), 1; G. Salter, 2; E. Hunt, 3; W. H. Barber, 4; J. Bennett, 5; T. J. Salter, 6; J. Crane, 7; W. H. Smith, 8.

After dinner had been discussed an attempt was made for a peal of Double Norwich, but after ringing nearly 2700 changes in 1½ hrs., an unfortunate trip brought it to grief. E. Hunt, 1; G. Salter, 2; T. J. Salter, 3; W. H. Barber, 4; J. Bennett, 5; W. H. Smith, 6; J. Crane, 7; R. E. Grove (conductor), 8. Tea on the vicarage lawn was the next item on the programme and the ringers appeared to appreciate it.

After a little music on the handbells, a move was again made to the tower, and a 504 of Stedman Triples was rung for evening service. E. H. Hunt, 1; R. E. Grove, 2; G. Salter, 3; W. H. Barber, 4; T. Salter, 5; J. Bennett, 6; W. H. Smith (conductor), 7; J. Crane, 8.

Just before the sermon and at a signal from the vicar a course of Grandfire Triples was rung and the bells were lowered in peal. After service the ropes were handled by the local ringers, assisted by some of the Campden men. The Kidderminster contingent now had to leave in order to catch the train home, and walked to the railway station in the summer twilight, admiring the music and tone of the bells, and ending one of the pleasantest days which has ever fallen to their lot.

## ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, KIRKBY MOORSIDE, YORKSHIRE.

The old clock being worn out in this ancient edifice, which overlooks the quaint old market town, and which is situated in the Vale of Pickering, between Helmsley and Pickering, has got a valuable improvement in the shape of a first-rate new clock fixed in the tower, made by the well-known firm of Messrs. Potts and Sons, clock manufacturers, of Leeds and Newcastle-upon-Tyne, which will be a great boon to the inhabitants and to people attending the busy market, as the clock dial is facing the Market Place. The clock has got all Lord Grimthorpe's latest improvements inserted, the makers' name being a guarantee of good sound work. The funds having been got together by a committee, J. Franks, Esq., being chairman, and R. Jennings, jun., solicitor, secretary, assisted by a handsome donation from the Right Hon. the Earl of Feversham. Messrs. Potts, we understand, are also making large clocks for S. Nicholas' Cathedral, Newcastle-on-Tyne, Sheffield New City Hall, for the tower of the new Post Office at Leeds, and other important works.

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES.

By GEORGE ASTBURY, *Flixton, Manchester.*

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## Church News.

The Bishop of Ely is leaving England about the 23rd inst. for a month or six weeks. He hopes that business, which is not of a pressing character, may be allowed to await his return. Letters of importance should be addressed to the Palace, Ely.

The Manx Church Sustentation Fund, recently inaugurated by the Bishop of Sodor and Man, has reached £2,978, in addition to donations and collections amounting to £75 for the relief of present distress.

The Dean of St. Paul's was, during part of last week, confined to his room by a bad cold, and was, in consequence unable, for the first time during twenty years to attend Convocation. On Friday, however, Dr. Gregory was able to take the early service at St. Paul's, and in the afternoon to go for a drive.

In the private grounds of Mount-Edgcombe Park, the S.P.G. recently had a most encouraging open-air meeting. The speakers were the Revs. R. J. Bond, E. W. Evans, T. Flavell, and Alderman John Shelly. A hearty vote of thanks was given to the Earl of Mount-Edgcombe for the use of the grounds, entrance to which gave extreme pleasure to a large number of people from both sides of the harbour.

The *Yorkshire Post* understands that the Ven. Edwards Cust has resigned the office of Archdeacon of Richmond, and Canon Danks, rector of Richmond, has been appointed by the Bishop of Ripon as his successor. Simultaneously, there is to be a reconstruction of the boundaries of the archdeaconries, which will complete the arrangement whereby the number of archdeacons in the diocese is increased from two to three. Under the new arrangement the deaneries of Ripon, Boroughbridge, Knaresborough, and Clapham being added to that of Craven, and the others to the new archdeaconry of Ripon. Archdeacon Cust, who has now resigned, is ninety years of age, and has held the office since 1868. Canon Danks, who recently declined the bishopric of Wellington, New Zealand, worked for many years at Ilkley, and has been rector of Richmond since 1890.

A reredos as a memorial of the late vicar, the Rev. D. Jones, and the late curate, the Rev. T. E. Davies, was dedicated at St. Peter's church, Pontardawe, on Sunday week. The officiating clergy were the Warden of Llandoverly College, and the Rev. John Williams, vicar of Llangeler. The centre canopy of the reredos is richly cusped and moulded, and terminates with a carved stone cross; on each is a niche with figures of St. Peter and St. John. The centre portion over the altar is filled in with gold mosaic, and the *Agnus Dei* above in green and white mosaic. The arches in the arcade on each side are supported with Numidian marble columns with Irish green marble slabs; at the back the stone work is of Caen stone, as is also a new credence and sedilia.

The memorial to the late revered Rural Dean of Stepney, Prebendary George A. M. How, was dedicated on Sunday morning week. The memorial consists of a new gateway to the parish church of Bromley St. Leonard, of which the deceased was for so many years vicar. After the singing of the hymns, "On the Resurrection morning," and "Jesus lives," the choir and clergy proceeded to the vicarage to meet the Bishop of London, who, on the return of the procession, solemnly dedicated the gateway, after the singing of Spohr's "Blest are the departed." The procession having re-formed and arrived at the church, the hymn, "We love the place, O God," was sung, and the morning service was proceeded with. Before the sermon, which was preached by the Bishop, from Heb. xii., 1, his lordship unveiled a memorial tablet at the west end of the church. On the previous day there was a commemorative service at 5.30 p.m. for the clergy of the rural deanery of Stepney, at which the Bishop of Bedford gave an address.

The laying of the capstone of the central tower of Bristol Cathedral on Wednesday, by the Dean, brings to a completion the first stage of the scheme for the restoration of the cathedral. Immediately after the completion of the Elder Lady chapel the work of restoring the massive noble central tower was begun.

It was found, says the *Bristol Times and Mirror*, that the structure was in an extremely dilapidated condition, particularly the south-west and west portions, that were most exposed to the weather. Indeed, the face of the whole of the stonework was more or less decayed, some so much so as to render portions of the structure unsafe. The whole of the external face of the tower has been thoroughly restored, stone for stone. In the upper stage the original mullions were found to be of very weak construction. These have been taken out and replaced by others of greater depth, thus adding considerable strength to this portion of the tower. New battlements, parapet, pinnacles, and angle turret have been built, and some of the original stonework has been embodied in them. A new roof has been put on, the lead used being the old, which has been remelted and strengthened in quality by the addition of a few ingots, and the woodwork of the various stages has been thoroughly examined and strengthened where necessary. A peculiar feature of the tower is that the design of the southern face is very different in detail from the design of the other three faces. Dundry stone, similar to that of which the tower was originally constructed, has been employed in the restoration. While the general company remained on the roof of the tower, the Dean and a few other gentlemen ascended to the platform around the spiral turret, where were handed to the Dean a mallet made from a piece of one of the oak beams of the cathedral, and a silver trowel, bearing inscriptions.

The restoration of Cookley Church, has been taken in hand by the Rev. R. S. Turner, rector of Huntingfield-with-Cookley, and successfully accomplished. The entire roofs of the nave and chancel were taken down, refitted, bolted with wrought iron, and restored to their original position. The south wall of the chancel, which was falling outwards, has been jacked up and restored to the perpendicular. A new chancel arch and piers have been erected of stone of the Monk's Park bed. The west gallery is removed, and the tower arch re-opened. The high pews have been removed, and the ancient black oak benches with their elaborately carved ends carefully restored. The nave and chancel are re-seated in oak, the bench ends being kept in harmony with the ancient and interesting carved work; and wood block flooring has been supplied to the seating, while the nave and chancel were entirely repaired with encaustic tiles, and a warming and ventilating apparatus has been introduced. The interior arches and sills of the ancient windows have been restored with masonry; a new window inserted on the north side of the nave; the south doorway newly rebuilt in stone, and all the windows reglazed with cathedral glass. The old Jacobean pulpit has been replaced by a new heptagonal pulpit of oak on a stone base with stone steps; an oak lectern and altar-table of suitable design being also supplied. The new doors to the nave and chancel are of massive oak with ornamental metal work of wrought iron.

## Obituary.

## PETO EDWARD MEADOWS.

The death of this ringer took place at Brandeston, on Sunday, June 19th, after a long and painful illness. He was a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths, the Norwich Diocesan, the Midland Counties Association, and the St. Paul's Society, Burton on Trent. He, with four or five others, began to ring at Brandeston, under the instruction of Mr. S. Wightman, sen., having taken part in about thirty peals, his first being a peal of 5040 of Bob Major at Franlingham, which he conducted; on six bells in seven methods, two; Grandsire Triples, four; Bob Major, four; Kent Treble Bob, three; Oxford, six; Kent Maximus, two; at Burton on Trent, nine peals, being Grandsire Triples, two; Stedman, three; Duffield Major, one; Superlative Surprise, one; and last, a 5040 Double Norwich, on June 18, 1891. He also made two or three attempts with the tenor at Leiston, Suffolk, for T. Day's 16,608, the longest being upwards of 11,000 changes. The deceased, who was 33 years of age, was buried at Brandeston cemetery, on Saturday, June 23rd. The Brandeston company rung a muffled peal as a token of respect towards the deceased, with touches of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent, and Double Court Bob, in which the following ringers took part: H. W. Baldry, J. Durrant, E. Wightman, G. Wightman, S. Wightman, and A. S. Wightman.



## SOLIHULL, WARWICKSHIRE.

The dedication ceremony of the new bells at Solihull parish church was performed by the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Marlborough, in the presence of a large congregation, on Friday, the 6th inst. at 3 p.m.

A special service was conducted by Rev. W. M. Watkins-Pitchford (curate), the lesson being read by Rev. T. B. Harvey Brooks (rector), at the close of which the bishop dedicated the bells and blessed them, and a plain course of Grandsire Caters was rung by the following members of the St. Martin's Society, of Birmingham, who had been invited by the local amateur guild to ring on this occasion. T. Russam, 1; S. Reeves, 2; J. Day, 3; A. J. Jones, 4; W. H. Godden, 5; W. S. Pritchett, 6; J. S. Pritchett, 7; T. Reynolds, 8; W. Kent, 9; C. Fluck, 10.

The bishop then preached and took for his text the 94th Psalm, 9th verse, "He that planted the ear, shall he not hear? He that formed the eye, shall he not see?" He said they had added to their peal of bells and had restored the old ones, and now, with renewed power, grace and beauty, they would send forth their notes from above the sanctuary of the church. As the notes of the bells went forth into the evening air, passing through space into the presence of the Lord, they would provoke Him to listen, provoke him to look down upon that place. Old writers said that one reason why the bells were placed high above the sanctuary was that their sound might reach the ear of God. When they thought of the blasphemies, the ribaldry, grumbling and voices of discontent, discord and dissent of the present day, it was well indeed that they should think whether it did not become them, when by the bells they were invited to listen to the Word of God, to be more holy and more reverent in the services which they rendered. Every time the bells rang out they spoke of the sympathy of the church. They told how the church had ever sympathised, and sympathised still, with every human thought and care. In the burial, marriage and baptismal services, in the blessed service of the Holy Eucharist, how in all those there was presented to them the great sympathy of the church. He trusted they would try as they heard the bells peal forth to think of those things.

From 5 to 6 p.m. there were selections of vocal and instrumental music performed in the church.

At 6 p.m. the following members of the St. Martin's Society, Birmingham, made an attempt for a peal of Grandsire Caters, which came to grief after ringing 2 hrs. and 25 mins, through the tenor man being overcome by the heat of the weather. T. Russam, 1; S. Reeves, 1; J. Day, 3; W. H. Godden, 4; A. J. Jones, 5; W. Kent, 6; W. S. Pritchett, 7; T. Reynolds, 8; T. Miller, 9; C. Fluck, 10.

The ringers and the church authorities then made for the church house, where supper was served, to which ample justice was done. The rector, in a few words, thanked the members of the St. Martin's Society for attending on the eventful occasion, and though the peal had come to an untimely end, hoped that they would shortly make another attempt and be successful. Mr. J. S. Pritchett, in acknowledging, said he thought that while the bells of St. Michael's, Coventry, were silent, the Solihull bells were the finest ring in the county, and urged the local guild to do their utmost to make themselves masters of the art of change-ringing, and use it in the service of God and the church.

Mr. James Barwell, of Birmingham, to whom the work of recasting the fifth and seventh bells, adding two new ones to old ring of eight, and rehanging all in new frame, has executed it in a thoroughly sound and satisfactory manner, the tone, tune, and go of the bells being all that could be desired.

## Ringers' Outings.

ST. ANDREW'S COMPANY, BATH.—The members of the above went for their annual outing on Saturday, June 30th, to Portsmouth, travelling by Midland Railway. The weather was most beautifully fine. Arriving at Fratton at a quarter to nine, the first item of the day's programme was to go to Kingston church, where, by the kindness of the Rev. R. C. M. Harvey, arrangements for ringing had been made. The ringing included a touch of Grandsire Triples, consisting of 518 changes, and a touch of

168, both conducted by Mr. G. H. Hill, the bells being taken in the following order: H. Wyburn, 1; W. Bruton, 2; P. Charles, 3; T. H. Gray, 4; G. H. Hill, 5; J. Higgs, 6; F. G. Beesley, 7; F. Verrier, 8. A touch of 377 Grandsire Triples, conducted by the Rev. R. C. M. Harvey, was also rung. Taking the tram from Fratton into Portsmouth the various places of interest were seen, and after dinner, Southsea was made for, where the steamboat was taken for Cowes. The sea trip was exceedingly pleasant. Arriving back into Portsmouth, tea was obtained at the Speedwell Hotel, and then it was time to make steps towards the railway station. The return journey was entered upon at 8.30, and Bath was reached at 12.30; the party testifying to its being one of the most enjoyable outings ever experienced.

ST. ALBAN'S CATHEDRAL SOCIETY.—The members of this Society went for their annual outing on June 30th, returning on July 3rd., Great Yarmouth being the place selected. On reaching the town renowned for fine bloaters, a conveyance awaited the visitors to convey them to The Garibaldi hotel (for men only), which they safely reached about 5 p.m. After tea a stroll round the town and on the beach was indulged in, returning to The Garibaldi for supper and bed, which were much appreciated. After breakfast on Sunday a move was made for St. Nicholas church for a pull on the fine ring of ten, but disappointment awaited them here. On ascending the tower it was found that the third bell had "fell from her hangings," and the staples of the tenor were cracked, but a 504 of Grandsire Triples was rung on 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9. Brother strings will easily imagine the beautiful music to be obtained with the third out and the ninth covering. But we are glad to learn that a movement is on foot for re-hanging and quarter-turning the present ten and adding two new bells, thus making a ring of twelve which St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, will have to play second to for softness of music. The remainder of Sunday was spent in attending service, and on the sands. On Monday a delightful ride was taken up the river Yare to the city of churches (Norwich), and after partaking of dinner a move was made to the grand old cathedral which, by the way, can only boast of five bells; and after a keen inspection of the edifice a move was made to the castle and other places of interest, the visitors returning to Yarmouth by train, having spent a most enjoyable day. Tuesday was again spent about Yarmouth, the return journey to St. Albans being taken in the afternoon, reaching home in the evening, having spent one of the most enjoyable outings known to the society. Of course, the usual sea trips were partaken of by way of an appetiser each morning, also boating during the day, and we would advise any brother-strings who contemplate spending a few days by the water to visit this town, and by all means enter themselves on the list of Lambs at The Garibaldi, where their comfort and welfare are thoroughly looked after.

THE HOLY TRINITY SOCIETY, GOSPORT.—On Coronation Day, June 20th, the members of this society journeyed to Bournemouth for a day's outing. Arriving at 10.20 a.m., a start was made for the beach, where "go" was called to eating sandwiches, etc., much mixed with sand. A turn was then made for St. Peter's church, to have a pull, where we were most heartily welcomed by the local band; but our fate was sealed. Some had too much of the sand, whilst others were too fresh after bathing, for we could not get more than 210 Grandsire Triples. Mr. T. Belbin then obtained a brake for us, and we drove to Branksome Chine, where the masses of rhododendrons were greatly admired, returning to Bournemouth for tea about 5 p.m. Tea over, another turn was made to the church, at the invitation of Mr. Bennett, to take the ladies to the top of the tower, and have a bird's eye view of the town. Returning to the ringing-chamber, we were met by Mr. G. Preston, and others of Christchurch. 322 Grandsire Triples were then rung with a mixed band to amuse our lady friends. Through the medium of our paper, we wish to thank the vicar for permission to ring, and Messrs. Bennett, Belbin and Preston, for the trouble taken on our behalf.

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## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

## THE COMMITTEE FOR THE COLLECTION OF PEALS.

It has been suggested to us that it might be well were we to inform the Exercise as to the course that we propose to follow with respect to the Collection of Peals. We gladly fall in with this suggestion. It will be agreed on all sides that the few peals attached to the Recommendations on Calls are, if only on account of their fewness, scarcely representative of the exuberance of composition in which the present age luxuriates. Particularly is this true of the compositions on higher numbers of bells than seven. Of triples there will always be a greater paucity in the number of peals, and therefore we feel that the specimens of triple peals which we gave are as full a collection of hitherto unpublished compositions as could reasonably be expected in a first issue. The question has been raised whether we were strictly confining ourselves within the limits of Resolutions of Council in publishing the peals at all. On this point of view we ought to have reserved the peals until after next Council Meeting, and to have contented ourselves with the issue of the Recommendations alone. We are sorry if we have done wrong, but, at the same time, we have the comfort of feeling that no one can say that we have not done anything at all, and we much prefer the thought of having to answer to the Council on a charge of over-zeal on our part, if, indeed, there have been such, rather than that the Exercise at large should have fancied that we had gone to sleep. For the present, we propose to proceed as follows: We invite composers and others to give us the references to any compositions published not later than 31st December, 1893, in "THE BELL NEWS" or *Church Bells*, or any Annual Report of any Diocesan or County or District, or other Society or Association; provided always that such composition has not also been published in any of the recognised treatises on change-ringing, and provided also that the person giving the reference gives, at the same time, his *bonâ fide* assurance that, to the best of his knowledge, the composition in question has not been pointed out as false. Of peals thus indicated to us we propose to make a selection, and to submit this selection, *together with those given in the last Report*, to the Council at their next meeting, and to ask the Council to give us instructions as to whether all of them, and if not all, how many of them, shall be retained. We wish it to be understood that we do not feel able (1) to hunt hither and thither for peals, or (2) to go through the labour of proving peals. We hold that our duty begins and ends in placing before the Council for its final selection or rejection, at its successive meetings, the *best* peals, so far as we can judge, which have been brought to our notice in the interval.

The references to the peals should be sent as follows.—

- (a) Triples in Group I., to the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, East Marden Rectory, Chichester.
  - (b) Caters and Cinques in Group I., and the whole of Group IV., to Mr. C. H. Hattersley, Snider Works, Sheffield.
  - (c) Groups II. and III., to Mr. N. J. Pitstow, Saffron Walden.
- No references for the next Report can be received later than the close of the present year.

Signed CHARLES D. P. DAVIES.

(Sussex County Association.)

CHARLES HENRY HATTERSLEY.

(Yorkshire Association.)

NATHAN J. PITSTOW.

(Essex County Association.)

Members of  
Committee.

At the morning service on Saturday last, in the presence of an unusually large congregation, Canon Basil Wilberforce was installed as Canon of Westminster.

## THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Surrey Association took place on Monday, July 2nd, at Dorking. By kind permission of the vicar, the tower was open for ringing between 3 and 9 p.m., and notwithstanding the beautiful summer afternoon, the attendance was somewhat small. Several touches of Grandsire Triples, Kent Treble Bob, Stedman, etc., were favourably rendered on the beautiful peal of eight, tenor 25 cwt., being one of the best peals in the county of Surrey.

Tea was provided in the schools at 6 p.m., and all did justice to what was placed before them; after all had satisfied the inner man, the usual business took place, which occupied some considerable time, the Rev. E. A. Chichester was proposed and seconded as an honorary member of the association, to which all were very agreeable.

The business being finished, the tower was again sought, where several more touches were rung, all being satisfied with the "go" of the bells. About 9 p.m., the bells were lowered and all went home well satisfied with their afternoon's outing.

The members present at the meeting wish to thank the vicar for kindly permitting the bells to be rung, and also Mr. Dodd, for having everything in order and readiness.

## THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

The usual monthly meeting of this society was held at Armley, on Saturday, June 30th. Although a fair muster of members and ringing friends were present, only one touch on tower bells was gone through, and that for evening service. The weather having cooled down a little by this time (which had during the afternoon been exceedingly hot), handbells were considered the pleasantest practice, therefore courses of changes and tunes were much enjoyed by all. A business meeting was held at The Barleycorn inn, the president, Mr. J. Thackray, presiding.

The minutes of previous meetings were read and passed. A discussion followed respecting the society's name being omitted when reporting peals to "THE BELL NEWS." A resolution was passed instructing the secretary to claim such peals published without name attached, this being proposed by Mr. J. Heckingbottom, and seconded by Mr. D. Wilson.

Several new members were next elected. One of the summer outings was on the list, and by kind invitation of Mr. Waland (the resting place of one whom all Yorkshire ringers revere), Ilkley was selected. The usual votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar, churchwardens, and local ringers for use of bells, etc. The chairman hoped all members would avail themselves of cheap fares now offered during this month to attend the next meeting, Ilkley being a place which must necessarily be an attraction to all ringers.

## TICKHILL, YORKSHIRE.

On Sunday, July 8th, at St. Mary's church, a 720 of Oxford was rung in 25 mins. by the local members, assisted by W. Coates and T. Lee (Rotherham parish church). A. Wright, 1; W. Coates, 2; G. Hackford, 3; T. Lee, 4; C. Ainley, 5; J. S. Jenkinson (conductor), 6. The bells (six in number) are noted for their fine tone, and bear the following inscriptions:—

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2nd.—"Be joyful, and lift up voice to Jacob's God alway; 1726."

3rd.—"James Harrison, of Barton Foundry; 1815."

4th.—"Strike up with harp and lute, most sweet on every pleasant string."

5th.—"James Harrison, Founder, Barton; 1796."

Tenor.—"Our sounding is each man to call to serve the Lord, both great and small; 1726."

(Weight, 19½ cwt.)

There is also a small bell, the gift of Ann Turnel, widow (of Tickhill), daughter-heir of Richard Brownlow Thrumpton; 1727.

The Rev. H. Clayforth, vicar of Feliskirk, Thirsk, and treasurer of the North Riding Clergy Charity, has received £500 from the executors of the late Mrs. Helen Mason, of Brighton, in payment of a legacy.

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

SATURDAY, JULY 14, 1894.

ACCOUNTS of re-openings and augmentations of bells are always pleasant news, and this week we chronicle with pleasure more than one of the kind. At a place called Wootton Courtney, in the county of Somerset, the proceedings at the re-opening were of a very interesting character. The fine ring of bells at the church of Solihull, a village a few miles from Birmingham has just been enriched by the addition of two trebles from the foundry of Messrs. BARWELL, of Birmingham, making now a ring of ten bells. A dedication service was also held here at which the Lord Bishop of Marlborough preached to a large congregation.

The utterances of the reverend preachers upon both these occasions seem to us as more than ordinarily appropriate, the Rev. Prebendary Buller happily referring to the ringers as "his friends of the outer choir." The allusions to the voices of discord and dissent now unhappily prevalent, may lead many ringers to think that they can be looked upon as a bulwark against the attacks upon the Church which has of late years become the fashion. If so, such an idea may very well be encouraged by the Clergy, and also by those whose object is to obtain adherents in the coming contest between the Church and her numerous foes.

**The Metropolis.****THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.***On Saturday, July 5, 1894, in Three Hours and One Minute,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, PUTNEY,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt.

HAROLD N. DAVIS .. .. Treble.	†ARTHUR R. DAVIS .. .. 5.
WILLIAM TAYLOR .. .. 2.	†WALTER C. HASTED .. .. 6.
FREDERICK G. PERRIN† .. .. 3.	*JAMES E. DAVIS .. .. 7.
GEORGE SMITH .. .. 4.	PERCY HOWARD .. .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS and Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.

†First peal in the method. \*First peal of Major as conductor. W. Taylor hails from Leiston, Suffolk, and was elected a member of the above society previous to starting. This composition is a three-part, containing the 4th, 5th and 6th their extent in 6ths, and is to be found published in "BELL NEWS," December 24th, 1892, on this occasion the alternate calling was used in the second and third parts.

**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, July 7, 1894, in Two Hours and Fourteen Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, LEWISHAM,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

WILLIAM BEDWELL .. .. Treble.	HAROLD N. DAVIS .. .. 5.
WILLIAM TAYLOR .. .. 2.	WALTER INGHAM .. .. 6.
HARRY WARETT .. .. 3.	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE .. .. 7.
ARTHUR J. NEALE .. .. 4.	FREDK. W. THORNTON .. Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS and Conducted by W. BEDWELL.

W. Taylor hails from Leiston, Suffolk.

**The Provinces.****ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.****THE ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY AND THE UNITED COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.***On Tuesday, June 26, 1894, in Three Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES, 5015 CHANGES.**

Tenor 27½ cwt.

E. S. MORGAN* .. .. Treble.	SHEPD. ANDREW .. .. 7.
FRANK BROWN .. .. 2.	THOMAS WILDE .. .. 8.
JAMES BOOTH* .. .. 3.	SAMUEL BOOTH .. .. 9.
THOMAS WROE .. .. 4.	*WILLIAM FRITH .. .. 10.
THOMAS TAYLOR .. .. 5.	SAMUEL WOOD .. .. 11.
HARRY CHAPMAN .. .. 6.	ALBERT ADAMS .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by Mr. S. WOOD.

\*First peal of Cinques.

OXFORD. *St. Peter-in-the-East***THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Thursday, June 28, 1894, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,*

(NAME OF CHURCH NOT MENTIONED),

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

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

CHARLES H. FOWLER .. Treble.	CHARLES HOUNSLOW .. 5.
ARTHUR C. HAWES .. .. 2.	ALFRED FOX .. .. 6.
JAMES W. WASHBROOK .. 3.	WILLIAM C. BASTON .. 7.
WILLIAM JEFFERY .. .. 4.	JAMES MOGRIDGE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by J. W. WASHBROOK.

**BARKING, ESSEX.****THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.***On Saturday, July 7, 1894, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,*

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.**

Tenor 22 cwt.

SAMUEL HAYES .. .. Treble.	HENRY J. TUCKER .. .. 5.
JAMES PETTIT .. .. 2.	*HENRY PRIOR .. .. 6.
YORK GREEN .. .. 3.	WILLIAM T. COCKERILL .. 7.
HENRY SPRINGALL .. .. 4.	JOHN MURRAY HAYES .. Tenor.

Composed by Y. GREEN and Conducted by J. M. HAYES.

\*First peal in the method.

**LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.***On Saturday, July 7, 1894, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

Tenor 24 cwt. in D flat.

ARTHUR SYMONDS* .. .. Treble.	CHARLES SILLITOE .. .. 5.
ZACHARIAH SLATER* .. .. 2.	ALFRED PITSTOW .. .. 6.
WILLIAM PYE* .. .. 3.	FREDERICK PITSTOW .. .. 7.
SAMUEL SLATER .. .. 4.	GEORGE TAYLOR .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by F. PITSTOW.

\*First peal in the method. This is the first peal in this method on the bells, and was rung at the first attempt. Great credit is due to Mr. A. Symonds for the way in which he rang the treble. Messrs. Pitstow are from Saffron Walden; Slater from Glemsford; Sillitoe from Sudbury; Symonds from Lavenham; Pye from Romford; and Taylor from Cambridge.

**SALISBURY, WILTS.****THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Saturday, July 7, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

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

THURSTANS' COMPOSITION.

WALTER S. WISE .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. 5.
REV. C. A. CLEMENTS .. 2.	ARTHUR W. BARKUS .. 6.
THOMAS BLACKBOURN .. 3.	ROBERTO W. J. GOLLOP .. 7.
SIDNEY MACEY .. .. 4.	SIDNEY AMES .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WALTER S. WISE.

**FRAMLINGHAM, SUFFOLK.****THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, July 7, 1894, in Three Hours*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 19 cwt.

WILLIAM G. CRICKMER .. Treble.	GEORGE WILSON .. .. 5.
FREDERICK CLAYTON .. .. 2.	HARRY J. BUTLER .. .. 6.
ALBERT J. LINCOLN .. .. 3.	WILLIAM FLORY .. .. 7.
FRANK COOPER .. .. 4.	DAVID COLLINS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS and Conducted by W. G. CRICKMER.

Messrs. Button, Lincoln, Wilson, and Cooper belong to the Leiston company; Crickmer from Earl Soham; Collins and Clayton hail from Worlingworth; and Flory from Framlingham. This is a two-part peal without the 2nd or 3rd in 6th's place, and the first composed on that plan.

**HIGHAM FERRERS, NORTHANTS.****THE RAUNDS, WELLINGBOROUGH, AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, July 7, 1894, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.**

Tenor 22 cwt.

G. WARNER .. .. Treble.	W. J. GILBERT .. .. 5.
G. RANDALL* .. .. 2.	W. PARKER .. .. 6.
A. H. MARTIN .. .. 3.	F. GILBERT .. .. 7.
W. PETTETT .. .. 4.	J. B. MARTIN .. .. Tenor.

Composed by C. W. CLARKE and Conducted by F. GILBERT.

\*First peal of Major. The brothers Gilbert hail from Raunds; the rest belong to the local company.

**BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.***On Saturday, July 7, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,***A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

TAYLOR'S BOB-AND-SINGLE VARIATION.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

PETER INCE† .. .. Treble.	*THOMAS HONEYFORD .. 5.
WILLIAM THORNLEY .. .. 2.	JOSEPH GREGORY .. .. 6.
ROBERT SEDDON .. .. 3.	*JAMES SEDDON .. .. 7.
WILLIAM FARNWORTH* .. 4.	*JOHN MOULDEN .. .. Tenor.

\*First peal. †First peal as conductor

## NORTH SHIELDS.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, July 10, 1894, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 19 cwt.

WILLIAM HOLMES .. .. Treble.	THOMAS HUDSON, JUN. .. 5.
THOMAS T. TEASDALE .. 2.	EMMETT W. J. LINCOLN .. 6.
JOHN ROSSITER .. .. 3.	FREDK. J. HARRISON .. 7.
JOSEPH E. R. KEEN .. .. 4.	*HUGH D. DALL .. .. Tenor.

Composed by W. Sottanstill and Conducted by H. D. DALL.

\*First peal as conductor. Mr. Hudson hails from Sunderland; Lincoln, Holmes' Dall, and Harrison from Newcastle; the rest are local men. This peal was rung as a birthday compliment to E. W. J. Lincoln, his brother ringers wishing him many happy returns.

## Performances on Five and Six Bells.

## NORTH WINGFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 27, 1894, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## 5040 CHANGES UPON SIX BELLS IN THE FOLLOWING METHODS, EACH CALLED DIFFERENTLY.

Being Two 720's of College Single, Two 720's of Canterbury Pleasure, and Three 720's of Bob Minor.

G. BURTON .. .. Treble.	J. T. BUTLER .. .. 4.
W. BUTLER .. .. 2.	W. HOPKINSON .. .. 5.
F. W. KNOWLES .. .. 3.	J. P. TARTLTON .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by J. P. Tartlton.

First 5040 on the bells, and first 5040 by all except the conductor, and first 5040 conducted by him. Rung in honour of the marriage of Miss E. E. B. Darby, at Bath Abbey.

## Date Touches.

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

ASTON-JUXTA-BIRMINGHAM.—On Thursday, June 28th, at the church of St. Peter and Paul, seven members of this Guild, with W. Cooper, rang a date touch of Stedman Triples, 1894 changes, in 1 hr. 10 mins. G. Williams, 1; A. J. Jones, 2; W. H. Godden, 3; G. A. Martineau, 4; W. Cooper, 5; B. Witchell (conductor), 6; W. Kent, 7; T. Russam, 8. Tenor 23 cwt. Composed by A. P. Heywood, Esq.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

BOURNEMOUTH (Hants).—On Thursday, July 5th, at St. Peter's church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples in 1 hr. 14 mins. A. Grist, 1; J. G. Bennett, 2; E. T. Green, 3; T. F. Best, 4; G. H. Plummer, 5; G. Preston (conductor), 6; J. J. Bristow, 7; T. Belben, 8.

## Miscellaneous.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

WELSHPOOL.—On Tuesday, July 3rd, for practice, at the parish church, 1008 of Grandsire Triples. J. Lloyd, 1; D. Williams, 2; W. Maddox, 3; Rev. T. Hughes, 4; W. Jones, 5; T. Barnes, 6; T. J. Bratton (conductor), 7; A. Grice, 8. Longest length by the ringers of the 1st, and 8th, and 2nd with an inside bell.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

GOSPORT.—On Sunday, May 20th, for evening service at Holy Trinity Church, 672 Grandsire Triples. R. Gardner, 1; E. Reynolds, 2; H. Reynolds, 3; A. Peckham, 4; H. Westbrook, 5; F. Burnett, 6; A. E. Tomlins (composer and conductor), 7; R. Davies, 8. This touch contains twelve 4-6s. On Sunday, June 3rd, for morning service, 504 Grandsire Triples. R. Davies, 1; H. Reynolds, 2; R. Gardner, 3; E. Reynolds, 4; A. Peckham, 5; F. Burnett, 6; A. E. Tomlins (conductor), 7; R. Fuge, 8. Composed by J. Hewitt. This touch contains the six seven 5-6s. On Sunday, June 10th, for evening service, 714 Grandsire Triples. R. Davies, 1; E. Reynolds, 2; H. Reynolds

3; R. Gardner, 4; A. Peckham, 5; A. E. Tomlins (composer and conductor), 6; F. Burnett, 7; J. Nicholson, 8. This touch contains Queens and Tittums. On Sunday, June 12th, for evening service, 684 Grandsire Triples. J. Nicholson, 1; F. Burnett, 2; H. Reynolds, 3; E. Reynolds, 4; H. Westbrook, 5; A. Peckham, 6; A. E. Tomlins (conductor), 7; R. Fuge, 8. Composed by J. Hewitt.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BATH.—On Monday evening, June 25th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins. H. Wyburn, 1; T. H. Gray, 2; J. Charles, 3; G. H. Hill (composer and conductor), 4; W. Lanham, 5; J. Higgs, 6; F. King, 7; F. Verrier, 8.

## THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NEWPORT (Mon.).—On Sunday, July 2nd, at St. Woolos' church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. Lewellyn Brooks, 1; W. H. Davies, 2; F. Atwell, 3; C. H. Rogers, 4; R. Fry, 5; J. Butler, 6; J. Trowbridge (conductor), 7; A. Longville, 8.

LLANTRISANT (South Wales).—On Saturday, July 7th, at a meeting of the above association, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. C. Davis, 1; W. Biss, 2; D. Thomas, 3; F. Bartlett, 4; C. Smith, 5; W. Davis (conductor), 6. This is believed to be the first in the method on the bells. W. Davis hails from Liverpool, C. Davis from Newport, the rest from Penarth. And on handbells, a 6-score of Bob Doubles. W. Hardwick (conductor), 1; R. Evans, 2; J. Cox, 3; W. Biss, 4; J. Vinnicombe, 5; C. Underhill, 6. All except the ringers of 4 and 5 hail from Bridgend, and have only just started to learn change-ringing.

LLANDAFF.—On Saturday, June 16th, at the Cathedral, an attempt was made for a peal of Grandsire Triples (Taylor's bob and single variation), but after ringing three hours good striking and within six leads from home it unfortunately came to grief. \*J. Pitcher, 1; D. Thomas, 2; \*W. Smyth, 3; W. B. Biss, 4; \*J. Harris, 5; W. Coombes (conductor), 6; J. Clutterbuck, 7; \*R. Brothwell, 8. \*Longest length. And on Monday, June 25th, 350 Grandsire Triples. R. Hopkins, 1; C. Lloyd (conductor), 2; J. Pitcher, 3; W. Smyth, 4; J. Harris, 5; W. B. Biss, 6; W. Coombes, 7; R. Brothwell, 8. And on Sunday morning, July 1st, for Divine Service, 336 Grandsire Triples. J. Pitcher, 1; C. Lloyd (conductor), 2; W. Smith, 3; W. B. Biss, 4; J. Harris, 5; H. Snell, 6; J. Clutterbuck, 7; R. Brothwell, 8. And 168 in the same method. J. Pitcher, 1; C. Lloyd, 2; W. Smith, 3; W. B. Biss, 4; J. Harris, 5; J. Clutterbuck, 6; W. Coombes (conductor), 7; J. Thomas, 8. And on Monday, July 2nd, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1894 changes, in 1 hr. 11 mins. R. Hopkins, 1; W. Smyth, 2; W. B. Biss, 3; J. Harris, 4; C. Lloyd, 5; J. Clutterbuck, 6; W. Coombes (conductor), 7; R. Brothwell, 8. Composed by J. George, of Rugby, and appeared in "THE BELL NEWS" of November 26th, 1892. This is the additional change 1 2 3 4 5 7 6 that was rung proceeding the three odd changes of the touch. This is also the 4th date touch that has been rung at Llandaff by local men.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

RODMERSHAM (Kent).—On Tuesday, July 3rd, at the parish church of St. Nicholas, 720 Bob Minor, eighteen bobs and two singles. G. Coast, 1; I. Dixon, jun., M.A., 2; E. Day, jun., 3; I. G. Grensted, 4; G. A. Ransom, 5; Henry Wood (first 720 as conductor), 6. And a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles. G. Coast, 1; I. Dixon, jun., M.A., 2; E. Day, jun., 3; H. Wood (conductor), 4; I. G. Grensted, 5; C. Clift, 8. G. A. Ransom hails from Sittingbourne the others are members of the local company. Tenor 9 cwt.

SWANSCOMBE (Kent).—On Friday, June 15th, 720 Bob Minor. J. Avis, 1; F. Hayes, 2; L. Digweed, 3; W. Martin, 4; J. Broom, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6. On Sunday, June 24th, 720 Cambridge Surprise. L. Digweed, 1; G. Hayes, 2; F. J. Ring, 3; M. Digby, 4; W. Martin, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6. And 720 Grandsire Minor. A. Roots, 1; G. Hayes, 2; L. Digweed, 3; F. J. Ring, 4; M. Digby, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

SUDBURY (Suffolk).—Friday, June 29th, being St. Peter's day, and the twentieth anniversary of the augmentation of St. Peter's bells, the day was observed by the local company in the usual manner, the bells of St. Peter's, St. Gregory, and All Saints being rung during the day at intervals by Messrs. C. Sillitoe (conductor), Scott, Howell, sen. and jun., Silvester, Harper, Tolliday, Campin, Brackett, F. W. J. Rees (Nayland), and A. Symonds (Lavenham). Some good touches of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, and Bob Major, and a course of Double Norwich were rung during the day.



WRITTLE (Essex).—On Saturday, June 30th, the above Association attempted a peal of Stedman Triples, but after ringing 1750 changes in 1 hour, it came to grief. G. W. Sorrell, 1; E. Pye, 2; H. F. De Lisle, Esq., 3; G. R. Pye, 4; W. Lincoln, 5; W. H. Dallimore, 6; W. Pye (conductor), 7; F. Edwards, 8. And on Sunday, July 1st, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original. G. W. Sorrell, 1; W. Davis (first quarter-peal with a bob bell), 2; W. Lincoln, 3; G. R. Pye, 4; T. Lincoln, 5; E. Pye, 6; W. Pye (conductor), 7; F. Edwards, 8.

ROMFORD (Essex).—On Wednesday, June 14th, on handbells retained in hand 504 and 252 Stedman Triples. G. R. Pye, 1-2; W. Pye, 3-4; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 5-6; E. Pye, 7-8.

#### THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SHEFFIELD.—On Sunday, June 17th, at St. John the Evangelist, Raunmoor, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. C. R. Sawyer, 1; W. Goodwin (first quarter peal), 2; G. O. Dixon, 3; F. Allen, 4; J. Mulligan (composer and conductor), 5; G. Pearson, 6; W. S. Plant, 7; R. Collier, 8. Tenor 15 cwt.

#### THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

BIDSTON.—On Sunday, June 10th, 720 Plain Bob (eighteen bobs eighteen singles). J. Povall, 1; C. Rimmer, 2; J. Walter, 3; W. Joynson, 4; W. Wilcox, 5; T. Povall, 6. On Wednesday, June 13th, 720 Canterbury (twenty-six bobs ten singles). J. Povall, 1; C. Rimmer, 2; J. Walter, 3; J. Griffiths, 4; W. Wilcox, 5; T. Povall, 6. On Sunday, June 17th, 720 Kent (nine bobs). Same as for Canterbury. On Wednesday, June 20th, 720 Plain Bob (twenty-six bobs two singles). W. Joynson, 4; the rest as before. Conducted by W. Wilcox.

WOODCHURCH.—On June 11th, an attempt was made for 720 Grandsire Doubles, but failed after ringing 630 (5th the observation), each called different. Also 240 Doubles (3rd the observation). W. Duckers, 1; G. Phillips, 2; W. Wilcox (conductor), 3; T. Quins (Upton), 4; W. Bennett, 5; T. Newton, 6.

#### THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

MIDHURST.—On Sunday, June 17th, 720 of Bob Minor. G. Boswell, 1; F. R. Rump, 2; W. H. George (conductor), 3; T. E. Ellis, 4; A. B. Bennett, 5; J. Lee, 6. And on Sunday, June 24th, 720 Duke of York. F. R. Rump, 1; T. E. Ellis, 2; W. H. George (conductor), 3; A. B. Bennett, 4; C. Soane, 5; J. Lee, 6. And on Wednesday, June 27th, 720 each of Canterbury Pleasure, Oxford Single Bob, and Duke of York. C. Tribe, 1; T. E. Ellis, 2; W. H. George (conductor), 3; A. B. Bennett, 4; C. Soane, 5; J. Lee, 6.

#### THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS.—On Sunday, June 24th, for Divine Service in the evening 720 Bob Minor, fourteen singles and four bobs in 25 mins. G. S. Spencer, 1; T. Stuart, 2; T. P. Jackson, 3; A. E. Sheppard, 4; T. R. Jackson (conductor), 5; J. Burrows, 6. On June 29th, for practice, 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor, twenty-six bobs and ten singles in 25 mins. R. W. Burrows, 1; T. Watson (conductor), 2; T. P. Jackson, 3; A. E. Sheppard, 4; C. G. A. Cushing, 5; T. Stuart, 6. On July 1st, for Divine Service in the evening 720 Grandsire Minor, forty-four bobs and four singles in 25 mins. R. W. Burrows, 1; G. Spencer, 2; T. Watson (conductor), 3; A. E. Sheppard, 4; T. P. Jackson, 5; J. Burrows, 6. On July 4th, at the parish church, Ambleside, Westmoreland, 720 Plain Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles) in 25 mins. T. Watson (conductor), 1; T. Townson, 2; C. G. A. Cushing, 3; A. E. Sheppard, 4; R. Satterthwaite, 5; T. Stuart, 6. R. Satterthwaite belongs to Ambleside, the rest hail from Dalton-in-Furness.

#### THE SOUTH AND WEST MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

EALING.—At St. Mary's church, on Sunday June 17th, the Editor's quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 42 mins. L. Copsey, 1; E. J. a Walsom, 2; J. Basden (conductor), 3; A. H. Taber, 4; F. Goddard 5; E. Harris, 6; A. Fryer, 7; W. Ward, 8. And on Sunday, July 1st, 504 of Oxford Bob Triples, and 504 of Grandsire Triples, in which W. Foster, W. Naylor, and H. Stemp took part. On Sunday, July 18th, the last 742 of Holt's original, and 336. W. Ward, 1; E. J. Walsom, 2; H. G. Owen, 3; J. Basden, 4; W. Foster, 5; L. Copsey, 6; A. H. Taber (conductor), 7; H. Stemp, 2. This band also attempted a peal of Oxford Bob Triples at Isleworth, on Saturday, June 9th, which was lost through a change-course after ringing 2100 changes. And at Acton, on June 18th, the same peal was attempted and lost at the half-way through the same cause.

#### THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

EAST RETFORD (Notts).—On Sunday, June 10th, for children's service, a 720 of Bob Minor on the front six in 26 mins. T. H.

Denman, Esq., 1; G. Swannock, 2; G. M. Farr, 3; W. Skelton, 4; J. B. Joynes (conductor), 5; H. Warburton, 6. First 720 in the method on the bells. Also on Sunday, June 24th, 540 of Grandsire Caters. G. B. Winter, 1; G. Swannock, 2; J. T. Bottomley, 3; H. Warburton, 4; G. E. Sharpe, 5; T. H. Denman, Esq., 6; W. Skelton, 7; H. Haigh (conductor), 8; J. B. Joynes, 9; W. Metcalfe, 10. Also on Sunday, June 8th, 576 of Grandsire Caters. G. Winter, 1; G. Swannock, 2; J. T. Bottomley, 3; T. Spurr, 4; G. E. Sharpe, 5; H. Warburton, 6; W. Skelton, 7; H. Haigh (conductor), 8; J. B. Joynes, 9; W. Metcalfe, 10. Also for the evening service, 504 in same method, with Messrs. Spurr, Haigh, Swannock, Warburton, ringing 3, 6, 7 and 8, and the others as before. Conducted J. B. Joynes.

ORDSALL (Notts).—On Tuesday, July 10th, for practice, a 720 of Bob Minor in 36 mins. H. Mirrills, 1; H. Blagg, 2; W. H. Johnson, 3; H. Lambert (conductor), 4; R. Potter, 5; J. White, 6. First 720 in the method by R. Potter who hails from West Retford, and also the first by H. Lambert as conductor.

#### DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

WYLAM-ON-TYNE.—On July 6th, at St. Oswin's church, 720 of Bob Minor in 33 mins. G. Wright, 1; W. Story (conductor), 2; Andrew Dodd, 3; A. Pigg, 4; H. Wilkinson, 5; E. Weightman, 6. First 720 for all except the conductor. Tenor 22 cwt.

#### THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

WOODBURN (Bucks).—On Monday, June 25th, a touch of Grandsire Triples, containing 280 changes. J. Howard, 1; W. Wheatley, 2; J. West, 3; J. Carrell, 4; W. E. Yates, 5; F. Cousins, 6; F. G. Healey (conductor), 7; W. House, 8. Also 210 changes in the same method. F. Whiteman, 1, and W. Coleman, 8, the rest standing as above. Conducted by J. West.

FARNHAM ROYAL (Bucks).—On June 13th, at St. Mary's church, a 720 Oxford Bob. J. Bavington, 1; J. Elderfield, 2; J. J. Parker, 3; A. Crook, 4; G. A. Newman, 5; C. Clark (conductor), 6; Also, on June 20th, a 720 Oxford Bob, conducted by C. Clark. On Sunday, June 23rd, a 720 of Grandsire rung in honour of the birth of the prince, conducted by J. J. Parker. On July 4th, a 720 of Oxford Bob, conducted by C. Clark. Also a 720 of Grandsire. J. Parker, 1; J. Elderfield, 2; A. Finch, 3; J. J. Parker, 4; C. Clark, 5; R. Flaxman (conductor), 6. First 720 in these methods by A. Finch.

WRAYSLEY (Bucks).—On June 27th, a 1260 of Grandsire Triples. E. Whatmore, 1; H. Shanks, 2; J. J. Parker (conductor), 3; G. Day, 4; R. Parker (first 1260), 5; G. Whatmore, 6; J. Mills, 7; S. Bradford, 8.

UXBRIDGE (Middlesex).—On July 2nd, at St. Andrews' church, a 720 Bob Minor. H. Wilkinson, 1; A. Finch, 2; J. J. Parker (conductor), 3; J. J. Pratt, 4; R. Flaxman, 5; G. Stanbrook, 6.

AMERSHAM (Bucks).—On July 7th, at the parish church, three 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. Also 360 of Oxford Bob. J. J. Parker, 1; J. Elderfield, 2; J. J. Pratt, 3; G. Basden, 4; R. Flaxman, 5; C. Clark (conductor), 6. Also three 6-scores of Doubles.

CHALFONT ST. GILES (Bucks).—On July 7th, at the parish church, a 720 Grandsire Minor. J. Bavington, 1; J. Elderfield, 2; J. J. Parker (conductor), 3; G. Basden, 4; R. Flaxman, 5; C. Clark, 6. Also three 6-scores of Doubles.

CHALFONT ST. PETER'S (Bucks).—On July 7th, at the parish church, a 720 of Oxford Bob. J. Elderfield, 1; J. J. Parker (composer), 2; J. J. Pratt, 3; G. Basden, 4; R. Flaxman, 5; C. Clark (conductor), 6. Also a 720 of Plain Bob, conducted by J. J. Parker; and four 120s of Grandsire Doubles.

#### THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

STOURBRIDGE.—On Sunday, June 10th, at St. Thomas's church, for morning service, 672 Bob Major. W. A. Pugh, 1; H. Dakin, 2; N. Holyoake, 3; J. Pagett (conductor), 4; W. Fryer, 5; J. Smith, 6; G. H. Pagett, 7; H. Harris, 8. On Wednesday, June 10th, for practice, 588 Bob Triples. Conducted by G. H. Pagett. On Saturday, June 23rd, an attempt was made to ring W. F. Hartshorne's six-part peal of Bob Triples, in commemoration of the Queen's ascension. After ringing 2940 changes in 1 hr. 45 mins. stand was called, owing to a change course. H. Faulks, 1; G. Pearsall, 2; A. Chapman, 3; J. Pearson, 4; N. Hollyoake, 5; W. Fryer, 6; G. H. Pagett (conductor), 7; W. W. Dykes, 8. Longest length in the method by 1, 2, 3, 4, and 8th ringers, and first attempt for a peal by 3 and 4. On Sunday, July 1st, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor (fourteen singles and four bobs). W. W. Dykes, 1; W. Fryer, 2; N. Hollyoake, 3; H. Hartshorne, 4; G. H. Pagett, 5; W. F. Hartshorne (conductor), 6. Tenor 19 cwt. in E.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

ST. OSYTH (Essex).—On Sunday, July 7th, at the church of SS. Peter and Paul, for divine service in the morning, 720 Bob Minor (twenty-one bobs and six singles). G. Humm, 1; H. Bowers, 2; A. Fuller, 3; W. J. Nevard, 4; W. Hazell, 5; C. H. Howard (conductor), 6. Composed by S. Hammond. Tenor, 12 cwt.

THORRINGTON (Essex).—On Sunday, July 7th, at the church of St. Mary Magdalene, for afternoon service, several 6-scors of Grandsire and Bob Doubles. W. Hazell, 1; H. Bowers, 2; A. Fuller, 3; C. H. Howard, 4; W. J. Nevard, 6. After the service, two 6-scors of Grandsire Doubles. C. H. Howard, 1; H. Bowers, 2; A. Fuller, 3; W. J. Nevard, 4; W. Hazell, 5. Conducted by C. H. Howard and W. J. Nevard respectively. Tenor 12 cwt.

GREAT BENTLEY (Essex).—On Sunday, July 7th, at St. Mary's church, for Divine Service in the evening, 720 Bob Minor (twenty-two singles and two bobs). G. Humm (Great Bentley), 1; H. Bowers (Great Bentley), 2; C. H. Howard (Braintree) (conductor), 3; A. Fuller (Little Bentley), 4; W. J. Nevard (Great Bentley), 5; W. Hazell (Little Bentley), 6. Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

ANSTON (Yorks.).—On Sunday, July 1st, at the St. James's church, 672 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor, and 360 of Kent Treble Bob Minor. On Sunday, July 8th, 336 and 216 of Oxford. J. Foulds, 1; H. Turner, 2; H. Stenton, 3; J. Marshall, 4; S. Smith, 5; C. Fowler (conductor), 6. Also for evening service, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, with R. Smith, the rest as before. On Monday, July 9th, for practice, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor, by J. Foulds, 1; H. Turner, 2; R. Smith, 3; J. Marshall (first 720), 4; S. Smith, 5; C. Fowler (conductor), 6.

ASPLEY GUISE (Beds.).—On Saturday, June 30th, at St. Botolph's church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor in 23 mins. M. Lane, 1; E. Herbert, 2; E. Wild, 3; J. C. Cooke, 4; C. Herbert, 5; W. Chibnall (conductor), 6. And 720 Bob Minor (nine bobs six singles). J. C. Cooke, 1; C. Wild, 2; E. Herbert, 3; W. Chibnall, 4; M. Lane, 5; C. Herbert (conductor), 6. Tenor 10½ cwt.

BOURNEMOUTH (Hants).—On Thursday, June 28th, being the anniversary of Her Majesty's coronation, at St. Peter's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 46 mins. J. G. Bennett, 1; H. C. Tomlins (Gosport), 2; G. Preston (conductor), 3; G. H. Plummer, 4; A. W. Pike (Caversham), 5; T. F. Best, 6; J. J. Bristow, 7; C. W. Goodenough, 8.

CAMBRIDGE.—On Thursday, June 28th, on the occasion of the Royal Agricultural Show being held here, the following rang on the back eight of Gt. St. Mary a touch of Stedman Triples. W. Ireland (Diss), 1; G. Archer (Diss), 2; J. Sonter (Diss), 3; C. Sillitor (Sudbury), 4; I. Hills (Bedford), 5; J. F. Penning (Saffron Walden), 6; C. W. Clarke (Bedford; conductor), 7; W. Marshall (Saffron Walden), 8. Also a course of Kent Treble Bob Royal on the back ten. W. Ireland (Diss), 1; C. Taylor (Cambridge), 2; C. Sillitor (Sudbury), 3; G. Archer (Diss), 4; I. Hills (Bedford), 5; H. J. Tucker (Bishop Stortford), 6; H. W. Clarke (Bedford), 7; J. F. Penning (Saffron Walden), 8; W. Pye (Romford), 9; J. Souter (Diss), 10. Tenor 31 cwt.

LICHFIELD (Staffs.).—On Sunday, June 24th, at St. Mary's church, 672 Grandsire Triples and 480 Grandsire Major. C. Davis, 1; F. Sedgwick, 2; E. Gallimore, 3; T. Meredith, 4; H. Meacham, 5; C. Barrett, 6; S. Spittle (conductor), 7; F. J. Cope, 8. Also at the cathedral, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters in 52 mins. C. Davis, 1; E. Gallimore, 2; F. Sedgwick, 3; T. Meredith, 4; H. Meacham, 5; J. Key, 6; S. Spittle (conductor), 7; C. Barrett, 8; F. J. Cope, 9; T. H. Gallimore, 10. The above were rung on the occasion of the birth of a heir to the throne.

MILVERTON (Somerset).—On Tuesday, July 3rd, at St. Michael's church, a half-peal of Grandsire Triples, 2520 changes, in 1 hr. 26 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 half-peal of Triples by all, and was rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to the late Captain Moysey, of Bathealton Court.

WOBURN (Beds.).—Lord Charles James Fox Russell was buried in the churchyard at Woburn, on Tuesday, July 3rd, amid a large gathering of relatives and personal friends. The deceased was formerly M.P. for the county of Bedford, and afterwards became a Sergeant-at-Arms in Parliament. The large bell at the new church was tolled at the funeral, and in the evening, touches of Doubles and Triples were rung with the bells half-muffled. And 720 Bob Minor. C. Wild, 1; C. Herbert, 2; E. Herbert, 3; J. C. Cooke, 4; Rev. W. W. C. Baker, 5; Cyril Herbert (conductor), 6. Tenor 13 cwt. And on handbells, a course of Bob Royal. E. Herbert, 1-2; C. Herbert, 3-4; Cyril Herbert, 5-6; C. Wild, 7-8; Rev. W. W. C. Baker, 9-10.

APPLETON (Berks.).—On Sunday, July 1st, at the parish church, for evening service, a touch of Grandsire Caters, containing 701 changes, by the Appleton ringers. G. Rools, 1; R. White, 2; F. White, 3; F. Barrett, 4; J. Trinder, 5; H. Tubb, 6; S. White, 7; G. Holifield (conductor), 8; H. Woodward, 9; R. Bennett, 10. On Tuesday, July 3rd, for practice, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, containing 1260 changes, by the Appleton ringers. R. White, 1; F. Barrett, 2; F. White, 3; H. Tubb, 4; S. White, 5; G. Holifield (conductor), 6; H. Woodward, 7; R. Bennett, 8.

NORTHMOY (Oxon).—On Sunday, July 8th, 720 Grandsire Minor, by the Appleton ringers. R. White, 1; H. Walters, 2; J. Trinder, 3; F. Barrett, 4; F. White (conductor), 5; H. Tubb, 6.

FINCHLEY (Middlesex).—On Sunday, June 24th, the members of St. Mary's church, rung for the honour of the young prince a 720 Plain Bob Minor (thirty singles six bobs) in 24 mins. W. Mulley, 1; W. Webb, 2; J. Cornell, 3; W. Russell, 4; W. Tubb, 5; W. Burrows (conductor), 6. Also, for evening service, 360 Plain Bob Minor. W. Mulley, 1; W. Burrows (conductor), 2; J. Cornell, 3; W. Russell, 4; W. Webb, 5; W. Tubb, 6. On Sunday, July 8th, 360 of Grandsire Doubles. E. Tubb, 1; W. Tubb, 2; W. Russell, 3; J. Cornell (conductor), 4; W. Webb, 5; C. Miles, 6.

TICKHILL (Yorks.).—On Saturday, June 30th, at St. Mary's church, a 720 of Duke of York, in 24½ mins. H. Haigh, 1; W. R. Guest, 2; G. Hackford, 3; T. Manfield, 4; C. Ainley, 5; J. S. Jenkinson (conductor), 6. Tenor 19½ cwt. H. Haigh hails from Retford, the rest are local men. On July 1st, for Divine Service, the local ringers rang a 720 of New London Pleasure in 34 mins. A. Wright, 1; W. R. Guest, 2; G. Hackford, 3; F. Jenkinson, 4; C. Ainley, 5; J. S. Jenkinson (conductor), 6. The Tickhill bells (numbering six) are famed for their musical qualities, and can be heard far and wide. It would be gratifying if the ringers could be encouraged and induced to display their skill more frequently.

## Cricket.

On Saturday, June 23rd, a friendly game of cricket was played on the Capel Cricket Ground between eleven ringers, chosen by Mr. J. Akehurst, of Capel, and eleven by Mr. G. Charman, of Warnham, which resulted in favour of Mr. G. Charman's eleven by 10 wickets. The following is the score:—

MR. J. AKEHURST'S ELEVEN.										
First Innings.					Second Innings.					
F. Wickens	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	1
A. Ellis	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	16
Rev. C. Eagles	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	8
J. Akehurst	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	6
C. Taylor	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	5
G. Wickens	..	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	0
A. Moore	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	4
E. Jordan	..	..	..	0	..	..	..	..	..	0
E. Holloway	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	0
W. Cox	..	..	..	0	..	..	..	..	..	0
A. Mitchell	..	..	..	0	..	..	..	..	..	0
Total	..	..	..	21	Total	..	..	..	..	40
MR. G. CHARMAN'S ELEVEN.										
First Innings.					Second Innings.					
T. Jeal	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	3
G. Muggeridge	..	..	..	0	..	..	..	..	..	0
G. Cox	..	..	..	35	..	..	..	..	..	0
H. Garman	..	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	0
T. Mann	..	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	0
F. Francis	..	..	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	0
A. Harding	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	0
F. Muggeridge	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	2
F. Garman	..	..	..	0	..	..	..	..	..	0
R. Smith	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	0
G. Charman	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
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## Notices.

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**The Midland Counties' Association.**—The first quarterly meeting of the year will be held at Melbourne, to-day, Saturday, July 14th. The peal of 8 at the parish church open from 2 p.m. till 9. The Melbourne Hall Gardens, open 3 to 4. Committee meeting at 4.15 p.m. Tea and general meeting at 5, both in the National School.

J. O. LANCASHIRE, *Hon. Sec.*  
22, St. Peter's Road, Leicester.

**Lancashire Association.**—Rossendale Branch.—Next meeting of the above branch will be held at St. Saviour's, Bacup, to-day, Saturday, July 14th. Bells ready 4.0 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. J. B. TAYLOR, *Sec.*  
7, Church Street, Waterfoot.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of the above will be held at the parish church, Walsden, to-day, Saturday, July 14th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6.30. for nominations of committee-man and secretary, a good meeting is desired. 63, Clark Street, Rochdale.

**The Stoke Archidiaconal Association.**—The annual meeting of this Association will be held at Wolstanton, to-day Saturday, July 14th. Belfry open at 3.0 p.m. Annual meeting in the School Room, at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m. Service with sermon by the Rev. H. E. Butler, vicar of Wolstanton, at 7.30 p.m. Rev. J. W. ALSTON, } *Hon. Sec.*  
WM. TWIGG, }

**The Oxford Diocesan Guild.**—The Annual Festival will be held at Chipping Norton, on Monday, July 16th. Special train from Chipping Norton Junction, 11.48; Service 12.15; Dinner 1.30. Application for tickets should be made at once to

REV. R. H. HART-DAVIS.  
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**St. James's Society, London.**—There will be the usual practice at St. Clement's at 8 o'clock on Monday next, the 16th, and afterwards the election of auditors will take place, being the next meeting prior to St. James's day. E. A. YOUNG, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Winchester Diocesan Guild.**—Annual Festival at Farnham, on Monday, July 16th. Business meeting at Conservative Club at 11. Service in parish church 12, with address by the Lord Bishop of Winchester. Dinner in Town Hall 12.45, tickets 2s. 6d., to be obtained only before the day from the Secretary.

R. C. M. HARVEY.  
The Vicarage, Portsea.

**Norwich Diocesan Association.**—A Quarterly General Meeting will be held at Kelsale, on Tuesday, July 17th. Lunch at 1.30 at New Church House, by kind permission of Rector—

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**The Heavy Woollen Districts Association.**—The next meeting of the above will be held at Low Moor, on Saturday, July 21st, at

5 p.m. Meeting house, Chapel House inn, near the church. Business important.

GEO. H. SIMON, *Hon. Sec.*  
19, Albert Street, Batley Carr.

**The Essex Association.**—There will be a district meeting of the above on Saturday, July 21st, at Barking. Tea will be served at 5 p.m. and a business meeting will follow. Members intending to be present must inform the Assistant Secretary not later than the previous Tuesday.

HENRY T. W. EYRE, *Assistant Sec.*  
Great Totham, Witham.

**The Old East Derbyshire Association.**—The quarterly meeting will be held at Dronfield, on Saturday, July 21st. Business meeting at The Green Dragon inn at 5 o'clock. Peal of six bells. Station close to the tower. Local sec., Mr. E. Platts.

EDWIN JAMES, *Hon. Sec.*  
18, The Dale, Woodseats, Sheffield.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Manchester Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Radcliffe parish church, on Saturday, July 21st. Tower open at 4 p.m., business meeting 7 p.m.

WALTER BROWN, *Branch Sec.*  
54, Weylock, Street, Hulme, Manchester.

**United Counties Association.**—The next meeting will be held at Mottram, on Saturday, July 21st. Bells ready at 12 o'clock. Tea 6d. each for number sent in not later than 18th, to Mr. John Sidebotham, 75, Market street, Mottram. JOSEPH RADCLIFFE, *Sec.*  
Uppermill, near Oldham.

**St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.**—The Annual Picnic will be held at Solihull (G.W.R., seven miles) on Saturday afternoon, the 28th inst. Dinner will be served at The George hotel at 3.30 o'clock sharp, and tickets, price three shillings each to friends or non-entitled members may be obtained on application before the 24th inst. to

W. H. GODDEN, *Hon. Sec.*  
61, Roland Road, Handsworth.

**Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.**—A quarterly General Meeting will be held at Highbridge, on Saturday, July 28th. Particulars in next week's "BELL NEWS."

HY. W. TOMKINS, *Hon. Sec. and Treasurer*,  
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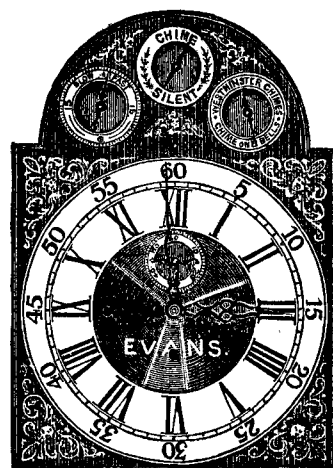
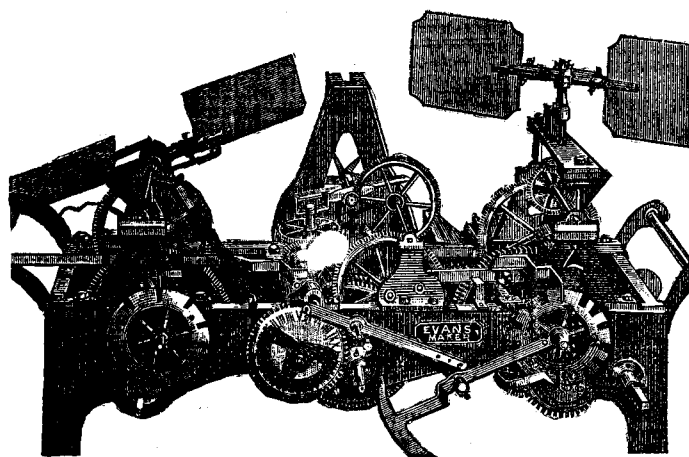
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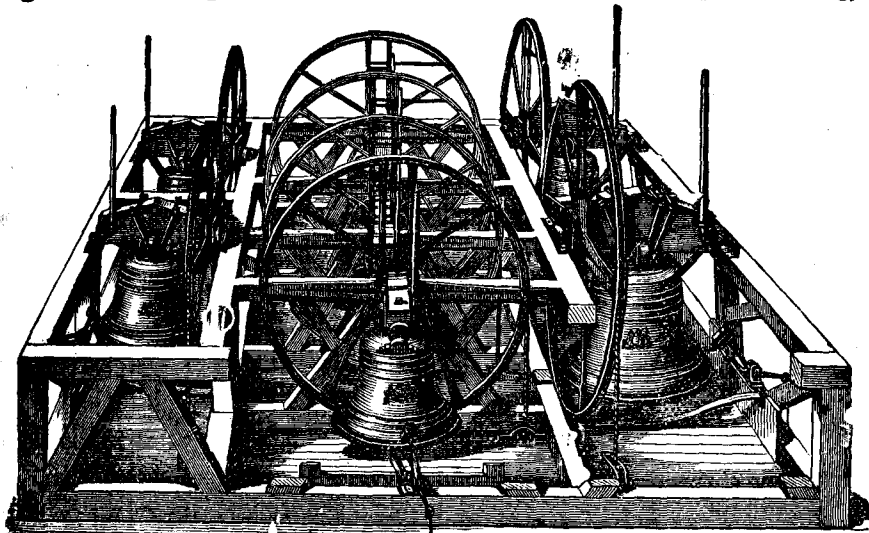
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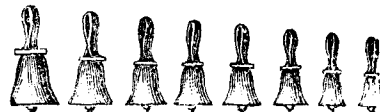
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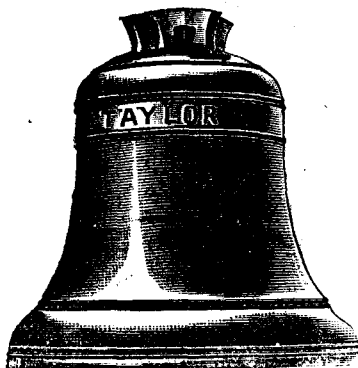
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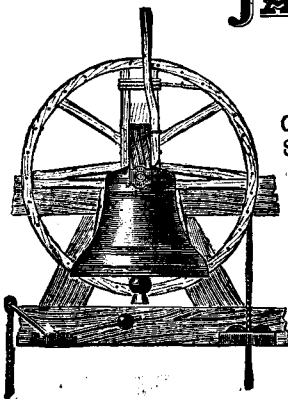
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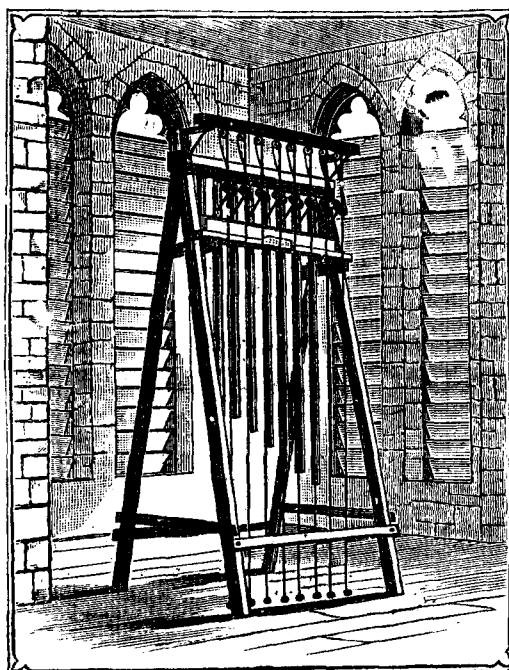
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## THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of this association was held at the parish church, Dorking, on Monday, July 2nd, where hangs a fine peal of eight bells, tenor 25 cwt. The condition of the bells, together with the belfry, reflects great credit on the genial steeple-keeper, Mr. E. Dodd, who had everything in readiness, and did all he could to make it pleasant for the members who had the privilege of enjoying some good practice, both in the afternoon and evening.

The tea and business meeting took place in the parish church room, by kind permission of the vicar, the Rev. E. A. Chichester, when there were present thirty-six members and one visitor, Benhlton, Betchingley, Betchworth, Carshalton, Epsom, London, Reigate, Streatham, and Wimbledon being represented. Several visitors paid a visit, after tea, from Holmwood, Capel, Bucklands, etc., and some very good ringing was done in Grandsire, Stedman, and Oxford Bob Triples, also a 576 of Kent Treble Bob Major, conducted by Mr. Trendell, of Benhlton.

The business meeting, presided over by the vicar (who also took tea with the members), was commenced by the hon. sec. reading the minutes of the last meeting, held at Sutton and Cheam on Easter Monday, which recorded an increase of two honorary and fifteen ringing members. These were passed.

The Secretary reported nine peals had been rung, two on the day of the last meeting and seven since. Also a peal of Treble Bob Major in the Kent variation, rung at Ashstead on June 30th, conducted by Edward Trendell.

The election of officers was next proceeded with, the Rev. A. G. W. Young, of Kingston, being re-elected Hon. Treasurer; Mr. R. B. Blanchard, of Streatham, Hon. Sec.; Mr. F. F. Errington, of Reigate, Asst. Sec. The gentlemen of the Committee were, with one exception, re-elected.

The question of a new peal book was submitted for the consideration of the members, when it was proposed, seconded, and carried, "That a new peal book be purchased similar to volume one, and the peals inserted in rotation up to date"—peal book volume one, having 145 peals entered in it, to be deposited in an iron safe for security.

The Rev. E. A. Chichester was proposed as an honorary member, and six ringing members were also proposed.

The next place of meeting having been put, it was proposed that Guildford be visited. An amendment that it be held at Carshalton and Beddington was carried; also that it be held on or about the first Saturday in October.

A hearty vote of thanks to the vicar was passed, who, in reply, spoke of the good work associations such as these were doing in bringing the ringers into closer union with the clergy and other church officials, impressing upon the members present the need of assisting in the work, not only for the sake of being members, but for promoting the good feeling which at all times exist amongst all parties connected with Church work.

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

It was the intention of the members of the above society of ringers to pay a visit to Kemford on Saturday, but at the last moment it had to be postponed on account of the rector being away. As, however, most members had made arrangements to leave their work, it was decided to pay the Thorverton band a visit and help that young band on in a half-pull method. On arriving at the tower a start was made for a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, which was lost after ringing about 300 changes. A 504 in the same method was then rung under the conductorship of Mr. F. Davey. Two short touches of Stedman Triples were rung, and the rest of the evening was spent with the young hands, who, we are pleased to say, are making very satisfactory progress under the tutorship of Mr. Ferris Shepherd. The party were—Messrs. F. Shepherd, J. Moss, C. Carter, W. Drake, E. Shepherd, B. Mundy, E. Squire, T. Hodge, T. Mudge, W. Stoker, W. Martin, and F. Davey. They wish to return their best thanks to the rector for the use of the bells, and to Mr. C. Clarke, junr., and Mr. Ridler for their trouble in making the visitors welcome and comfortable.

## BUXHALL, SUFFOLK.

RESTORATION OF CHURCH BELLS. — The village of Buxhall was, on Friday week, the scene of considerable rejoicing on the occasion of the re-opening of the parish bells. The heavy expense incurred in repair was met by the energy and perseverance of Miss Nellie Hill, daughter of the highly respected rector, the Rev. H. Hill, who, for nearly a quarter of a century, has been the incumbent of the parish. Miss Hill collected the entire amount (over £50), and the bells were re-opened free from any liability. The bells, which are in the key of F, are said to be second to none in the county for their sweet tone. The tenor, about 17 cwt., was cast in 1632, and the remaining four a few years later. They have been entirely re-hung, with all the newest and most modern improvements. A large congregation assembled for the re-dedication service, which was fully choral, the choir being supplemented by Mr. Pratt and Mr. Adams, of Stowmarket church choir. The lessons were read by the rector. The prayers were said by the Rev. F. E. Horne (Drinkstone). The anthem, "Sing, O Heavens" (Caleb Simper), was rendered, Miss Ethel Hill presiding at the organ. The sermon was preached by the Rev. E. J. Wild (Rattlesden). The pulpit, reading desk, font, and east window were decorated with choice flowers sent by Mr. Petteward and Mr. E. Wells, and arranged by Mr. Musgrave and Mr. Payne. The bells rung nearly all day. The ringers—W. Durrant, H. Edwards, T. Durrant, A. Sawyer, and W. Welham—were joined by the Stowmarket ringers, Messrs. Wade, Rouse, Ponder, Jeffries, and Welham. These, with others from neighbouring villages, numbering about fifty, were entertained at the rectory. The proceedings included a meat tea in the park, the expenses being met by subscription. Upwards of 300 sat down; the children of the school, numbering about seventy, also partook of tea. The arrangements were carried out by a committee, consisting of Mr. W. Mitson, Mr. J. Hawtin, Mr. R. Williams, Mr. G. Williams, Mr. H. Sawyer, Mr. J. Williams, Mrs. A. Sawyer, Mr. J. Sawyer, junr., Mr. E. Stern, Mr. Payne, Mr. J. Castle, Mr. J. Howe, Mr. Haggart, and Mr. H. Spink. After tea, Mr. E. Wells proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Miss Nellie Hill, and Dr. Copinger responded on that lady's behalf, stating, at her request that it had been a work of love. A vote of thanks was also accorded to the committee. The Stowmarket handbell ringers then gave an exhibition of their prowess on the splendid bells, after which games were indulged in until dark.

## THE STOCKTON-ON-TEES SOCIETY.

On Saturday afternoon, July 7th, the members of this society carried out a long intended visit to Swainby, at the foot of the Cleveland hills, and about twelve miles from Stockton, the journey being accomplished in a brake, through a very pleasant country. Having gained access to the belfry of the church of the Holy Cross, the bells were raised in peal, and a 720 of Kent Treble Bob rung in good style, followed by a 720 of Woodbine Treble Bob. An adjournment was then made for refreshment, followed by a sally out to explore the beauties and antiquities of the place. The former consisted of the picturesque outline of the adjoining hills and valleys, and the latter of the old church and the gateway of the castle. The old church, from which the new church derives its name, consists of an early Norman nave, in ruins, a chancel, which is transitional between early English, and decorated, kept in repair and used for burials only, and a fifteenth century tower, leaning twenty-two inches out of the perpendicular, and containing one bell, bearing the inscription, "Sancta Maria Ora Nobis." The castle is thought to have been erected in the reign of Richard II., and was surrounded by a large deer park, but very little now remains except the gateway, surrounded by a moat, and formerly provided with a drawbridge and portcullis. The bells in the new church were presented by the Rev. A. H. Cumming, the late vicar, and are a light and musical ring, by Messrs. Warner & Sons. After ringing a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, the bells were lowered in peal, and the Stockton ringers "returned by the way by whence they came," well pleased with their outing.

## THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

Langsyne! How doth the word come back  
 With magic meaning to the heart,  
 As memory roams the sunny track  
 From which hope's dreams were loth to part!  
 No joy like past joy appears;  
 For what is gone we fret and pine.  
 Were life spun out a thousand years,  
 It could not match Langsyne.

On Saturday, July 14th, twelve members of the above Youths paid a visit to Speldhurst and neighbourhood, by kind invitation of Miss Rosa Macalpine-Leny. The party left Cannon Street Station by the 9.30 a.m. fast train to Tunbridge Wells, due to arrive at 10.40 a.m., but, with the usual punctuality of this line of railway, the arrival was not effected till nearly thirty minutes later. The visitors—who consisted of Messrs. W. T. Cockerill, M. A. Wood, W. Cooter, E. Horrex, J. R. Haworth, C. F. Winney, H. Springall, G. J. Smith, H. R. Newton, W. D. Smith, R. French, and W. Prime—were received at the railway station by Miss Leny, Mr. Edward Mackinnon, R.N., and master Lachlan Mackinnon, in company of whom was the Comtesse de Bussy. *En passant*, it may be mentioned that last year, whilst Miss Leny was in Paris, she was stricken with scarlet fever, and the Comtesse performed the noble office of nursing her successfully through that malady. The usual greetings having taken place, seats were taken in a brake provided, and a start made for the "high rocks." What an awful place, situated as they are, quite inland, yet leaving traces of the terrific rush of water that must have taken place thousands upon thousands of years ago! The whole place is one of enchantment, and should be seen only to be believed—awful in its realistic beauty. Engraven in deeply-cut letters on its overhanging mass are these lines:—

Infidel! who, with thy finite wisdom  
 Wouldst grasp things infinite, and dost become  
 A scoffer of God's holiest mysteries,  
 Behold this rock, then tremble and rejoice.  
 Tremble! for He who formed these mighty rocks  
 Could, in His justice, crush thee where thou art.  
 Rejoice! that still His mercy spares thee.

The following-named youths succeeded in ringing, upon the handbells, a course of Grandsire Cinques upon the rock's summit, which, perhaps it may with safety be said, is the first ever performed there. E. Horrex, 1-2; H. R. Newton, 3-4; W. Cooter, 5-6; C. F. Winney, 7-8; M. A. Wood, 9-10; W. D. Smith, 11-12. The visitors, with Miss Leny, the Comtesse, and the two young gentlemen having re-taken their seats in the brake, Speldhurst was reached at 12.30, where a generous and welcomed luncheon had been provided at the rectory. Here the visitors were received by Mrs. Mackinnon and the Rev. Donald Mackinnon, the rector. The weather, which had such an unpropitious appearance in London, had evidently made up its mind to treat the youths with its best behaviour, which made the beautiful surroundings of this lovely spot most charming. The cravings of the mortal interiors having been appeased, eight gallant youths, ascending the belfry steps, were soon manipulating the ropes to the tune of Double Norwich Court Bob Major, and later on touches of Treble Bob and Stedman Triples were rung, amounting in the aggregate to 2600 changes. This is a sweetly-toned peal of bells in F. (tenor 12½ cwt.), showing a slight disparity in weight when compared with that of St. Paul's Cathedral tenor, which is 3 tons 2 cwt., and one which was much appreciated, considering the time of year, and the not altogether satisfactory ventilation of the ringing-chamber. Tea having been concluded, a tour through the glebe was the next adventure on the tapis. The visitors were not geographically conversant with the neighbourhood sufficiently to venture on any tour without a guide, so the Comtesse, Miss Leny, and Mrs. Mackinnon acted admirably in that capacity; do not imagine for one moment that such a task is undertaken without subsequent little episodes in connection therewith. The first of the kind was the crossing of a brook, previous to which a three barred fence raised a formidable obstacle, especially as regards the ladies, but this was overcome by the presence and muscular activity of two tenor-men, Mr. Prime, of St. Mary-le-Bow fame, and our stalwart secretary, Mr. W. T. Cockerill, they, as was naively remarked by one of the company, "raised the three bell(e)s without breaking a stay." This gallant act was again repeated a little farther on. The walk was a most enjoyable one, the time occupied in this country ramble being hardly sufficient, and regret

was expressed on all sides that it was not possible to roll two or more days into one. After tea a visit was paid to the interior of the parish church of Speldhurst, and here was evidenced an example of the diligent care that had been bestowed upon the production of some exquisite altar and font tapestry, worked by Miss Leny, which cannot be too highly praised. Though only a village church, it contains some magnificent stained glass windows, and its appearance altogether goes to prove the earnestness, love and devotion of its village congregation, and combined with its ringers, who are in the main regular communicants, Speldhurst stands out as an example worthy of imitation all round. Half-past six p.m. brought the sound of dinner gong and bell to the ear, and once again the happy party met around the festive board, but while the first course was being brought round in grand style, it was found that a Youth (maiden) of Cumberland, not Royal, nor rival, had joined the party, namely, Miss Stanley, of Ponsonby, Cumberland, but as with our brother rivals of the metropolis, who are ever welcomed, so with this lady, her presence only adding a finishing touch to the happy scene. Dinner over, Miss Leny and Mrs. Mackinnon testified in very neat speeches the pleasure they had enjoyed by the presence of the Youths at Speldhurst that day. Mr. Cockerill, secretary of the society, in very suitable words returned thanks on behalf of the visitors, for the kindness extended to them, which was loudly applauded. Some double handed Grandsire Cinques, Caters, and Stedman Triples were tapped off on the lawn, also some tunes on the handbells by the Youths. Eight o'clock p.m. having arrived, our coachman was requisitioned to have the conveyance in readiness, and after hearty hand-shakings with old ringing friends, the party left accompanied by Miss Leny, Mrs. Mackinnon, Miss Stanley, Mr. Edward Mackinnon, R.N., and Master Lachlan Mackinnon, for Tunbridge Wells station, amidst loud hurrahs, and the horn piping, our coachman, who, by the way, gave evidence of some ready wit, and a full supply of lung power, necessary to produce all that was required of him. Arriving at Tunbridge Wells, seats were taken in a reserved carriage, and three hearty cheers were raised by the Ancients as the train moved out of the station, to Miss Leny and her sister, Mrs. Mackinnon, who had so kindly provided the necessaries for the day's enjoyment, and finally came to the station and saw the departure of the Youths. In conclusion, the members of this Society wish to extend their heartfelt thanks to the Comtesse de Bussy for the unremitting attention given by her to their honorary member, Miss Leny, when lying sick in Paris last year, and to assure the Comtesse of their sincere appreciation of her kindness. W. D. S.

## CONDOVER, SHROPSHIRE.

THE CHURCH BELLS.—The inhabitants of Conover have every reason to point with pride to the magnificent bells their church possesses, but the influences of time have had a deleterious effect on their melodious peal, and interfered with the production of that campanological music which can be heard for miles beyond the parish. The services of Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough, have been obtained, and they have undertaken to re-hang the bells, and do other necessary repairs. There are eight bells, and they were placed in the church in 1813, since which time they have been freely used in all those functions at which it is customary for them to be heard. Their renovation will entail an expenditure of about £250. There have already been liberal subscriptions to the fund, but about £100 has still to be raised. With the latter object in view a sale of work took place on Thursday, July 12th, in the grounds of Conover Hall, which were generously placed at the disposal of the promoters by Captain Cholmondeley. A more delightful *locale* for such an event it is impossible to imagine, and the floral loveliness of the place must have been sufficient reward to all who visited it. The goods for disposal were of that varied description usually met with at sales of this kind. They were displayed in a spacious tent, and were illustrative of the assiduity with which the ladies had advanced the project, and a testimony to the hearty nature of the response to their appeals for assistance. Agreeable concomitants favoured the gathering. The weather, showery and foreboding in the morning, was most propitious throughout the afternoon, and the brightest sunshine



gilded the charming gardens. The Shrewsbury Post Office Band, who gratuitously rendered their services, discoursed delightful music during the afternoon, and this had a very animating effect. The sale was opened by Captain Cholmondeley. He said it was a great pleasure to himself and Mrs. Cholmondeley to place their grounds at the disposal of the people, and he hoped to see a good many visitors present during the day. He would give them all a hearty welcome. Doubtless they were all aware that they had met to increase the fund required for the re-hanging of the church bells. They were very proud of their bells, and were therefore naturally anxious to have them renovated in a proper manner. The interest shown in the movement to effect this must be palpable to all who looked round the tent and saw the richness of the merchandise which adorned it; and he urged all present to do their part in contributing to the general success of the sale.

The Rev. T. Auden, on behalf of the parishioners, then thanked Captain and Mrs. Cholmondeley for allowing them to hold the bazaar in their beautiful grounds. As vicar of the parish, he could assure those present that if he wanted anything in the way of pecuniary or active help he had only to go to the hall, and if it was not unreasonable he was sure to get it.

Business then briskly commenced. The ladies who presided at the general stall were Mrs. Cholmondeley, Mrs. Benson, Miss Diana Cholmondeley, Miss Carr, Mrs. Auden, Miss Auden, Mrs. Holt, Miss Humphreys, Miss Locke, Miss Stuart Edwards, Miss E. Edwards, and Miss Hughes. The gems of the flower stall were dispensed by Miss M. J. Hughes and Mr. Bennett, and the refreshments by Mrs. Everall, Mrs. Hewitt, and Miss Timmis. Valuable assistance was given by Miss E. Holt, Miss Dixon, Miss F. Rawlings, and Miss E. Cartwright. Miss Lizzie Evans, Miss Flora Bromley and Miss Lucy Jones, dressed in pretty Swiss attire, sold choice buttonhole bouquets.

#### RAWTENSTALL, LANCASHIRE.

A unique event in the history of the above parish church took place on Saturday, June 23rd, viz., the annual picnic of the ringers, the marriage of two brothers (James and George Rollerson), who are members of the above band, and a short touch of Grandsire as a welcome to the new vicar, the Rev. W. Derry, who arrived in the town the previous evening. Shortly before 10 o'clock on the previous Saturday, the inhabitants were aroused from their slumbers by the bells breaking forth in merry peals, awaking their curiosity as to the reason of such jubilation and excitement, which was somewhat abated when a carriage drawn by a pair of fine horses drew up at the church gates, the door of which, when opened, and the brides came in view, caused the usual murmur, "how pretty," to run through the large concourse of people. The register having been signed, the newly-wedded people entered the carriage with difficulty, owing to the copious showers of rice and old slippers, and drove away as the bells pealed forth their joyful sound to the tune of Grandsire Triples, 504 changes, after which the usual "shooting" took place. The bells were then lowered in peal, and tracks made to the house of Mr. Richard Taylor, the father of the now Mrs. James Rollerson, where a sumptuous breakfast was in readiness, to which ample justice was done; bobs and dodges came up in proper order, and after many changes, the tenor was as usual found at home, he being always the last bell behind. The presents were numerous and costly, and included a couple of very rare and exquisitely chased pie-dishes, which were much admired and will no doubt prove very useful. By this time 12 o'clock had come round, and shortly after a start was made for Mitton, via Accrington and Whalley. The ringers had this year secured the presence of Miss S. Smith, who is the cause of mirth to any party by her jokes, droll sayings, songs, etc., which she kept up until just prior to entering Whalley. On passing down the incline into Whalley, a very fine view of Wharton Hall, the residence of W. H. Worsley, Esq., Q.C., is to be seen, which alone repays a visit to the village, which was reached shortly after two o'clock, and through the kindness of Colonel Hargreaves we were permitted to view the abbey, the history of the various parts being pointed out and explained to us by the caretaker. The old church of Whalley was then visited and much admired, the stone coffin in

particular. We then collected our forces and made tracks for Mitton, on the road to which a very good view of the forty-nine arches over which the railway passes were obtained. Shortly before four o'clock we arrived at our destination, and through the exertions of our energetic secretary and treasurer, we were armed with permits to view the church, with its chained bibles, and the monuments of the Sherburn family, which have been in this church for hundreds of years; then we ascended the belfry and attempted two 18-scores of Plain Bob, but the bad go of the bells prevented this. We now sat down to tea, and this enjoyable meal being over a vote of thanks to the vicar and wardens of Mitton parish church for the use of the church and bells, and a like vote to our hostess, were proposed and heartily responded to. Then our talented vocalist, George H. Hargreaves, in his usual style, amused the company with songs, ditties, etc.; and having about an hour to spare, we strolled out into the highways and byways. Stoneyhurst college now came in view, which was much admired, as also was the Hill of Witches; and the time for departure being at hand, we left Mitton at 7.45, and arrived home shortly after 11, all thoroughly satisfied with the outing. A few complimentary remarks at the house of Mr. R. Taylor brought one of the most enjoyable days to a close. We also desire to thank Colonel Hargreaves, and the vicar and wardens of Whalley and Mitton churches, for their courtesy and kindness in granting us the use of their churches and bells.

E. N.

#### THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ROCHDALE BRANCH.—The monthly meeting of the above was held at Walsden, on Saturday, July 14th, members being present from Rochdale and Heywood, and the local company. During the afternoon and evening touches of Grandsire Triples, Kent Treble Bob, and College Single Minor were rung including 720 Kent Treble Bob by the following: R. E. Hoyle (Hamer), J. T. Robertshaw (Heptonstall), J. Crossley (Hamer), E. Schofield (Hamer), J. Harrison (Heywood), F. Birtwistle (conductor), Rochdale. Afterwards, at the kind invitation of the Vicar, the members had tea at the cocoa-rooms close by. Then the meeting was held in the schoolroom. The vicar, in a few well chosen remarks welcomed the Association to Walsden, and said he had thoroughly enjoyed the ringing which had been done. The first business was the election of a new secretary for the next year. Mr. J. W. Cockcroft (Shaw), being elected, a vote of thanks to the vicar for presiding and entertaining the members, and to the ringers for having everything in readiness, concluded the meeting. Then a 720 of College Single was rung. R. E. Hoyle, T. Robertshaw, J. Crossley (conductor), E. Schofield, G. Hoyle, and J. Harrison. This concluded the day's ringing.

LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN BRANCH.—On Saturday, July 7th, at the Halewood parish church, the usual monthly meeting was held, when upwards of thirty members attended from Aughton, Grassendale, Garston, Hale, Liverpool, Wootton, Warrington, Farnworth, and Southport. The tower was opened for ringing at 3 p.m., and shortly after that time the bells were set in motion. The methods rung during the day were Grandsire Triples, Canterbury Pleasure Major, and Plain Bob Major. The business meeting was held in the school-room, the Rev. H. Gibson Smith presiding. The minutes of the previous meeting, held at Farnworth, were read and confirmed. The Chairman heartily welcomed the ringers of the Lancashire Association to Halewood, and said he was very glad they had come while the roses were in bloom. He should look upon it as an annual gathering, and hoped to see them all in the school-room to tea. He remarked that it was pleasant to hear the bells ringing, they seemed to remind him of past days. Some of the bells were very old, and bore interesting inscriptions centuries old. Mr. Gough proposed, and Mr. Hislop seconded, that J. Williams become a member of the Association; carried unanimously. Mr. Grace proposed, and Mr. Houghton seconded, that the next meeting be held at Hale; carried unanimously. Mr. Hill proposed, and Mr. Gough seconded, a vote of thanks to the vicar, churchwardens and ringers, for the use of the bells and for the warm welcome they had extended to the visitors; carried unanimously. This brought an enjoyable evening to a close.

### Ringers' Outings.

**THE ST. PETER'S SOCIETY, WALWORTH.**—On Saturday, July 14th, the members of this Society held their first outing, the place selected being Great Marlow, Bucks. Assembling at 8 a.m., at Paddington station, we took our seats in the 8.20 a.m. train, soon leaving the smoke of London behind us. Arriving at our destination, we made our way to the "Two Brewers," along with our friend, Mr. W. E. Yates, who kindly met us on our arrival. Having refreshed ourselves, some made for the boats, and some for a stroll to sharpen their appetites for the good things to come, while others went to view the magnificent woods. Dinner time arriving, we all sat down to do justice to it and ourselves at the same time. The writer must here remark on the excellence of the repast which host Truss provided for us, everything being perfect. After the removal of the cloth, a convivial hour was spent. The toast of "Church and Queen," coupled with which was the rector of Walworth (Rev. J. W. Horsley, M.A.), and also the rector, who had so kindly granted permission for the use of the bells, was given by the master, Messrs. Davis brothers brightened us with a selection on the handbells; Mr. W. H. Davis gave "The St. Peter's Society," making some excellent remarks, urging the members to higher achievements and unity, to prosper our society, which has made such a good start. A few words of welcome from Mr. A. W. Truss, the steeplekeeper, met with hearty applause. Mr. F. G. Perrin (the secretary), proposed "The Visitors," which was well responded to. After a few songs a move was made to the tower, where a well-struck 228 of Kent Treble Bob opened the ringing of the day. This is the first Treble Bob on the bells. This was followed by touches of Stedman and Grandsire. Tea was the next order, which was as heartily relished as the dinner, after which, we again moved to the tower and made a start for 1120 of Kent Treble Bob, which unfortunately came to an untimely end after ringing 600 changes. The bells were kept going during the evening in the standard methods. The time of departure arriving for those who could not remain over night, we proceeded to the station to see them off. The remainder of the evening was passed pleasantly with an impromptu smoking concert. Sunday morning found us up and out early, some going for a stroll, others for a row. Breakfast and luncheon having been disposed of, one o'clock saw us starting for a five mile walk to High Wycombe, with Mr. C. Truss, jun., who had made all the ringing arrangements for us. A start was made for Stedman Caters, but came to grief through the treble going over. Stedman Triples and Treble Eight finished up the ringing here. An adjournment took place to the house of Mr. Tubb, who had generously provided tea for the whole of the band, which was presided over by Mr. Tubb. The next on the programme was a stroll through the woods and beautiful grounds of Hughenden Manor House, arrangements for which had been made by our worthy friend, Mr. Tubb. Coming to Hughenden Church, the bells were speedily set going to Treble Bob, Double Norwich, and Stedman. After lowering the bells in peal, a move was made for refreshment. The Society here wish to tender their best thanks to all those who so kindly helped to make our outing such a success, especially Mr. and Mrs. Tubb, for their kind hospitality, and the Messrs. Truss and family, and Mr. W. Fussell. The courtesy we received from the ringers at the various churches will never be forgotten. We left our friends at last, and arrived home at 11 o'clock, all having thoroughly enjoyed themselves. E. V. M.

**HORBURY (Yorkshire).**—On Saturday, July 14th, the change and handbell ringers had their first annual trip, the place selected being Snaith. The party left Horbury by the 1.27 p.m. train, and arrived at their destination about 2.30, where they were met by Mr. Sandoe, who took them to the church. After examining the interior of the fine old edifice (which contains a splendid statue of Viscount Downe), a move was made to the tower. Arriving at the top, a splendid view lay before them of the surrounding country, including Selby Abbey, Rawcliffe, Goole and Howden churches, and also of Carlton Towers, the residence of Lord Beaumont. They then descended into the belfry, and, after raising the bells in peal, a well-struck 720 of Violet was rung. W. H. Giggie, 1; E. Brooke, 2; G. Hunt, 3;

H. Rowley (conductor), 4; G. F. Pickles, 5; R. Thickell, 6. An adjournment was then made to the Bell and Crown hotel, where an excellent spread was laid on the table by host Mortimer (formerly of Horbury), to which ample justice was done. After tea, the proceedings opened with a course of Grandsire Triples on the handbells by Messrs. G. Hunt, 1-2; E. Brooke, 3-4; H. Rowley, 5-6; G. F. Pickles, 7-8. Songs were rendered by Messrs. Woffenden, Carr, and Giggie, the latter of whom presided at the piano. Next followed some tunes on the handbells, after which an adjournment was made to the belfry, where a 720 of Oxford was rung. A. Yelland, 1; E. Brooke, 2; G. Hunt, 3; H. Rowley (conductor), 4; G. F. Pickles, 5; R. Thickett, 6. Also some short touches of Bob Minor with the local ringers. Great pleasure was expressed at the "go" and tone of the bells, which are a fine peal of six in F. Tenor 12 cwt. Returning to the hotel again, some songs and tunes were rendered; and, as the time for departure was drawing near, a move was made to the station to catch the 8.27 p.m. train. The homeward journey was enlivened by courses and tunes on the handbells, and Horbury was reached about 10.15 p.m., all having thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The party takes this opportunity of thanking the vicar for the use of the bells, and also Mr. Sandoe and the ringers for making arrangements for their tea, etc., and for the use of the handbells which are a fine-toned peal.

**THE ST. STEPHEN'S SOCIETY, WESTMINSTER.**—This Society held its annual outing on Saturday, July 7th, Birchington in Kent being the place selected. A start was made from Charing Cross at 7.30 a.m., and after an enjoyable ride through hop gardens, &c., Margate was reached soon after 11 a.m. After looking to the wants of the inner man, the party (ten in number), boarded a waggonette for a drive into Birchington, about four-and-a-half miles distant. Here an excellent dinner had been prepared by Mrs. Busbridge, of the Square, to which full justice was done. Conducted by Mr. T. B. Read, of Birchington, who had joined us at dinner, a visit was paid in the afternoon to the ring of twelve in Quex Park, where touches in several methods were attempted, some unfortunately coming to grief. After tea, another drive brought us again to Margate, where a very pleasant evening was spent "strolling round the town." Birchington was reached again about midnight. Our landlady showed us our bedrooms, but some of us got but very little sleep, as pillows, &c., were on the move till after daylight had appeared. After breakfast on Sunday morning, farewells were said to our friends in Birchington, and we started for a walk on the shore to Margate. Arriving at Westgate, machines were chartered, and soon the whole lot were merrily sporting it in the briny. The walk was afterwards continued, and by the time Margate was reached, the inner man was more than ready for the dinner awaiting us at the "Liverpool Arms," prepared by host Johnson, an old friend from Westminster. Six o'clock saw us once more at the station, ready for the return journey to town, which was safely reached. The members desire to thank Mr. T. B. Reed, for his kindness in arranging the dinner and ringing at Birchington, and to the other friends who helped to make the outing of 1894 such a success.

### THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 30th, a quarterly meeting was held at Turvey, Beds., which was not so well attended as was expected. Members arrived from Bedford, Turvey, Onley, and Stony Stratford. The Rector, the Rev. G. F. Mumby, very kindly provided an excellent tea on the lawn, to which the members did full justice, and at which the rector and his good lady presided. After tea a short business meeting was held at which three new performing members were elected A. Savage, and H. Hind (Turvey), and H. Tysoe (Bedford). Mr. I. Hills thanked the Rector and Mrs. Mumby for so kindly providing tea. It is very gratifying to know the members of Turvey have made such good progress, and that the rector takes such an interest in the work.

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

## THE FIRST PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES ON HANDBELLS.

SIR,—I being one who heard the false touch of Stedman Triples at Clerkeawell, in 1853, can say for certain Mr. Cooter is quite right in what he has said and written about it. When Mr. Haley confessed the peal was wrong, it did not surprise Mr. Cooter or me.

MATTHEW A. WOOD.

SIR,—Mr. Powell has drawn upon his imagination. I defy him to show a line where I stated Cox shifted his bells for a whole six only. The last few lines about *grave scandal* are mere verbiage, as my charge of the peal being falsely rung was made when the four were living, or Mr. Haley could not publicly corroborate my original contention.

WILLIAM COOTER.

## TRUE AND FALSE AUTHORSHIP.

SIR,—I thank Mr. Trollop for his courteous remarks in "THE BELL NEWS," of June 30th, and beg to relinquish all claim to the peal of Bob Major published by me. I have never seen "Hubbard's Campanologia," hence the oversight, which I regret.

JAMES GEORGE.

SIR,—The 720 Treble Bob by N. Spindlow, in last week's "BELL NEWS," has been rung at Bidston several times during the last four years, and is simply a change of the observation-bell, the 5th being called: out, in and out.

W. WILCOX.

## ST. MICHAEL'S, CORNHILL.

SIR,—Can any London readers of "THE BELL NEWS" tell me whether the tenor at Westminster Abbey was ever at St. Michael's, Cornhill? Stow, the historian, says that before the present peal of twelve (cast by Phelps of the Whitechapel foundry), was put up in 1728, there were six bells at St. Michael's; the largest of which was given by John Whitwell, Isabella his wife and William Rus, about the year 1430. In proof of this on the end of a pew in St. Michael's church may be found carved the figure of a bell inscribed "RVS." Now the present tenor at Westminster Abbey, as everyone knows, is inscribed, "Remember John Whitwell, Isabella his wife, and William Rus, who first gave this bell 1430, new cast in July, 1599, and in April, 1738. Richard Phelps, T. Lester, fecit." Did Phelps, when he supplied the peal of twelve to St. Michael's, take the old six in exchange, and afterwards sell the old tenor to Westminster Abbey; and was it afterwards cracked and recast by him ten years later with the old inscription?

J. R. JERRAM.

## STEDMAN TRIPLES.

SIR,—The peal of Stedman Triples in your last issue is undoubtedly false. This is evident by the fact that 6-7 are together at every 3rd and 4th course-end, also at the 1st six of every third course, making forty-five sixes with 6-7 together behind, when forty is the proper number. It would appear that our friend Mr. Astbury has been working with course-ends only. If this was the plan adopted, I may say, that with such a method as Stedman Triples, such a process, to say the least, would be purely a waste of time.

J. J. PARKER.

Farnham Royal, R.S.O.

## Re SURREY ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING.

SIR,—Allow me to thank the gentleman who caused a brief report of the above meeting to appear in your last issue, also to apologise to the members for delay (through pressure of business) in sending my report, which I had in preparation, and now forward to you for insertion in your valuable journal. This being the annual meeting no doubt a good many members who were prevented from attending would like to know the details of the business meeting.

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## Obituary.

## STEPHEN BROOKER.

At Leatherhead, on the 12th instant, at the age of fifty-six, Stephen Brooker, well known to many in the ringing world, passed away. He had been in bad health since December last, and able to ring but little, though never absent from his post as Captain in the Leatherhead church tower, training the younger members of the company, and aiding all by his thorough knowledge of the art of ringing. Mr. Brooker was a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths, the Winchester Diocesan Guild, the Surrey Association, the Sussex County Association, and the Waterloo Association, of London. He took part in the opening of the bells at St. James's church, Weybridge, All Saints Ryde, St. Mary Portsea, Dorking, and Leatherhead, and rang in the first peal on the new Dorking bells, on April 14th, 1866. He rang his last date touch at the opening of the new Leatherhead Institute, February, 1893. In all Mr. Brooker took part in above forty complete peals, and was well known and always welcome in many steeples within reach of his home at Leatherhead, where he had resided, beloved and respected, for upwards of thirty-three years. The funeral took place on Tuesday, July 17th, at the parish church, Leatherhead. The service was conducted by the vicar, the Rev. Canon Utterton, assisted by the Rev. H. D. Lewis, and the Rev. R. T. Jourdain, Curates of the parish. The choir attended, and hymn 537 A. and M., "Peace, Perfect Peace" was sung in church, Psalm xc. being chanted to Croft, and the *Nunc Dimittis* to Felton as the procession left the church. As the body was carried to the grave a muffled peal was rung by friends of the deceased from Epsom, Ashstead, and Dorking. The bearers, members of the Leatherhead company, were Messrs. Marks, Wood, Newnham, Messam, Kemp, and Stapylton. The coffin was covered with white flowers sent by many friends. After the service the usual whole pull and stand was given, denoting the age of the deceased. Mr. Brooker will long be missed, and his place as Captain of the Leatherhead company will not easily be filled. In the evening a short muffled touch was rung.

## JOHN ELVISH.

After a very brief illness, Mr. John Elvish, late beadle at St. Michael's, Cornhill, died on Tuesday, the 3rd inst., aged sixty. He had held this appointment twenty-eight years, and was highly respected by the many ringers whom he had met during that period. Though Mr. Elvish was not a practical ringer himself, he was extremely fond of hearing the bells well-struck, and admired the performance of a good 5000 on St. Michael's beautiful bells. He had a good knowledge of church music, Anthems, Services, etc., and had heard all the famous Oratorios. Having a retentive memory he could relate many interesting anecdotes of singers of former days. On Friday, June 20th, the closing day of the Handel Festival, he was at the Crystal Palace, where he heard "Israel in Egypt." Through his resignation of his duties at St. Michael's, Sunday, the 8th instant, would have been his last day in office, and at his request a band of the Ancient Society of College Youths had arranged to ring on that evening for service, as a farewell touch to him, and as a congratulation on his retirement to his native Essex, where he proposed spending his remaining years. Through his lamented death this was changed to the solemn funeral peal. On the same evening after service, which closed with the Dead March, the usual whole pull and stand was rung with the bells deeply muffled. J. Petitt (conductor), 1; H. Springall, 2; W. Jones, 3; G. Muskett, 4; E. Horrex, 5; C. F. Winney, 6; G. Dorrington, 7; F. S. Bayley, 8; J. M. Hayes, 9; W. T. Cockerill, 10; W. Prime, 11; F. G. Newman, 12. This was followed by three courses of Stedman Cinques, in which Messrs. H. Langdon, Marriott, and Brighton took part.

ALDINGTON (Kent).—On Saturday evening, June 23rd, at St. Martin's church, ringers began to assemble to ring in honour of the 82nd birthday of E. Hyder, when the following touches were rung. A 720 of Bob Minor (fourteen singles and four bobs). C. Slingsby, 1; R. Paine, 2; S. Paine, 3; D. Paine, 4; P. Hodgkin (conductor), 5; W. Post, sen., 6. Also 360 of Kent Treble Bob Minor. C. Slingsby, 1; P. Hodgkin, 2; D. Paine, 3; F. Wanstall, 4; W. Hyder (conductor), 5; G. Paine, 6. Also on Sunday morning, June 24th, for Divine Service, an attempt was made for a 720 of Bob Minor which came to grief through two bells changing course when about three leads from the end. Also after service a 720 of Bob Minor (twenty-one bobs and six singles), in 27 mins. C. Slingsby, 1; G. Finn, 2; S. Finn, 3; R. Goodbourne, 4; W. Hyder (conductor), 5; P. Hodgkin, 6. Tenor 14 cwt. in G. G. D. S. and R. Paine hail from Mersham; G. and S. Finn from Brabourne; Goodbourne from Canterbury; Hodgkin from Headcorn; W. Hyder from Smeeth; and D. Hodgkin from Marden; F. and R. Paine from Mersham and one from Willesborough; the remainder belong to Aldington. Mr. Hyder just managed to ascend into the belfry but could not assist in the ringing.

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SATURDAY, JULY 21, 1894.

## THE SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY.

On Wednesday, the 27th June, this Society celebrated its 27th anniversary. Few visitors were present, owing no doubt to the great and near attraction of the Royal Show at Cambridge, but never perhaps did this grand peal ring out in such a diversity of methods on any previous anniversary, touches being brought round in the following: Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Double Norwich Court and Double London Court Bob Major, Duffield Major, Treble Bob, Superlative Surprise and Cambridge Surprise. In accordance with ancient custom, the vicar, the Rev. Raymond P. Pelly, preached the memorial sermon.

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SERMON ON RINGING DAY,

SAFFRON WALDEN, JUNE 27TH, 1894.

I. Cor. ix. 27. "But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection; lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway."

I.—Have you ever thought of your bodies, as machines, animated by your minds. The hands, feet, &c., all wonderful with their joints and muscles, but useless unless the mind starts them into action, so the human voice, a part of this machinery, it is the human bell, but it is rung by the mind. We all know the power of this human bell for good or evil. Vocal sounds may be the empty gibbering of an idiot—or they may be set in fire of hell sounds to deceive, to lie, to curse, or on the other hand they may be sounds, telling out wonderful lessons of wisdom, or they may even be sounds which lead to salvation or damnation, such is the power of the human bell, the voice, and therefore we do not wonder that Holy Scripture commands a very careful use of this part of our machinery. That it tells us the every idle word that men shall speak they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment, or "Let your speech be always with grace. It bids us aim high, and not hack this machine for any common or low purpose, but keep it pure, clear and holy. So much for the human bell, the voice,

II.—We do not only animate the human machine, but we also animate other machines as well. The body is a machine limited in its powers. Our eyes, for instance, can see a certain amount, but if we want to see more we apply another instrument, a microscope or a telescope, and by means of these new worlds are brought within our ken. So, the human voice is not very powerful, it can do a great work, but we sometimes find it well to animate other speaking machinery outside our bodies. We make musical instruments speak for us and tell out wonderfully beautiful tales of sorrow, pathos, or joy and gladness. Some machines speak to us very plainly. But no machine, unless *perhaps* the bugle, speaks to us as plainly as a bell. It is the voice of a bell, animated of course by some human mind, that summonses the factory bands to their daily work, or tells them when it is the dinner hour, or time for rest. It is the voice of the bell which calls the servant and tells the servant to which room to go. It is the voice of the bell which regulates the household in all our large mansions. It is the voice of the bell in our clocks that tell us of the flight of time. And so bells are very like talking machines, and the human voice is a talking machine also. But the human voice only speaks a little way. The Church Bell is a glorious great magnified voice which speaks over miles of distance. Nevertheless, it also is animated by a mind, the same mind that speaks in the belfry, speaks out far and wide by the bigger machine, the bell, and so Church Bells are just the *greater voices* of them.

III.—And this brings me to the subject of Church Bells. Bells are said to have been first used to summon people to worship, by Paulinus, Bishop of Nola, in Campania, A.D. 400, and it is said that, from the names Nola and Campania, we have derived our words of knoll, knell, campanile, and campanology. Church Bells have a high mission, they are closely linked to the house of god. Church Bells are usually set apart by a dedicatory service of prayer and praise. Church Bells often have some motto of a serious character, moulded upon them, as for instance, Great Paul has around it a motto which would serve well for any Church Bell. "Voe milic, si non evangelisavero." "Woe is unto me if I preach not the Gospel." Church Bells have a great deal to tell us. They tell us of times of rejoicing, times of thanksgiving, great national days of joy, such as our beloved Queen's birthday, or the occasion of some victory. A peal of bells is not full of interest and skill in itself, but what can more suitably herald out our joy? I don't know how long back change-ringing was invented, but John Bunyan, the author of "Pilgrim's Progress," tells us that to ring was "one of his sins in his unregenerate days." I fancy that in his days a belfry was a scene of drinking and disorder, a state of things happily in our day nearly passed away. But, above all uses of Church Bells is the great one for which they hang in our churches. To call us to the worship of god. All change-ringing and every other use of Church Bells is subordinate to this. In old times the Sanctus Bell announced to all the elevation of the Host, i.e., the holding up of the sacred elements in the communion service after consecration; and the Angelus, called every one to prayer, morning, evening and midday. A short time ago I witnessed in a little mountain village in the Tyrol, the effect of the Angelus. It sounded, and directly after we heard a hum of voices from every cottage, and peeping in we saw each family kneeling in prayer, while in the streets before the village cross, the sturdy peasant was not ashamed to kneel down and pray. Would that we did the same here, and were not so miserably cowardly in our religion. The bells then are God's heralds, announcing our holy days, our special services, bidding us to prayer, and summoning us to join with the multitude who go up to the House of God. While ever and anon the solemn tolling bell preaches as impressive a sermon as ever fell from preacher's lips.

IV.—But it has been well said—"We can only see what we can see," and it is equally true, "we can only hear what we can hear." A friend of mine was in the train with a nonconformist minister, and they were passing Leytonstone station while the Church Bells were ringing the people in to worship. "Empty sounds, tinkling cymbals," said the minister, because he only could hear what he could hear. But you, my brethren, are bellringers, therefore also you are preachers, ministers. "There are differences of administration." I am a preacher, with my voice to a limited number, you are preaching to all

within the great area of the sound of our Church Bells. In the name of God you are summoning souls to the foot of the throne of grace, you are telling of the gospel. But what about yourselves. Have you heard the soul-voice of the bells you ring? Do they speak to you vain words with no meaning? are they but empty sounds, tinkling cymbals, or are they uttering to you a very voice of God. You are change ringers, you know how to be on attention all the time, you know that if each does his duty and comes in in his turn, the grand old peal will work out right at last. It is our work to see that we so pass through the "changes and chances of this mortal life," with all attention, watchfulness, order, that we come out right at last. Finally, my text. "I keep under my body and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway." We know what we think of a parson who preaches but does not practise. What shall we say of a ringer who does not obey the call of his own bell. And, O, if even an apostle needed such watchful care, such self-denial, lest having preached to others, he himself should be a castaway, how much more you, and I!

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JOHN SMITH .. .. . Treble.	WILLIAM MICKLEWRIGHT 4.
HARRY MASON* .. .. . 2.	*GEORGE H. PAGETT.. .. 5.
SAMUEL SPITTLE .. .. . 3.	†RICHARD ROUND .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by R. ROUND.

\*First 5040 in seven methods. †First as conductor. The above was rung as a compliment to the churchwardens, Messrs. Lewis and Russell, for having the bells put in good ringing order. Also to commemorate the sixty-fourth anniversary of the opening of the church, and the thirtieth birthday of Harry Mason, his brother ringers wishing him many happy returns.



## Date Couches.

## LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—ROSSENDALE BRANCH.

BACUP.—On Monday, July 16th, at Christ church, in 1 hr., 7 mins., a date touch (1894 changes) in eight methods, being 360 of Tulip, and 240 each of the following; Primrose, Woodbine, Duke of York, Violet, Oxford, Kent, and 94 of New London Pleasure, all being Treble peals. L. Holt, 1; J. Smith, 2; G. Shottin, 3; E. J. Cockcroft, 4; J. S. Lomas, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6.

## THE UNITED COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

HYDE (Lancashire).—On Sunday, July 15th, for evening service at St. George's church, a date touch of Bob Major, 1894 changes, in 1 hr. 6 mins. J. Shaw, 1; W. Wilde, 2; T. Wilde, 3; W. Slater, 4; J. A. Fildes, 5; S. Bennett, 6; J. S. Wilde (composer and conductor), 7; D. Leigh, 8. Tenor 15½ cwt.

## THE RAUNDS, WELLINGBOROUGH, AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

NORTHAMPTON.—On Thursday, July 4th, at St. Edmund's church, 504 of Bob Triples. A. Perkins, 1; C. Newman, 2; J. Seamark, 3; \*W. Mackey, 4; J. Garratt, 5; J. Houghton, jun., 6; J. Houghton, sen. (conductor), 7; J. White, 8. \*First touch of Bob Triples. Also 360 Bob Minor (nine bobs). A. Perkins, 1; C. Newman, 2; J. Seamark, 3; J. Garratt, 4; J. Houghton, sen. (conductor), 5; J. Houghton, jun., 6. Also 252 of Bob Triples and 108 Bob Minor. Wood, White, Roberts, and Mackey hail from Northampton, the rest from Irthlingborough; all belong to the above Association.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH (Northants).—On Thursday, June 28th, for practice, 1008 of Bob Triples. A. Perkins, 1; C. Newman, 2; G. Randall, 3; A. Tyler, 4; J. Garratt, 5; J. Houghton, jun., 6; A. H. Martin (conductor), 7; E. Watson, 8. And on Sunday, July 1st, 672 of Bob Major. J. Seamark, 1; C. Newman, 2; G. Randall, 3; W. Gilbert, 4; J. Garratt, 5; A. Tyler, 6; A. H. Martin (conductor), 7; J. Houghton, jun., 8. Randall, and Martin are from Higham Ferrers, W. Gilbert from Raunds. And on Monday, July 9th, 464 of Bob Major. A. Perkins, 1; C. Newman, 2; J. Seamark, 3; H. Sharp (conductor), 4; J. Garratt, 5; A. Tyler, 6; G. Burton, 7; J. Houghton, jun., 8. Sharp hails from Bedford, Burton from Rushden.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

STIEST (Essex).—On Sunday afternoon, July 15th, by kind permission of the rector, Canon Cromwell (there being no afternoon service), at All Saint's church, 720 of Bob Minor. J. Butler, 1; A. Chalk, 2; W. G. Richards, 3; E. Radley, 4; E. Garnett, 5; H. Sayer (conductor), 6. And 720 of Double Court Bob. A. Chaplin, 1; A. Chalk, 2; E. Chaplin, 3; D. Elliott, sen., 4; C. H. Howard, 5; D. Elliott, jun. (conductor), 6. Also 720 of Oxford Treble Bob. W. G. Richards, 1; A. Chaplin (first in the method), 2; E. Chaplin, 3; Edgar Chaplin, 4; E. Garnett, 5; E. Radley (conductor), 6. And for the evening service 720 of Kent Treble Bob (twelve bobs). J. Fluty (first in the method), 1; C. H. Howard (conductor), 2; F. Saunders (first in the method at first attempt), 3; D. Elliott, sen., 4; D. Elliott, jun., 5; E. Radley, 6. And after service 240 of Bob Minor in which the Rev. D. Hamer took part, conducted by C. H. Howard. The ringers wish through the medium of "THE BELL NEWS" to thank the rector for kindly allowing them the use of the bells, which are light (tenor 10 cwt.) but extremely sweet-toned. Messrs. Butler, Chalk, Richards, Garnett, Sayer, and Edward Chaplin hail from Witham; Elliott from Coggeshall; Fluty from Earls Colne; Howard from Braintree; and the rest belong to the local company.

WIDFORD (Essex).—On Thursday, July 12th, to commemorate the birthday of W. Piper, a peal of Oxford Bob Triples was attempted, but came to grief through the breaking of a rope. Afterwards, a quarter-peal in the same method was rung. A. Head, 1; G. Sorrell, 2; J. Beams, 3; W. Lincoln (conductor), 4; T. Lincoln, 5; W. J. Piper (composer), 6; A. Richell, 7; E. W. Houghton, 8. This quarter-peal is obtained with the least possible number of calls, viz., 21, and contains twelve 4-6s, six 7-4s, and nine 6-7s, and is in three parts.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

HENFIELD (Sussex).—On Sunday, April 29th, 504 Stedman. L. Payne, 1; W. Hillman, 2; A. Grove, 3; G. Holder, 4; G. Payne, 5; W. J. Alliss, 6; A. W. Groves (conductor), 7; A. Hodges, 8. On Sunday, May 6th, 504 Stedman. C. Tyler, 1; W. J. Alliss, 2; L.

Payne, 3; G. Holder, 4; A. Groves, 5; W. Hillman, 6; A. W. Grove, (conductor), 7; A. Heasman, 8. On Sunday, May 13th, 504 Grand-sire Triples. L. Payne, 1; W. J. Alliss, 2; A. Groves, 3; W. Hillman, 4; G. Payne, 5; H. Chandler (conductor), 6; A. W. Groves, 7; A. Heasman, 8. And 504 Stedman. H. Chandler, 1; W. Hillmans, 2; A. Groves, 3; G. Holder, 4; G. Payne, 5; L. Payne, 6; A. W. Groves (conductor), 7; A. Hodges, 8. On Sunday, May 20th, 1008 Stedman. W. J. Alliss, 1; C. Tyler, 2; A. Groves, 3; G. Holder, 4; G. Payne, 5; L. Payne, 6; A. W. Groves (conductor), 7; A. Heasman, 8. On Sunday May 27th, 504 Stedman. C. Tyler (conductor), 1; W. J. Alliss, 2; A. Groves, 3; G. Holder, 4; G. Payne, 5; L. Payne, 6; W. Hillman, 7; A. Heasman, 8. On Sunday, June 3rd, 504 Stedman. L. Payne (conductor), 1; W. J. Alliss, 2; A. Groves, 3; G. Holder, 4; A. W. Groves, 5; G. Payne, 6; C. Tyler, 7; A. Hodges, 8. On Sunday, July 8th, 504 in the same method. W. J. Alliss, 1; A. Groves, 2; C. Tyler, 3; J. Boniface, 4; W. Hillman, 5; G. Payne, 6; L. Payne (conductor), 7; A. Heasman, 8. On Sunday, July 15th, for service in the evening, a quarter-peal of Stedman in 45 mins. L. Payne, 1; A. Groves, 2; W. Hillman, 3; G. Payne, 4; W. J. Alliss, 5; C. Tyler, 6; A. W. Groves (conductor), 7; A. Hodges, 8. On Monday, July 16th, on the occasion of the visit of the Eastbourne ringers to Henfield, 504 Stedman. L. Payne, 1; W. J. Alliss, 2; J. Smart, 3; C. Tyler, 4; W. J. Fisher, 5; G. Gatland, 6; C. Smart (conductor), 7; T. Lewis, 8. J. and C. Smart hail from Steyning, Fisher and Lewis from Eastbourne, the rest are local men.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

READING (Berks).—On Sunday, July 15th, for Divine Service at St. Lawrence's church, 575 of Grandside Caters. H. Osborne, 1; C. Giles, 2; C. Foxell, 3; H. Tucker, 4; F. Tarrant, 5; A. Osborne, 6; F. Hopgood (conductor), 7; L. Rolfe, 8; W. Newell, 9; R. Sawyer, 10. First 500 of Caters by the ringers of the 1st, 4th, 6th, and 8th.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

OSPRINGE (Kent).—On Sunday, July 15th, a quarter-peal of Grand-sire Triples (1260 changes), in 45 mins. S. Croucher, 1; \*H. Foster, 2; G. A. Ransom, 3; \*A. Biggs, jun., 4; F. Hunt, 5; E. Bridges, 6; C. Millway (conductor), 7; \*W. Holdstock, 8. \*First quarter-peal, also the conductor's first quarter-peal as conductor. Millway belongs to Borden, Ransom to Sittingbourne, the remainder to the local company.

## THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

TANFIELD.—On Saturday, July 14th, for practice, at St. Margaret's church, two 6-scores of Stedman Doubles. W. R. Brewis, 1; H. Tyson, 2; T. Brewis, 3; W. Brewis, 4; F. J. Harrison (conductor), 5. G. Arkless, 6. Also two 6-scores in the same method with F. J. Harrison (conductor), 4; F. Lowe, 5; W. Brewis, 6; the rest standing as before.

SWAINLY (Yorkshire).—On Saturday, July 7th, by the Stockton-on-Tees society, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor. J. Clarkson, 1; W. Newton, 2; G. J. Clarkson (conductor), 3; J. Brown, 4; T. W. Waller, 5; T. Stephenson, 6. Also a touch of Woodbine Treble Bob. J. Clarkson, 1; W. Newton, 2; G. J. Clarkson, 3; J. Waller, 4; T. W. Waller, 5; T. Stephenson (conductor), 6. And a touch of Oxford Treble Bob. G. J. Clarkson (conductor), 1; J. Clarkson, 2; T. W. Waller, 3; J. Waller, 4; J. Brown, 5; W. Newton, 6.

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

HEADINGLEY.—On Sunday, July 15th, for morning service, at St. Michael's church, on the occasion of a visit from their late comrade, Arthur Craven, a 480 of Double Norwich Court Bob Major. H. C. Buckley, 1; W. Wood, 2; T. Flint, 3; A. Naylor, 4; J. Logan, 5; A. Craven (conductor), 6; J. Whitaker, 7; A. Haste, 8. Also a short touch of Kent Treble Bob. And for evening service 768 of Kent Treble Bob. H. C. Buckley, 1; W. Wood, 2; T. Flint, 3; A. Naylor (conductor), 4; J. Logan, 5; W. Whitaker, of Leeds, 6; J. Whitaker, 7; A. Haste, 8.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

WICKHAM (Hants).—On Friday, July 13th, for practice, 720 of Bob Minor. W. Churcher, 1; W. Cooper, 2; G. E. Chappell, 3; G. Grapham, 4; Rev. R. C. M. Harvey, 5; J. W. Whiting, 6. And 720 of Grand-sire Minor. G. Grapham, 1; W. Cooper, 2; Rev. R. C. M. Harvey, 3; W. Churcher, 4; G. E. Chappell, 5; J. W. Whiting, 6. And 720 of Oxford Bob Minor. \*W. Churcher, 1; W. Cooper, 2

G. Grapham, 3; \*Rev. R. C. M. Harvey, 4; \*G. E. Chappell, 5; J. W. Whiting, 6. All conducted by J. W. Whiting. \*First 720 of Oxford. The Rev. R. C. M. Harvey hails from Portsea; J. W. Whiting, and G. Grapham from Hareham; W. Cooper from Shedfield; the rest belong to the local band.

**BRAINTREE (Essex).**—On Thursday, July 12th, at St. Michael's church, on the occasion of the annual school treat of the Church of England day and Sunday schools, 720 of Oxford Treble Bob. C. H. Howard, 1; F. Calthorpe, 2; W. Hammond, 3; W. Grimwade, 4; F. Rudkin, 5; H. E. Hammond (conductor), 6. And for afternoon service 720 Bob Minor. Rev. D. Hamer, 1; F. Calthorpe, 2; W. Hammond, 3; W. Grimwade, 4; F. Rudkin, 5; H. E. Hammond (conductor), 6. After which, the children numbering 520 sat down to a dinner in The Corn Exchange, and the infants later on numbering upwards of 250 had tea in the schools. Whilst the clergy, teachers, and committee were entertaining the same, the ringers rang several other touches, and whilst the children were returning from the field after the sports, 360 of Bob Minor was rung. Rev. D. Hamer, 1; F. Calthorpe, 2; W. Hammond, 3; W. Grimwade, 4; H. E. Hammond, 5; C. H. Howard (conductor), 6. And on Sunday morning, 720 of New London Pleasure. F. Rudkin, 1; F. Calthorpe, 2; W. Hammond, 3; W. Grimwade, 4; C. H. Howard (conductor), 5; H. E. Hammond, 6. Rev. D. Hamer who is just learning to ring and takes a deep interest in ringing, hails from Stisted, and the Braintree ringers thank him very much for kindly helping them on the above occasion, they being short handed.

**BRISTOL.**—On Thursday evening, July 12th, at All Saint's church (city), an attempt was made for a peal of Grandsire Triples (Holt's Original) but it was lost after ringing just over half-way. W. J. Hinton, 1; H. T. Howell, 2; C. H. Gordon, 3; H. P. Harman (conductor), 4; J. York, 5; F. K. Howell, 6; F. Price, 7; E. Duckham, 8. Also 210 of Grandsire Triples. H. P. Harman, 1-2; G. Daltry, 3-4; W. J. Hinton (conductor), 5-6; C. H. Gordon, 7-8. H. P. Harman hails from Bromley, Kent.

**BATLEY (Yorkshire).**—On Sunday, July 15th, at the parish church, for evening service, a 720 of Oxford in 26 mins. E. Watson, 1; W. Stubley, 2; T. North, 3; J. S. Fozard (conductor), 4; S. Gibson, 5; J. M. North, 6. And on Monday, July 16th, for practice on the handbells, one course each of Violet, Duke of York, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, and Bob Minor. S. Gibson, 1-2; J. S. Fozard, 3-4; W. Stubley, 5-6. Also one course of Grandsire Minor and Grandsire Doubles. J. S. Fozard, 1-2; S. Gibson, 3-4; W. Stubley, 5-6.

**CHESTERFIELD (Derbyshire).**—On Sunday, July 8th, at the parish church, for morning service, 756 of Canterbury Triples. D. Farthing, 1; G. Toplis, 2; W. J. Thyng, 3; A. Knights (conductor), 4; A. Craven (late of Headingley), 5; G. Davies, 6; F. Goodwin, 7; G. Mee, 8. Also two courses of Grandsire Major. G. Davies, 4; G. Mee, 6; A. Knights, 7; J. Goodwin, 8. And on handbells 265 of Grandsire Triples. A. Craven, 1-2; A. Knights (conductor), 3-4; G. Davies, 5-6; G. Toplis, 7-8. And 336 of Bob Major. W. J. Thyng, 1-2; A. Knights, 3-4; A. Craven, 5-6; J. Goodwin, 7-8. On Thursday, July 12th, 560 of Grandsire Triples, being the first part of Reeve's ten-part peal. W. J. Thyng, 1-2; A. Knights (conductor), 3-4; G. Davies, 5-6; G. Toplis, 7-8. This is the longest touch on handbells by three of the band.

**EXETER.**—On Sunday evening, July 15th, for Divine Service at St. Sidwell's church a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 44 mins. F. Davey, 1; W. Stocker, 2; W. Drake, 3; W. Richardson, 4; F. Shepherd (conductor), 5; T. Mudge, 6; E. Shepherd, 7; J. Moss, 8. Rang as a compliment to W. Stocker who is on a visit from Bournemouth.

**KINGS NORTON (Worcestershire).**—On Sunday, June 17th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. W. Jones, 1; G. Hands, 2; W. H. Godden, 3; W. Palmer (composer and conductor), 4; T. Pritchett, 5; T. Reynolds, 6; W. Verry, 7; W. Williams, 8. Tenor 14½ cwt.

**LONDON.**—On Sunday, July 15th, for evening service, at St. Luke's church, Chelsea, 1372 of Grandsire Triples (from Holt's Original), in 48 mins. \*G. Turl, jun., 1; F. J. Pitts (conductor), 2; W. Barber, 3; W. H. Rowland, 4; C. Hindes, 5; D. W. Griggs, 6; T. E. Barber, 7; G. Chesterman, 8. \*First quarter-peal. Messrs. Turl, Pitts, and Griggs belong to the Royal Cumberland Society, the others are local men. Tenor 24 cwt. in E flat.

**OSWESTRY (Salop).**—On Sunday, July 15th, for morning service, 532 of Grandsire Triples. F. Meadows (Ellesmere), 1; D. Davies (conductor), 2; W. Morris, 3; G. Whitfield, 4; E. Jones, 5; R.

Edwards, 6; W. H. Jones, 7; J. R. Wellings, 8. Longest touch by W. Morris with a bob bell. Also G. Davies rang the treble through several courses of Grandsire Doubles for afternoon service.

**PRESTWICH (Lancashire).**—On Sunday afternoon, July 15th, for service, 720 Bob Minor in 28 mins. S. Barton (conductor), 1; J. Brooks, 2; J. Gratrix, 3; W. Stephens, 4; H. Percival, 5; J. Haywood, 6. Tenor 16 cwt. And for evening service, 720 in the same method in 27 mins., standing and conducted as before.

**RYDE (Isle of Wight).**—On Sunday, July 15th, for evening service at the parish church, 616 of Grandsire Triples. J. Cantlow, 1; P. Long, 2; H. Coombes, 3; J. Norriss, 4; S. Cautlow, 5; W. Jennings, 6; A. R. Ward (conductor), 7; A. Ward, 8.

**STAPLETON NEAR BRISTOL.**—On Wednesday, July 11th, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor in 27 mins. C. H. Gordon, 1; W. J. Hinton, 2; W. Tiley, 3; J. Bawn, 4; H. Bawn, 5; H. P. Harman (conductor), 6. And on handbells 252 of Stedman Triples. H. P. Harman, 1-2; J. Bawn, 3; C. H. Gordon, 4; W. J. Hinton (conductor), 5-6; W. Tiley, 7-8.

**STANSTEAD (Suffolk).**—On Tuesday, May 29th, 720 of College Single. S. Slater, 1; A. Clarke, 2; R. Theobald, 3; G. Smith, 4; R. Gowers, 5; R. Brett (conductor), 6. And on Thursday, June 7th, 720 of New London, standing as before. On Wednesday, July 4th, several touches of Bob Royal and Treble Bob Major were rung on the handbells by the same band.

**GLEMSFORD (Suffolk).**—On Tuesday, June 12th, 720 of New London 7. Slater, 1; S. Slater, 2; R. Theobald, 3; G. Smith, 4; R. Gowers, 5; R. Brett (conductor), 6. And on Saturday, July 14th, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob. J. Slater, 1; S. Slater, 2; Z. Slater, 3; G. Smith, 4; R. Brett, 5; R. Gowers (conductor), 6.

**LONG MELFORD (Suffolk).**—On Wednesday, July 11th, 720 of Kent Treble Bob. F. Connell, 1; A. Ambrose, 2; R. Theobald (Stanstead), 3; H. Duce, 4; P. Bixby, 5; R. Brett (Stanstead, conductor), 6. Several touches were then rung on the handbells by S. Ford, C. Bixby, H. Ruse, and F. Connell. This is the first 720 of Kent Treble Bob by F. Connell, and rung at the first attempt.

**WALDRON (Sussex).**—On Sunday, July 8th, an attempt was made for a peal of Grandsire Triples (Parker's five-part) at All Saint's church, in honour of the birth of the young prince, but it came to grief after ringing nearly 3000 changes in 1½ hrs. A. Dawes, 1; G. Ades, 2; A. Reid, 3; T. Ades, 4; J. Goldsmith, 5; R. Turner, 6; B. Hobbs, 7; T. Deadman, 8. Turner, and Goldsmith hail from Lewes; Hobbs, and Deadman from Eastbourne; the rest are local men. And a 504 of Grandsire Triples was rung in the afternoon. A. Reid, 1; B. Hobbs, 2; W. Trusler, 3; J. Goldsmith, 4; G. Ades, 5; T. Ades, 6; A. Turner, 7; T. Deadman, 8. Both conducted by G. Ades.

**WESTERHAM (Kent).**—On Sunday, July 8th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. H. J. Selby, 1; G. B. Selby, 2; D. Wright, 3; H. James, 4; G. Steer, 5; J. Heath, 6; E. R. J. Dunk (conductor), 7; D. Ashdown, 8. H. James hails from Cheshunt. And on Sunday, July 15th, the last 742 of Holt's Original. R. Stone, 1; \*A. V. Selby, 2; G. B. Selby, 3; \*M. Whatley, 4; J. Steer, 5; J. Heath, 6; E. R. J. Dunk (conductor), 7; D. Ashdown, 8. \*Longest length with a bob bell.

**WILLESDEN (Middlesex).**—On Sunday, June 24th, at St. Mary's church, 720 of Plain Bob Minor (eighteen bobs two singles), in 24 mins. A. Kirby, 1; H. Kilby (first 720), 2; R. Kilby, 3; A. Pittam (conductor), 4; H. Carter, 5; J. Jackman, 6. And on Sunday, July 10th, 720 of Bob Minor (eight bobs six singles), in 24 mins. A. Kirby, 1; H. Carter, 2; H. Preskett (first 720), 3; J. Jackman, 4; R. Kirby, 5; A. Pittam (conductor), 6.

The foundation-stone of the new church of St. Andrew, Whitehall park, Hornsey lane, was formally laid by Lord Kinnaird on Wednesday afternoon. Rather more than ten years ago the Rev. H. W. Dearden, then vicar of St. John's, Upper Holloway, started a Mission work where now the temporary church stands, and a few years later he erected the body of the present building, which was opened in November, 1886, as a Mission-room. The late Rev. A. G. Gristock succeeded, and with him came the Rev. G. Hemming, who took charge of the work in this district. During this time a chancel and church-room were added to the former structure. The Rev. G. Hemming accepted the living of Holy Trinity, Hotwells, Clifton, and the Rev. A. G. Gristock then invited the Rev. F. E. Murphy to undertake the work, and become the vicar of the new church. The site of the new church has been purchased by the Bishop of London's Fund for £1000.

## Notices.

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**The Heavy Woollen Districts Association.**—The next meeting of the above will be held at Low Moor, to-day, Saturday, July 21st, at 5 p.m. Meeting house, Chapel House inn, near the church. Business important.  
GEO. H. SIMON, Hon. Sec.  
19, Albert Street, Batley Carr.

**The Essex Association.**—There will be a district meeting of the above to-day, Saturday, July 21st, at Barking. Tea will be served at 5 p.m. and a business meeting will follow.  
HENRY T. W. EYRE, Assistant Sec.  
Great Totham, Witham.

**The Old East Derbyshire Association.**—The quarterly meeting will be held at Dronfield, to-day, Saturday, July 21st. Business meeting at The Green Dragon inn at 5 o'clock. Peal of six bells. Station close to the tower. Local sec., Mr. E. Platts.  
EDWIN JAMES, Hon. Sec.  
18, The Dale, Woodseats, Sheffield.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Manchester Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Radcliffe parish church, to-day, Saturday, July 21st. Tower open at 4 p.m., business meeting 7 p.m.  
WALTER BROWN, Branch Sec.  
54, Wenlock, Street, Hulme, Manchester.

**United Counties Association.**—The next meeting will be held at Mottram, to-day, Saturday, July 21st. Bells ready at 12 o'clock. Tea 6d. each for number sent in not later than 18th, to Mr. John Sidebotham, 75, Market street, Mottram.  
JOSEPH RADCLIFFE, Sec.  
Uppermill, near Oldham.

**St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.**—The Annual Picnic will be held at Solihull (G.W.R., seven miles) on Saturday afternoon, the 28th inst. Dinner will be served at The George hotel at 3.30 o'clock sharp, and tickets, price three shillings each to friends or non-entitled members may be obtained on application before the 24th inst. to  
W. H. GODDEN, Hon. Sec.,  
61, Roland Road, Handsworth.

**The Kent County Association.**—Lewis-ham District.—Quarterly Meeting at Dartford, to-day, Saturday, July 21st. The belfry will be open for ringing from 3 p.m. Committee Meeting in National Schools 5.30 p.m.  
T. E. TEIGNMOUTH SHORE, Dist. Sec.  
25, Thornford Road, Lewisham, S.E.

**The Ancient Society of College Youths.**—It is requested that from July 25th, to August 27th, all business communications be addressed to The Rose and Crown, London House Yard, city.  
W. T. COCKERILL, Hon. Sec.  
37, Tradescant Road, South Lambeth, S.W.

**The St. Peter's Society, Walworth.**—The Annual Meeting of this Society will take place on Friday, July 27th, when the election of officers for the ensuing year, the passing of accounts, and other business will be settled. Members and hon. members are urgently requested to make it convenient to be present at this meeting.  
F. G. PERRIN, Hon. Sec.

**Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.**—A quarterly general meeting will be held at Highbridge, on Saturday, July 28th. Dinner and business meeting at 12.30, to be followed by a short service in the church. Towers open, Highbridge 5 bells, Burnham 6 bells, Huntspill 6 bells, Wedmore 8 bells. Will local secs. kindly advise Mr. T. Doble, 18, High street, Taunton, by Wednesday next, of the probable number that will attend the dinner. The reports are being printed, and will be ready by the 28th.

HY. W. TOMKINS, Hon. Sec. and Treasurer,  
The Cottag Old Cleeve, Washford.

**The St. John-at-Hackney Society.**—Middlesex.—The members of this society will hold a meat tea at The Plume of Feathers inn, Loughton, Essex, on Saturday next, the 28th inst., at 6 p.m. Cost of tea 2/- per head. Friends wishing to join will kindly communicate with the Hon. Sec., W. D. SMITH.  
70, Median Road, Lower Clapton, N.E.  
P.S.—The tower bells will be open from 2 p.m.

**The Chester Diocesan Guild.**—Wirral Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held in St. Peter's Mission Hall, Rock Ferry, on Saturday next, July 28th. Tea at 6 p.m. (free). Tower open from 3 p.m. Members who intend to be present are requested to send notice not later than Monday, July 23rd, to  
F. R. T. BOLTON, Hon. Sec.

Braeside, West Kirby.

**Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.**—The monthly ringing meeting of this society will be held at Ilkley, on Saturday, July 28th (8 bells). Ringing from 3 p.m. Meeting house The Rose and Crown. Excursion trains from Leeds, M.R., at 1.45 and 4.30, return at 7 and 8.34. Fare 1s. 3d. R. BINNS, Hon. Sec.  
3, Dame Street, Hoggs Field, Holbeck.

**The Lancashire Association.**—The third quarterly meeting will be held at Newchurch, in Rossendale, on Saturday, July 28th. Ringing from 2.30 p.m. Business meeting at 6 p.m.  
J. REDFORD,  
A. E. WREAKS, } Hon. Sec.

**South and West Middlesex Association.**—The next monthly meeting of the above Association will be held at Isleworth, on Saturday, July 28th, at 6 p.m., ringers wishing to become members should make a point of being present.  
E. J. WALSON, Sec. and Treasurer.

11, Venetia Road, South Ealing.

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**PORTRAIT NUMBER.**—Next week we shall publish the Portrait, with Memoir, of Mr. James Parker, of Crawley, Sussex.

G. ASTBURY.—As this paper is printed on Thursday, your post-card came too late.

## 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 QUARTER-PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS.

By HENRY JAMES TUCKER, Bishops Stortford.

1295.  
2 3 4 5 6  
4 2 3 5 6 7th in and out at 3.  
6 5 2 4 3 8 in 2  
3 4 5 6 2 8 in 2  
5 4 2 6 3 8-9  
2 4 3 6 5 8-9  
3 2 4 6 5 9 in 3  
4 3 2 6 5 9 in 3  
2 3 5 6 4 8-9  
5 2 3 6 4 9 in 3  
3 5 2 6 4 9 in 3  
2 5 4 6 3 8-9  
4 2 5 6 3 9 in 3  
Round as usual.

### A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR.

By HENRY JAMES TUCKER, Bishops Stortford.

6816.  
2 3 4 5 6 W B M H  
4 5 3 6 2 I I I I  
3 4 5 6 2 I  
5 3 4 6 2 I  
2 4 3 6 5 I I  
3 2 4 6 5 I  
5 4 2 6 3 I I  
2 5 4 6 3 I  
4 2 5 6 3 I  
3 5 2 6 4 I I  
2 3 5 6 4 I

Five times repeated, single end of 3rd and 6th parts. By omitting the three bobs braced in the last three parts, the peal is reduced to 6144 the 4th, 5th and 6th being the only bells in 5th's place.

### A PEAL OF DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR.

By H. W. WILDE, Duffield, Derby.

5184.  
2 3 4 5 6 M B H  
3 5 4 2 6 - -  
5 2 4 3 6 - -  
5 2 3 6 4 - -  
2 6 3 5 4 - -  
6 5 3 2 4 - -  
3 5 2 6 4 - -  
5 6 2 3 4 - -  
6 3 2 5 4 - -  
2 3 5 6 4 - -

Five times repeated, with a single instead of bob at the end of the 3rd and 6th parts. This peal contains the 4th 5th and 6th each eighteen times in 6th's place at the course-end, the 2nd and 3rd never being there. This is believed to be the first peal composed in the method having these qualities in so few a number of changes. This peal may be reduced to 5008 by omitting the six bobs braced in any one part.

## DATE TOUCH OF BOB MAJOR.

By JAMES S. WILDE, *Hyde.*

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8			
2 1 4 3 6 5 8 7			
2 4 1 6 3 8 5 7			
4 2 1 3 6 5 8 7			
4 1 2 6 3 8 5 7			
1 4 6 2 8 3 7 5			
1 4 2 6 3 8 5 7	W	M	H
4 2 3 5 6	-	-	-
3 5 4 2 6	-	-	-
= 5 2 4 3 6	-	-	-
- 5 2 3 6 4	-	-	-
3 5 2 6 4	-	-	-
2 3 5 6 4	-	-	-
4 5 2 3 6	-	-	-
2 4 5 3 6	-	-	-
= 4 3 5 2 6	-	-	-
- 4 3 2 6 5	-	-	-
2 4 3 6 5	-	-	-
3 2 4 6 5	-	-	-
5 4 3 2 6	-	-	-
3 2 5 4 6	-	-	-
5 3 2 4 6	-	-	-
2 5 3 4 6	-	-	-
3 4 2 5 6	-	-	-
2 3 4 5 6	-	-	-

This touch contains the 6th six times wrong and its extent right. The 2nd and 3rd never in 6ths place at a course-end. The dashes to the left of the courses-end (=, -) indicate bobs at 5th's and 4th's and before respectively.

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR.

By J. ARMIGER TROLLOP, *Norwich Scholars.*

5024.

2 3 4 5 6	B	5ths	4ths	H
6 4 5 2 3	-	-	-	-
3 5 2 6 4	-	-	-	-
4 2 5 3 6	-	-	S	-
2 3 4 6 5	-	-	-	-
5 4 3 2 6	-	-	S	-
4 2 5 6 3	-	-	-	-
3 5 2 4 6	-	-	S	-
5 4 3 6 2	-	-	-	-
4 2 3 5 6	-	-	S	-

Five times repeated, calling one course B instead of first two. Single half-way and end. This peal has the 6th her extent right and wrong, falling (except in first course) alternately into each position. If two parts are called as the first the peal will be 5056, if three, 5088. This is the first peal published on this plan.

## A DATE TOUCH OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

By FREDERICK S. W. BUTLER, *Gainsborough.*

Odd changes.

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

Four times repeated.

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS.

By WILLIAM WILLSON, *Leicester.*

5022.

1 2 3 4 5 6			
2 6 1 3 5 4	8 7 9	(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 2 3 5 4	(single 5)	16	
1 6 4 2 5 3	16		
1 6 3 4 5 2	16		
3 6 1 2 5 4	5 16		
3 6 4 1 5 2	16		
4 6 3 2 5 1	5 16		
4 6 1 3 5 2	16		
4 6 2 1 5 3	16		
2 6 4 3 5 1	5 16		
2 6 1 4 5 3	16		
2 6 3 1 5 4	16		
3 6 2 4 5 1	5 16		
2 6 3 1 5 4	9 7 8	2 5 8 9	(single 15) 16
2 6 4 3 5 1	16		
2 6 1 4 5 3	16		
1 6 2 3 5 4	5 16		
1 6 4 2 5 3	16		
4 6 1 3 5 2	5 16		
4 6 2 1 5 3	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		

Go off the first change of a slow six. The middle twelve courses repeated produce 2 6 3 4 5 1 when bobs at 3 5 8 bring rounds. This composition has the heavy bells in inverted rounds in first half, and in the tittums in last half, the 6th being in 2nd's place, and the 5th undisturbed throughout the peal. By shifting the single in the turning course from the 15th to the 5th six, the last course will be 3 6 2 1 5 4, when bobs at 3, 5, 8, 11, 13, 16, 18, will bring rounds at 5076. This peal is corrected from the one published in this paper on May 17th last.

## A 720 OF YORKSHIRE COURT MINOR.

By N. SPINDLOW, *Ducklington.*

2 3 4 5 6

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

Twice repeated. This 720 contains nine bobs and six singles.

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

By SAM. ATKINS, *Willenhall, Staffordshire.*

5040.

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

Eleven times repeated. Bob for single at 6th and 12th parts.

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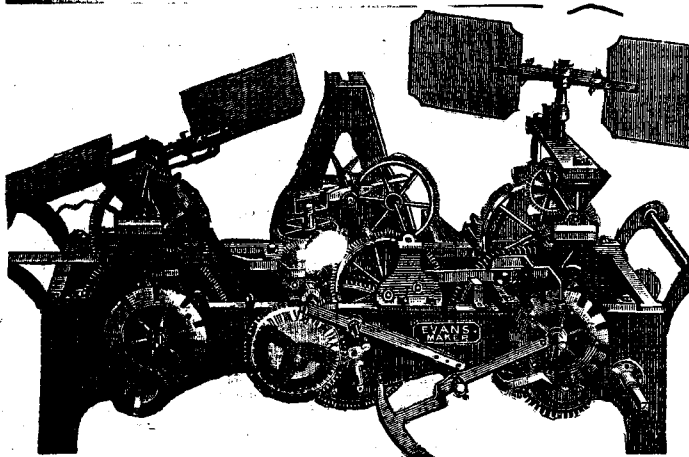
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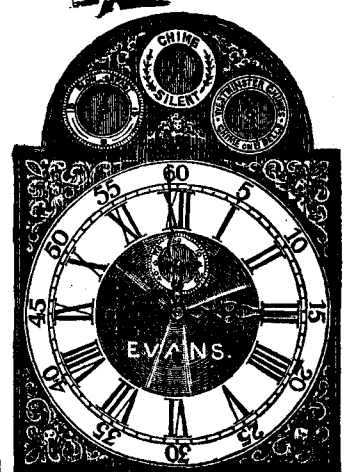


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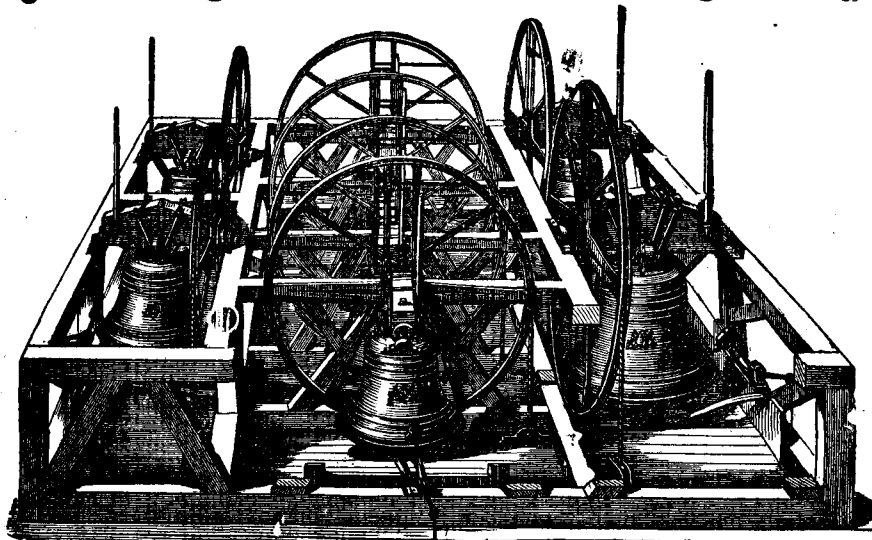


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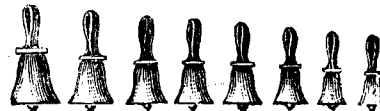
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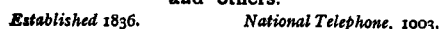
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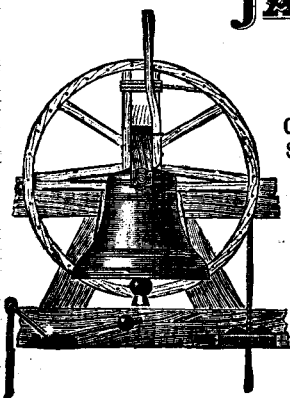
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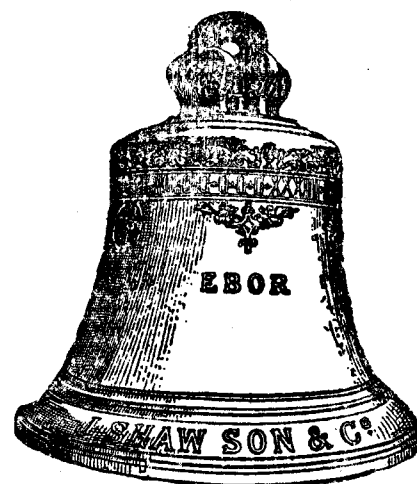
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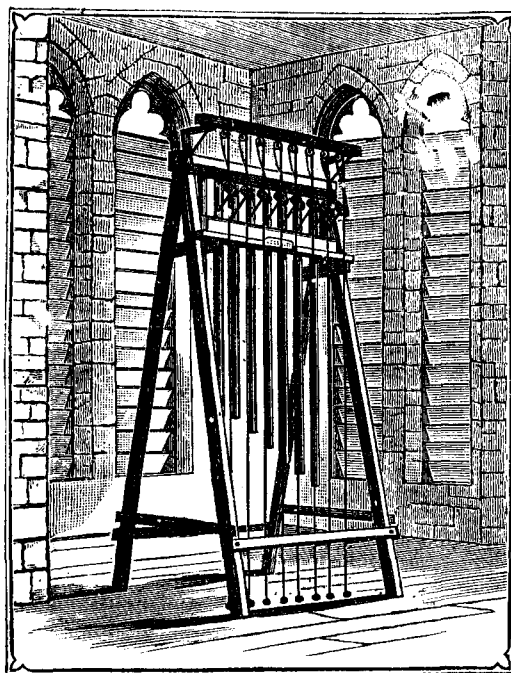
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## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

A District Meeting of this Association was held at Barking on Saturday, July 21st. The tower of St. Margaret's was open for ringing at 3 p.m., and members assembled to the number of fifty from the surrounding districts. It was also the octave of the Dedication Festival. The ringers were courteously welcomed by the vicar. A short service was held in the church at 5 p.m., and an address bearing upon the antiquity of the Church, the duties and privileges of ringers, and the crosses belonging to every vocation, was given by the vicar. At its conclusion tea was partaken of at The Red Lion. The chair was taken by the vicar, and he was supported by the Hon. and Assistant Secretaries. The usual business was transacted, and special resolutions were passed bearing upon the late lamented death of the member for the Romford division. This Association desires to express its hearty approval of the proposed peal of bells at Havering church, for which facilities exist, as a memorial to the late Mr. Theobald, and considers the proposal is one that would prove the most fitting and best memorial that could be adopted in the division.

## MR. JAMES PARKER, OF CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

[Vide Portrait.]

The subject of our present sketch was born at North Heath, Pulborough, Sussex, on March 17th, 1866, and is an artificer in wood. His first introduction to bells and ringing was at Charlwood, and he received his first tuition in the Art from Mr. F. Wickens, and when fifteen years of age he rang his first 720 of Oxford Bob Minor. He next went to reside at Storrington, and as the nearest ring of six bells is seven miles distant, he commenced upon the five bells of the village and brought out a band, and before he left them, Grandsire, Stedman, and Plain Bob Doubles were the methods they could ring. It may be interesting to say that here it was on November 19th, 1888, he took unto himself a wife, and there are some promising little ones (ringers, we hope some day). To show the esteem in which the conductor was held, the Storrington ringers presented him with a set of carvers, and to celebrate the event, the band rang their first 120 upon the occasion without his help.

In the year 1890 MR. PARKER removed to Crawley, a quaint old town in his native county. Here however a split had taken place, and ringing matters were not looking very rosy, so our friend had to go farther afield for a time, as far as Worth, and made the acquaintance of the noted six-bell ringers, Messrs. Rice, Jordan, and others, and the methods on six bells were soon committed to memory, and practised at Worth and Capel. Several attempts at a 5040 on six bells failed, but on October 19th, 1890, success came in a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, and on February 2nd, 1891, a 10,176 of Kent Treble Bob Major was accomplished at Warnham, with the assistance of Mr. H. Chandler, the longest length yet rung in the county. On March 5th, 1891, he visited London and joined the Royal Cumberland Society, and on the same day he rang a peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major with that society. On April 9th in the same year he first figures as conductor of Holt's Original peal of Grandsire Triples, which he called from the treble, never having yet rang a bob bell in the method. The present Crawley band was started in January 1892, and elected MR. PARKER Hon. Secretary, which office he still holds. In 1893 this band rang their first peals of Stedman Triples, Double Norwich Court Bob Major, Superlative Surprise, and Cambridge Surprise Major, all conducted by the secretary. Most of our readers will have noticed the foregoing facts, and we may add

that amongst other methods under notice at Crawley, London Surprise Major is receiving attention. Our friend is also busy in other directions; he has been actively engaged in collecting funds for the benefit of a member of the band who met [with a serious accident recently.

The belfry at Crawley is just now a model in its way; a stained and varnished ceiling with similar dado to the walls, adorned with numerous peal tablets, a good supply of hat and coat hooks, seats, carpeted floor and centre table, makes the old place quite worth a visit, and which owes its present condition to the energetic Hon. Secretary.

MR. PARKER took part in the first peals of Double Norwich Court Bob Major and Superlative Surprise Major accomplished by the Winchester Guild. He is a member of the Sussex County Association, Winchester Diocesan Guild, and the Royal Cumberland Society.

## LIST OF PERFORMANCES.

					Rung	Conducted
Grandsire Triples	...	...	...	...	6	5
Stedman Triples	...	...	...	...	9	3
Court Bob Triples	...	...	...	...	2	2
Canterbury Pleasure Triples	...	...	...	...	1	
Plain Bob Triples	...	...	...	...	1	
Oxford Bob Triples	...	...	...	...	1	
Bob Major	...	...	...	...	1	1
Double Norwich Court Bob Major	...	...	...	...	14	3
Kent Treble Bob Major	...	...	...	...	10	3
Oxford Treble Bob Major	...	...	...	...	1	
Superlative Surprise Major	...	...	...	...	11	7
Cambridge Surprise Major	...	...	...	...	2	1
On six bells	...	...	...	...	5	
					64	25

## THE HEAVY WOOLLEN DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

The July meeting of this Association was held at Low Moor, members being present from Kirkburton, Birstall, Batley Carr, Sandal, Mirfield, Tong, Thornhill, Liversedge, and Low Moor. The meeting for business took place at The Church House inn, Mr. J. Peacock, President, presiding. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and passed, several new members were elected, making a total of 157 ringing members. A resolution was proposed, seconded, and carried, that the Secretary instruct Mr. Stainthorpe to purchase a cup similar to the one already contested for. It was also decided to hold a committee meeting on Saturday, August 4th, at 6 p.m. at headquarters, to arrange the six-bell contest. Other business being transacted, a vote of thanks was passed to the vicar, churchwardens, and ringers for the use of the bells. The remainder of the evening was spent in handbell and tower ringing.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ROSSENDALE BRANCH.—A meeting of this branch was held on Saturday, July 14th, and was attended by members from Christ Church, Bacup, Helmshore, Newchurch, Rawtenstall, Waterfoot, and the local company. The chair was taken by Mr. Z. Lord. Business being gone through, St. Mary's, Rawtenstall, was selected as the next place of meeting, it being the annual meeting of the branch. It is hoped that all members will make it convenient to be present. Various methods were rung, and the meeting was brought to a close with votes of thanks to the vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells: also to the chairman for presiding.

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## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

There was a large representative gathering of ringers from all parts of the diocese of Winchester at the annual festival which was held at Farnham recently. The belfry of St. Andrew's church was open to the visitors at an early hour, and some of the first arrivals rang touches from time to time. These included touches of Bob Major, Grandsire Triples, Stedman and Treble Bob, and 720 changes of Kent Treble Bob Minor.

This was the second time the Guild has met at Farnham since its formation, 15 years ago, the rule being to hold the anniversaries in different towns in the diocese in Surrey or Hampshire in alternate years. The annual business meeting was held at the Conservative Club at 11 a.m., when the Rev. R. C. M. Harvey (hon. treasurer and secretary) who accompanied the Portsea band, took the chair on behalf of the president, Mr. J. P. Stillwell, of Yately. Besides the Farnham ringers there were 23 other bands present. The officers were re-elected, excepting the past local secretary for Surrey, Mr. F. W. J. Rees, of Guildford, in whose place Mr. G. H. Barnett (captain of the Farnham band) was unanimously elected. A vote of condolence was passed to the widow of Mr. S. Brooker, of Leatherhead, one of the founders of the Guild. The annual report was submitted. The financial statement showed a favorable balance of £9 12s. 7d., an increase of £4 6s. 4d. over the previous year.

A service was subsequently held at the Parish Church, among the clergy taking part in it being the Rev. C. H. Simkinson, Rector of Farnham, Rev. G. Hitchcock, Rev. G. Topham, and Rev. E. D. Finch-Smith. A special psalm was sung, and the hymns "Ring forth, holy bells," and "We meet before Thy Throne." The Lord Bishop of Winchester read the lesson, Numbers x.

The Bishop, in a short address to the members of the Guild, welcomed them to the fair parish of Farnham, to the ancient church of the parish, and to what they considered their beautiful bells. Some of them in Farnham thought they knew something about bell ringing, but probably no one knew so much that he might not be thankful to know more. He had no doubt that they would learn something in connection with this gathering. One of the ideas of the present day was that men should incorporate themselves into bodies or guilds, and the members of this society had banded themselves together for the purpose of promoting bell-ringing, and they should increasingly recognise their corporate life. Everybody was better for coming together to meet each other, to join in a pleasant discussion, and to help each other. He proposed to speak to them for a short time on what the church bells were for, and what they were not for. The church bells in our Christian service took the place of the silver trumpets in the tabernacle service. They invite people to public worship over vale and hill, over lake and river, in village and town, far, far, away. They reminded the people that there was a God above who loved them, and claimed their worship and homage as servants of God. People sometimes speak of going to church to hear Mr. So-and-so preach, and it was perfectly natural to hear people say so. Nothing helps a man so much as a good sermon, or even a passage in a sermon, but the sermon does not come first. The Word of God comes before man's word, and in church it was God who was speaking. It was a noble use to put the bells to, to call men to worship Him who redeemed them and understands them, and feels with them, and will one day judge them, and, if they are worthy of it, crown them. Another use to which the bells might be put was to express sympathy. When two persons were made man and wife together a merry peal of bells was expected, and human hearts were stirred by it. "One touch of nature makes the whole world kin." There was no home so happy as that which was made happy by married life. It was customary to wish a newly married couple God-speed, and the music of the church bells expressed sympathy with them. Men need sympathy in their joys just as much as in their sorrows. Most men had experienced that. They like people to come to them and say "I am glad you are going to be happy together." It made the blood of the heart flow more rapidly and more warmly. Then when a child was born the ringers liked to show their sympathy, and that was a very good

use to make of the bells. His lordship then referred to the meaning of the passing bell, which was now rung after death, but the first idea was to ring it when the soul was passing on its way on that mysterious journey which all of us will some day travel. The idea was that as the soul was passing through the valley of the shadow of death, neighbours and friends should be called together to pray as the soul was shivering and trembling on the brink of the river. Now the passing bell was rung after death, for it often happened that a person who was thought to be dying, recovered. He had had the death prayer said over him, and yet he was with them and able to continue his work, and what happened to one person might happen to another. Another use to which bells might be put was the patriotic use. Supposing England went to war—which God forbid, for if ever England went to war again with some great nation, it would be the most terrible war the country had ever known. But in the event of war being attended with victory, it would be a very proper use of the bells to celebrate the victory by a peal. Alluding to occasions when the bells should not be rung, he said it would be unwise to ring them after a contested election. They had nothing to do with politics in the House of God. There was a great temptation, of course, after a victory for what was considered the right side, to celebrate the victory by a peal on the bells. It should not be forgotten, however, that others also had done what they believed to be right, and had done their duty as well, and as conscientiously as their neighbours; and there was another thing to be remembered, viz., that one day the other side would win. The House of God had nothing to do with these triumphs. No opportunity should be given for saying that the Church takes this side or that in politics. The Church belonged to all, and all belonged to the Church; and the Church should welcome all into its love and sympathy and guardianship. The bells should not be rung in connection with horse-racing. He had known cases where a horse belonging to someone in a particular town won a race, and the bells were rung. The church bells had no business to be rung for such a purpose. Nobody had any doubt as to the evil of gambling, but apart from the question of gambling, bells should not be used in connection with a race. The bells were in the custody of the incumbent of the parish, and nobody had a right to use them without his permission. Speaking of the practices of ringers in past days, he said it was not uncommon at one time for ringers to take a jug of ale into the belfry to refresh themselves, but that time had passed away. Some people talked about these bad times, but he thought these were the best times England had ever seen. He urged them to remember that the belfry was part of the House of God, and should not be used for ordinary talk, or for the gossip of the parish. Whatever was done in the belfry should be considered as a religious act. The ringers should not ring simply because they were strong young fellows, or because it was a pleasant diversion, but because it was a service to God. He could not do better than close this address by quoting the comprehensive sentence of St. Paul, "Whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God."

The dinner took place in the Corn Exchange at one o'clock. Mr. Barnett was most assiduous in providing for the comfort of the guests, who numbered about 200. The Rev. R. C. M. Harvey presided, and besides the Rector of Farnham, the following clergy sat down to dinner: Revs. Cyril Edwards (Petersfield), H. Liveing (Romsey), H. A. Spyers (vicar of Purbrook, local secretary to the guild for Hants), F. Madge (Minor Canon, Winchester), B. de Chair (Weybridge), Allan Gunn (Romsey), and C. Buston (Worthington). After dinner the bands dispersed to the parishes according to the arranged programme, where they rang changes during the afternoon and evening, viz., the Dorking, Weybridge, and Guildford bands to Hawley; the Alton, Basingstoke, Fareham, and Portsea bands to Guildford; the Gosport, Petersfield, Chiddingfold, and Romsey bands to Alton; the Yately, Farnham, and Havant bands to Weybridge; the Bournemouth, Christchurch, Ryde, Privett, and Ockley bands to stay and ring at Farnham; the Bagshot and Twyford bands to Bentley; the Hambledon, Shedfield, and Wickham bands to Crondall. The day was passed pleasantly, although rain fell at intervals. The absence of Mr. Scott-Evans, churchwarden of St. Peter's, Bournemouth, who has heretofore not missed an anniversary, was much regretted, that gentleman being detained at home through illness.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

The first quarterly meeting of the year was held at Melbourne, on Saturday, July 14th. A pleasantly-situated little Derbyshire town is Melbourne, not yet spoilt by the speculative builder, situate in a well-wooded and very fertile country, possessing a fine old Norman church, with central tower and good peal of eight bells; a charming old hall and gardens, and other desirable residences. Among its personalities, a painstaking band of ringers, and last, not least, a worthy rector, who takes a genuine interest in his ringers.

Shortly after two o'clock ringers began to assemble from Derby, Nottingham, Long Eaton, Loughborough, Duffield, Leicester, etc., and soon the bells were set going to the tune of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major, etc. Many took the opportunity to stroll through the Melbourne Hall Gardens, which had been kindly opened for our members.

At five o'clock, some fifty-six ringers and friends sat down to a capital spread at the National School, and to which full justice was done. Among those present were the President, A. P. Heywood, Esq., the Rev. Canon Singleton, Mr. and Mrs. John W. Taylor, sen., Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Taylor, jun., Mr. E. Denison Taylor, etc. At the meeting which immediately followed, the President took the chair.

The Hon. Secretary read the minutes, which were passed and signed. One new member was admitted.

The President in addressing the meeting said that looking over the record of the past quarter, there were one or two pleasing points upon which he would briefly touch. First, the 8800 of Superlative Surprise Major rung by the Loughborough company, which he should consider to be one of their greatest achievements. Secondly, they all would be pleased that two of their companies, viz., Long Eaton and Melbourne, were again pushing steadily on, he hoped that they would persevere still further. The association had rung fifteen peals during the quarter, which made a total of twenty-eight during the year, our position among the leading associations being fourth. He urged upon all companies, in order to keep up the status of the association, the necessity of practising regularly, of introducing new blood, and of attempting the higher methods. The president then proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Canon Singleton for being present. Mr. Taylor seconded, and the motion was carried with applause.

Canon Singleton, in responding, said it gave him much pleasure to welcome the association to Melbourne. With regard to his own ringers, he hoped they would still persevere, although they had had some great drawbacks through some of their band leaving the town, and the difficulty was to find others to take their places.

The place for the next quarterly meeting being the next business, Mr. Hickling proposed, and Mr. Wilde seconded, that the meeting be held at Long Eaton. There being no other proposition, the motion was carried.

The meeting then concluded, and with a few farewell touches on the church bells, visitors hurried away to catch their trains, well pleased with their afternoon's enjoyment.

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## Ringers' Outings.

THE REIGATE SOCIETY.—On Monday, July 15th, this society held their annual outing at Seaford, Sussex, leaving Redhill by the 8.15 train and arriving at Seaford about 10.30, where, after a

slight refreshment, we at once proceeded to the tower of the parish church, where we found a nice little ring of eight, tenor 12½ cwt. The bells having been raised, a 630 of Grandsire Triples were rung. W. Howard, 1; F. T. Hoad, sen., 2; E. Moses, 3; F. T. Hoad, jun., 4; H. Reeves (conductor), 5; W. Argent, 6; E. Kenward, 7; A. Moseley, 8. We then descended the tower, and after a little refreshment the company dispersed for a little while, and having a good look round the seaside, some journeyed as far as the town of Newhaven, viewing the fine harbour and boats of the London, Brighton, and South Coast Railway Company. A start was then made for Seaford, where an excellent tea was provided at 4 o'clock, and after justice had been done to the good things, the tower was again visited and a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on the handbells. H. Reeves, 1-2; F. Linter, 3-4; W. Argent, 5-6; J. Knight, 7-8. And a 504 of Court Bob Triples on the tower bells. W. Howard, 1; F. T. Hoad, sen. (conductor), 2; E. Moses, 3; F. T. Hoad, jun., 4; H. Reeves, 5; F. Linter, 6; E. Kenward, 7; W. Argent, 8. The bells were then lowered in peal, and we again adjourned to The Plough inn, and after half-an-hour's chat and the several good-byes had been said, the company left by the 7.30 train, arriving at Redhill shortly after 9 o'clock, having expressed themselves (despite the miserable weather), as having thoroughly enjoyed their outing to the seaside. The ringers wish through the medium of this paper to thank the vicar for the use of the bells, and also Mr. Simmons, the steeple-keeper, for having everything in readiness. H. R.

THE BLYTH (NOTTS.) SOCIETY.—On Monday, July 16, the ringers connected with the parish church, ten in number, paid a visit to Misson for the purpose of trying their skill on the new peal of bells, which has only been put up about three weeks. The ringers were taken in a waggonette, arriving there about 5.30. They at once proceeded to the church and raised the bells in peal. An attempt was then made to ring a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor, which was brought round in 24 mins. Afterwards a start was made for a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, which was also successfully brought round in 24 mins. The ringers then adjourned to The White Horse inn club room, where they gave an entertainment on their handbells, and a number of songs were sung by the junior ringers. The ringers wish to thank the vicar for granting them the bells; also the churchwardens for their kind hospitality.

THE ST. LUKE'S SOCIETY, HEYWOOD.—The members of this society with Mr. Harry Turner, of the Rochdale parish church company, had their annual outing on Wednesday, July 11th, by the Rochdale tradesmen's trip to Norwich and Yarmouth. Leaving Heywood half an hour past midnight, they seated themselves in a special compartment (previously engaged) and attached to the last train, which left that town at one o'clock. On the journey the time was beguiled away by playing tunes on the handbells, Norwich being reached at 8.45 a.m., over an hour late. We were met at the station by Mr. Borrett, and "go" was called at Foresters' Royal Cafe for breakfast. Afterwards they went to St. Peter's Mancroft, where three other of the Norwich men were awaiting for us, and assisted us in ringing the twelve bells in rounds. A 504 of Grandsire Triples was rung on the back eight. H. Walmsley, 1; A. Chadwick, 2; D. Wild, 3; J. Partington, 4; H. Turner, 3; S. Greenhalgh, 6; Jno. Millett (conductor), 7; Jas. Millett, 8. The bells were then lowered, after which we went to their meeting-house. We then obtained a brake and drove to Messrs. Colman's mustard, starch, and blue works, the largest in the world, where we obtained permission to go through, which was a treat to all of us. Leaving Messrs. Colman's in the brake, we drove to the Cathedral through the gate-ways and round the city to Norwich (Thorpe) station to proceed by the 1.20 train to Yarmouth, where we were met by Mr. Christian, who took us to the parish church, the largest in England, and to the famous Yarmouth Roads, on the beach, then to the Aquarium hotel to dinner at 4.30 p.m. We left Yarmouth at 6.50 p.m. homeward bound, which was reached at 3.30 on Thursday, after a pleasant two nights and one day's outing. We wish to thank the vicar of St. Peter's for permission to ring on the fine peal of twelve bells; also Messrs. Borrett, Brighton, and others of Norwich; and Mr. Christian, of Yarmouth, for the trouble he took on our behalf. J. M.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

The annual festival of the above Guild was held at Chipping Norton on Monday, July 16th, when the following places were represented: Appleton, Englefield, Reading, Hurst, Hagbourne, Wantage, Maidenhead, Great Marlow, Great Haseley, Christ Church, Oxford, Witney, Shipton, Great Tew, Woodstock, Bladon, Middleton Stoney, Brize Norton, Burford, Chipping Norton, etc. Amongst those present were the Revs. F. E. Robinson (Master of the Guild), R. Hart-Davis, Secretary and Treasurer (Dunsden), E. Broome (Hurst), J. W. Wynch (Brize Norton), H. Barter (Shipton), A. Majendie (Woodstock), L. Manby (Great Haseley), H. Scott (Witney), Canon Bowers, A. H. Drummond (Maidenhead), Canon Blagden, G. F. Coleridge (Crowthorne), W. C. Carter, G. A. Littledale, C. S. Rowland, A. Mildmay, J. B. Jerwood, F. Kendall, A. Marshall, J. P. Malleson, G. S. Scott, Esq., A. H. Cocks, Esq., Messrs. W. Newell, Napper, Smith, Thompson, Yates, Howes, Evans, Burden, Barlow, Cook, Hodgkins, Joyner, Hounslow, Mills, East, Giles, Sawyer, Wilkins, Chapman, Bond, Thomas, Elliott, Gibbs, and others.

The proceedings commenced with a peal of Stedman Triples, recorded in our last number, after which a short service, taken by the vicar, was held in the parish church, at which an excellent sermon was preached by the Rev. J. P. Bowers, Canon of Gloucester and Diocesan Missioner for Gloucester and Bristol, from 1 Corinthians, xiv. 10: "There are, it may be, so many kinds of voices in the world, and none of them is without signification." The preacher first spoke of the many voices in the world, some noisy and harsh, some soft and harmonious, some silent but most eloquent. Such were (1) the voices of Nature, silent but most eloquent; (2) Revelation, by which God speaks directly to us; and (3) His Church. In short, it is a world of many voices. The festival of to-day is a festival of voices, in which that of welcome is prominent. The voice of the bells is one of sympathy, varying according to the changes of our life, giving out now the voice of joy, now of sorrow. They speak, too, to us of the life of grace, telling us of the baptism of some infant, of the initiation into the kingdom of grace; or of Confirmation, when the Bishop confers by God's appointed way, greater gifts of grace for greater needs; or of Holy Communion, when the faithful Christian obeys his Lord's command, and comes to meet his Master on every first day of the week as the early Christians did. Or the bells call us for other services, summoning us to the school of God, there to fit ourselves to take part in the worship of heaven. Speaking of ringers and their Art, he said that ringers should know better than other men the truth of the words, "No man liveth to himself," etc. What happened when a ringer made a mistake? Not only was his own work spoiled, but also that of the whole band. So when the Christian did wrong, he not only spoiled his own life, but the life of those around him. Their Art, too, had its bearing on the truth of Holy Scripture. For seven bells it was possible to obtain 5040 different changes, as had been done that morning; this meant that seven objects could be placed in 5040 different orders. If Moses had only guessed at the order of the seven periods of creation, he might have given 5039 orders, but only one right one. The one which he gave was right, and to that order Science gave her consent. In conclusion, he said that the life of a ringer should be a holy life. A man might be able to ring a peal in the most difficult method ever written, but what would be the value of that if his life was not good. With his hands he would outwardly be doing God's work in the world, with his heart he would be spoiling that work. If any should be religious, the ringers should be; leading a life of close communion with God, regularly coming to that great Sacrament by which he is made one with Christ, and Christ with him. Let them remember not only that they are workers, but workers with God, helping God to call the world to worship Him, to believe in Him, and to flee from the evil to come, helping to ring out the false in men's lives, to ring in the true.

Immediately after the service the annual meeting was held in the infants' schoolroom, under the presidency of the Master of the Guild. About 140 members were present. After the minutes of the last general and committee meetings had been read and confirmed, the election of officers took place, the following being elected:—Master of the Guild, Rev. F. E.

Robinson, Drayton Vicarage, Abingdon; Secretary and Treasurer, Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis, Dunsden Vicarage, Reading; committee, twelve elected members—Revs. H. Blagden, T. E. E. Chataway, G. F. Coleridge, A. H. Drummond, J. Hindson, H. Archer-Houblon, A. Majendie, R. P. Newhouse, T. R. Terry, Dr. Wood, and A. H. Cocks and J. E. Hern, Esqrs.; and twelve ringing members—Messrs. J. Allit, H. D. Betteridge, R. Burden, E. Elburn, J. Evans, W. E. Yates, F. W. Hopgood, C. Hounslow, W. Napper, W. Newell, J. W. Washbrook, J. W. Wilkins, and representatives from local branches. For the next annual festival, Wokingham and Maidenhead were proposed. The choice fell to Wokingham by a large majority, mainly for the reason that other things being equal, it was felt most to require the "impetus" of the annual meeting.

The Master moved that rule 13 be altered so as to read—"That the October and Easter quarterly meetings be continued as before, and that the meeting of the East Berks and South Bucks branch, held about Christmas, be open to the whole Guild." An amendment was proposed by the Rev. A. Majendie, and seconded by Rev. G. A. Littledale,—"That the rule stand as it is." *i.e.* "A general annual meeting in June, July, or August; also a general afternoon meeting in each of the other quarters." On the amendment being put to the meeting, thirty voted for it, and thirty-eight for the original proposition, which was therefore declared carried.

The Secretary moved—"That the footnote to rule 6 be embodied in the rule with the additional words, 'His membership will cease, and any peals he may ring in will not count,' which would make the rule read thus:—'Honorary members shall subscribe not less than 5s. annually, or become life members by a donation of not less than two guineas; and change-ringing and probationary members shall subscribe 1s. annually, these subscriptions to become due on January 1st of each year. A life subscription of 7s. 6d. shall be accepted from ringing members in lieu of the annual payment of 1s. The name of any member whose subscription for the year has not been paid will be printed in italics, and if it is unpaid for another year the name will be omitted, and his membership will cease, and any peals he may ring in will not count.'"

The motion was agreed to; also, on the motion of the Secretary, "That the Guild peals be revised, and 500 peals printed, and that the Master, with the Rev. G. F. Coleridge, and Mr. J. W. Washbrook be appointed as a committee with full powers to carry out the work."

The Rev. F. Kendall proposed that Mr. R. H. Burden, of Chipping Norton, be appointed an additional qualified instructor of the Guild. He remarked that in this part of the diocese they had some good bells, but had not an instructor, and it was very difficult for them to get one, as most of them lived on the east side of Oxford. The proposition was seconded by the Rev. H. Barter, and carried.

The following is the thirteenth annual report:—"The chronicles of the year 1893 are in all ways satisfactory. The Guild would seem to have reached a high level of numbers in which there is now but little variation from year to year. In 1891 membership stood at 1098, in 1892 it rose to 1130, while last year it fell slightly to 1104. The number, however, of change-ringers has increased, and the probationers are fewer. This welcome fact is due to the large amount spent in instruction, £15 10s. 3d., the very best way in which the funds can be expended. A new departure has been taken in the establishment of quarterly guild meetings. It is perhaps too soon to speak as to success or failure, but an attendance of only twenty-two at Woodstock and Wantage is not very promising. We must hope for a larger gathering at Wooburn after Easter. The new branches at Chipping Norton and in North Bucks have held their own, while the five others have all done well, especially the premier branch, East Berks and South Bucks. We are glad to welcome Great Haseley, Great Tew, and Compton into our ranks, and regret the loss of Heuley and Kirthlington; and All Saints', St. Ebbe's, and St. Martin from among the Oxford towers. The festival was held in Buckinghamshire, a county difficult of access—at Long Crendon. It was attended by nearly 150 members, and a very enjoyable and successful day was spent. There is wide room for the guild to spread in that neighbourhood, and we must hope that the good impression made will bear fruit. Chipping Norton was selected at the

annual meeting for the general rendezvous for 1894. Mr. Preston, F.C.A., has once more laid the guild under great obligations to him by his honorary audit of the accounts. The balance, £35 5s. 4d., is higher by £5 than last year, in spite of the large sum, £15 10s. 3d., already mentioned as having been spent in instruction. To reach the whole amount expended in the diocese under this head, there must be added the sum of £7 3s. 1½d. granted by the various branches, and £8 7s. 1½d., which fell upon the towers, or a total of £31 0s. 6d. It will be noticed that under rule 11 the life composition of a non-resident member has been reduced from 7s. 6d. to 3s. 6d. Among those who have passed away from our number during the past year, we record with regret the names of Mr. A. J. T. Evans, of Witney; Mr. Charles Swain, for twelve years captain of the St. Nicholas' band, Newbury; and Mr. William Goulden, late town clerk of Maidenhead. The Master, whose labours for the guild have been as unwearied and as loving as ever, reports as follows:—"Among the peals rung during the year, the most noteworthy are the first peal of London Surprise in the county of Oxford, rung at St. Peter's, Oxford, on January 5th, and the first peal of Superlative by the Caversham men, on April 15th. The heavy ring of eight at Great Tew has been rehung, and the old five at Shipton-under-Wychwood converted into eight. In the latter case the usual bell-frame has been dispensed with, the bearings of the bells being laid on steel joists fixed in the tower walls; a plan which, when the said tower walls are thick and strong, appears likely to answer well."

After the meeting an adjournment was made to the Town Hall, where a substantial dinner was provided by Miss Herbert, of the Chipping Norton Temperance hotel, and Mrs. Tanner, of The Redesdale Arms, Moreton-in-Marsh. The Master of the Guild presided, and was supported by Rev. Canon Bowers, Dr. Hutchison (deputy-mayor), Alderman Webb, T. Mace, Esq. (town clerk), T. H. Burbidge, Esq., Mr. Churchwarden Pettipher, Rev. G. A. Littledale, Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis, Rev. H. Barter, Rev. A. Majendie, and Rev. C. S. Rowland, and there were present about 153 members and friends. The tables were decorated with a number of pot plants, lent by the vicar and Mr. T. H. Burbidge, whilst cut flowers were arranged by Mrs. Burbidge and the Misses Reader.

The Chairman proposed the loyal toast, which was duly honoured.

The Rev. A. Majendie said he didn't know why he had been picked out to propose the toast which had been entrusted to him. As he had said years ago at a meeting at which he was called upon to speak at Abingdon, he only once tried to ring, and on that occasion nearly got hung, and as he had a wife and children, he gave up that amusement. He had, however, been asked to propose the toast of The Vicar of Chipping Norton, as representing the Church, and also the preacher on this occasion, viz., Canon Bowers. He thought they were very much indebted to both those gentlemen—and to the vicar of Chipping Norton for the very bright, hearty, and short service of this morning, and for which he thanked him on their behalf. Words failed him to thank Canon Bowers for his sermon to us to-day. He had had rather a moist drive here this morning, and to all appearance he was likely to have rather a moist drive home again this afternoon; but he felt that he would not mind a wetting to the skin to hear that sermon. It was one of those sermons which seem to brace one up and give us fresh heart to go on and face life's battles with better spirit than before; and this was the sort of sermon he liked. A really good sermon makes you feel that you will be more fit than you have been previously, and that is how Canon Bowers' sermon made him feel.

Canon Bowers in response said he thanked them very heartily for the kind way in which they had received the toast of his health. He must say very little, for of course he had had his turn before this, and therefore he must not give them a second dose. Like Mr. Majendie he once began to ring, and the very first time he began to ring he nearly hung himself, and as he had a wife and family he gave it up. Therefore his experience as a ringer, although exciting, was not very lengthened. He had been very much struck with the life and go amongst their friends there, and he should go back to his friends in Gloucestershire and tell them that although we may have much enthusiasm amongst us, he thought they also have their share. He thanked

them very much indeed, and could only say that it had been a great pleasure and privilege to come amongst them and help them in any small way he could.

The Rev. G. A. Littledale said they were very glad to welcome them all here, as they may be perfectly certain of that, and he would thank them for the very kind expressions of sympathy with which the mention of his name was connected. He would pass at once from any consideration of his own pleasure at returning thanks, and he would ask them all to drink most heartily to the prosperity of the Guild. This was one of the most important, if not the most important toast, and he wished the Guild the very greatest prosperity, for it had no doubt instilled into their neighbourhood a very great deal of enthusiasm and energy which would lead them on to a great deal of skill. He thanked them for the kind way in which they had received his health, and before he sat down he would ask them to join with the Deputy-Mayor of this borough, the Town Clerk and the other distinguished townsmen whom he had the honour of meeting as his guests that day, in drinking to the prosperity of the Guild.

The Chairman in responding, said although they were very sorry not to have the pleasure of the company of the Mayor of Chipping Norton that day, yet they were very pleased to see the Deputy-Mayor. He had a telegram from the Mayor in which he stated he was sorry not to be able to be present, but wishes them every success. He wished to propose the health of the Deputy-Mayor of this town, and would thank him on his behalf for the exceedingly kind way they had been received at Chipping Norton, and also for the use of the Municipal Buildings.

Dr. Hutchison, in the absence of the worthy Mayor, said it gave him very great pleasure indeed to respond to the toast which had just been proposed and so heartily received by all present. He was very sorry that the Mayor had not been able on account of his absence from home, to take part in this festive gathering to-day, because in his double capacity of Mayor of this old borough, and also as one of the churchwardens, he would have been just in his right place in giving a very hearty welcome to all present that day. He was pleased to notice that they were following the example of all great societies of these days, that of centralisation. Such an organisation has tremendous advantages. In the first place, of course they have that power which money resulting from their combination gives them, and have the power of supplying themselves with proper instructors; and in the second place they have the opportunity such as they have taken advantage of to-day of coming together and meeting each other and coming in touch with each other. If it were not for their Guild of course they would not have an occasion such as this, and they might spend a whole life-time in bell-ringing without ever meeting their fellow-ringers in other parts of the diocese. Personally it had given him very great pleasure indeed to take part in this gathering, and they in Chipping Norton would hope to see them all again; and from what he knew of Church and municipal affairs in Chipping Norton, he had no hesitation in prophesying that at any future time they will have quite as hearty a welcome as they had that day.

The Chairman next proposed the health of the working secretary, a very efficient man, who had done his duty. The vicar of Chipping Norton had informed him that he would be pleased to throw open his garden for any who chose to remain in the town, and ann brakes were in readiness for those who wished to visit the neighbouring churches.

The Secretary, in responding, said that what he had done had been a labour of love, and he was more than satisfied if he had merited their thanks. As far as he could find out Chipping Norton joined the Guild in 1887, when ten men joined as probationers.

The Rev. A. J. Majendie called for cheers for the Chairman, which were very heartily given, and the interesting proceedings terminated.

During the afternoon bands of ringers visited various towers in the neighbourhood, and rang as follows:—At Chipping Norton touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples, and Double Norwich Court Bob Major; Great Tew—Grandsire Triples; Shipton-under-Wychwood—Grandsire Triples; also Grandsire Doubles and Minor at Charlbury, Spelsbury, Chadlington, and other places.



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

SATURDAY, JULY 28, 1894.

THE committee formed for the purpose of erecting a suitable memorial to the late MR. THEOBALD, for some years member of Parliament for the Romford Division of Essex, will find that the Essex Association of Change-Ringers has not lost sight of the fact that one of the proposals put forth is the erection of a ring of bells at Havering Church. At the District Meeting, held at Barking on Saturday last, a resolution expressing approval of the suggestion, and adding an opinion that the proposal if carried out would prove the most fitting and lasting memorial that could be adopted throughout the Division, was enthusiastically carried. We intimated a few weeks since that there were four proposals as to the form this memorial should take, one of which is to be finally adopted. We now learn these are (1) a scholarship; (2) part endowment of a fund for convalescents in connection with a cottage hospital; (3) swimming baths; (4) a peal of bells at Havering Church. Admirable as each of the first three proposals are, we venture to assert that the fourth one has a prior claim to consideration, while being free from those innumerable obstacles which bar the success of either of the former. With a population of over 100,000 in the Division, there would be

some 2,000 scholars eligible for examination for the scholarship. Assuming that one half of these competed, the single chance among 1,000 would appear ridiculous. And again, would not a large portion of the annual income from such scholarship be eaten up in expenses? As to the provision of swimming baths, there are at least eight or nine places in the Division that would lay claim to have them. The town of Romford is, we believe, the only one in the Division in the happy possession of a cottage hospital. What would the other parts of the Division say if one town only is to be benefited? The late Mr. THEOBALD was member for the whole Division; it is from all parts that the funds must be forthcoming. To make any scheme successful it must be a popular one. We have already pointed out that facilities exist for a ring of bells at Havering, that it is the spot where the late member resided, and where in March last his mortal remains were laid. It only remains for us to express a hope that the committee will come to the conclusion that a ring of church bells is not only the most convenient but the most practical before them, not only as a fitting and consistent memorial, but the only perpetual one that can be adopted with success.

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Tenor 16 cwt.

DAVID G. WIGHTMAN .. Treble.	EDGAR WIGHTMAN .. .. 5.
STEPHEN WIGHTMAN, JUN. 2.	STEPHEN WIGHTMAN, SEN. 6.
JAMES DURRANT .. .. 3.	GEORGE WIGHTMAN .. .. 7.
FRED. E. W. MEADOWS* .. 4.	ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN .. Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS and Conducted by D. G. WIGHTMAN.

\*First peal in the method. This peal which is now rung for the first time, has the 6th bar extent wrong and right without the 2nd being in 6ths place at a course-end.

#### BACUP, LANCASHIRE.

On Thursday, July 19, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,

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

ANNABLE'S THREE-PART.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

FRED. HOWORTH .. .. Treble.	JAMES B. TAYLOR .. .. 5.
JOHN A. BROWN .. .. 2.	JOSEPH SUTCLIFFE .. .. 6.
ARTHUR WHITWORTH .. 3.	WILLIAM ASHWORTH .. 7.
JAMES T. STANDRING .. 4.	JOHN SHEPHARD .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN SHEPHARD.

This is the first peal rung in Rossendale in this method by a local company.

#### RINGMER, SUSSEX.

##### THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 21, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

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

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. Treble.	HENRY JONES .. .. 5.
JOHN GOLDSMITH .. .. 2.	KEITH HART .. .. 6.
RICHARD W. HOATHER .. 3.	CHARLES PAINTER .. 7.
ROBERT J. DAWE .. .. 4.	ALFRED J. TURNER .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

This is the first peal of Stedman on the bells. Messrs. Williams and Hart hail from Brighton; Goldsmith, Turner, Dawe, and Hoather from Lewes; Painter and Jones are local men.

#### IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

##### THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 22, 1894, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Tenor 10½ cwt.

JAMES HOUGHTON, SEN. .. Treble.	FRED. GILBERT .. .. 5.
ISAAC HILLS .. .. 2.	WILLIAM E. PARKER .. 6.
CHARLES CHASTY .. .. 3.	CHARLES W. CLARKE .. 7.
GEORGE BURTON .. .. 4.	JAMES HOUGHTON, JUN. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by C. W. CLARKE.

This is the first peal in the method on the bells. Also first in the method by Burton, Chasty, and Houghton, sen. and jun. Hills, Clarke, and Chasty hail from Bedford; Burton from Rushden; Gilbert from Raunds; Parker from Higham Ferrers; Houghton, sen. and jun. from Irthlingborough. This peal contains the 4th and 6th fourteen times in 6ths place, and 5th sixteen times in 6ths at the course-ends, the 2nd and 3rd never there.

PEAL CORRECTION.—Charles Giles rang the 4th bell at Chipping Norton, on July 16th, not F. W. Hopgood, as reported.

### Date Touches.

#### THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HULL (Yorkshire).—On Saturday, July 21st, for the induction of the new vicar of Holy Trinity, the Rev. J. W. Mills, M.A., a date touch of Grandsire Triples in 1 hr. G. T. Marshall, 1; W. Verity, 2; G. T. Miller, 3; F. Merrison, 4; T. Stockdale, 5; C. Jackson (composer and conductor), 6; J. Dixey, 7; J. W. Dale, 8. This touch is in three parts, and contains the twenty-four 6-7s.

### Miscellaneous.

#### THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

EAST RETFORD (Notts).—On Sunday, July 15th, being St. Swithun's day, the local ringers rung a well-struck quarter-peal (1260 changes) of Grandsire Caters in 47 mins. T. Spurr, 1; G. Swannack, 2; H. Haigh, 3; J. T. Bottomley, 4; G. E. Sharpe, 5; J. Swannack, 6; W. Skelton, 7; H. Warburton, 8; J. B. Joyes (conductor), 9; W. Metcalfe, 10. Composed by Cornelius Charge, London.

#### GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BARNWOOD (Gloucestershire).—On Tuesday, May 1st, at the church of St. Lawrence, by the local band and a few friends, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles) in 26 mins. A. Howley, H. Karn, G. Miles, A. A. Waite, H. Mitchell (conductor), R. A. Barrett. On Sunday morning, May 20th, for Divine Service, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles) in 26 mins. A. Rheam, A. E. Peglar, G. Miles, R. A. Barrett, H. Mitchell, W. T. Peglar (conductor). On Thursday, May 24th, in honour of Her Majesty's birthday, an attempt was made to ring a date touch, but it came to grief after ringing 454 of Plain Bob Minor, 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor and 600 of Grandsire Minor. A. Rheam, W. T. Peglar, A. A. Waite, G. Miles, H. Mitchell, R. A. Barrett (conductor). On Sunday evening, May 27th, for Divine Service, a 720 of Grandsire Minor (thirty-eight bobs and twenty-two singles) in 26 mins. A. Rheam, A. A. Waite, G. Miles, H. G. Gardner, H. Mitchell, R. A. Barrett (conductor). On Tuesday, June 12th, a 720 of Canterbury Pleasure Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles) in 25 mins. A. Rheam, A. A. Waite, H. Karn (first 720 in the method), W. T. Peglar, H. Mitchell (conductor), R. A. Barrett. On Tuesday, July 3rd, a 120 of Superlative Surprise Minor. A. Roberts, H. G. Gardner, A. A. Waite, H. Karn, H. Mitchell, R. A. Barrett. First 120 by all the band. On Tuesday, July 10th, a 240 of Superlative Surprise Minor. W. T. Peglar (first touch in the method), A. A. Waite, G. Miles (first touch in the method), H. Karn, H. Mitchell (conductor), R. A. Barrett. And several 6-scores of Stedman, St. Dunstan's, Grandsire, and Bob Doubles were rung at various practices.

UPTON ST. LEONARDS (Gloucestershire).—On Wednesday, May 30th, by the local band at the church of St. Leonard, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung in honour of the marriage of Miss Ethel Georgiana Ancram, daughter of Dr. W. R. Ancram, of the above parish, to Major Maurice Alexander Cameron, of the Royal Engineers.

son of the late Colonel Cameron, C.B. C. Harris, E. Middlecote, H. Mitchell, F. Brawn, W. Smith, O. Le Hane, H. G. Gardner (conductor), F. Simmons. On Thursday, June 7th, 2520 of Grandsire Triples in 1 hr. 32 mins. This was rung on the occasion of the conductor's birthday. A. E. Peglar, J. J. Morris, H. G. Gardner (conductor), H. Mitchell, H. Karn, W. T. Peglar, R. A. Barrett, and F. Simmons, all the band wishing him many returns of the day. On Saturday, June 23rd, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor (fourteen bobs and two singles) in 29 mins. C. Harris, F. Knight, H. G. Gardner, W. T. Peglar, H. Mitchell (conductor), R. A. Barrett. It was intended to attempt a peal of Grandsire Triples, but two of the band never turned up, so this was rung instead.

**HEMPSTEAD (Gloucestershire).**—On Monday, May 14th, a 720 of Canterbury Pleasure Minor (nine bobs and singles) in 25 mins. E. E. Davis, W. T. Peglar, R. A. Barrett, F. Knight (first 720 in the method), H. Mitchell, A. A. Waite (conductor). On Wednesday, June 20th, being Accession Day, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles) in 25 mins. W. Taylor, A. E. Peglar, W. T. Peglar, E. E. Davis, H. Karn, R. A. Barrett (conductor). On Monday, June 25th, on the occasion of the birth of the young Prince, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs) in 25 mins. A. E. Peglar, W. T. Peglar, H. Karn, F. Knight, H. Mitchell, R. A. Barrett (conductor). Messrs. Mitchell, Waite, and Barrett, belong to Barnwood; H. Karn to Charlton King's; F. Knight to Quedgeley; the rest are local men.

**GLOUCESTER.**—On Sunday afternoon, July 1st, at the church of St. Mary-de-Lode, after Children's Service, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs) in 26 mins. F. E. Hart, W. T. Peglar, E. B. James, W. T. Bennett, H. Mitchell (conductor), A. Roberts. This is the first time these bells have been rung for the last four years through being in such a bad state, but now they are just patched up by some local carpenter and blacksmith belonging to the town, but they want to be rehung by one of our practical firms before they go well, for it is very hard work to obtain a 720 on them at present.

#### THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

**BEDFORD.**—On Tuesday, May 1st, at St. Mary's church, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs two singles). H. Shimmans, (first 720), 1; I. Hills, 2; C. Chasty, 3; H. Tysoe, 4; J. Sharman, 5; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, May 8th, 720 Oxford Bob (eighteen bobs two singles). H. Shimmans, 1; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 2; C. Chasty (first 720 in the method), 3; I. Hills, 4; S. J. Cullip, 5; H. Tysoe (first 720 in the method), 6. On Tuesday, May 15th, 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-four bobs two singles). H. Shimmans, 1; C. W. Clarke, 2; C. Chasty (first 720 in the method), 3; H. Sharp (conductor), 4; H. Tysoe, 5; W. Shimmans, 6. And 720 Woodbine Treble Bob (nine bobs). J. Sharman, 1; I. Hills, 2; C. Chasty (first 720 in the method), 3; W. Shimmans, 4; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 5; H. Tysoe (first 720 in the method), 6. Also 360 Double Court. H. Sharp, 1; I. Hills, 2; C. Chasty, 3; W. Shimmans, 4; S. J. Cullip, 5; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, May 22nd, 720 Oxford Treble Bob (nine bobs). S. J. Cullip, 1; C. W. Clarke, 2; C. Chasty (first 720 in the method), 3; I. Hills, 4; J. Sharman (first 720 in the method), 5; W. Shimmans (conductor), 6. Also 720 Double Court (sixteen bobs two singles). H. Cullip, 1; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 2; C. Chasty (first 720 in the method), 3; J. Sharman (first 720 in the method), 4; S. J. Cullip, 5; H. Tysoe, 6. On Tuesday, May 29th, 720 Double Court (sixteen bobs two singles). F. Hull, 1; F. Smith, 2; C. Chasty, 3; I. Hills, 4; H. Tysoe, 5; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 6. On Sunday, May 20th, at St. Paul's church, 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Spencer, 1; C. Chasty, 2; H. Tysoe, 3; J. Sharman, 4; I. Hills, 5; W. Shimmans, 6; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 7; R. Shimmans, 8. Also 224 Double Norwich, and 216 Stedman Triples. On Sunday, May 27th, 216 Stedman Triples, 224 Bob Major, 288 Kent Treble Bob Major, 336 Double Norwich Court Bob Major, and 195 Grandsire Triples, in which the following took part; C. Chasty, C. W. Clarke, S. J. Cullip, H. Shimmans, W. Shimmans, R. Shimmans, I. Hills, K. Keech, J. Sharman, F. Smith, H. Tysoe, H. Sharp, M. Warwick, and R. E., and S. Constant.

**STONY STRATFORD (Bucks).**—On Saturday, June 9th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs). C. W. Clarke, 1; W. G. Cowley, 2; G. Valetine, 3; I. Hills, 4; Rev. J. H. Travers, 5; H. Sharp (conductor), 6.

**GREAT LINFORD (Bucks).**—On Saturday, June 9th, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor (fourteen singles four bobs). H. Sharp (conductor), 1; W. G. Cowley, 2; G. Valetine, 3; I. Hills, 4; Rev. J. H. Travers, 5; C. W. Clarke, 6. This is supposed to be the first 720 of Minor on the bells.

**KEMPSTON (Beds.).**—On Saturday, June 23rd, 720 Kent Treble Bob (nine bobs). C. Chasty, 1; W. G. Cowley, 2; C. W. Clarke, 3; G. Valetine, 4; Rev. J. H. Travers (conductor), 5; I. Hills, 6. And 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs two singles). T. Spencer, 1; C. W. Clarke,

2; W. G. Cowley, 3; H. Sharp, 4; G. Valetine, 5; Rev. J. H. Travers (conductor), 6. Also 720 Bob Minor (nine bobs six singles). W. G. Cowley, 1; I. Hills, 2; C. Chasty, 3; C. W. Clarke, 4; Rev. J. H. Travers, 5; G. Valetine (conductor), 6. And a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles. D. Thompson (first 6-score), 1; I. Hills, 2; C. Chasty (conductor), 3; H. Sharp, 4; G. Valetine, 5; R. Shimmans, 6. Also a 6-score of Bob Doubles. C. Chasty, 1; I. Hills, 2; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 3; W. C. Tysoe (Kempston, first 6-score with a bob bell), 4; H. Sharp, 5; D. Thompson, 6. Rev. J. H. Travers, W. G. Cowley, G. Valetine hail from Stony Stratford, the remainder from Bedford.

**SANDY (Beds.).**—On Thursday, June 14th, four 6-scores Bob Doubles, and two of Grandsire Doubles. On Thursday, June 21st, three 6-scores each of Grandsire and Bob Doubles by A. Baines, A. Thurley, J. Wells, C. Kempe, W. Cope, W. C. Fox, I. Hills, and C. W. Clarke. Messrs. Hills and Clarke hail from Bedford, the others belong to the local band.

#### THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

**TAUNTON (Somerset).**—On Thursday, June 28th, at St. Mary's church, 896 of Grandsire Triples, in 35 mins. S. Radford, 1; G. E. Harbour, 2; G. Yendall, 3; J. Maddock, 4; J. Burge, 5; T. W. Radford (conductor), 6; W. Thorne, 7; J. Fowler, 8. Also on Sunday, July 8th, for evening service, the first part of Holt's ten-part in 20½ mins. A. Evans, 1; J. Joyce, 2; S. Radford, 3; T. Doble, 4; G. E. Harbour, 5; J. Burge, 6; T. W. Radford (conductor), 7; J. Fowler, 8. And on Tuesday, July 17th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins. A. Evans, 1; G. E. Harbour, 2; S. Radford, 3; T. Doble, 4; J. Burge, 5; T. W. Radford (conductor), 6; J. Maddock, 7; W. Vickery, 8. First quarter-peal by A. Evans and W. Vickery, also first quarter-peal with a bob bell by S. Radford. Rung in honour of the marriage of Miss Farrant, also the birthday of W. Vickery, and the annual festival of the Bath and Wells Lay-helpers Association.

**KINGSTON (Somerset).**—On Saturday, July 7th, a district meeting of the Taunton branch of this Association was held at Kingston, when various towers were well represented, and a 720 of Grandsire Minor was rung, it being the first on the bells. F. Pearce, 1; T. Millard, 2; S. Radford, 3; J. Maddock (conductor), 4; G. Yendall, 5; W. Thorne, 6.

#### THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

**BAGSHOT (Surrey).**—On Monday, June 11th, 720 Grandsire Minor. On Thursday, June 14th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor. And on Sunday morning, June 23rd, for service, 360 Oxford Treble Bob Minor and a 6-score of Plain Bob. In the evening, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. On Monday, July 9th, 720 Violet Treble Bob Minor. On Sunday morning, July 22nd, touches of Oxford Treble Bob, and Plain Bob. And in the evening, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. All the above were rung by J. Corbett, T. Gould, E. Collins, F. Francis, H. Stapleton, and E. Spooner. Tenor 21 cwt.

**BENTLEY (Surrey).**—On Monday afternoon, July 16th, on the occasion of the annual festival at Farnham, the Bagshot ringers went to Bentley, and rang 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. J. Corbett, 1; T. Gould, 2; E. Collins, 3; F. Francis, 4; H. Stapleton, 5; E. Spooner (conductor), 6.

**FARNHAM (Surrey).**—On Monday evening, July 16th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, and 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor on the back six. J. Corbett, 1; T. Gould, 2; E. Collins, 3; F. Francis, 4; H. Stapleton, 5; C. Spooner (conductor), 6. The ringers wish to thank the vicar of Bentley for the use of the bells, and for the nice tea he provided for them at the vicarage.

**CHIDDINGFOLD (Surrey).**—On Saturday, June 9th, at the parish church for practice, 252 and 924 of Bob Triples. E. Burdock, 1; A. Ashdown, 2; F. Bennett (conductor), 3; J. Russell, 4; A. Bartlett, 5; T. Burdock, 6; F. Attwell, 7; G. Bartlett, 8. On Saturday, June 16th, 826 Grandsire Triples. G. Bartlett, 1; A. Ashdown, 2; F. Bennett (conductor), 3; E. Burdock (first with a bob bell), 4; A. Bartlett, 5; T. Burdock, 6; F. Attwell, 7; W. Mitchell, 8. Also 504 Bob Triples. On Saturday, June 30th, a quarter-peal of Bob Triples in 45 mins., standing as before. These are the first touches of Bob Triples on the bells, and by all except the conductor. On Sunday, July 8th, on the occasion of the Friendly Societies' Church Parade, a quarter-peal of Bob Triples. G. Bartlett, 1; A. Ashdown, 2; J. Russell, 3; E. Burdock, 4; T. Bennett (conductor), 5; T. Burdock, 6; F. Attwell, 7; W. Mitchell, 8. And for evening service, 630 Grandsire Triples. G. Bartlett, 1; T. Mack, 2; A. Ashdown, 3; J. Russell, 4; F. Bennett (conductor), 5; T. Burdock, 6; F. Attwell, 7; W. Mitchell, 8. T. Mack hails from Haslemere.

**GUILDFORD (Surrey).**—On Friday, July 6th, at the church of St. Nicholas, 504 Grandsire Triples. W. Freakes, 1; A. Brown, 2; W.

Page, 3; J. Heathorn, 4; F. Baker, 5; J. J. Jones, 6; F. Bennett (conductor), 7; E. Heather, 8. On Thursday, July 19th, 504 in the same method. A. Adsett, 1; A. Brown, 2; W. Freakes (first 504 with a bob bell), 3; J. J. Jones, 4; F. Baker, 5; C. Eades, 6; F. Bennett, 7; C. Heather, 8. Also 324 Grandsire Caters. W. Freakes, 1; A. Brown, 2; W. Page, 3; C. W. Miller, 4; J. Heathorn, 5; J. J. Jones, 6; F. Baker, 7; C. Eades, 8; F. Bennett (conductor), 9; A. Adsett, 10. On Sunday, July 22nd, for Divine Service, 504 Grandsire Triples. A. Adsett, 1; A. Brown, 2; W. Page, 3; J. Heathorn, 4; J. J. Jones, 5; C. Eades, 6; F. Bennett (conductor), 7; E. Heather, 8.

RYDE (Isle of Wight).—On Sunday, July 8th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Cantlow, 1; P. Long, 2; H. Coombes, 3; J. G. Norris, 4; S. Cantlow, 5; H. Jennings (conductor), 6; A. R. Ward, 7; A. Ward, 8. On Sunday, July 22nd, 546 in the same method. J. Cantlow, 1; P. Long, 2; H. Coombes, 3; J. G. Norris, 4; H. Jennings (conductor), 5; W. Jennings, 6; A. R. Ward, 7; A. Ward, 8.

#### LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—ROSSENDALE BRANCH.

BACUP (Lancashire).—On Sunday, June 3rd, a 720 Violet Treble Bob. L. Holt, 1; J. Smith, 2; G. Shottin, 3; J. H. Smith, 4; J. S. Lomas, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. And in the evening a 720 Primrose Treble Bob in 24 mins. L. Holt, 1; Z. Lord, 2; G. Shottin, 3; J. H. Smith, 4; J. S. Lomas, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. On Sunday, June 10th, 720 Primrose Treble Bob in 25 mins. Z. Lord, 1; J. Smith, 2; G. Shottin, 3; E. J. Cockcroft, 4; J. S. Lomas, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. And in the evening, a 720 Kent Treble Bob in 27 mins. standing as before. On Monday, June 11th, 2160 changes, being 720 each of the following: Tulip, Primrose and Duke of York. Z. Lord, 1; E. J. Cockcroft, 2; G. Shottin, 3; J. H. Smith, 4; J. S. Lomas, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. On Sunday morning, June 17th, for Anniversary Service, a 720 Oxford Treble Bob. L. Holt, 1; J. Smith, 2; G. Shottin, 3; John H. Smith, 4; E. J. Cockcroft, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. And after service, a 720 Woodbine. L. Holt, 1; J. Smith, 2; A. A. Downing, 3; John H. Smith, 4; E. J. Cockcroft, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. And same afternoon before service, a 720 Duke of York. W. Ormerod, 1; J. Smith, 2; G. Shottin, 3; J. S. Lomas, 4; E. J. Cockcroft, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. And after service, a 720 Kent Treble Bob. L. Holt, 1; J. Smith, 2; G. Shottin, 3; John H. Smith, 4; E. J. Cockcroft, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. And same evening for service, 720 Violet Treble Bob. L. Holt, 1; J. Smith, 2; Z. Lord, 3; John H. Smith, 4; W. Smith, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. On Sunday, June 24th, a 720 Primrose Treble Bob. J. H. Barnes, 1; J. Smith, 2; G. Shottin, 3; John H. Smith, 4; J. S. Lomas, 5; E. J. Cockcroft (conductor), 6.

NEWCHURCH (Lancashire).—On Sunday, June 24th, at the parish church, a 720 Woodbine (first on the bells). E. J. Cockcroft, 1; J. Smith, 2; G. Shottin, 3; John H. Smith, 4; J. S. Lomas, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. On Monday, June 25th, a 720 of Tulip Treble Bob. Z. Lord, 1; J. Smith, 2; G. Shottin, 3; John H. Smith, 4; J. S. Lomas, 5; E. J. Cockcroft (conductor), 6. On Sunday, July 1st, a 720 Oxford Treble Bob. L. Holt, 1; J. Smith, 2; G. Shottin, 3; John H. Smith, 4; J. S. Lomas, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. And in the evening a 720 Duke of York. Z. Lord, 1; G. Shottin, 2; E. J. Cockcroft, 3; John H. Smith, 4; J. S. Lomas, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. On Saturday, July 6th, a 720 Violet Treble Bob. L. Holt, 1; J. Smith, 2; G. Shottin, 3; E. J. Cockcroft, 4; J. S. Lomas, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. On Wednesday, July 10th, a 720 of Primrose Treble Bob. L. Holt, 1; J. Smith, 2; S. Shottin, 3; John H. Smith, 4; E. J. Cockcroft, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. On Monday, a 720 of Tulip Treble Bob. L. Holt, 1; J. Smith, 2; G. Shottin, 3; John H. Smith, 4; E. J. Cockcroft, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6.

#### THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

BLECHINGLEY (Surrey).—On Monday, July 16th, in honour of a wedding, several touches of Grandsire and Oxford Bob Triples, and a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. T. Boniface, 1; F. Smith, 2; C. Maynard, 3; J. Bashford, 4; J. Bashford, jun., 5; J. Tidy, 6; W. Hawkins (conductor), 7; G. Brown, 8.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

TOWN MALLING (Kent).—On Sunday afternoon, July 21st, the Archbishop of Canterbury preached at a special service of Thanksgiving, on the conclusion of an eight weeks' itinerant mission held in the deanery. After service, a 720 Bob Minor was rung. J. Capon, 1; Rev. A. L. Brine, 2; W. Harden, 3; D. Hall, 4; E. Bonner, 5; J. W. Leonard (conductor), 6.

#### THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

BOSSURY (Herefordshire).—On Sunday, July 15th, 720 Grandsire

Doubles in 30 mins. R. Badham (first 720), 1; S. Turner, 2; F. J. Johnson (first as conductor), 3; F. Turner, 4; F. Somers, 5; F. Phillips and W. Jones, 6. Considering the state of the bells, which are very bad, this touch was struck very well.

#### THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BATTLE.—On Tuesday, July 17th, for practice at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. F. Mathis, 1; C. J. Hyland, 2; S. Saker (first quarter-peal), 3; J. Curtis (first with a bob bell), 4; W. Thomas, 5; J. Mathis, 6; W. Franks (conductor), 7; T. Hutchings, 8.

#### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BUXTON.—On Thursday, June 7th, at the church of St. Andrew, a 6-score each of Plain Bob, Grandsire, Stedman, Canterbury Pleasure, St. Simon's, and Christmas Eve. J. A. Trollop (conductor), 1; J. E. Burton, 2; G. P. Burton, 3; A. W. Brighton, 4; C. E. Borrett, 5. This is believed to be the first time the three last methods have been rung on the bells. The ringers previously visited the church of St. Botolph, Hevingham, but owing to the bad state of the bells, which have not been rung for over two years, nothing more than a 6-score of Plain Bob could be done. All the above belong to Norwich. On Wednesday, July 4th, on handbells, at 52, St. George's Middle Street, 1008 of Canterbury Triples, with all the 5-6-7's. A. W. Brighton, 1-2; J. E. Burton, 3-4; G. B. Burton, 5-6; J. A. Trollop (conductor), 7-8. It was intended to have started for a peal, but an umpire not being available, the attempt had to be abandoned.

NORWICH.—On Friday, July 20th, at the Weighbridge House, Cattle Market, on handbells, a quarter-peal of Canterbury Triples, 1260 changes. C. E. Borrett, 1-2; J. E. Burton, 3-4; G. P. Burton, 5-6; J. A. Trollop (conductor), 7-8. This was rung in the morning before breakfast, and in the evening of the same day, the same band attempted a 5040, but owing to a change-course the conductor stopped the bells after nearly 2000 changes of good ringing.

#### YORKSHIRE AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.

TRETON (Yorks).—On Saturday, June 2nd, at the parish church, a 720 London Scholars' Pleasure and 720 College Exercise. On Sunday, June 3rd, for morning service, 720 College Exercise. And in the evening, 120 Cambridge Surprise and 360 Violet. On Sunday, June 10th, for morning service, 240 Cambridge Surprise. And in the evening, 360 Cambridge Surprise. On Sunday, June 17th, for morning service, 360 City Delight. And in the evening, 240 College Pleasure. On Sunday, June 24th, for morning service, 720 Killamarsh Treble Bob. And in the evening, 720 Arnold's Victory. On Saturday, June 30th, 240 each of College Pleasure, City Delight, and Arnold's Victory. And on Sunday, July 1st, for morning service, 720 City Delight. And in the evening, 720 Arnold's Victory.

WENTWORTH (Derbyshire).—On Saturday, July 7th, at the parish church, a 720 College Exercise, and 720 London Scholars' Pleasure. On Sunday, July 14th, for morning service, 720 Killamarsh Treble Bob. And in the evening, 360 of Arnold's Victory. A. Wooffenden, 1; J. H. Brothwell, 2; S. Walker, 3; W. Lambert, 4; W. J. Nicholson, 5; T. Whitworth (conductor), 6. On Sunday, July 21st, for morning service, a 360 City Delight. And in the evening, a 720 City Delight. T. Whitworth, 4; W. Lambert (first 720 in the method as conductor), 6. And 120 Plain Bob. J. Tinkler (first 720 in any method), 1; A. Wooffenden, 5.

#### THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

LLANDAFF (South Wales).—On Monday, July 16th, at the Cathedral, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 47 mins. Composed by the Editor of "BELL NEWS." J. Vinnicombe, 1; W. Smyth, 2; W. B. Biss, 3; C. Lloyd (conductor), 4; J. Harris, 5; H. Snell (first quarter-peal), 6; W. Coombes, 7; R. Brothwell, 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to J. Vinnicombe, his brother ringers wishing him many happy returns. And a 252 of Bob Triples. J. Harris, 1; W. Smyth, 2; W. B. Biss, 3; C. Lloyd, 4; J. Vinnicombe, 5; C. Smith (conductor), 6; W. Coombes, 7; R. Brothwell, 8. And 168 Grandsire Triples. J. Vinnicombe, 1; C. Lloyd, 2; W. Smyth, 3; W. B. Biss, 4; J. Harris, 5; C. Smith, 6; W. Coombes (conductor), 7; R. Brothwell, 8.

PENARTH (South Wales).—On Sunday, July 22nd, for Divine Service at the parish church, a 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. J. Thomas, 1; W. Biss, 2; C. Lloyd (first 720 in the method), 3; F. Bartlett, 4; T. Northey, 5; C. Smith (conductor), 6. And a plain course of Oxford with J. Vinnicombe, 1; D. Thomas, 5; the rest as before. And a 720 of Plain Bob Minor. C. Smith, 1; W. Biss, 2; J. Vinnicombe, 3; F. Bartlett, 4; F. Northey, 5; D. Thomas (conductor), 6.

**ARMITAGE BRIDGE** (near Huddersfield, Yorks).—On Sunday, July 15th, at the parish church, for Divine Service, a 360 Oxford Treble Bob Minor, and 360 of Violet. And for afternoon service, 120 Violet, and 720 of Oxford. E. Dawson (Meltham), 1; B. Woodhead (Meltham), 2; H. Robinson (Mirfield, conductor), 3; T. Stead (Huddersfield), 4; J. Littlewood (Armitage Bridge), 5; J. Peacock (Mirfield), 6; the last of whom is 77 years of age.

**BEDDINGTON** (Surrey).—On Saturday, July 7th, at St. Mary's church, members of the St. Peter's society, Brighton, rang 448 London Surprise Major. J. Batts, 1; J. N. Frossell, 2; G. F. Attree, 3; G. A. King, 4; E. C. Merritt, 5; K. Hart, 5; H. Weston, 7; G. Williams (conductor), 8. This is the first touch of London Surprise on the bells. Tenor 21 cwt.

**CHICHESTER**.—On Tuesday, July 17th, for practice at the parish church, a 1008 Grandsire Triples in 38 mins. D. H. Falconer, 1; G. T. Farley, 2; G. Attfield, 3; F. B. Tompkins, 4; D. Facolner, 5; J. H. Blake, 6; R. Walters (conductor), 7; C. Cbeeseman, 8. And 504 in the same method. D. H. Falconer, 1; G. T. Farley, 2; F. B. Tompkins, 3; T. A. Butland, 4; P. Tyler, 5; J. H. Blake (conductor), 6; R. Walters, 7; W. Spurlock, 8. P. Tyler hails from Crawley.

**CHILTON** (Berks).—On Sunday, July 15th, at the parish church, a 840 of Grandsire Minor, with the bells half-muffled, as a mark of respect to the memory of E. Morland, Esq., West Ilsley, and brother of the rector. J. Green, J. Spiers, A. Woodley, W. G. Green, H. Blissett, and E. Blissett.

**HORBURY** (Yorks).—At the parish church, on Sunday, June 10th, 720 of Worcester Surprise. A. Yelland, 1; E. Brooke, 2; G. Hunt, 3; H. Rowley (conductor), 4; G. F. Pickles, 5; R. Thickett, 6. On Sunday, June 17th, 720 of Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and three singles), composed by W. Norris of Farleton Lane. A. Yelland, 1; W. H. Giggie, 2; E. Brooke, 3; G. Hunt, 4; H. Rowley (conductor), 5; G. F. Pickles, 6. And on Sunday, June 24th, 720 of Oxford Treble Bob. A. Yelland, 1; E. Brooke, 2; G. Hunt, 3; H. Rowley (conductor), 4; G. F. Pickles, 5; R. Thickett, 6. And on Sunday, July 8th, 720 Wells Surprise, standing as above. On Sunday, July 15th, 720 of York Surprise, standing as above. *Handbell Ringing*.—On Sunday, June 17th, 360 of Bob Minor. G. Hunt, 1; W. H. Giggie, 2; E. Brooke, 3; G. F. Pickles, 4; H. Rowley (conductor), 5-6. On Tuesday, July 10th, 360 of Bob Minor. J. Woffenden, 1; C. W. Carr, 2; W. H. Giggie, 3; G. Hunt, 4; H. Rowley (conductor), 5-6. On Monday, July 16th, 360 of Bob Minor. J. Woffenden, 1; C. W. Carr, 2; W. H. Giggie, 3; G. F. Pickles, 4; H. Rowley (conductor), 5; G. Hunt, 6. And on Saturday, July 21st, 720 of Bob Minor. J. Woffenden (first 720), 1; E. Brooke, 2; W. H. Giggie, 3; G. Hunt, 4; H. Rowley (conductor), 5-6.

**HAVERSTOCK HILL** (Middlesex).—On Sunday evening June 24th, for Divine Service, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor in 24 mins. J. Cawley, 1; J. Nixon, 2; T. Titchener (conductor), 3; R. Bevan, 4; N. Alderman, 5; G. Smith, 6. On Sunday evening, July 22nd, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor in 25 mins. J. Meadows, 1; J. Crawley, 2; T. Titchener (conductor), 3; J. Nixon, 4; N. Alderman, 5; R. Bevan, 6. Tenor 12½ cwt.

**HITCHAM** (Suffolk).—On Sunday afternoon, July 22nd, 720 of Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). T. Levitt, 1; A. Symonds, 2; R. Grimwade (first 720), 3; H. Sewell, 4; A. Long, 5; J. Taylor (conductor), 6. This was arranged to celebrate the wedding-day of Mr. H. Sewell, who kindly invited Messrs. A. Long, and A. Symonds to a substantial tea. These ringers wish through the medium of this paper to thank Mr. and Mrs. Sewell for their kindness.

**PRESTON** (Suffolk).—On Sunday evening, July 22nd, 720 of Bob Minor (nine bobs and six singles). Composed by T. Millington, Clay Cross. H. Symonds, 1; W. Hollocks, 2; A. Hollocks, 3; J. Moore, 4; A. Symonds (conductor), 5; J. Levitt, 6. This was rung to celebrate the birthday of W. Hollocks, which was on Saturday, July 21st, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

**LEATHERHEAD** (Surrey).—On Tuesday, July 17th, the day of the funeral of Mr. Stephen Brooker, with the bells muffled, the usual whole pull and stand was rung. Also 378 Grandsire Triples. F. Kemp, 1; W. R. Crockford, 2; T. Gaiger, 3; H. Newnham, jun., 4; F. Wickens, 5; H. Boxall, 6; T. Miles (conductor), 7; F. Hudson, 8. And a touch of Grandsire Caters. W. Messom, 1; G. Sayers, 2; H. Wood, 3; T. Gaiger, 4; H. Newnham, jun., 5; H. Newnham, sen., 6; W. Marks (conductor), 7; H. Boxall, 8; T. Miles, 9; D. Anscombe, 10. Also a course of Stedman Triples. G. Sayers, 1; J. Wyatt, 2; T. Gaiger, 3; H. Newnham, jun., 4; H. Boxall, 5; W. Marks, 6; T. Miles, 7; F. Hudson, 8. And 593 Grandsire Caters. A. Bassett, 1; G. Sayers, 2; H. Wood, 3; J. Wyatt, 4; H. Newnham, jun., 5; H. Newnham, sen., 6; W. Marks (conductor), 7; H. Boxall, 8; T. Miles, 9; F. Hudson, 10. And 336 Grandsire Triples. D. Anscombe, 1; W. E. Otway, 2; H. Newnham, jun. (conductor), 3; W. R. Crockford, 4; J. Wyatt, 5; H. Boxall, 6. A. Bassett, 7; J. Lisney, 8.

**MOSSLEY** (Lancashire).—On Tuesday, June 17th, at St. George's church, a 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor in 26½ mins. R. Taylor, 1; S. H. Cooper, 2; J. Holden (conductor), 3; F. Rhodes, 4; A. W. Holden, 5; T. B. Dicken, 6.

**SADDLEWORTH** (Yorks).—On Sunday, July 15th, at St. Chad's church three courses of Kent Treble Bob Major. J. Thorpe, 1; J. Holden, 2; J. Wood, 3; J. Pilling (conductor), 4; J. A. Lawton, 5; J. H. Shaw, 6; A. W. Holden, 7; E. Wood, 8.

## Correspondence.

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

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

### THE FIRST PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES ON HANDBELLS.

SIR,—Mr. Cooter has made so many statements concerning the first peal of Stedman Triples, that it is time he collected his memory and remembered the version that he gave to some of the London contingents when he commenced his charge against the peal some eight years ago. I understand from good authority that three members of the Central Council, who are on the committee respecting handbell peals, waited on the Royal Cumberland Society on Friday evening last, respecting the first peal of Stedman Triples in hand, and members of that Society are unanimous in opinion that the peal was a true one, and that they place no confidence in the statements of Mr. Cooter or his assistants. I have a copy of the second peal which was rung at Bethnal Green, on January 21st, 1854; perhaps Mr. Cooter will tell the ringing Exercise why such a poor footnote appears at the bottom of it, also why the umpires' names were not mentioned (if there were any). The footnote reads thus in the peal-book of the Ancient Society of College Youths: "The above peal reflects great credit on the parties, as the bells are retained in hand during the performance and each person has to attend to the work of two bells instead of one in the steeple." Now, Mr. Editor, most of the London ringers know of the bitter relationship that existed for years between Messrs. Cox and Haley, and had there been the slightest foundation for condemning Mr. Cox's peal, I am sure the late Mr. Haley would have left no stone unturned to do so, and also to have the above footnote in the College Youths' peal-book amended.

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T. POWELL,

SIR,—On Saturday, February 7th, 1885, I, with many other brother-ringers, attended the funeral at Nunhead Cemetery of my old friend the late John Cox, amongst them was the late Mr. H. W. Haley, with whom I had a long conversation upon the subject of our meeting. He seemed very much impressed with the great respect shown to his old chum, and eventually accepted an invitation to ring in the funeral peal on the bells of St. Bride's, Fleet street, where Mr. Cox had been steeple-keeper for many years. On our way there, Mr. Haley told me he had the pleasure of ringing the first peal of Stedman Triples in hand with Mr. Cox, and was proud of the performance. Now, Sir, knowing Mr. Haley for some years, I am sure had the peal been wrong, he would never have made that statement to me, quite the reverse. This, coupled with the fact of not hearing the peal was false till 1888, I conclude with my brother-ringers that the peal was true, and its record will remain on the books of our society.

WM. BARON,

Member of the Royal Cumberland Youths.

SIR,—I wish to say in reply to letters published in issues of "THE BELL NEWS," that I have rung with all named for a number of years prior to their decease, and have never heard mention of the peal being false, and am surprised that the question should be raised when three of the band cannot speak.

JOHN NELMS.

[This correspondence shows a tendency to widen. Several other letters have been received, affecting both sides of the question, but we think the discussion had better be kept wholly among London ringers.—ED.]

**KILLED BY LIGHTNING**.—A cablegram has just been received in Loughborough stating that John Bardsley, son of Mr. John Bardsley, late of Stanford road, Loughborough, and brother-in-law of Mr. John Taylor, bellfounder, has been struck dead by lightning in Canada. Mr. Bardsley was a young man in the prime of life, and intended to settle down as an agriculturist in Canada. He was apprenticed in a Nottingham bank, and his youthful career gave great promise of success in after life. The intelligence of his sudden demise will be received in Loughborough with genuine regret by all his former friends and associates.



## Notices.

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

**St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.**—The Annual Picnic will be held at Solihull (G.W.R.) seven miles) this (Saturday) afternoon, the 28th inst. Dinner will be served at The George hotel at 3.30 o'clock sharp.

W. H. GODDEN, *Hon. Sec.*  
61, Roland Road, Handsworth.

**Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.**—A quarterly general meeting will be held at Highbridge, to-day, Saturday, July 28th. Dinner and business meeting at 12.30, to be followed by a short service in the church. Towers open, Highbridge 5 bells, Burnham 6 bells, Huntspill 6 bells, Wedmore 8 bells.

HY. W. TOMKINS, *Hon. Sec. and Treasurer*,  
The Cottage, Old Cleeve, Washford.

**The St. John-at-Hackney Society.**—Middlesex.—The members of this society will hold a meat tea at The Plume of Feathers inn, Loughton, Essex, to-day, Saturday, the 28th inst., at 6 p.m. Cost of tea 2/- per head.

W. D. SMITH.

70, Median Road, Lower Clapton, N.E.

P.S.—The tower bells will be open from 2 p.m.

**The Chester Diocesan Guild.**—Wirral Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held in St. Peter's Mission Hall, Rock Ferry, to-day, Saturday, July 28th. Tea at 6 p.m. (free). Tower open from 3 p.m.

F. R. T. BOLTON, *Hon. Sec.*

Braeside, West Kirby.

**Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.** The monthly ringing meeting of this society will be held at Ilkley, to-day, Saturday, July 28th (8 bells). Ringing from 3 p.m. Meeting house The Rose and Crown. Excursion trains from Leeds, M.R., at 1.45 and 4.30, return at 7 and 8.34. Fare 1s. 3d. R. BINNS, *Hon. Sec.*

3, Dame Street, Hogg's Field, Holbeck.

**The Lancashire Association.**—The third quarterly meeting will be held at Newchurch, in Rossendale, to-day, Saturday, July 28th. Ringing from 2.30 p.m. Business meeting at 6 p.m.

J. REDFORD, } *Hon. Sec.*  
A. E. WREAKS, }

**South and West Middlesex Association.**—The next monthly meeting of the above Association will be held at Isleworth, to-day, Saturday, July 28th, at 6 p.m., ringers wishing to become members should make a point of being present. E. J. WALSON, *Sec. and Treasurer*.

11, Venetia Road, South Ealing.

**South and West Middlesex Association.**—The first annual general meeting of this Association for the election of officers, etc., will take place at Ealing, on Bank-Holiday, August 6th. The bells of St. Mary's and Christ Church will be open for ringing from 11 a.m. Meat tea at 4 o'clock at Church House, Warwick Road, Ealing, followed by the meeting. All members and friends cordially invited. It is also requested that all those who intend to be present inform the secretary at their earliest opportunity, also those who have given in their

names for membership and have not forwarded their subscriptions, will oblige by doing so at once. E. J. WALSON, *Sec. and Treasurer*.

11, Venetia Road, South Ealing, Middlesex.

**The St. James's Society, London.**—The Annual Meeting will take place on Monday next, 30th inst., at The Essex Head, Essex Street, Strand, when the officers for the ensuing twelve months will be elected. Ringing practice at St. Clement's, at 8 o'clock.

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

**The Lancashire Association—Liverpool Diocesan Branch.**—The usual monthly meeting will be held at St. Mary's church, Hale, on Saturday, August 4th, 1894. Tower open at 3.0. Meeting to be held in the Schoolroom.

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

9, Mill Street, Warrington.

**The Liverpool Diocesan Guild.**—The quarterly meeting of the Guild will be held at Tue Brook, on Saturday, August 4th. Bells ready 3.0 p.m. Meeting 6.0 p.m.

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

**The St. Mary's Society, Beddington.** will hold their Annual Meeting on Bank Holiday, August 6th. Any friends wishing tea will communicate with Mr. Trappitt, Church Lane, Beddington.

C. BANCE, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Stoke Archidiaconal Association.**—The next meeting of the above will be held at Hanley, on Saturday next, August 4th. Members intending to be present are requested to inform Mr. G. Mountford, 1, High Street, Hanley, not later than Wednesday, August 1st. There will not be any meeting at Uttoxeter, on Monday, August 6th, owing to the illness of Mrs. Abud, wife of the Rector.

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

**The Chester Diocesan Guild.**—The seventh Annual Festival will be held at Macclesfield, on Monday, August 6th, 1894. Service will be held in the parish church at 10.45. Preacher, the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, rector of East Marden, Chichester. After the service a meeting for the election of Officers and General Business will be held in the School Room, Duke Street, at 12.0. Dinner at 1.15 in the Town Hall.

R. GREENALL,  
*Hon. Sec. and Treasurer.*

**The Norwich Diocesan Association.**—Halesworth District.—A Quarterly Meeting will be held at Brampton, on Monday, August 6th. The bells of the parish church, also the bells of Werthall, will be placed at the disposal of the members for the afternoon and evening. Meeting at 6.0 p.m. to which all members and friends are invited.

JOHN LARTER,  
*Dis. Sec.*

A Leicester ringer visiting Blackpool during Bank Holiday week, would be pleased to meet with the ringers of that district with a view to a touch or peal; if they would kindly correspond with William Willson, 19, Church Street, Leicester.

**THE PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES COMPOSED BY MR. ASTBURY, OF FLIXTON, LANCASHIRE.**—It will be remembered that this composition was pointed out to be false by our friend Mr. J. Parker, of Farnham Royal. It is however, only fair to the composer to state, that immediately he discovered his error, he wrote to us to rectify it, but his communication came too late.

## 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.

## TWO DATE TOUCHES OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

By HENRY MOORE, *Minehead, Somerset.*

Odd changes. Odd changes.

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## A QUARTER-PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS.

By HENRY J. TUCKER, *Bishops' Stortford.*

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Round as usual.

The quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters published in last week's "BELL NEWS," under my name, is false. H. J. TUCKER,

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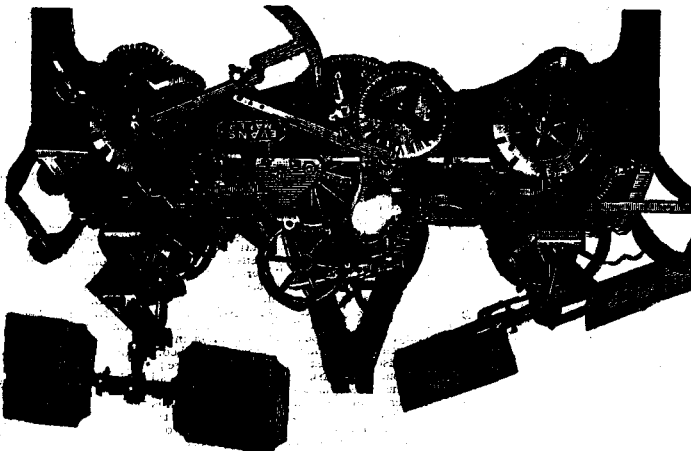
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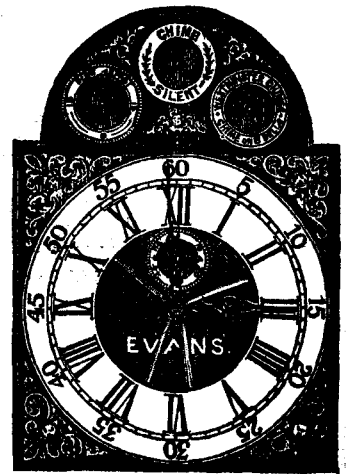
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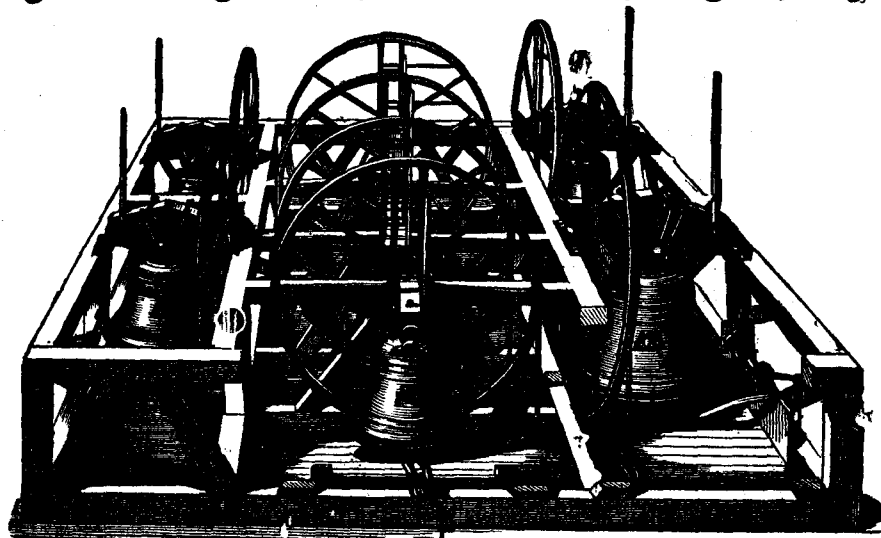
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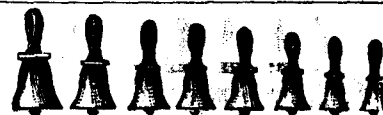
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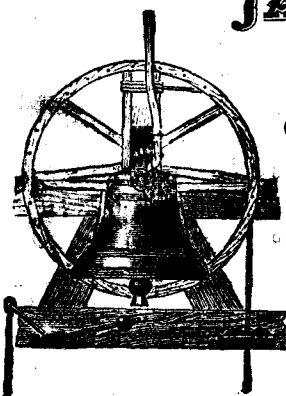
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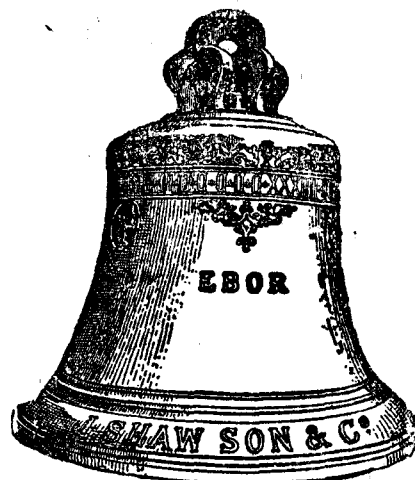
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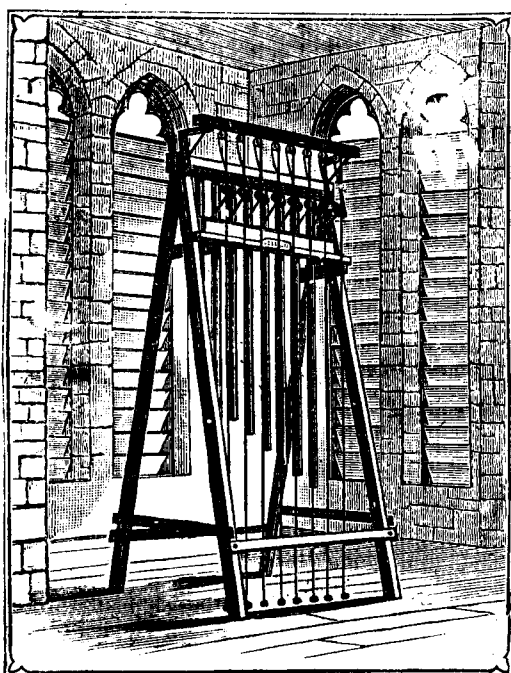
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On a previous and similar visit by this Guild some three years ago, the bells—a ring of eight by one of the Bagleys—were found sadly out of order, and, as a stimulating encouragement to others similarly situated, it may be mentioned that through the exertions of the local amateur guild of ringers, the tower has been cleared out, the restored and augmented ring replaced upon a new frame, and a splendid ringing-chamber formed. As soon as peal-ringing weather sets in again, we shall be much surprised if some good feats on these bells are not recorded in our columns.

The arrangements by the Executive were so perfect, that with about only five exceptions, the whole company, numbering about fifty, travelled by the 2.7 train from Snow Hill, and with only just time for a look round, were comfortably seated at dinner at the George hotel, punctually at the advertised time 3.30. The chair was to have been taken by the rector of Solihull, the Rev. T. B. Harvey Brooks, but owing to unforeseen circumstances he was compelled to send an apology almost at the last minute, and that position was occupied by the Rev. W. M. W. Pitchford. Letters of apology for inability to attend had also been received from A. Percival Heywood, Esq., and the churchwardens of St. Martin's and Aston.

At the clearing of the tables it was announced by Mr. Day, the presiding ringing master, that two special bands had been selected for definite touches in the tower, one for Treble Bob Royal conducted by Mr. Bastable, and the other for Stedman Caters conducted by Mr. Kent, apart from which there would be no restrictions upon the ringing until eight o'clock, when the tower would be closed. Setting the example of a brevity commendable upon such an occasion, he opened the toast list by proposing "Queen, Church, and State," with special reference to the clergy of Solihull, and the health of the chairman, incidentally referring to the fact that the tower of Solihull church was the locality at which he caught a bell-ringing fever, which had lasted over fifty years.

The rev. chairman, in responding, related his earliest and very amusing experience of ringing a bell, when he had a running accompaniment of music by twin babes, and concluded by calling upon Mr. J. S. Pritchett for the next toast. "Continued prosperity to the St. Martin's Guild, the health of its members, and a special reference to Mr. Day" was given in a particularly happy and charming manner by Mr. Pritchett. Selecting and individually addressing each member who had been recently on the invalid list, he expressed the pleasure it gave his fellow-members and himself to see them so far restored to convalescence as to be present that day, and wound up with the hope that they might soon again be in ringing order, and helping to sustain the reputation of the Guild.

Mr. Day having suitably responded, the Hon. Secretary then gave "The Art of Change-ringing and kindred ringing societies." Looking around at his veteran audience, he could not, he stated, say more in favour of the Exercise than they already knew, while, in the face of the fact that so many of his listeners belonged to kindred societies, he could hardly say anything which could more largely commend their interests to his audience. He exhorted them to a ready acknowledgment of any good feat performed by their neighbours, and a rivalry which should be most friendly in its character. With special allusion to the local amateur guild of ringers who had pushed forward and completed so grand a work in the restoration and augmentation of their bells, he asked to be allowed to couple with his toast the health of Mr. G. A. Martineau, the Hon. Secretary of the Solihull Amateur Guild. This was enthusiastically received, and Mr. Martineau having replied, was followed by Mr. S. Reeves, who gave the toast of "Success to the ringing papers: BELL NEWS and Church Bells."

With a vote of thanks to the Hon. Secretary of the St. Martin's Guild for arranging the details of the meeting, the

company then dispersed, some finding their way to the tower, some to the excellent bowling green which is so popular a feature of The George at Solihull, and others for short strolls in the lanes and fields of the lovely district.

Later in the evening after the ringing had ceased, the company again met for social enjoyment and harmony. Capital recitations were given by the veteran Mr. John Ward, and songs by Messrs. T. Verry, R. Faux, H. Bastable, T. Reynolds, W. Bryant, and T. Miller. The handbells were also brought into requisition, a capital course of Royal being rung by Messrs. Joynes, Miller, Bryant, Kent, and Bastable, and a selection of tunes by Messrs. Miller and Bryant. Seemingly all too soon arrived the time when it became necessary to hurry off and catch the homeward-bound train.

## THE WAY TO FORM A RINGERS' SOCIETY.

It may interest some of the ringers of Kent to know that a new society has recently been formed within the district of the Kent County Association, viz., at Eastwell, near Ashford.

The church at which the society meets for practice is situated within the beautiful park belonging to Lord Gerard, once the seat of the Duke of Edinburgh, where extensive alterations have lately been made. Among the workmen happened to be a Mr. Duff, a change-ringer from London. He very soon discovered there was a peal of six bells at the church, and set about to find the ringers, but there were none. At last he managed to collect ten of us together, all young fellows anxious to learn to ring, and began teaching us to raise and fall a bell and to ring rounds, which was no easy task for him. Mr. Duff kindly gave up a lot of time to us; also many evenings had to be spent in screwing and patching up the very old frame, and putting new stays to nearly all the bells. By dint of constant practice we got on, so that by New Year's Eve we were very proud to be able to ring the old year out and the new one in, although it was, as we have been told since, only Churchyard Bob.

In January of the present year Mr. Duff persuaded us to form ourselves into a society, so accordingly on January 9th, 1894, officers were elected, and rules were drawn up, and the society named "The Eastwell Park Change-Ringing Society." Previous to this it had been decided amongst us to present Mr. Duff with a small token of gratitude for his kindness to us. The presentation therefore took place on the same evening. It was in the shape of an elegant claw-shaped meerschaum pipe in case (knowing him to be very fond of smoking the fragrant weed), and an address thanking him for what he had done for us. Mr. Duff was greatly surprised, and thanked the members, wishing them every success.

It soon became evident that he had not finished with us, and that we must learn change-ringing, and he began the very difficult task of initiating us into the mysteries of Grandsire Doubles. Now the difficulty presented itself where to get some handbells to practice on. By careful investigation Mr. Duff discovered there was a peal of six owned by a publican about three miles away. These he managed to persuade the landlord to lend us. Several of these had to be re-leathered, which we did between us, and then started pegging away at the method, and it will be seen by the 720s recorded in another place, what progress we have made, ringing the first one on the tower bells the latter end of April.

The work being finished at Eastwell, Mr. Duff has had to leave us, and we wish to thank him most heartily for his kindness, and to say that should he or any other ringer be in the neighbourhood, we shall be very glad to see them, as we do not intend to be satisfied with the Grandsire method, but go in for others. I might say that the majority of us take in "THE BELL NEWS" weekly.

H. M.

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No.	Weight.	Note.
Treble. ...	5 1 22 ...	D
2. ...	6 2 15 ...	C
3. ...	8 0 25 ...	B flat
4. ...	9 2 5 ...	A
5. ...	12 3 10 ...	G
Tenor. ...	17 1 3 ...	F
59 3 24		

The diameter of the tenor is 3 ft. 9½ ins., and this bell bears the following inscription:—

"This peal of six bells is dedicated to the Glory of God, and in memory of George B. Mills, for nearly forty years resident in Alvaston. He died January 10th, 1892. Donor, William Bradshaw, A.D. 1894."

In the fitting of the bells all the latest improvements are included. The headstocks are of iron, the steel gudgeons being rivetted in, and afterwards turned up in their place in a specially constructed lathe, thus ensuring perfect accuracy. The H shaped framework is used, the castings standing on five massive rolled steel girders.

A new clock, chiming the Cambridge quarters, has been erected by Messrs. John Smith and Sons, Midland Steam Clock Works, Derby.

The makers guarantee the clock to maintain accurate time with less variation than fifteen seconds per month, so it will form an absolutely reliable standard for the residents of the joint townships of Alvaston and Boulton. It strikes the hour on the largest bell, and is fitted with all the latest improvements, having a small internal dial, by which the external hands are regulated, and a maintaining power to keep the clock going during winding. The main frame of the clock is one solid iron casting, with all the wheels, levers, and other working apparatus arranged in such a manner that they can be removed without interfering with the remainder. Steel wire ropes have been used to carry the weights, working over large grooved iron pulleys and wrought iron barrels. The dial is of white opal glass, with the figures painted black, and the rims gilded. The hands are made of copper, and counterpoised by adjustable balance weights in the tower. The pendulum is a cylindrical one of 2 cwt., fitted with screw clutch suspension, and there is an auxiliary regulator of small weights for delicate adjustments. The clock has Cambridge chimes on four bells for striking the quarters. The cost of the bells and clock is about £600.

At the ceremony there were present in the church the Bishop of Southwell, the Rev. Canon Singleton, Rural Dean; the Rev. A. C. Stukeley, Diocesan Inspector; the Rev. T. M. Hutchinson, Osmaston; the Rev. M. A. Dodds, Boulton; the Rev. J. Stanley Owen, St. Alkmund's, Derby; and the Vicar of Alvaston, the Rev. T. C. Hairs. Others present included Miss Bradshaw, Mrs. Singleton, Mrs. Rowbotham, Mr. W. Bradshaw, Dr. Ashby, Mr. J. Wagstaffe, Mr. J. H. Smith, Messrs. A. J. Croxall and C. Sherwin (churchwardens), and others, the church being filled. After a brief service of prayer by the Bishop, the clergy walked in procession, still chanting prayer, to the west end of the church, under the belfry, where the bishop repeated the usual dedicatory prayers.

The clergy then reformed in procession, and proceeded back to the chancel, and Psalm cxxii. was sung. The ringers then rang a short touch on the bells, and the choir then sang, with remarkably fine effect, Lydenham's anthem, "O, give thanks."

The Bishop of Southwell took for his text the first verse of the 122nd Psalm, "I was glad when they said unto me, we will go into the house of the Lord." His lordship said they had done what they had gathered that day to do, and had dedicated these gifts to God. The congregation would have them for their use

in the future, and he trusted they would always be used in the service of God. It was, he was sure, a very grateful thing that the memory of those who passed away from us should not be merely in the form of costly monuments or long inscriptions, but in the form of something which should be continuously in God's service. A memorial like this which had been placed in the church was surely the best monument which could be erected to the memory of those gone before. They had the bells, which they had just heard rung, and they had the other most useful help in the clock, which had been set in God's house, and which spoke of the lessons of time. "I was glad when they said unto me: We will go into the house of the Lord." Those were the words principally of the church bells. They meant that peaceful summons, "Let us go into the house of the Lord." The bells had not always meant that peaceful summons. In times past the churches were places to which people could fly for safety, and the bells set in them were for summoning friends to the rescue and defence. They had also been rung during storms, in the belief that their sound could disperse the clouds. These bells which had just been dedicated would ring the people to war—to the war that was always going on against God's church—and they would come to this place of worship to study the happy thoughts which the Gospel taught them. They had to remember all through their lives that this battle was going on, and they had to go on marching, without any shrinking from meeting the dangers which stood in the way. In that sense these bells would call them to warfare. He trusted these bells would not only ring on Sundays, but would send forth their sounds on week-days, so that those who could not come to church might hear their sound whilst working in their fields, and their toil be thus lightened as they joined in spirit with those who were in the church. He trusted all their good sympathies would be awakened by the sound of these bells, whether they spoke of joy or sorrow. They would speak to many who would not be present, whether the occasion were a happy marriage or some sad mourning, so that those who were not present might feel that they were privileged to take some part in the ceremony. He hoped that those who would hereafter ring these bells would regard their work as a sacred office, and would feel that they were officers of God's Church, entrusted with the holy duty of calling others to church. In the clock they had a most useful instrument, which spoke for itself to them. He wanted them to try, as time went on, to make themselves more continuously engaged in one series of happy work and happy service for God.

At the conclusion of the sermon an offertory was taken up for church expenses, and the choir sang the hymn commencing "In Sinai's Dreary Waste." The musical portion of the service, which included the anthem mentioned above, and Sir A. Sullivan's "Te Deum," was admirably rendered under the direction of Mr. H. J. Morris, organist and choir-master.

At the opening service, 720 Bob Minor was rung in 30 mins. A. E. Thompson, 1; W. H. Poyser, 2; J. W. Thompson, 3; J. Newbold, 4; T. Aiton, 5; J. Howe (conductor), 6. After which, several 6-scores of Grandsire and Bob Doubles, and touches of Grandsire, Plain Bob, and Treble Bob Minor were rung. On Sunday, July 29th, for each service, 360 of Grandsire Minor, and after evening service, 720 Grandsire Minor in 30 mins. by the same band.

## HANLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

On Tuesday evening, July 24th, an interesting gathering took place in the St. John's mission room, Hanley, when the rector, churchwardens and ringers of St. John's church met for the purpose of presenting Mr. T. Holdcroft (who has resigned the position of leader of the ringers) with a small present as a token of the esteem in which he is held by them, and also in recognition of the good work which he has done in the belfry. After partaking of a substantial tea the Rector (the Rev. T. Knowles) was called upon to make the presentation, which was in the form of a gold pendant in the shape of a bell, suitably engraved, and in doing so spoke of the good work Mr. Holdcroft had done. Mr. Holdcroft, in few well-chosen words, suitably acknowledged the gift. The ringers afterwards adjourned to the belfry and rang a short touch of Grandsire Triples.

## STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of this Association was held at Wolstanton on Saturday, July 14th, and was attended by over sixty members from Bucknall, Burslem, Hanley, Kidsgrove, Longton, Leek, Norton, Stoke, Tunstall, Uttoxeter, and Wolstanton. The tea and business meeting was held in the National schoolroom, and was presided over by the Rev. H. E. Butler, vicar of Wolstanton. Letters regretting inability to attend were read from the Ven. Archdeacon of Stoke, the Rev. H. Abud (Uttoxeter), and the Rev. H. E. Beech (Kingsley). The minutes of the last meeting having been read, the Rev. J. W. Alston (Hon. Secretary and Treasurer), read the statement of accounts for the year, which shewed a balance in hand of £10 14s. 3d. The annual report for the year, which was read by the lay secretary, Mr. W. Twigg, shewed that the society had made satisfactory progress, five peals having been rung during the year. The Rev. J. W. Alston and Mr. W. Twigg were re-elected Hon. Secretaries, and Mr. H. Booth, of Cheadle, was appointed instructor for that district. The members then adjourned to the vicarage lawn, where they were photographed, afterwards attending evensong, when the vicar preached an appropriate sermon from Acts ii. 22, "Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God." The preacher, after saying a few words on the privilege of being permitted to address them on that occasion, proceeded to point out what different views men took of life and their work, instead of all aiming at the life of the perfect man Christ Jesus, whose two chief characteristics were lowliness of mind and eagerness for work, two qualifications which all bell-ringers should aim at cultivating, for bell-ringing was Church work, and as such must not be regarded merely from a scientific point of view, but as work engaged in for the glory of God, for the bells which were rung week after week did with their correctly-called tongues send forth their music, warning and calling upon men to remember the great God and their duty towards him. The preacher then went on to point out that as bell-ringing was to be regarded as distinctly Church work, the bell-ringer's life should be consistent with his profession, and that as they were men to whom was entrusted the high privilege of summoning the congregation Sunday after Sunday to God's House, it was very important that they should not neglect the duty of coming to church themselves. He concluded by saying it was impossible to over-rate the valuable assistance which the clergy obtained from the bellringers in their respective parishes, and therefore he exhorted them to do all in their power to make their work as efficient as possible, by being regular and punctual to their duties, and reverent in their behaviour both in and out of the belfry.

Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Treble Bob Major were then rung, and a hearty vote of thanks was passed to the vicar for his excellent sermon, and for the use of the schoolroom.

## BUSHEY, HERTS.

Friday, July 20th, was a day long to be remembered by the members of the Bushey society. This society, which of late, under the guidance of Mr. E. E. Huntley, has made vast strides in the art of campanology, having in the last three years past rung several peals of Grandsire and Bob Triples, determined to pay a round of calls on other parishes possessing peals of bells in the neighbourhood, and visit their fellow-workers in the art. With this intent a party of twelve, accompanied by the Rector, at 9.30 a.m. started from the parish church in a carriage and pair driven by the owner, Mr. F. Spicer. The sun shone in dazzling brightness, the weather throughout the day being all that could be desired. The first halt was made at Pinner, where touches of Grandsire Triples were rung. The party then proceeded to Ruislip, where they were met, in the absence of the vicar, by Mr. Woodman, who kindly conducted the party over the church, which is dedicated to St. Martin, and dates back to the twelfth century, and contains many objects of great interest. Here, a touch of Grandsire Triples was rung, after which a start was made for Uxbridge, which was reached about one o'clock. The bells at the parish church were found to be unchimbable, but at the church of St. Andrew, Hillingdon, there is a splendid peal of eight in perfect order. The vicar having joined the band, assisted in ringing a course of Grandsire Triples. At 2.30 an adjournment was made for dinner,

which had been provided in a most substantial manner by Mr. Ratcliffe, at The George hotel. All having done ample justice to the roast, etc., another 504 Grandsire Triples was rung, when the order to "put to" was given, and the road taken to Denham. The Rector, the Rev. R. A. Lathbury, here met and heartily welcomed the party. The church, dedicated to St. Mary, is of Norman construction, and one of the most ancient in the kingdom, which, as well as the parish at large, is full of interest. It contains many fine monuments and brasses, particularly of Agnes Jordon, Abbess of Zion: Sir Edward Peckham (executor of Henry the eighth), and family. Also the families of Bowyer, Hill, Lockey, and Way. The bells are a beautiful peal of eight, the tenor weighing 24 cwt., the whole a recast of five old bells taken from Hyde Abbey at the dissolution. After tea, 504 Grandsire Triples was attempted, but lost, the rector, who before had so kindly endeavoured to shew and explain every object of interest in his parish and church to his visitors, taking his turn at the tenor. At 7 o'clock the return journey was begun, Mr. Lathbury accompanying the party a portion of the way home, and before saying farewell, gave them all a very warm invitation to visit him again. Rickmansworth was reached at 8.15, Watford an hour later, and home at 9.40.. all agreeing that it was one of the happiest days they ever remembered having spent.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A Quarterly Meeting was held at Kelsale on Tuesday, July 17th, which was attended by about thirty members, mostly from the surrounding district, the towers represented being Framlingham, Halesworth, Hasketon, Hethersett, Leiston, Norwich, Otley, Saxmundham, Wenhaston, Wrentham, and Woodbridge, with the Kelsale company. The hon. members present at the lunch (which by kind permission of the rector was served in the large room at the new Church House, recently presented by him to the parish), were the Rev. G. Irving Davies (rector), who presided; Rev. Canon Raven, President of the Association; F. W. J. Rees, Esq. (Nayland); Rev. J. Holme Pilkington, secretary for the Framlingham district; Dr. G. F. W. Meadows, Rev. J. B. Clare, Mr. W. Taylor, secretary for the Leiston district; Mr. John Fosdike, secretary for the Woodbridge district; and the Rev. H. Earle Bulwer, Hon. Secretary to the Association.

The rector of Kelsale, in giving the usual toasts, expressed the pleasure with which he welcomed the society.

Dr. Raven, in replying to the toast of "The Association," thanked Mr. Davies heartily for his presence on the occasion, and for the use of the bells and room.

The Hon. Secretary, seconding these expressions of gratitude, took the opportunity of making his usual statement as to the progress of the society, which was still steadily increasing the number of its adherents, and had further distinguished itself by appearing at the head of Mr. Attree's list for the first four months of the year; the number of points accorded to the performances did not reach the figure which might have been expected from such a position, and indeed hardly exceeded the number obtained by another society for half the total number of performances. He thought their members ought to set themselves to work in earnest to correct this disparity, which was hardly creditable to so old a society, containing in its ranks skilled ringers quite equal to the achievements of other societies, if they would only take the trouble to master the higher methods.

One Life Member, eight Performing, and three Probationers were elected at this meeting.

## THE UNITED COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

The Quarterly Meeting of the above Association was held at Mottram on Saturday, July 21st, members being present from Ashton-under-Lyne, Glossop, Gorton, Hyde, Manchester, Mossley, Saddleworth, and the local company. During the afternoon touches of Kent Treble Bob Major and Bob Major were rung by mixed companies. Tea was served in the schoolroom at 4.30 p.m. After tea the business was held, presided over by the President, Mr. John Holden. Votes of thanks were passed to the vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells and schoolroom; also to the ladies for providing such an excellent tea. The next meeting will be held at the parish church, Ashton-under-Lyne, in September.

### Ringers' Outings.

**THE WALTHAM ABBEY SOCIETY.**—Considering its close proximity to London there are few towns that enjoy so much rural scenery as Waltham Abbey, and this Society therefore wisely decided that their usual outing should take the form of a ride through the country. Hunsdon, a little village near Ware, with its nice little ring of eight, was soon decided upon, and on Saturday, July 7th, a start was made from the market place, Waltham Abbey, at 12.30. A short stop was made at Hoddesdon, and Hunsdon was reached at half-past two, when the church was at once visited and a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples attempted, which unfortunately was not brought round. A few short touches, however, were rung, conducted by Messrs. Thurgood and Jelf, and at 4.30 an adjournment was made for tea at The Turkey Cock inn. Mr. T. Pallett (Master of the Society) presided, and after the tea proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar of Hunsdon for the use of the bells, and also to the steeplekeeper (Mr. Ladley) for having all in readiness for them. The vote of thanks was carried unanimously, when Mr. Alps rose and spoke of the pleasure it gave him to be among the ringers once more. He said he desired to congratulate the band who rang the peal of Grandsire on the Saturday previous, and to compliment Mr. Thurgood on the able manner in which he conducted it. The belfry was again visited in the evening and more ringing indulged in, in which Mr. Crabb, of Hunsdon, took part. Before leaving for home the handbells were brought into requisition, and performances on them were conducted by Mr. Alps. A start was made for home about 7.45, and after a delightful ride through Stanstead, Roydon, and Nazing, Waltham Abbey was reached soon after ten o'clock, the outing having been most enjoyable in every respect. The weather throughout the day was very fine with the exception of one slight shower.

**THE HEADCORN SOCIETY, KENT.**—The members of this society held their second annual outing on Wednesday, June 6th. They started from Headcorn at 1 o'clock in a covered pair-horse brake in fine weather, paying a visit to the pretty little church of St. Mary, Frittenden, where a few short touches were rung on the musical little peal of eight, tenor 14 cwt., permission to ring having kindly been granted by the Rector, the Rev. T. W. O. Hallward. Having lowered the bells in peal a move was made to Sissinghurst, and from thence to Benenden, where the Vicar, Canon Joy, stoutly denies the use of the bells, a beautiful peal of eight, tenor 20 cwt., to any outside company; though the Surprising Barnstable ringers, from Devonshire, were admitted after making two applications. From here they went to Rolvenden, and rung a few touches on this beautiful peal of eight, tenor 16 cwt. After taking tea, they proceeded to Tenterden and Biddenden, reaching their destination about 9 o'clock amidst pouring rain, which came on about 4 o'clock, all being very well satisfied with their outing. The following are the members; P. Hodgkin (captain), E. T. Moore (secretary), G. Foord, E. White, S. and E. Batt, A. Turk, W. Cooper, W. Page, H. G. Lampard, E. Ward, and W. Bottle.

**KNEBWORTH.**—**THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—On Sunday, June 10th, four of the Baldock band, and two of the Graveley band journeyed over to St. Mary's, Knebworth, to ring for afternoon service on the fine toned ring of six, tenor about 12 cwt. The ringers were met by Messrs. Chapman and Dennis of the local band, who gave them a hearty welcome, and conducted them to the church. Standing as it does, a fine view of the late Lord Lytton's house can be obtained. The Lytton chapel was first visited, the splendid sculpturing being much admired. The tower was then ascended, and three 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles were rung by way of a feeler, conducted by T. Webb. After this, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs two singles), was successfully brought round in 27 mins. After service, 720 in the same method. J. Morley, 1; J. Gray, 2; P. Stratton, 3; W. Bidnell, 4; T. Webb, 5; R. Jackson (conductor), 6. The ringers were kindly invited to tea by Mr. Chapman, and afterwards took a pleasant walk through the park, calling at the residence of Mr. Dennis. The return journey was then made, all having thoroughly enjoyed themselves, and they hope to pay

another visit at some future date. The ringers desire through the medium of this paper to thank the Rector for the use of the bells, and Messrs. Chapman and Dennis for so kindly entertaining them, and having everything in readiness.

**HANDSWORTH (Staffordshire).**—The ringers at the parish church here took their annual summer outing on the 21st ult., and the time at their disposal being only the modest Saturday half-holiday, they decided to visit the pretty village of King's Norton, in the neighbouring county of Worcester, where exists the most musical ring of eight in the neighbourhood, and a capably furnished and appointed belfry. Having previously enlisted the influence of one of the churchwardens—Mr. W. S. Pritchett—the use of the bells was cheerfully granted, and the ringers take this opportunity of thanking that gentleman, as well as the Vicar, for their kindness in this respect. On arrival at King's Norton, and after a short adjournment to The Saracen's Head for refreshments, Mr. Wm. Palmer was sought out and the keys of the tower obtained. One of the Handsworth ringers being unable to come on till later in the day, Mr. Palmer kindly took the vacant rope, and the bells were soon heard set to the tune of Grandsire Triples. After an hour and a half had been spent in the belfry, the bells were lowered in peal and The Saracen's Head again sought, where the host had provided a cup of the beverage that cheers but not inebriates, and astonishing was the celerity with which the eggs and other good things provided disappeared. Directly a somewhat heavy shower had passed over, the company accepted the guidance of the two Messrs. Palmer—father and son—who exhibited to the full all that good comradeship so general among ringers, and were soon admiring the beauties of the neighbouring scenery. Later on, when it became necessary to part with Mr. Palmer, jun., owing to the call of his business, Mr. Palmer, sen., still catered for the pleasure and comfort of his fellow-strings, rendering in a style all his own a remarkably quaint song anent the good old town of Brummagen. Songs were also given by Messrs. W. Verry, Workman, Bacon, and Vaughan, and partaking of a parting glass, the company wended their way by the shortest cut to the railway station, the veteran Palmer still accompanying and wishing them good-bye upon the platform.

**ROCHDALE (Lancashire).**—On Saturday, July 21st, the ringers of All Saints, Hamer, and some of their wives had their annual outing. Starting from Manchester at 1.25 they were met at Manchester by Mr. and Mrs. George Hoyle and Mr. and Mrs. J. Harrison, of Heywood. Leaving Manchester they journeyed on to Eccles by tram, and were met by Mr. J. T. Barrett, the local secretary of the parish church society, who very kindly showed them round the various places of interest. After ringing a touch of Bob Major and 360 College Single Minor at the parish church, they adjourned to refresh the inner man, and were directed by Mr. Barrett to a first-class restaurant, where they partook of a substantial repast. They then visited the bridges at Barton, which are the finest pieces of mechanism in the country. The visitors saw them open and close, a sight which gave them much satisfaction. Mr. Barrett then took them to St. Catherine's church, and after having a look at the inside, which amply repaid them for their trouble, they crossed the bridge again and journeyed on to Patricroft and Eccles, where they got in the train to Manchester. The visitors arrived home at Rochdale about 11.45, having been exceedingly delighted with the outing. They wish to thank Mr. Barrett for the way in which he showed them the various places of interest; and the Vicar and Wardens for the use of the bells, the "go" of which was all that could be desired.

A severe thunderstorm passed over South Somerset about four o'clock on Sunday morning last. The lightning struck the flag-staff on the tower of Norton church, a prominent landmark about six miles from Yeovil. The flames quickly spread. The beams on which the bells were hung became ignited and gave way beneath their weight, and five bells crashed through the floor to the ground beneath. They were practically destroyed. The flames were spreading to the nave when the fire brigade arrived and prevented them. The tower was completely destroyed, and so intense was the heat that the walls became divided.



## Correspondence.

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

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

## THE FIRST PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES ON HANDBELLS.

SIR,—I notice in "THE BELL NEWS" of Saturday, July 21st, letters from Messrs. Cooter and Wood trying to refute the first peal of Stedman Triples on handbells, viz., by Messrs. Cox, Powell, Haley, and Brittan. Now, Sir, I wonder what authority Mr. Wood has for making such a statement, viz.: that he heard the false touch of Stedman Triples at Clerkenwell, in 1853, and that Mr. Cooter was quite right in what he has said and written about it. Now, Sir, to make such a statement as this requires proof (which up to the present is absent). First, did Mr. Wood hear and watch every change throughout the peal? Second, did Messrs. Cooter and Wood know the position of 1-2 when they say they shifted, and know what position they came from to get right? Third, when Mr. Wood left the room for a time, and was about to re-enter, did Mr. Cooter or any other person hold the door, saying, "Stop, I think there is something wrong," but when the course-end came up, did they say "O! it's all right?" Now, Mr. Editor, in your footnote to the letters on this subject, which appeared in "THE BELL NEWS," July 21st, 1888, you say, "We think that an overwhelming amount of evidence exists in favour of Mr. Cooter's assertions." Now, Sir, I think an overwhelming majority of ringers are against Mr. Cooter's assertions, as there is no proof whatever given to show that the peal was false, otherwise Mr. Cooter would not have been "pooh-poohed," as he calls it, by the great number of celebrated ringers that were present on that occasion. Also it is only reasonable to suppose that it was not likely Mr. Haley would let Cox off with the honour of conducting this first peal had he have had the slightest idea it was not genuine. In *Church Bells* for September 23rd, 1887, I find a list of peals rung by the late Mr. H. W. Haley, and peal No. 35 says, "December 10th, 1853, at The Three Kings, Clerkenwell, a peal of Stedman Triples on handbells, in 2 hrs. 40 mins., by the Royal Cumberland Youths." And in the paragraph preceding the peals I find this statement: "In Mr. Haley was found a staunch, true, and upright ringer, a man who was never known to ring a false peal, gifted with remarkable hearing powers, it having been his lot on many occasions to listen to the progress of a peal and at the same time take down the course-ends and calling; thereby knowing the composition." And now, Sir, it is of such a ringer as Mr. Haley that Messrs. Cooter and Wood are trying to make the ringing world believe that he rang a false peal with the Cumberlands, and not until a number of years afterwards, and when a member of the College Youths, did he admit it.

Brighton.

GEORGE WILLIAMS,  
Royal Cumberland Youths.

SIR,—I am afraid some of your subscribers do not read their "BELL NEWS" attentively. I distinctly challenged Mr. Powell to quote a line where I said Cox shifted his bells one six only; no notice. Mr. Powell twits me for not giving the umpires' names; as I never attempted to call a false peal none were necessary, but I may add *en passant* that among others were Messrs. Cox, Haley, Bartell, and Burton of the Royal Cumberland Society. He also asks me to remember what I said when I commenced the charge some eight years ago; reference to "THE BELL NEWS" of June 30th, this year, will show that I have publicly condemned the so-called peal from 1853 till now. Mr. Baron related an incident in connexion with Cox's funeral in 1885; as Mr. Haley had stated publicly six years earlier that the peal was untrue, no credence can be attached to his remarks, *vide* Mr. Dorrington's letter, "BELL NEWS," July 21st, 1888. In 1844 a band started at Bethnal Green for a peal of Grandsire Triples, when the only watch in the tower stopped; after ringing four hours the party came down. Result, no peal. Conductor, John Cox. In 1865 the Cumberland Society celebrated their anniversary at St. Albans, Herts.; in the morning ten members rang about 3½ hrs.; after mutual congratulations and dinner, Mr. Haley dazed the company by stating that one bell was before four times instead of three: the member who rang the said bell is now alive. Result, no peal. Conductor, John Cox. I mention these circumstances to show how unreliable Cox was, and that if he would ring false peals at one time, he would at another. Advice to correspondents, "mind your dates."

WILLIAM COOTER.

SIR,—Being in company with a few ringers the other evening, a conversation happened on the handbell peal now so much talked of. While this was going on I heard a funny story. Some years ago a peal of Treble Bob was rung in one of the London churches, Cox, who was outside, said that it was wrong just before the bells run home. To settle the matter a few from each society were called together, and

on the night of meeting one of Cox's society, as he went into the room said—"I am come to stick up for Jack Cox." He was answered by another of the party "I hope we have all come to do what's right, not to stick up for nobody." The result was that what Cox said about the peal was disbelieved in, and it was owned to be all correct, he owing to be mistaken. The "sticker-up" is one of the writers of the letters now going on—still sticking-up for Jack Cox.

A LONDON RINGER.

## TRUE AND FALSE AUTHORSHIP.

SIR,—I was rather surprised to see in last week's issue a peal of Grandsire Triples claimed to be the composition of Mr. S. Atkins. I fail to see why Mr. Atkins can put his claim to that composition, because it is the well-known twelve-part peal of Mr. J. Carter, with the exception of shifting the last two singles from the end of each part to the beginning. By the following you will see with that exception it is Mr. Carter's peal call for call right through.

## MR. ATKINS' PEAL.

2 3 4 5 6 7

6 3 4 2 5 7 s s  
4 3 5 6 7 2 - -  
5 3 7 4 2 6 - -  
7 3 2 5 6 4 - -  
2 3 6 7 5 4 s -  
6 3 5 2 4 7 - -  
5 3 4 6 7 2 - -  
4 3 7 5 2 6 - -  
7 3 2 4 6 5 - -  
6 3 2 7 4 5 s s

## MR. J. CARTER'S PEAL.

2 3 4 5 6 7

4 3 6 2 7 5 - -  
6 3 7 4 5 2 - -  
7 3 5 6 2 4 - -  
5 3 2 7 6 4 s -  
2 3 6 5 4 7 - -  
6 3 4 2 7 5 - -  
4 3 7 6 5 2 - -  
7 3 5 4 2 6 - -  
2 3 5 7 4 6 s s  
4 3 5 2 7 6 s s

I hope this will be quite sufficient to convince you that he cannot claim it as his composition.

G. WALKER.

Birmingham.

SIR,—It is said that "imitation is the sincerest flattery," and if this be true I suppose I ought to express my gratitude to Mr. H. W. Wilde, as he can hardly claim that the peal of Double Oxford Bob Major, 5184 changes, is anything else than the merest variation of a peal of Canterbury Pleasure Major of the same length, published by me in your issue of June 30th last. In either method if a bob be called with the tenors in 2-3, the course will be shortened one lead, all five of the working bells being displaced at the course-end. These latter, however, can be restored to their original position by calling bobs with the tenor at m and w. In other words bobs at m b and w in Double Oxford, and w i m in Canterbury will produce rounds in six leads. Now it is evident that if in either, the bobs at w be omitted, a three-course touch will be produced with the sixth fixed, and the fifth coming home the last course-end; which touch can be extended to nine courses, with the sixth still at home, and the fifth coming home every third course, by calling a bob on 2-3-4. Up to this point the two peals are identical, but in order to obtain the whole peal a bob must be called or omitted on 4-5-6. In my original peal I omit the m in the seventh course; in Mr. Wilde's variation he has omitted the m in the third course. The question therefore narrows down to this—does the alteration of this bob constitute the peal an original composition or no? I say no! What does Mr. Wilde say? Of the other compositions the 5000 of Grandsire Triples has already been in "Church Bells" and was claimed the next week by Mr. Carter. It is only a bob-and-single variation, and after the Rev. Davies' article in "Grandsire" could not in any way be termed an original composition. The 720 of Yorkshire Court Minor is the same as a 720 of Bob Minor published in Hubbard's "Art of Ringing," last edition, page 46, with the exception that the bob on 2-3-4 is called at the half-part end instead of at the part-end. The author of this last production, Mr. Spindlow, deserves commiseration, he is so unfortunate with his compositions, but would it not be better to exercise a trifle more care that he is not serving up old and well-known peals, the only tangible result of which is to cover himself with ridicule.

J. ARMIGER TROLLOP.

P.S.—Here is another variation of my peal of Canterbury Pleasure which I have taken the liberty of enclosing in order to save anyone the trouble of publishing it and my claiming it.

5184.

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

This twice repeated, but calling the bob at the middle, gives the first part-end.

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

SATURDAY, AUGUST 4, 1894.

THE correspondence upon the first peal of Stedman Triples rung upon handbells does not appear to get any nearer the end. A satisfactory solution of the question will, we fear, never be arrived at, at any rate one acceptable to each of the belligerents. The attitude taken up by MR. THOMAS POWELL, though much cannot be said for his controversial ingenuity, may nevertheless be well understood. He took part in the peal in question, and naturally objects to such a performance being condemned to oblivion. So far as he is concerned, the credit is equally good whether the peal was rung true or false. MR. POWELL is well known as an expert ringer of Stedman in hand. So is MR. WOOD; so is MR. COOTER. For the present these three need only be considered in the controversy. At the time the peal was rung, so we understand the last-named gentleman to say, MR. POWELL was not so far advanced in double-handed work as to be able to notice the temporary change-course of the two bells. If that statement is correct, and we believe it is acquiesced in, there is positively no real opponent of MR. COOTER as to facts. It is no argument to say MR. HALBY did this, or he did not do that, and that therefore MR. COOTER is wrong in his assertions. If HALBY thought proper to impart this information to a few, that is no reason why it should be considered

unworthy of belief. The allegation had long been known; Mr. POWELL himself had heard it years ago at Waltham Abbey.

In a letter this week, Mr. WILLIAMS, of Brighton, alludes to a former statement made by us to the effect that the evidence obtainable was in support of Mr. COOTER's assertion. He is of opinion that the evidence is altogether the other way. Those who know Mr. COOTER intimately, who have had years of intercourse with him, who are acquainted with the high character he bears for rectitude and truth in peal-ringing, believe in his honesty and integrity in this particular instance. It is a painful duty to have to say that the very eminent and distinguished ringer whose name is brought before us so prominently in connection with this peal, did not enjoy such a name for reliability in peal-ringing as his great talents entitled him to. We have only to read the instances mentioned in this week's correspondence. Not because he was not able—no man more so: but if an accident occurred while ringing, the temptation to "make a peal" was sometimes too great to be withstood. The St. Albans episode is a case in point. And who doubts that those "revolutions of the bells"—as this performance was eventually designated in print—would not have been dignified by the name of "peal" had not Mr. HALEY suddenly appeared in the churchyard and detected the omission of a bob at 5; an omission fatal to the truth of the performance.

This is the kind of evidence which is overwhelming—circumstantial, it is true—in favor of the statements made by Mr. COOTER, who cannot be blamed for bringing every point to bear in support of his assertions. That the matter has been revived is, however, a subject for regret. Those who desire to maintain the prestige of the late Mr. Cox will do well to let it drop. Though his shortcomings were obscured by his high talents, it is not pleasant to see them portrayed for the purpose of giving force to an statement. The present generation would have heard nothing of the St. Albans fiasco or the time-peal of Bethnal Green had not the correspondence been continued. Better to destroy the record of the peal and have done with it altogether, than have the mistakes and errors of such a man as JOHN COX exposed to view.

#### EMBLETON, NORTHUMBERLAND.

The bellringers of the above parish church, twelve in number, held their annual excursion on Tuesday, July 17th. They went by an early train to Durham, where a most pleasant day was spent, favoured by excellent weather.

After dinner the party took boats, and had an enjoyable row for some miles down the river. At four o'clock there was a special Choral Service in the Cathedral. The musical part was performed by a choir of upwards of 900 voices, and the beautiful singing was much enjoyed.

After tea the ringers proceeded to the belfry of St. Oswald's church, Durham, by kind permission of the Rev. Johnson-Parker, and a short touch was rung. The party left Durham at 8 p.m., arriving home at 10.30, after what was pronounced by all to be a most enjoyable and successful outing. The expenses were paid out of the ringers' fund, supplemented by subscriptions from several kind friends in the parish, including the Vicar, Churchwardens and others.

#### The Metropolis.

##### THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY,

On Thursday, July 26, 1894, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT DANES, STRAND,

##### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES.

Tenor 24 cwt.

JAMES R. HAWORTH.. ..Treble.	RICHARD FRENCH .. .. 6.
HENRY L. LANGDON.. .. 2.	EDWARD E. RICHARDS .. 7.
WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE .. 3.	JOSEPH BARRY .. .. 8.
HENRY R. NEWTON .. .. 4.	CHALLIS F. WINNEY .. 9.
ARTHUR W. BARKUS .. .. 5.	WILLIAM F. MEADS .. ..Tenor.

Composed by H. HUBBARD and Conducted by C. F. WINNEY.

This peal was rung in honour of the wedding of the Hon. F. W. Danvers Smith, M.P. for the Strand Division, with Lady Esther Gore, which happy event took place the same day at St. Clement's church.

#### The Provinces.

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

On Tuesday, July 24, 1894, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 13 cwt.

JAMES GRATRICK .. ..Treble.	JOHN A. LAWTON .. .. 5.
JOHN HOLDEN .. .. 2.	JOSEPH WOOD .. .. 6.
SAMUEL H. COOPER .. .. 3.	ARTHUR HOLDEN .. .. 7.
THOMAS B. DICKEN .. .. 4.	EDWARD WOOD .. ..Tenor.

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY and Conducted by S. H. COOPER.

J. Gratrix hails from Swinton; A. Holden from Southport; J. Holden, T. B. Dicken, and S. H. Cooper from Mossley; J. Wood, E. Wood, and J. A. Lawton belong to Saddleworth.

##### HAGLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

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

On Thursday, July 26, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

##### A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

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

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW and Conducted by R. E. GROVE.

\*First peal of Superlative; and first in the method on the bells.

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

On Friday, July 27, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

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

THURSTANS' ONE-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

CHARLES WILKINS .. ..Treble.	†ARTHUR J. NEALE .. .. 5.
WILLIAM BEDWELL .. .. 2.	†WILLIAM G. GROVE .. 6.
WILLIAM I. REEVE .. .. 3.	EDWIN BARNETT .. .. 7.
GEORGE CONYARD .. .. 4.	*ALBERT SAXBY .. ..Tenor.

\*First peal. †First peal of Stedman.

##### DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

##### THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

(THE DUFFIELD SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, July 31, 1894, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Tenor 17 cwt.

GEORGE DAWSON .. ..Treble.	REV. C. D. P. DAVIES .. 5.
JOHN HOWE .. .. 2.	BENJAMIN SUGDEN .. .. 6.
A. PERCIVAL HRYWOOD .. 3.	WILLIAM CLARKE .. .. 7.
HENRY W. WILDE .. .. 4.	WILLIAM HICKLING .. ..Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by A. PERCIVAL HRYWOOD.

CREWE, CHESHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(THE CREWE SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, July 31, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,  
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S BOB-AND-SINGLE VARIATION. Tenor 21 cwt.

WILLIAM EVETTS .. .. Treble.	GEORGE HARDING .. .. 5.
ALBERT HARDING .. .. 2.	RICHARD LANGFORD .. .. 6.
JOHN WRIGHT .. .. 3.	RICHARD T. HOLDING .. .. 7.
ARTHUR JARVIS .. .. 4.	*JOSEPH DAVIES .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by RICHARD THOMAS HOLDING.

\*First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. William Evetts, on attaining his majority, also as a birthday compliment to Mr. George Harding. This peal was attempted on the previous Saturday, on the occasion of the laying of the foundation stone of the New Hospital at Crewe, but came to grief after ringing 3400 changes in two hours. The ringers then decided to make another attempt on the following practice-night, with the result shown above.

Date Touches.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BESTHORPE (Norfolk).—On Friday, July 20th, at All Saints' church, a date touch (1894 changes) in three methods of Doubles, viz.: Grand-sire, St. Simon's and Bob Doubles. F. Kerry, 1; A. Howes, 2; J. Miles, 3; J. Howes (conductor), 4; J. Lawrence, 5. The above company hails from Attleborough.

Miscellaneous.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CHESTER-LE-STREET.—On Sunday, July 22nd, for evening service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. G. Siddle, 1; G. A. Ward, 2; W. Brown, 3; J. Huntley, 4; G. Curry, 5; W. Sheraton (conductor), 6.

MIDDLESBROUGH (Yorks).—On Sunday, July 22nd, at the parish church of St. Hilda, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. R. Fenwick, 1; A. Mellanby, 2; J. W. Passman, 3; J. H. Blakiston, 4; J. H. Jones (conductor), 5; R. Borrowes, 6.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

HUGHENDEN (Bucks).—On Friday, June 13th, an attempt was made for Thurstan's composition of Stedman Triples, but was lost after ringing 2 hrs. 46 mins. J. E. Truss, jun., 1; W. Truss, 2; W. H. Fussell, 3; H. Stratford, 4; F. Boreham, 5; R. Biggs, 6; S. Goodchild (conductor), 7; W. E. Yates, 8.

GREAT MARLOW (Bucks).—On Tuesday, July 17th, on handbells, at the residence of J. C. Truss, 518 Grandsire Triples. W. E. Yates, 1-2; W. H. Fussell, 3-4; J. C. Truss, jun., 5-6; J. C. Truss, sen., 7-8. And a course of Stedman Triples, standing as above.

WOOBURN (Bucks).—On Saturday, July 21st, being the jubilee of the Court of Foresters, it was intended to ring a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, but two of the band failing to turn up, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung in 46 mins., consisting of ten-and-a-half 6-scores, each called differently. W. E. Yates (conductor), 1; W. Wheatley, 2; J. West, 3; F. Couzens, 4; F. G. Healey, 5; G. Whiteman, 6.

BEACONSFIELD (Bucks).—On Friday, July 20th, for practice, four 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. T. Tapping, 1; A. Worley, 2; F. Price, 3; R. Buckland, 4; G. Tapping (conductor), 5; S. Wade, 6. And several more 6-scores were rung, in which W. Ball, G. Leslie, and R. Price took part. These are the first touches unassisted. Also several courses of Minor on handbells. F. Price, 1-2; G. Tapping, 3-4; R. Buckland, 5-6.

BRIZENORTON (Oxon).—On Tuesday, July 24th, 720 Grandsire Minor in 26 mins. W. Shirley (Burford), 1; H. Smith, jun. (Burford), 2; T. Bond (Burford), 3; M. Woodcock (Witney), 4; J. Monk (Witney), 5; W. Large (conductor, Burford), 6. And 720 in the same method. H. Morley (Witney), 1; H. Smith, 2; T. Bond, 3; W. Large, 4; M. Woodcock (conductor), 5; J. Monk, 6. The Brizenorton men then followed with a 6-score of Doubles. E. Fowler, 1; F. Fowler, 2; E. Fowler, 3; C. Arkell, 4; J. Sollis, 5; J. Faulkner, 6.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

STANSTED (Essex).—On Sunday, July 8th, at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, for Divine Service in the morning, 720 Worcester Surprise (nine bobs), in 25 mins. Composed by N. Spindlow, Ducklington. J. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. And for afternoon service, 300 Plain Bob Minor. J. Cavill, 1; T. Jordan, 2; I. Hammond, 3; G. Gray, 4; W. Watts (conductor), 5; J. Luckey, 6. On Thursday, July 12th, for practice, 720 Plain Bob Minor (eighteen singles three bobs), composed by H. Prior. J. Cavill, 1; T. Jordan, 2; T. J. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; J. Luckey, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. On Sunday, July 15th, for morning service, 720 Chichester 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, 720 Plain Bob Minor (twenty-two singles). Composed by the Rev. C. W. Bassano. J. Cavill, 1; T. Jordan, 2; I. Hammond, 3; G. Gray, 4; W. Watts, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. On Sunday, July 22nd, for morning service, 720 College Single. T. Jordan, 1; I. Hammond, 2; T. J. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; J. Luckey, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. Tenor 13 cwt.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

CHIDDINGSTONE (Kent).—On Saturday July 28th, at the parish church, an attempt was made for Holt's 10-part of Grandsire Triples, but it came to grief after ringing 1350 changes in 46 mins. through one of the ringers being taken ill. R. Stone, 1; A. V. Selby (longest length in the method), 2; D. Wright, 3; E. J. R. Dunk, 4; J. Heath, 5; G. Steer, 6; W. J. Collison (conductor), 7; J. Collins, 8. Longest length in the method as conductor by W. J. Collison.

DEAL (Kent).—On Sunday, July 22nd, at St. Leonard's church, for Divine Service in the evening, 720 Bob Minor (fourteen singles four bobs) in 25 mins. S. Mockett, 1; H. Denne, 2; T. W. Jarrett, 3; G. Denne (conductor), 4; C. H. Sone, 5; W. Ongley, 6. Tenor 9½ cwt. in G. T. W. Jarrett hails from Sittingbourne.

OSPRINGE (Kent).—On Thursday, July 19th, at the parish church, 504 Grandsire Triples (nine bobs). W. Willis, 1; H. Baker, 2; H. Foster, 3; C. H. Drake, 4; E. Bridges, 5; F. Hunt, 6; H. Burling (conductor), 7; S. Croucher, 8. And 210 Grandsire Triples (ten bobs). E. Bridges, 1; H. Foster, 2; W. Willis, 3; F. Hunt, 4; C. H. Drake (conductor), 5; H. Baker, 6; H. Burling, 7; S. Croucher, 8.

SWANSCOMBE (Kent).—On Sunday, July 8th, at the parish church, a 720 of Bob Minor. A. Broom, 1; G. Hayes, 2; L. Digweed, 3; F. J. Ring, 4; J. Broom, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6. On Sunday, July 15th, a 720 Cambridge Surprise. L. Digweed, 1; C. Waterman, 2; W. Baker, 3; F. J. Ring, 4; M. Digby, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6. W. Baker and C. Waterman hail from Gillingham. On Friday, July 20th, for practice, a 720 Kent Treble Bob. J. Avis, 1; L. Digweed, 2; G. Hayes (conductor), 3; M. Digby, 4; W. Martin, 5; W. Harper, 6. J. Avis hails from Gravesend. On Sunday, July 22nd, a 720 Superlative Surprise. L. Digweed, 1; G. Hayes, 2; F. J. Ring, 3; M. Digby, 4; W. Martin, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

CHRISTCHURCH (Hants).—On Saturday, July 7th, at the Priory church, 532 Grandsire Triples. A. Macey, 1; — Bond, 2; T. F. Best, 3; E. Waters, 4; S. Best, 5; G. Preston, 6; W. H. George (conductor), 7; W. Payne, 8. Tenor 30 cwt.

WINCHESTER. — On Sunday, July 8th, for morning service at the cathedral, 280 Grandsire Triples, with 6-8-10 covering. A. E. Macey, 1; C. J. North, 2; G. Smith, 3; R. Hasted, 4; W. C. Lampard, 5; W. J. Sevier, 6; J. Weaver, 7; H. Paddington, 8; W. H. George (conductor), 9; J. Harris, 10. And on Thursday, July 19th, 360 Grandsire Caters. A. E. Macey, 1; C. J. North, 2; G. Smith, 3; C. J. Chooet, 4; R. White, 5; R. Hasted, 6; W. C. Lampard, 7; J. Weaver, 8; W. H. George (conductor), 9; J. Harris, 10. Tenor 32 cwt.

ALTON (Hants).—On Monday, July 16th, at the church of St. Lawrence, 504 Grandsire Triples. E. Burdock (Chiddingfold), 1; J. Elcombe (Romsey), 2; E. Reynolds (Gosport), 3; F. Burnett (Gosport), 4; A. E. Tomlins (Gosport), 5; H. Jennings (conductor, Ryde), 6; T. Attwell (Chiddingfold), 7; ———, 8. And 252 Bob Triples. A. E. Tomlins (Gosport), 1; A. Ashdown (Chiddingfold), 2; G. Newman (Romsey), 3; A. Newman (Romsey), 4; J. Walker (Romsey), 5; H. Jennings (Ryde), 6; J. Elcombe (conductor, Romsey), 7; E. Reynolds (Gosport), 8. The above touches were rung by the members who visited Alton in the afternoon, after attending the annual festival which was held at Farnham earlier in the day.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

TURVEY (Beds).—On Saturday, June 30th, at the quarterly meeting, a 720 Bob Minor (eight bobs and six singles). G. Allen, 1; F. Keech,

2; S. J. Cullip, 3; C. W. Clarke, 4; W. Freeman, 5; G. Valetine, (conductor), 6. And 720 Kent Treble Bob (nine bobs). C. W. Clarke, 1; C. Chasty, 2; G. Valetine, 3; J. Sharman, 4; I. Hills, 5; H. Sharp (conductor), 6. And a 720 Double Court (sixteen bobs and two singles). W. Freeman, 1; C. Chasty, 2; S. J. Cullip, 3; I. Hills, 4; H. Sharp, 5; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 6. And 120 Stedman Doubles. F. Keech, 1; I. Hills, 2; S. J. Cullip, 3; J. Sharman, 4; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 5; W. Freeman, 6.

BEDFORD.—On Tuesday, June 12th, at St. Mary's church, a 720 of Double Court (sixteen bobs and two singles). F. Hull, 1; I. Hills, 2; C. Chasty, 3; J. Sharman, 4; H. Tysoe, 5; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, June 26th, 720 Kent Treble Bob (nine bobs). S. J. Cullip, 1; I. Hills, 2; C. Chasty, 3; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 4; J. Sharman, 5; H. Tysoe, 6. And 720 Double Court (sixteen bobs and two singles). H. Shimmans, 1; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 2; C. Chasty, 3; H. Tysoe, 4; S. J. Cullip, 5; I. Hills, 6.

#### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

KELSE (Suffolk).—On Tuesday, July 17th, being the quarterly district meeting at the above church, a 640 of Oxford Treble Bob Major. A. Kerridge, 1; W. Taylor (Leiston), 2; F. Lambert (Halesworth), 3; G. Day (Eye), 4; F. Cooper (Leiston), 5; W. Drew (conductor), 6; F. Thompson, 7; A. W. Brighton (Norwich), 8. And two courses of Stedman Triples. W. Drew, 1; Rev. J. H. Pilkington (Framlingham), 2; F. W. J. Rees (Guildford), 3; F. Lambert (Halesworth), 4; W. Burch (Woodbridge), 5; J. Fosdike (Woodbridge), 6; A. W. Brighton (Norwich), 7; W. Fisher (Kelsale), 8.

#### DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—PLYMOUTH AND DEVONPORT BRANCH.

STOKE (Devon).—On Thursday, July 19th, at the parish church, with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the memory of the late Prebendary St. Aubyn, touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, and touches of Kent Treble Bob Minor. On Wednesday, July 26th, for practice, a 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. This is the second 720 with Mr. Taylor as conductor. We have rung it before with an outside conductor, viz., our old friend T. Hibbert. Those who took part in the above, are W. Pearce, F. Gover, E. Taylor, R. Ford, E. Hendy, H. Myers, W. H. Marsh, W. Dennis. On Monday, July 23rd, at Charles church, on the occasion of a visit from the Diocesan secretary, Rev. Maitland Kelly, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. W. Peard, 1; E. Taylor, 2; Rev. Maitland Kelly, 3; E. Hendy, 4; F. Gover, 5; W. H. Marsh, 6; H. Myers, 7; C. Legg, 8.

#### THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

LLANDAFF (South Wales).—On Monday, July 30th, for practice at the Cathedral, a 504 of Bob Triples. R. Hopkins, 1; W. Smyth, 2; W. B. Biss, 3; C. Lloyd (conductor), 4; J. Harris, 5; W. Coombes, 6; J. Clutterbuck, 7; R. H. Brothwell, 8. Longest length of Bob Triples by all.

#### THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

AUGHTON.—On Sunday, July 1st, at Christ Church, 720 Grandsire Minor in 24 mins. L. Gardner, 1; T. Jenkinson, 2; E. Caunce, 3; J. Gardner, 4; W. Fairclough (conductor), 5; C. Sharples, 6.

#### NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

ORDSALL (Notts).—Recently, 360 Yorkshire Court Minor, W. H. Johnson, 1; J. B. Joynes, 2; H. Blagg, 3; ———, 4; H. Haigh (conductor), 5; J. White, 6. Also 720 College Single Minor. H. Merrills, 1; J. F. Haigh, 2; W. H. Johnson, 3; H. Lambert, 4; H. Blagg (conductor), 5; J. White, 6. First 720 in the method by J. F. Haigh, who hails from Worksop; J. B. Joynes and H. Haigh hail from East Retford.

#### THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

MACCLESFIELD (Cheshire).—On Tuesday, July 24th, eight of the youngest members of St. Michael's society rang 1008 Grandsire Triples in 40 mins. J. B. Armstrong, 1; F. Stonley, 2; W. Matthews, 3; A. Weston, 4; J. Minshull (conductor), 5; W. Gayse, 6; W. Steel, 7; A. Mottershead, 8. This is the longest touch by the treble and tenor-men. Tenor 20 cwt.

#### THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ARUNDEL (Sussex).—On Sunday evening, July 22nd, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, rung as a farewell to the Rev. W. P. Evans, who is now leaving the curacy of Arundel for the curacy of Clayton-cum-Keymer. G. Treagus, 1; F. Luxford (conductor), 2; O. Evershed, 3; H. Lee, 4; D. Baker, 5; G. Balchin, 6; C. Blackman, 7; J. Netley, 8.

#### THE WORCESTER CATHEDRAL GUILD.

WORCESTER.—On Sunday, July 9th, for Divine Service at St. Helen's church, a 504 of Stedman Triples. W. Powell, 1; W. Cotton, 2; G. Hinton, 3; W. H. Johnson, 4; E. Davis, 5; W. Bradford, 6; W. Page (conductor), 7; S. Malin, 8. And 548 of Grandsire Major. W. Bright, 1; W. Cotton, 2; G. Hinton, 3; W. Powell, 4; W. Bradford, 5; W. H. Johnson, 6; W. Page (conductor), 7; E. Davis, 8. There will be no ringing at the Cathedral for a short time as the tenor bell is about to be overhauled.

#### THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

MELBOURNE (Derbyshire).—On Sunday, July 29th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples (1260 changes), in 50 mins. C. F. Walden, 1; A. Lee, 2; W. Earle, 3; F. Hollingworth, 4; H. Hollingworth (conductor), 5; J. W. Warren, 6; T. Hollingworth, 7; H. Snape, 8. Also 168 Grandsire Triples, conducted by J. W. Warren. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to the late Mr. Robert Rimington, Saddler, of Melbourne, who was interred that day.

#### THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND ADJOINING DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

NETHERTON (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, July 29th, for Divine Service, at St. Andrew's church, a 720 of Plain Bob in 26 mins. J. W. Smith, 1; W. Talbot, 2; J. Townsend, 3; J. Smith, 4; J. Prestige, 5; R. Round (conductor), 6. This is W. Talbot's first 720 with a bob bell, who is only fifteen years of age.

BRIERLEY HILL (Staffs).—On Thursday, July 26th, at St. Michael's church, for practice, 720 Plain Bob Minor. H. Fawkes, 1; S. Cartwright, 2; A. Whatmore, 3; B. Bishop, 4; N. Holyoake, 5; A. Spittle (first 720 in the method as conductor), 6.

CATTERICK (Yorks).—On Saturday, July 14th, 720 Grandsire Minor on the back six. W. Kingdon, 1; G. J. Lungley, 2; E. Cox, 3; T. Lungley, 4; G. W. Park, 5; G. A. Overton (conductor), 6. And 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. E. Cox, 1; G. J. Lungley, 2; T. Lungley, 3; W. Porter, 4; G. Park (conductor), 5; G. W. Park, 6. Also a course of Grandsire Triples on handbells. G. J. Lungley, 1-2; W. Porter, 3-4; G. W. Park, 5-6; G. Park, 7-8.

COLCHESTER (Essex).—On Thursday, July 26th, at St. Peter's church, on the occasion of the National Schools treat, several 360s and 720s of Bob Minor. W. W. Scott, 1; F. Bumpstead, 2; G. M. Rashbrook, 3; E. Beckwith, 4; W. Burch, 5; D. Elliott (conductor), 6. E. Beckwith and D. Elliott hail from Coggeshall.

COGGESHALL (Essex).—On Monday, July 30th, for practice at the church of St. Peter-ad-Vincula, a 704 Kent Treble Bob Major. D. Elliott, jun., 1; W. Dyer, 2; W. Hammond, 3; G. Livermore, 4; F. Rudkin, 5; D. Elliott, sen., 6; E. Beckwith, 7; C. H. Howard (conductor), 8. And 288 Oxford Treble Bob Major. P. Potter, 1; C. Norfolk, 2; W. Hammond, 3; J. Sadler, 4; F. Rudkin, 5; W. Elliott, 6; E. Beckwith, 7; C. H. Howard (conductor), 8. And a course of the same. R. Potter, 1; C. Norfolk, 2; W. Dyer, 3; J. Nichols, 4; J. Sadler, 5; D. Elliott, sen., 6; E. Beckwith, 7; D. Elliott, jun., 8. Messrs. Howard, Hammond and Rudkin hail from Braintree; W. Elliott from Kelvedon, and G. Livermore from Waterford, Ireland, and it is fifteen years since he has heard or rung Treble Bob Major. Tenor 22½ cwt.

DUDLEY (Worcestershire).—*Handbell Ringing*.—On Sunday, July 29th, at the residence of Mr. S. Spittle, a 504 Grandsire Triples. A. Spittle, 1-2; L. Bullock, 3-4; J. E. Groves, 5-6; J. George (conductor), 7-8. And at the church of St. Thomas, after evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1259 changes) in 47 minutes. H. Faulkes, 1; J. E. Croves, 2; G. Pearsall, 3; S. Spittle, 4; A. Spittle, 5; J. Fellows, 6; W. Micklewright (conductor), 7; L. Bullock, 8; J. George, 9; G. Cadman, 10. Composed by J. George. J. E. Groves hails from Wolverhampton, and L. Bullock from Burton.

EAST DEREHAM (Norfolk).—On Thursday, July 12th, at the church of St. Nicholas, 720 Bob Minor on the back six in 30 mins. R. Smith (first 720, and hails from Norwich), 1; A. Crispe, 2; F. G. Burleigh (conductor), 3; J. Well, 4; W. Leggett, 5; S. F. Burleigh, 6. Tenor 24 cwt.

EASTWELL (Kent).—Recently, at the parish church, 120 Grandsire Doubles. J. Sinden, 1; G. Head, 2; J. Jones, 3; T. Tablett, 4; E. Duff (conductor), 5; A. Ladd, 6. And on Sunday, May 20th, for practice, three 6-scores. J. Sinden, 1; J. Martin, 2; E. Duff, 3; G. Sinden, 4; \*H. Martin (conductor), 5; A. Ladd, 6. \*First as conductor, 6. On Thursday, May 24th, two 6-scores. J. Sinden, 1; G. Martin, 2; J. Jones, 3; G. Sinden, 4; E. Duff (conductor), 5; F. Ladd, 6. On Monday, May 28th, five 6-scores. J. Sinden, 1; E. Duff, 2;



W. Sinden, 3; G. Sinden, 4; H. Martin (conductor), 5; F. Ladd, 6. On Monday, June 4th, two 6-scores. J. Jones, 1; J. Sinden, 2; E. Duff, 3; G. Sinden, 4; H. Martin (conductor), 5; A. Ladd, 6. Another 6-score. J. Sinden, 1; J. Jones, 2; W. Sinden, 3; E. Duff, 4; H. Martin (conductor), 5; F. Ladd, 6. Two 120s. J. Sinden, 1; E. Duff, 2; W. Sinden, 3; G. Sinden, 4; H. Martin (conductor), 5; F. Ladd, 6. Tenor 13 cwt.

FINCHLEY (Middlesex).—On Sunday, July 22nd, at the parish church, a 360 of Bob Minor. W. Mulley, 1; W. Webb, 2; J. Cornell, 3; W. Russell, 4; W. Tubb, 5; W. Burrows (conductor), 6. And on Thursday, July 26th, for practice, a 720 Plain Bob Minor (thirty singles and six bobs) in 24 mins. W. Mulley, 1; W. Webb, 2; J. Cornell, 3; F. Sparks, 4; W. Tubb, 5; W. Burrows (conductor), 6.

FRAMSDEN (Suffolk).—On Thursday, June 28th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs), in 27 mins. E. Wightman, 1; F. E. W. Meadows (first 720 in the method), 2; G. Wightman, 3; S. Wightman, jun., 4; T. Wightman, sen., 5; A. S. Wightman (conductor), 6. It was intended to have started for a peal, but meeting two short the above was rung instead on the back six. Tenor 16 cwt.

KENNINGTON (Kent).—On Monday evening, July 23rd, for practice, several 6-scores of Bob Doubles. F. Phillpot (first 6-score), 1; G. Head (first in the method), 2; J. Chambers (first 6-score), 3; J. Hovers (first 6-score), 4; T. Tabrett (conductor), 5; W. Hills, 6. This is the first known to have been rung on the bells by a local band.

LEATHERHEAD (Surrey).—On Sunday, July 22nd, at the parish church, a touch of Grandsire Triples. F. Kemp, 1; W. R. Crockford, 2; W. E. Otway, 3; H. Newnham, jun., 4; H. Wood, 5; W. Messom, 6; W. Marks (conductor), 7; J. Lisney, 8. And 210 Grandsire Triples. F. Kemp, 1; E. Dodd, 2; W. E. Otway, 3; W. R. Crockford, 4; J. Wyatt (conductor), 5; H. Boxall, 6; E. Hull, 7; D. Anscombe, 8. And 575 of Grandsire Caters. F. Kemp, 1; W. Messom, 2; H. Wood, 3; J. Wyatt, 4; H. Newnham, jun., 5; H. Newnham, sen., 6; W. Marks (conductor), 7; H. Boxall, 8; E. Hull, 9; J. Lisney, 10. Rung with the bells deeply muffled as a mark of respect to the late Mr. Stephen Brooker.

MONNEWDEN (Suffolk).—On Friday, June 29th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob (nine bobs), in 23 mins. R. H. Hayward, 1; W. W. Miller, 2; F. E. W. Meadows, 3; G. Wightman, 4; Rev. J. H. Pilkington (first 720 in the method as conductor), 5; S. W. Martin, 6. Also 360 Kent Treble Bob. R. H. Hayward (conductor), 1; J. Fosdike, 2; F. E. W. Meadows, 3; C. F. Ling, 4; J. Farrant, 5; S. W. Martin, 6. Tenor 6 cwt.

OTLEY (Suffolk).—On Tuesday, June 26th, at the church of St. Mary, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs two singles), in 25 mins. F. E. W. Meadows, 1; H. Last (Helmington), 2; H. R. Mortimer (first 720), 3; W. Whiting, 4; W. Shipp, 5; A. Hatcher (conductor), 6. On Sunday, July 22nd, 720 Bob Minor in 30 mins. F. E. W. Meadows, 1; W. W. Miller, 2; J. W. Miller, 3; W. Whiting (conductor), 4; W. Shipp, 5; A. Hatcher, 6. The above was rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to Alfred William Gretton, aged 17 years, son of Rev. H. Gretton, of Otley Rectory, who died on July 14th from heart disease. On Tuesday, July 24th, 600 Bob Minor in 20 mins. W. W. Miller, 1; D. G. F. W. Meadows, 2; J. W. Miller, 3; F. E. W. Meadows (conductor), 4; W. Whiting, 5; A. Hatcher, 6. Tenor 11½ cwt.

ST. CROSS (Suffolk).—*Handbell Ringing*.—On Thursday, July 18th, at the parish rooms, a 720 Plain Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). W. R. Newman, 1; Rev. W. Morley Smith, 2; A. W. Brighton (conductor), 3-4; E. F. Coppy, 5; J. Betts, 6. \*First 720. A. W. Brighton hails from Norwich.

TWICKESBURY (Gloucestershire).—On Monday, July 30th, at the Abbey church, 760 Grandsire Triples. F. Sumner, 1; J. Wathen, 2; W. Jones, 3; W. Palmer, 4; T. Pritchett, 5; W. S. Pritchett (conductor), 6; Jos. Wathen, 7; J. Betterton, 8. Tenor 24 cwt. The ringers of the treble, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, and tenor were visitors from King's Norton, and they wish to express their appreciation of the courtesy of the vicar in granting permission for the use of the bells, and in particular the kindness of the brothers Wathen in meeting them.

WALTON-ON-THE-HILL (Lancashire).—On Monday, July 23rd, at St. Mary's church, two 120s Plain Bob Doubles. A. Savage, 1; J. Bell, 2; H. Harrison, 3; G. Somerville, 4; J. Kelly, 5; C. E. Wilson (conductor), 6. The above was rung on the occasion of the laying of the foundation stone for New Church Schools. On Sunday morning, July 29th, for Divine Service, two 120s of Plain Bob Doubles. And for evening service, three 120s of Plain Bob Doubles. A. Savage, 1; J. Bell, 2; H. Harrison, 3; C. E. Wilson (conductor), 4; J. Kelly, 5; H. Barker, 6. These are the first 120s by all the above except the conductor. Tenor 9 cwt.

WYE (Kent).—On Tuesday, May 15th, at the parish church, two 6-scores, with 7-6-8 covering. J. Sinden, 1; J. Martin, 2; E. Duff (conductor), 3; G. Sinden, 4; H. Martin, 5; F. Ladd, 6; F. Godden, 7; A. Ladd, 8. On Tuesday, June 5th, two 6-scores. J. Post, 1; J. Sinden, 2; E. Duff, 3; G. Sinden, 4; H. Martin (conductor), 5; F. Ladd, 6; A. Ladd, 7; F. Godden, 8. And two 6-scores. J. Post, 1; E. Duff, 2; W. Sinden, 3; G. Sinden, 4; H. Martin (conductor), 5; J. Gammon, 6; F. Ladd, 7; A. Ladd, 8. And one 6-score. J. Sinden, 1; F. Duff, 2; W. Sinden, 3; G. Sinden, 4; H. Martin (conductor), 5; F. Ladd, 6; A. Ladd, 7; F. Godden, 8. G. Head hails from Kennington, T. Tabrett, from Ashford, and J. Post from Brook.

#### A REMARKABLE MAN OF LITCHURCH, DERBY.

BY MARCUS II.

A wonderful man in Litchurch dwells,  
Who is very fond of ringing bells;  
If you would like to know his name,  
A Trent-side village bears the same.

At eight o'clock on Sunday morn,  
When men are sleepy, tired, and worn,  
A thrilling sound runs through the brain,  
Telling the old man's at work again.

With jacket off, and rope in hand,  
Under the bell he takes his stand  
To have a pull just at his ease,  
With no one but himself to please.

And when he's done, off home he goes,  
Thinking nought of friends or foes.  
He finds the breakfast-table set,  
And "does his duty," you may bet.

He waddles back with keys in hand,  
Puffing and blowing he takes his stand,  
To ring again all by himself;  
It satisfies the cunning elf.

As time approaches, half-past ten,  
He looks, quite anxious, for his men,  
If they are punctual, then he's right,  
His blooming features beaming bright.

But if they're not, "why then he's wrong,"  
And don't he pull the treble strong,  
To warn the late ones to beware  
Of smiles that cut, and looks that scare.

When they arrive, then to their cost,  
They'll find the Sexton's temper lost,  
He shouts, he raves, with much ado;  
Then for a ring they all set to.

If striking well, and leading clear,  
You'll see him smile from ear to ear,  
But if it's bad, and then breaks down,  
Oh Moses! don't you get a frown.

A change to rounds he quickly calls,  
But then, somehow, the treble falls,  
When off again, they much improve,  
And Sexton's like a sucking dove.

When the time draws near to hand,  
A welcome call is made to stand;  
He then invites them all to stay  
And hear the parson preach and pray.

They stop to see his quaintly air  
As he seats himself in his new armchair,  
No King so proud, or Lord of Grace,  
As in state he sits with smiling face.

When time is up, the service done,  
He takes a walk, then waddles home,  
Another set to with knife and fork  
Completes a Sunday morning's work.

(To be continued.)

CENTRAL COUNCIL REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CALLS AND COLLECTION OF PEALS.—Now ready. Price Twopence, post free. Stamps with order to Rev. H. E. BULWER, Stanhoe Rectory, King's Lynn.

## Notices.

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

## South and West Middlesex Association.

The first annual general meeting of this Association for the election of officers, etc., will take place at Ealing, on Bank-Holiday, August 6th. The bells of St. Mary's and Christ Church will be open for ringing from 11 a.m. Meat tea at 4 o'clock at Church House, Warwick road, Ealing, followed by the meeting. All members and friends cordially invited.

E. J. WALSOM, Sec. and Treasurer.

11, Ventia road, South Ealing, Middlesex.

## The Lancashire Association—Liverpool

Diocesan Branch.—The usual monthly meeting will be held at St. Mary's church, Hale, to-day, Saturday, August 4th, 1894. Tower open at 3.0. Meeting to be held in the School-room.

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

9, Mill Street, Warrington.

The Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—The quarterly meeting of the Guild will be held at The Brook, to-day, Saturday, August 4th. Bells ready 3.0 p.m. Meeting 6.0 p.m.

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

The St. Mary's Society, Beddington, will hold their Annual Meeting on Bank Holiday, August 6th. Any friends wishing tea will communicate with Mr. Trappitt, Church Lane, Beddington.

C. BANCE, Hon. Sec.

## The Stoke Archidiaconal Association.

The next meeting of the above will be held at Hanley, to-day, Saturday, August 4th. There will not be any meeting at Uttoxeter, on Monday, August 6th, owing to the illness of Mrs. Abud, wife of the Rector.

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

The Chester Diocesan Guild.—The seventh Annual Festival will be held at Macclesfield, on Monday, August 6th, 1894. Service will be held in the parish church at 10.45. Preacher, the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, rector of East Marden, Chichester. After the service a meeting for the election of Officers and General Business will be held in the School Room, Duke Street, at 12.0. Dinner at 1.15 in the Town Hall.

R. GREENALL,  
Hon. Sec. and Treasurer.

The Norwich Diocesan Association.—Halesworth District.—A Quarterly Meeting will be held at Brampton, on Monday, August 6th. The bells of the parish church, also the bells of Werthall, will be placed at the disposal of the members for the afternoon and evening. Meeting at 6.0 p.m. to which all members and friends are invited.

JOHN LARTER,  
Dis. Sec.

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will take place at Leesfield, near Oldham, on Saturday, August 11th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6.30 in the Schoolroom.

E. SCHOFIELD, Branch Secretary.

## INFORMATION WANTED.

SIR,—Can you or any of your readers give me any information respecting the church bells of Kimbolton, Hunts.

E. J. DENNES.  
Wellingborough.

## Compositions.

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

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR.

By F. J. HARRISON, Newcastle-on Tyne.

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## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE ROYAL.

By S. SPITTLE, Dudley.

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## 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.

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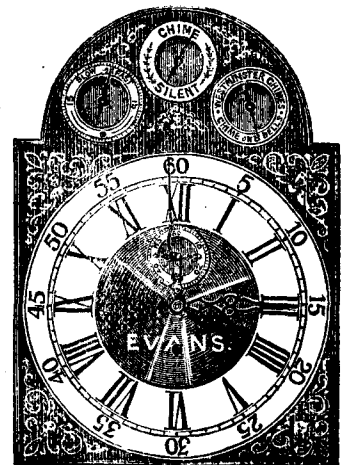
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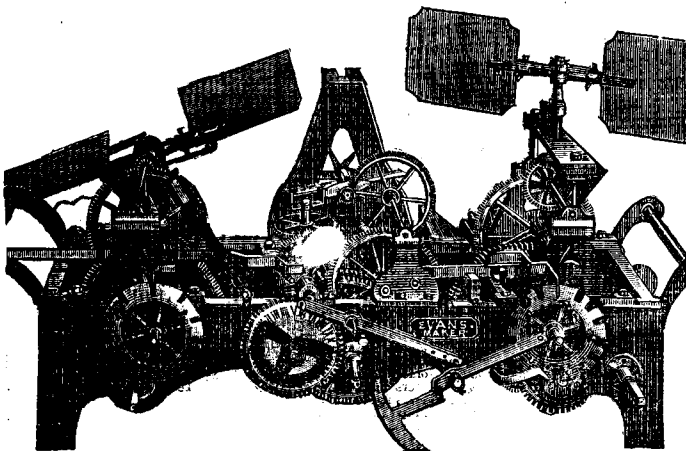
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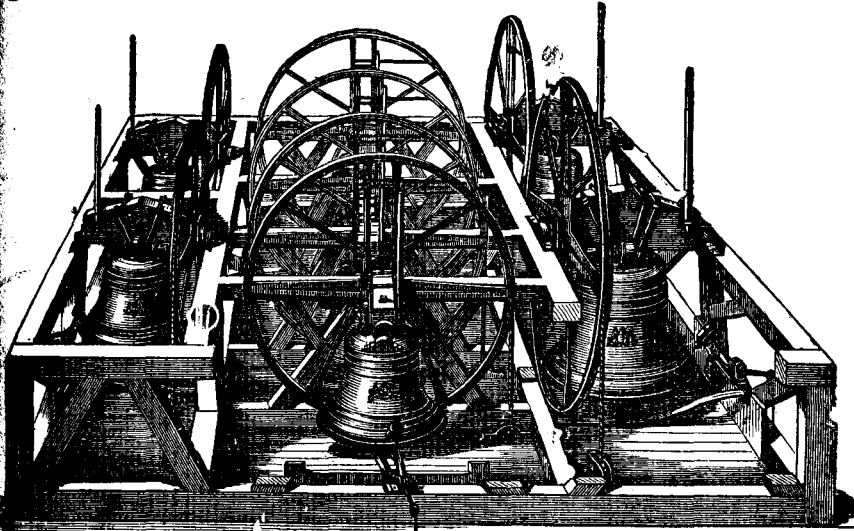
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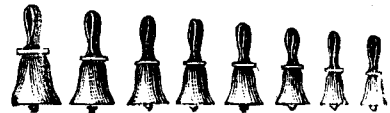
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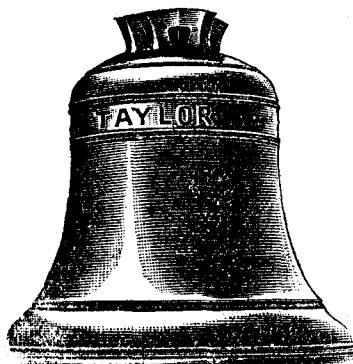
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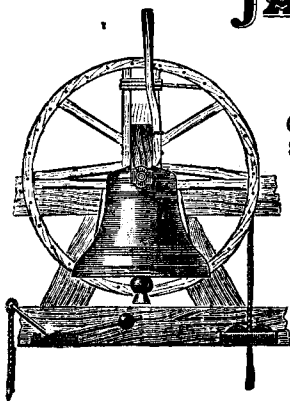
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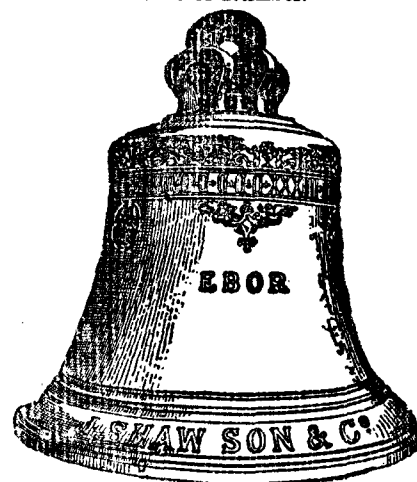
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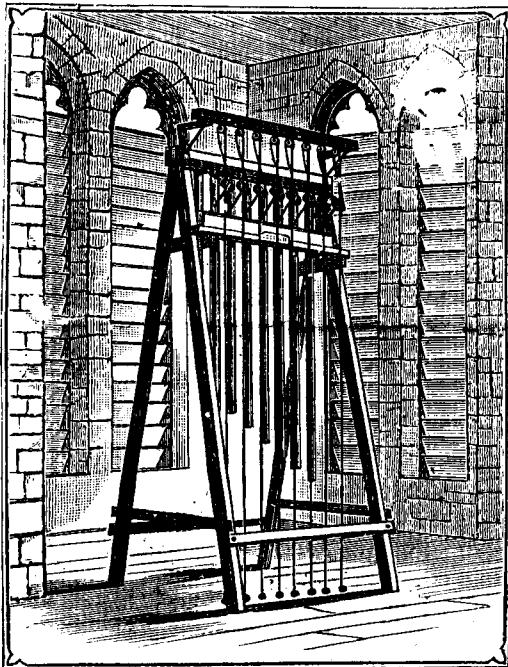
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## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of this Association was held at Highbridge on Saturday, July 28th. The clergy of the following places kindly placed their bells at the disposal of the members, viz.: Highbridge, Burnham, Huntspill, and Wedmore. There was a good number of members, nearly forty being present; a most satisfactory attendance, considering the awkward service of trains. The towers represented were St. Mary's and St. James', Taunton; Dnnster, Minehead, Old Cleeve, Stogumber, St. Mary's Bath, Huntspill, and Highbridge. Service was arranged to take place at 3.30 p.m., with tea and meeting to follow, but several members journeyed to Highbridge in the morning for the purpose of having a pull on the Wedmore and Burnham bells. The former place was reached after an eight-mile drive, and this heavy ring of eight was soon in motion. But half pull ringing here was found to be anything but a pleasurable experience. Besides being heavy, the tenors go rather badly, and nothing more than a short touch of Triples could be accomplished. The vicar, the Rev. A. Hervey, very kindly invited the members to take some refreshments at the vicarage, an offer that was readily responded to, and, needless to say, was most acceptable. Other members took the train to Burnham, where there is a capital ring of six in good going order, with a fine tenor in E flat. Here several 6-scores of Doubles were rung, and subsequently a stroll along the sea front of the pretty little town whiled away a pleasant hour. Owing to the late running of the trains, it was past four o'clock ere all had assembled in the church at Highbridge, where a short service was held. The special form of service was said by the Master, the Rev. C. W. H. Griffith, and an excellent address was given by the vicar, the Rev. A. O. Tisdall. Highbridge tower only contains a light ring of five bells, but they go well, and before and after service some well-struck 6-scores of Plain Bob, Grand-sire, and Stedman Doubles were rung. After service the members sat down to a capital knife and fork tea, nicely laid out in the school-room by Mr. J. Coram. A business meeting followed, at which over fifty members were elected, and the Hon. Secretary produced the minutes of the Annual Meeting held at Bath in May last, which were passed. It was decided, on the proposition of C. E. D. Boutflower, Esq., that the next quarterly meeting should be held at Barrow Gurney about the end of October. The Hon. Secretary announced that the reports were ready, and he had brought a supply with him for distribution at that meeting, but time would not admit of doing this, and he should therefore send them, together with the certificates, to the local secretaries for distribution.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rev. A. O. Tisdall for kindly granting the use of the church and school, and for his address. Many had now to rush to catch their trains: others, who could stay, went over to Huntspill and had a pull on the capital ring of six there.

## THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 21st, the above society held a quarterly meeting at Dronfield, only a small muster of members being present, partly on account of the weather, rain falling fast during the afternoon. The following towers were represented: Eckington, Killamarsh, Norton, Wingfield, Staveley, Ecclesfield, Bradfield, and the local company. The business meeting was held in The Green Dragon club-room, Mr. C. Severn, President, in the chair. The minutes having been confirmed, it was arranged to have the next quarterly meeting at Eckington on the last Saturday in September. The following 720s were rung during the afternoon: 720 Oxford. H. Jervis, E. Platts, G. Marsden (conductor), C. Kitson, S. Allen, and C. Platts. A 720 of Kent. W. Daffin, W. Butler, E. James, G. Marsden, J. P. Tarlton, A. Brearley (conductor).

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

WIRRAL BRANCH.—The monthly meeting was held on Saturday, July 28th, in St. Peter's Mission Hall, Rock Ferry. There were sixteen ringing members present from the following towers: Bebington, Bromborough, Eastham, Rock Ferry, West Kirby and Woodchurch. Previous to the meeting an excellent tea was thoroughly enjoyed by those present, which had been provided by the kindness of the Vicar. A very hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Rev. W. L. Paige Cox for his hospitality; for the use of the bells during the afternoon and evening; and also to the Rev. T. Warburton for presiding at the meeting, in the unavoidable absence of the Vicar. Several touches were attempted during the evening, the only one worth recording being 480 changes made up of a 6-score each of Oxford Single, Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles. J. Pickin, 1; E. Breeze, 2; J. Woods, 3; J. Cliffe, 4; J. Dillon (conductor), 5.

## WEST HAM, ESSEX.

On Saturday, August 4th, at the church of The Holy Trinity, Barking road, a wedding peal was rung on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. W. H. Dallimore to a Miss Archer, of St. Albans. The ceremony was performed by the Vicar, the Rev. J. Russell, B.A. The bridegroom is a prominent member of the above church guild of ringers, also a member of the College Youths and the Essex Association. As the happy couple emerged from the church the bells pealed forth merrily the Queen's and Whittington changes with the usual firing. On the ringers quitting the tower Mr. H. F. Crick, the Hon. Secretary of the Guild, conducted them to the vicarage, at the Vicar's invitation, to drink to the health of the bride and bridegroom. Afterwards they adjourned to the bridegroom's residence, and again drank their healths, and also the Vicar's. The happy couple then took their departure for the Isle of Wight to spend the honeymoon. The band of ringers made the pair a present of a massive oak clock. Names of the ringers who rang in the morning: J. Organ, 1; W. Truss, 2; A. Sanderson, 3; W. Doran, 4; A. Worwood, 5; H. F. Crick (conductor), 6.

## ST. CHAD'S (R.C.) CATHEDRAL, BIRMINGHAM.

On Sunday, July 29th, the members of the above society met at 10.15 to ring on the bells, which have been thoroughly overhauled by Messrs. Carr, of Smethwick. Several touches of Stedman, Bob Major, and Grandsire Triples were rung, conducted by J. Buffery, who had the entire supervision of this rehanging. The late Mr. H. Johnson's 1008 of Grandsire Triples, was brought round in 35 mins. W. Bryant, 1; J. Porter, 2; W. Brookes, 3; T. Miller, 4; J. Nixon, 5; J. Buffery (conductor), 6; A. Hackley, 7; G. Batt, 8.

## SADDLEWORTH, YORKSHIRE.

On Saturday, August 4th, Mr. Edward Dawson, of Meltham, Yorks., paid a visit to see his Saddleworth friends and have another ring at Saddleworth church, and ring the same bell and the same touches he rung when he assisted his (the Meltham company) to win the first prize in 1862, and though thirty-two years have passed, assisted by the following the pleasant and self-imposed task, consisting of 2160 changes in the following methods, New London Pleasure, Oxford and Violet, was duly accomplished in 1 hr. 16½ mins. E. Dawson, 1; J. Radcliffe, 2; J. Holden (conductor), 3; James Radcliffe, 4; J. Wood, 5; T. B. Dicken, 6. On Sunday, August 5th, the same company journeyed to East Crompton, near Oldham, and rung 720 of Oxford, and for afternoon service 360 New London Pleasure, 360 Oxford, and 720 of Violet. For evening service the visitors rung 720 of Oxford, in 24½ mins., and as Mr. Dawson had to leave early to enable him to get home, A. W. Holden, who happened to be with them, made up the company. J. Wood, 1; J. Radcliffe, 2; J. Holden (conductor), 3; James Radcliffe, 4; A. W. Holden, 5; T. B. Dicken, 6. The ringers tender their thanks for the use of the bells, and to the local ringers for their kindly welcome.

## BELLS AND BELLRINGING.

(FROM A NORWICH PAPER.)

That genial authority on bells and bell-ringing, the Rev. Dr. Raven, tells us that the art of casting bells in sequence of sound appears to have been practised after the Conquest partly by ecclesiastics and partly by handicraftsmen, but by the end of the fourteenth century it fell entirely into the hands of laymen. Among the great bell foundries that existed prior to the Reformation were those at Norwich and Bury St. Edmund's. The site of the former, if we remember rightly, was upon that piece of land at present occupied by the triangular block of buildings between Red Lion Street and Briggs Street. At the beginning of the century a Mr. Dobson owned a foundry at Downham Market, where a considerable number of bells were cast and distributed over the United Kingdom. A correspondent, writing to our journal on November 28th, 1819, stated that within the short space of two years the following peals had been sent out from the Downham foundry: a peal of five for the new General Post Office, Dublin, the largest weighing 43 cwt.; eight for Newton, near Manchester; six for the village of Llandegai, Carnarvonshire, the gift of the Baroness Penrhyn; six for Northwold church; six for Horringer church, near Bury St. Edmunds; eight for Birstall, near Leeds; six for the tower of Beaumaris, in the Isle of Anglesea, given by Viscount Bulkeley; and ten for the new church of St. Michael, Liverpool. At about the same date Thomas and Joshua Hurry, of The White Hart inn, St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, were noted bell hangers, for we find them advertising in 1820 that they had hung peals at Foulsham, Cawston, Woodrow, Wroxham, East Ruston, Worstead, Watton, Postwick, etc. The curious custom of rival companies ringing for hats on the occasion of the opening of new peals seems to have been generally practised throughout the county. In some cases money prizes were offered for competition, as shown by the following advertisement that appeared in our columns on December 24th, 1819: "At Mattishall, in Norfolk. The bells, having been recently restored, will be opened, on Tuesday, December 28th, 1819. Any companies that wish to attend will receive the following prizes: £3 for the best; £1 10s. for the second best; and £1 for the third best set who may attend, by applying to Mr. W. Lindley, churchwarden." While upon the subject of bells we may mention a singular accident, which resulted in the death of a ringer at Swardeston. "Sunday last," said a writer in the *Chronicle* of February 15th, 1806, "between one and two o'clock, as James Coleman, bricklayer, was ringing a bell in Swardeston tower, about half up, the crown and cannons broke from the bell, and she came down through both storeys, breaking the door that covered the well hole in the upper floor, and killed him instantly on the spot. His remains were interred on Wednesday, in the same spot where he fell." A subsequent examination of the bell showed that it had been cracked. Advantage was taken of the occurrence to warn churchwardens and others, who had the care of the bells, to keep them in proper order, "for," it was added, "if the stocks and frames are bad the same fatal consequences may ensue."

## THE SABBATH.

We take the following paragraph from *The Guardian* :—

At a meeting held on Thursday last, in connection with the twenty-ninth anniversary of the Salisbury branch of the E.C.U., the Rev. D. P. Ware, vicar of St. Paul's, New Swindon, read a paper on "How to Deal with our Young People after Confirmation." He urged upon those present not to only look after the young people for the few hours they were with them for confirmation classes, but to try and win their confidence and respect in their social life. He quoted an instance to show how football clubs and cricket clubs tended to keep the young men together, and he knew a parish where because one young man did not go to the service on the Sunday, the other members of the football club refused to allow him to play that Sunday afternoon and huffed him off the field. Let their young fellows play football on Sundays, and it would be the means of keeping them together. If they wished to keep the young men and women members of the Church get them something to do. There were various ways in which this could be done—teaching, taking the

secretaryship of societies such as that, and a variety of other ways in which they could keep the young people employed.

The Rev. E. C. Collard observed that most of their country lads got plenty of time in the week for play, and he wished to know if the lecturer was in favour of their playing football and cricket on Sundays under those circumstances.

The Rev. J. H. Pearson agreed with the lecturer as to the advisability of playing football on Sundays, but it would not always meet with the approval of the parish.

The Rev. V. A. Busbridge should like to know if in the provision of amusement for the young people the lecturer objected to dancing. He thought that might be the means of keeping the young people together in innocent amusement.

The Rev. D. P. Ware, in reply, stated that where football could be had on week-days he should have it then by all means, and not on the Sunday; but when young lads were at work from early morning till late at night for six days in the week, as hundreds did in Herefordshire, he thought they should have some football or cricket on the Sunday. With regard to the dancing, he was most emphatically a believer in the dance. That was one of the facts they had to deal with. People would dance, and was it not so much better for the young people to dance in the presence of their vicar? He did not mean that the priest should dance. He had made it a point himself to never take part in a dance, as it might only lead to bad feeling—one saying, "Oh, I had a dance with the vicar, and you didn't," and suchlike, and he therefore contented himself by being present only.

We suppose the Divine injunction regarding the Sabbath is now considered old-fashioned and obsolete. If recreation must be had for the young people on Sunday it would certainly show better sense to have something different from football, in which brute force seems to be the main ingredient. We should recommend the Rev. D. P. Ware to go in for bellringing for his poor young people. That would keep them together if he managed them aright, and stimulate their intellectual faculties to a degree not within the power of football, cricket, or dancing.

## ST. LEONARD'S, SUSSEX.

The following announcement appears in the current number of the "Christ Church, St. Leonard's, Magazine": "Since making, in our July issue, the delightful announcement, which has called forth so many sympathetic congratulations, the rector has received the promised £1000, so that there is now in the bank enough money to pay for the tower and spire, and a good surplus to serve as an attractive nest-egg towards the bells, estimated to cost £700. It is most desirable, and indeed necessary, that, if we are ever to have a peal of bells, three, or at least the two heaviest of them, should be introduced into the bell-chamber as soon as the tower is completed, for otherwise the closing-in of the masonry of the spire would for ever shut them out. Obviously, too, it is more fair to the bell founder that the whole peal should be cast and tuned together. The cost of hanging them will be much less, and the facility of doing so will also be much greater, while the builders' scaffolding, hoisting engine, and other appliances are on the spot. The rector, therefore, thinks it his duty to point out to the friends of the church, and to all who would like to hear a fine peal of bells in St. Leonard's, that now is the time, bell metal being exceptionally cheap, to secure them. The present state of the fund is fully set forth at the west-end of the church. A summary of the same will be found on the counters of the banks in Hastings and St. Leonards, whose managers are so good as to receive subscriptions. The rector and churchwardens will be happy to receive and acknowledge any contribution that may be paid to themselves, or placed in the offertory for this purpose. In case anyone should desire to give a bell, and to have his name, or coat-of-arms, or any particular legend, cast upon it, the estimated cost of each is subjoined: No. 1 (treble), say £51; No. 2 (treble), say £54; No. 3 (treble), say £62; No. 4 (treble), say £67; No. 5 (treble), say £75; No. 6 (treble), say £91; No. 7 (treble), say £107; No. 8 (tenor), say £160. An Ellacombe chiming apparatus would cost £20. No doubt, in

some quarters, the suggestion of bells for a place like St. Leonards excites alarm. Good bells, well above the housetops, as ours would be, and judiciously used, soon commend themselves to those even in the closest vicinity. A good example of this has recently been afforded by the fine bells on the Town Hall at Eastbourne, where people open their windows to listen to them. However, being aware that, on the subject of bells, some people, feeling a little apprehensive, may not wholly go with him, the rector has reserved to the last an item of his somewhat ambitious budget, upon which there can be but one opinion. We, at the western end of the borough, are sorely in need of some reliable public clock, especially in the London Road, which has become the great thoroughfare for railway frequenters, to whom it is of moment in these hurrying days to know the exact time. Some laudable efforts made to remedy our deficiency in this respect have fallen through. Great, then, will be the pleasure and advantage if, within a few months, Christ Church may have in position, at a height of 88 ft. from the ground, a first rate clock, with four dials, each seven feet six inches in diameter, facing north, south, east and west, able to be seen and read over the greater part of St. Leonards, and even from the sea. The rector is assured that the realisation of this project will be a great public gain. In hope that the clock scheme will commend itself to the whole community, and meet with a very general response in the shape of subscriptions, special lists have been opened at the banks, and at Christ Church, altogether distinct from the subscription lists for the bells. If the order can be given soon the clock may be in its place by November."

The *Times* lately published a very interesting letter from the Rev. George Arbuthnot, vicar of Stratford-on-Avon, who wrote: "A few days ago I received a letter from a gentleman in London informing me that he had in his possession a piece of stone which was said to be the foot of John Combe, from Stratford-on-Avon church, and he would be very glad to restore it if the description proved correct. Visitors to the church will remember the fine tomb of John Combe, which lies to the north of the altar, and just close to the poet's grave. He was buried there in 1614, just two years before Shakespeare, and the following lines are attributed to the poet, referring to his character:—

"Ten in the hundred lies here engraved,  
'Tis a hundred to ten his soul is not saved,  
If any man ask who lies in this tomb?  
Oh! oh! quoth the devil, 'tis my John-a-Combe."

Combe left in his will that the tomb was to be erected within one year of his death, so Shakespeare saw it, and, as a friend, no doubt, had some share in designing it. The recumbent figure is life-size, and both the feet are missing. Imagine, therefore, how delighted I was to find the foot which reached me by post on Saturday, exactly fitted the part that remained on the left leg. It is, undoubtedly, the left foot of old Combe. How it was lost we cannot ascertain, but our old parish clerk, who is now eighty-five, cannot remember ever seeing one, and besides, the returned foot bears clear traces of having been painted. The whole figure was coloured once, but the paint is believed to have been removed at the same time as that on Shakespeare's bust—in 1793. It thus appears that the foot has been wandering for more than a hundred years. All who love a genuine restoration will rejoice in its return, and is it too much to hope that the possessor of the missing right foot, hearing of this, may be induced to send it back, so that poor John Combe may have his limbs entire once more?"

A Sunday newspaper having given currency to a rumour that the Duke of York had, before his marriage with the Princess May, contracted a morganatic marriage with the daughter of an English admiral, a correspondent (says the *Yorkshire Post*) wrote to the Prince of Wales asking whether there was any truth in the statement. The following reply has been received:—

Marlborough House, Pall Mall, S.W., July 25th, 1894.

Sir,—In reply to your letter of the 21st instant, I am desired by the Prince of Wales to state that the report to which you allude is so obviously invented for the mere purpose of causing pain and annoyance to an innocent young couple, that his Royal Highness has always declined to allow the story to obtain further currency by any contradiction from him. There is, of course, not a shadow of foundation for it, but it is none the less cruel and malignant. F. KNOLLYS.

## Ringers' Outings.

THE CREWE SOCIETY.—On Saturday, July 21st, eight members of the Crewe Society visited Whitchurch, Salop, for the purpose of spending the afternoon with the local company. Shortly after arrival a mixed band ascended the tower and rang 518 Grandsire Triples. W. Hutchinson (Whitchurch), 1; A. Harding (Crewe), 2; G. Wright (Whitchurch), 3; C. Challinor (Whitchurch), 4; R. T. Holding (Crewe, conductor), 5; G. Harding (Crewe), 6; T. Barron (Whitchurch), 7; J. Davis (Crewe), 8. And several courses of Stedman Triples were rung by mixed bands. The ringing was brought to a conclusion by a touch of 252 Plain Bob Triples. G. Wright, 1; A. Harding, 2; A. Jarvis, 3; J. Wright, 4; R. Langford, 5; G. Harding, 6; R. T. Holding (conductor), 7; T. Barron, 8. The ringers then adjourned to Stephenson's dining rooms, where, by the kind consideration of the local company, a first-class tea had been provided, to which ample justice was done. A move was then made to the field, where one of the local friendly societies was holding its annual feast and gala. Spending an hour or among the shows and roundabouts, and trying their skill at the rifle range, at which Mr. Geo. Wright took first honours, some of the company preferring cocoa-nut throwing, and left the ground with several under their arms. Then the different members met at The Horse and Jockey inn, where song, toast and sentiment reigned supreme until train time arrived, and the visitors returned home well-pleased with their afternoon's outing, and hope soon to have the pleasure of catering for their Whitchurch friends in Crewe.

BUCKNALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.—On Saturday, July 21st, the ringers of St. Mary's, Bucknall, had their annual outing, the place selected being Uttoxeter and district. Starting from Bucknall about 4 p.m., after a most enjoyable drive through the country, Uttoxeter was reached about 9 o'clock, where an excellent tea was awaiting them, provided by mine host of The Old Star inn, to which they did ample justice. Early on Sunday morning after a bountiful breakfast, the party visited the church, to get a ring on the bells if possible, but found this could not be, owing to the illness of Mrs. Abud, the vicar's wife. They then made their way by train to Rochester, a distance of five miles, where there is a peal of six, five of them being an old peal, cast by Abraham Rudhall, of Gloucester. They were too late to ring for service, but having obtained permission to ring after, the bells were raised, and a 720 of Woodbine Treble Bob was rung. D. Preston, 1; J. E. Wheeldon, 2; R. W. Twigg, 3; C. Preston, 4; W. Wheeldon, 5; W. Twigg (conductor), 6. This is supposed to be the first 720 ever rung on the bells. The party then walked back to Uttoxeter, thoroughly enjoying the lovely country scenery, and their appetites being well whetted for dinner. In the afternoon the party walked to Marchington, along the banks of the river Dove, through some lovely rural scenery, returning to Uttoxeter by train for tea. After tea selections were played on the handbells, which the party had taken with them, and a hearty vote of thanks was passed to the host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. Lovatt; and any ringers who find themselves in that neighbourhood cannot do better then call there, for they will receive a hearty welcome from them. Unfortunately it started to rain about 8 p.m., and it was a most miserable drive home, the weather getting worse instead of better. However there is an end to all things terrestrial, and they arrived home safely about 11 p.m. on Sunday night, after a most enjoyable outing.

THE WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL SOCIETY.—On Saturday, July 21st, the members of this Society held their first annual outing, the destinations being Christchurch and Bournemouth. Leaving Winchester by the 10.16 train, the Eastleigh contingent were soon joined, and on reaching Brocklehurst, where there was a margin of half-an-hour, an adjournment was made to The Morant Arms for refreshment, arriving at Christchurch at 12.30, being met by Mr. G. Preston. The first item on the programme was to the Friory church, where a most musical 504 of Grandsire Triples was brought round. A. E. Macey, 1; C. J. Chooet, 2; R. White, 3; W. J. Sevier, 4; W. C. Lampard, 5; J. Weaver, 6; W. H. George (conductor), 7; D. Frome, 8. Tenor 30 cwt. Time had now arrived for dinner at Ye Old George inn,



where ample justice was done to the provision, the excellence of the repast being all that could be desired, and a credit to host Truss. "Go" having been called at 1.45, the course-ends rolled up in splendid style, and "that's all" was announced at 2.45. After the removal of the cloth a convivial half hour was spent, the toasts of "Church and Queen," "the Dean and Clergy of the Diocese," "the Winchester cathedral band," "the absent members," and the Master of the company (Mr. W. H. George). Mr. George, in a few well-chosen remarks, thanked the members for drinking his health, and concluded by saying that he was pleased to see their first annual outing such a success, and hoped it would continue, as such gatherings as those were an incentive to combine the members in one good spirit and cement the friendly feeling which ought to exist, to make societies prosper and flourish. A move was again made to the tower, where other touches were rung with some of the Christchurch ringers, in which Messrs. W. S. Lampard, E. Lampard, P. Forster, W. Payne, J. Harris, H. Paddington and E. Batt took part, whilst the other members made an inspection of the ancient and historical edifice. At 3.30 they were joined by another member, Mr. G. Smith, of Twyford, who was unavoidably prevented from attending earlier, and at 4.30 the party made for Bournemouth, where another 504 of Grandsire Triples was rung at St. Peter's. A. E. Macey, 1; G. Smith, 2; C. J. Chooet, 3; W. J. Sevier, 4; W. C. Lampard, 5; J. Weaver, 6; W. H. George (conductor), 7; D. Froome, 8. Tenor 20 cwt. Several other touches were rung with some of the Bournemouth ringers, Messrs. W. S. Lampard, R. White E. Lampard, J. Harris and W. Payne, taking part, conducted by W. J. Sevier, whilst the other members enjoyed a stroll round the town and a dip in the water. At 7.50 a start was made for home, and the handbells were brought into use. They arrived at Eastleigh at 9.30 and wished the Winchester men good night, all having spent a most enjoyable outing, the weather being beautifully fine. The visitors wish, through the medium of this paper, to thank the Vicars of each church for so kindly granting permission to ring, and Messrs. Preston, Best and Vey, of Christchurch, and Messrs. A. Grist, Plummer, Bristow, Bennett, Colborn and Green, of Bournemouth, for the trouble taken on their behalf.

**THE CROYDON PARISH CHURCH SOCIETY.**—About eleven months ago the Croydon branch of the Surrey Association visited Wallingford, Berks, and rang a peal of 5040 changes on the bells of St. Mary's church, and on Monday, July 9th, the members of the same branch had another outing for the purpose of erecting a peal board in St. Mary's belfry commemorative of their former visit. Leaving West Croydon at five o'clock, Wallingford was reached soon after eight, and the party were then conveyed to Brightwell. Here host Hermon of The Bell had provided breakfast, and though their long journey had keenly whetted their appetites, and a serious onslaught was made upon the good things provided, host Hermon was equal to the occasion. After breakfast Dorchester was visited, and touches of Oxford Bob, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, and Bob Major were rung on the fine old bells. Brightwell was then revisited, and on the six bells in the church, which, with the exception of the tenor are without stays, some 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles and touches of Bob Minor were rung. The party then repaired again to The Bell, where a substantial and well-served dinner was provided, and to which the visitors had kindly invited the Brightwell ringers. After dinner the party left by brake for Wallingford, and arrived in time to ring for the five o'clock service. At the conclusion of the service, the rector (the Rev. A. W. N. Deacon) was asked to unveil the peal-board, and in doing so said he was very glad to have the opportunity of unveiling that, because he hoped it would be an incentive to any who rang in that belfry to take the same pride and interest in it, which he was glad to see they (the Croydon ringers) did. He hoped for that reason, as well as because it commemorated what they were proud of, that it would be a help to many young ringers to make them feel they could do their part to the honour and glory of God in the belfry of that church where the bells had rung for so many hundreds of years. On behalf of the churchwardens he assured them they would take care of the board they had presented to the belfry. Mr. States then briefly thanked the rector for his kindness that day, and also for allowing them to ring the bells.

**CHRIST CHURCH, BLACKLANDS GUILD, HASTINGS.**—The members of this Guild paid their long-promised visit to Iden, Sussex, on Saturday, July 28th, accompanied by the verger and a few friends, making thirteen in all. A start was made at 2.15 in a very comfortably-appointed brake, and after a very enjoyable country ride Iden was reached at 4.30. Arrangements for tea having been made for 5 o'clock, part of the members availed themselves of a game of cricket, which appeared to be thoroughly enjoyed by the cricketers of the party, and more particularly so by our most genial verger, who made a long stand at the wicket. A most substantial meat tea, prepared by the worthy hostess of The Bell inn, was then partaken of, the sub-captain, Mr. Thos. Carey, and other members of the Iden ringers' club honoring the party with their presence. Grace having been duly said, a very hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Carey and the Iden ringers for the arrangements they had made, and for the very welcome manner in which they had received the visitors, and also to the hostess for the admirable way in which the tea had been prepared and so comfortably served. A move was then made to the tower, in which is six bells, the weight of tenor (as given in the Sussex Association report) being 14½ cwt., but although the Iden ringers had taken a great deal of trouble in getting the bells in order, the go of them was so bad and the ropes arranged so badly for sight that it was almost impossible to ring changes upon them, and the visitors, after several persevering attempts only rung 360 of Grandsire Doubles besides two or three plain courses. It appears that the bells had not been rung for several years until a short time ago when the Rev. G. L. Bates formed the present ringers' society, and accepted the captaincy, and all set to work with willing hands, and with the free use of oil, nails, bolts, stays, etc., and the removal of a cart load or two of rubbish from the bell pits, they have been made to go sufficiently well for call-changes, and great credit is due to the band for the manner in which they ring call-changes upon the bells in their present condition. The bells are of good tone, and if properly rehung would form a very handy peal, and under the captaincy of the Rev. G. L. Bates, Iden should then soon have a good band of change-ringers and the Sussex Association an addition to its list of towers in union. The Blacklands ringers would be very pleased to see this accomplished, and they wish, through the medium of this paper, to thank the Rev. G. L. Bates for the use of the bells, and the Iden ringers for their kind reception, which was very much appreciated, and the outing thoroughly enjoyed by all.

**SOUTHWOLD.**—THE ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY, IPSWICH. On Monday, August 6th, after negotiations as to "where shall we go on Bank Holiday," six members of this society decided to meet two of their latest admitted honorary members of the St. Peter's Society, Norwich, and attempt a peal at this quiet seaside resort on the east coast. A dull heavy morning did not proclaim a very pleasant day, but ringers generally are quite indifferent to the weather. "We shall be all right in the tower" is a very frequent remark among them; so joining ourselves as best we could, with the rest of folks bound for the briny, we started, and reached the first station safe. Then started again and were backed again, and a wait was in store to allow the quick trains to pass; but we arrived at Halesworth at last, where we met Messrs. Borrett and Brighton who had arrived some half-hour previously. Taking our seats in the carriages of the Steam Laundry on the light railway of the Southwold branch, passing a few notable churches, such as Blythburgh and Walberswick, which are partly in ruins, we then arrived at our destination, being met at the church by the steeplekeeper. After looking over the curiosities and remarkable points in the church, which is well worth a visit, and refreshing the "paddy," a start was made for the tower. "How do they hang?" "Oh! 1, 2, 6, 8, 3, 5, 4, 7; they say (capital). How do they go?" "Oh! the 5th go well, but she slips wheel; pulley was set fast, I pulled it out and oiled it, says the conductor." "What sort of peal are they?" "Not up to much." We soon had the chance of answering these questions ourselves. "What is it?" 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, clang; something of the sort; result, three leads poor ringing; start again; better next time. All went on very well except an occasional haul on the tail of the fifth when she slipped wheel, and at the end of 3 hrs. 6 mins. the conductor called "that's all," and a very fair peal was rung, the first in the

method on the bells. Downstairs a rather wet reception awaited us—raining hard. Dinner was the next item; there rain or not we must go on the beach. "Shall we go in the water and get out of the rain?" "Not now, we will go to Halesworth and try and ring there." "All right, call on Mr. Jermy, Market Place; pleased to see you; come along; good peal; yes; good they are very good; worth going after. We rang twenty-five leads of Double Norwich and a short touch of Stedman Triples, and had ten minutes to catch the train. "Don't be in a hurry; must have a wet along with old friends; trains sure to be late; all right." The train was late, and we all arrived "safe at last," the barrier past, and in where you can. We reached home, having enjoyed the outing. The ringers tender their best thanks to the steeplekeepers at both places for their kindness in getting things ready for them. W. L. C.

**FINCHLEY, MIDDLESEX.**—On Monday, August 6th, the parish church ringers had their annual outing to the pretty village of Harrow-on-the-Weald. Going through Stanmore a 720 of Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles) was rung in 24 mins. W. Russell, 1; J. Cornell, 2; E. Sparks, 3; W. Webb, 4; W. Tubb, 5; W. Barrow (conductor), 6. Also 360 Grandsire Doubles. W. Mulley, 1; W. Webb, 2; W. Burrows, 3; F. Sparks, 4; J. Cornell (conductor), 5; W. Russell, 6. The ringers take this opportunity of thanking the sexton for his kindness in this respect. They then visited the village of Harrow-on-the-Weald, and about 2.30 a start was made for a 720 of Bob Minor (twenty-one bobs and twelve singles) in 24 mins. W. Russell, 1; J. Cornell, 2; W. Webb, 3; F. Sparks, 4; W. Tubb, 5; W. Burrows (conductor), 6. Also 720 of Oxford Bob (eighteen bobs and two singles). W. Mulley, 1; W. Webb, 2; W. Burrow, 3; J. Cornell, 4; W. Tubb, 5; F. Carroway (conductor), 6. And 360 Plain Bob Minor. W. Russell, 1; J. Cornell, 2; W. Webb, 3; W. Tubb, 4; W. Burrows, 5; F. Sparks (conductor), 6. The bells were then lowered in peal. The ringers desire through the medium of this paper to thank the rector for the use of the bells, and to the steeplekeeper for having all in readiness. About 7 o'clock they went to the Flower Show, all having thoroughly enjoyed themselves, and they hope to pay another visit at some future date. A start was made for home about 9.30, and after a delightful drive through the country, they arrived safely at home.

**THE ST. MARY'S SOCIETY, KIDDERMINSTER.**—On Monday, August 6th, the members of this Society journeyed to Coalbrookdale, in the county of Salop. Bridgnorth was the place originally decided upon for the outing, but owing to an illness close against the church it was found that the bells would not be available for a peal. Mr. Overton (the captain of the Bridgnorth band) at once put the Kidderminster men in communication with Mr. Wm. Morgan, of Coalbrookdale, who with great promptitude arranged for the Coalbrookdale bells to be at their service. However, at the last moment, he found that there was a wedding and a funeral to take place, and that it would be a question whether there would be time between for the peal. He at once wrote off to Kidderminster and stated the circumstances, and said that if they came they would have to risk whether there would be time for the peal. A start was made from Kidderminster at 10.15, and Coalbrookdale reached just before noon. After a look round the Dale, a move was made to the church, where Mr. Morgan and his men were met. At the conclusion of the marriage service a short touch was rung by four Coalbrookdale and four Kidderminster men. The belfry was then cleared, and what was looked upon as the chief business of the day prepared for, viz., a peal of Superlative Surprise Major. The bells went off into changes at 1.10, and an excellent peal was brought round at 4.20. A pleasant hour was next spent with the local ringers. Mr. Morgan opened the harmony with an excellent rendering of "My pretty Jane." Several other gentlemen contributed to the enjoyment of the party, and after some handbell music by Messrs. Pagett and Barber, a move was made to see the sights of the Dale, the view from the Rotunda. Here the party separated with mutual good wishes, Mr. Morgan and two of the local men accompanying the visitors to the station. The Kidderminster ringers here wish to acknowledge the extreme kindness with which they were received by their brethren of Coalbrookdale, and especially by the Captain, Mr. Morgan.

**ST. JOHN-AT-HACKNEY SOCIETY, MIDDLESEX.**—The members of this society paid a visit to Loughton on Saturday, July 28th, and by kind permission of the rector, the Rev. J. Whitaker Maitland, some excellent touches of Grandsire, Stedman, and Treble Bob were indulged in on the tower bells. A first-rate meat tea was provided by hostess Fletcher at The Plume of Feathers, which spoke well for the catering of that establishment. A pleasant evening was afterwards spent in song, ringing, and tune-playing on the handbells. A curious incident occurred while tea was progressing: the sound of bells being lowered reached the ears of the visitors, which caused some little astonishment, as the belfry door had been locked, and one of the party had the key. It transpired, however, that the clock was being wound by the regular attendant, when the steeplekeeper, who, by the way is qualified in the art and mystery of Churchyard Bob and Gravediggers' Delight, took advantage of the door being open, and lowered the bells, the sole reason being that his august Majesty had not been consulted as to the use of the bells by the visitors. More need not be said, but it is hoped by this time that he feels thoroughly ashamed of such uncalled-for misconduct.

**THE NEWCHURCH PARISH CHURCH SOCIETY.**—On Saturday, August 4th, the ringers of the parish church, with their wives and friends, to the number of thirty-six, had their annual picnic, this year the place chosen being the North Round. The party started from Newchurch at 6.15 in two waggonettes drawn by six splendid black horses. The route taken was down Turnpike, up Whitewell Bottom, past the new waterworks, down Deeply Wood to Burnley, where the horses were given a few minutes' rest. They then went on to Brierfield and Nelson, at which place another stoppage was made to partake of breakfast. Afterwards they proceeded to Graystone House, where handbell ringing was indulged in. Proceeding to Guisburne, they arrived there at 12.15, where a very sumptuous was served at the Commercial hotel. Dinner being over, the rector of Guisburne invited all the party into the rectory grounds, and gave all a hearty welcome. The handbell ringers responded by ringing several tunes on the bells, after which they went into the tower. The rector, the Rev. Richard Wright, having thanked them, they started off, down by Woodlands to Bolton-by-Bowland, where they alighted, and went by the carriage drive to Bolton Hall, where, through the kindness of C. E. B. E. Wright, Esq., they were shown through the vineries and greenhouses, and the splendid gardens. Afterwards the head coachman took them through all the stables, coach-houses, harness-rooms, etc., all declaring it was a sight very few people have the privilege of seeing. Leaving Bolton Hall they went on to Sawley, Chatburn, and Clitheroe, where a halt was made, and by the kindness of the vicar of Clitheroe, the Rev. H. L. Bellhouse, and the wardens, the ringers rang touches on the eight bells, which was something strange to the ringers of Clitheroe, who only ring six bells. The vicar and wardens thanked them, and gave them a pressing invitation to visit their tower again at an early date. They left Clitheroe at 7 o'clock, and drove on to Whalley, then on to Accrington, where a stay was made for over an hour, and at 10 o'clock, all being ready, a start was made for home, which was reached at 12 o'clock, all thoroughly delighted with their annual picnic.

#### ST. MARY'S CHURCH, ELY.

On Monday evening, July 30th, muffled touches were rung on the bells of this church (eight, tenor 19 cwt.), as a mark of respect to the late Rev. W. W. Hutt, rector of Hockwold-with-Witton. By the death of Mr. Hutt, campanology loses one of its most hearty and genial supporters, and they are few and far between in East Anglia. Of the clergy: "O si sic omnes!" of him. R.I.P. Amen.

On Monday, during a wedding at Thannington church, which is about a mile from Canterbury, a cabdriver named Joseph Bennett was killed by lightning. He had been employed to drive the bride and bridegroom to the church. On the way a storm broke over the district, and whilst the wedding ceremony was taking place Bennett took refuge under an elm tree on the other side of the road, holding the horse's head. Both he and the horse were struck by lightning and instantly killed.

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

SATURDAY, AUGUST 11, 1894.

THERE are many degrees of prosperity and misfortune among the various ringing Associations, but the struggles for existence, and the periodical vicissitudes of that organization known as "The Ely Diocesan Association" bears the palm. On another page will be found a letter from the REV. KENELM H. SMITH, a gentleman who for many years has tried to keep the concern together. His plaint is of a nature unhappily too well-known. "The Association," he says, now "exists only in name. Apathy, unconcern, and geographical difficulties have brought about stagnation and almost nonentity"—we italicise the comforting adverb. MR. SMITH is making another attempt to revivify what he calls "this useful Association," and in aid of his object invites all interested, specially in the Diocese, to write to him direct, and favour him with their views and ideas upon the subject.

It will be absolutely necessary, if this Association is to be endowed with any vitality, for the rev. gentleman above-named to surmount the geographical difficulties, whatever they may be. To ensure a success which may last, he will find that sitting down to wait for views and ideas to be sent to him will not avail. "Apathy and unconcern" will be *en evidencee* among those whom he desires to co-operate with him, unless strong personal solicitation, repeated again and again perhaps, is adopted. A Diocesan Association should have at its head, as patron

or president, the Bishop of the Diocese, and an array of Church dignitaries as honorary members, many among the latter being invited to join the executive body. By such means a great interest is begotten among Churchmen, and under such conditions, the well-disposed and intelligent among practical ringers see that business is meant, and thus give their adherence to the movement; while those whose apathy and unconcern is proverbial join it from motives of expediency. The splendid results attained by the most successful of the ringing associations have been got, not by adopting the procedure of the immortal MICAWBER, but by solid hard work, and a constancy in procuring the aid and co-operation of those whose countenance and support was a necessary factor to success. All who are anxious for the spread of the Art of Ringing, and its culture and extension, regulated and patronised by intelligent and prominent Churchmen, will wish Mr. SMITH God-speed in his endeavour to rescuscitate the Ely Diocesan Association. But there must be no halting for something to turn up. The work must be entered upon with zeal and spirit, and under business-like conditions. We would advise the formation of a strong provisional committee of Churchmen in the Diocese—both clerical and lay—to take the matter in hand in conjunction with the Hon. Secretary. An influential body, such as this ought to be, would have great weight among those whose co-operation and help is needed. We cannot help thinking that if proper and statesmanlike efforts are made without delay, the geographical difficulties will soon vanish, and the apathy and unconcern at present shown will be reduced to a minimum.

### The Provinces.

#### BISHOPS STORTFORD, HERTS. THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 6th, 1894, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

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

J. CARTER'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

FREDK. W. THARBY* .. Treble.	HENRY J. TUCKER .. .. 5.
WALTER PRIOR .. .. 2.	WALTER W. TUCKER .. .. 6.
GEORGE PRIOR .. .. 3.	HENRY PRIOR .. .. 7.
JOHN KNIGHT* .. .. 4.	THOMAS NEWMAN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by H. J. TUCKER.

\*First peal.

#### LICHFIELD, STAFFORDSHIRE.

#### THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Monday, August 6, 1894, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5093 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt. in D.

BENJAMIN DALTON .. .. Treble.	JAMES HALL .. .. 6.
ARTHUR SPITTLE .. .. 2.	LEONARD BULLOCK .. .. 7.
THOMAS REYNOLDS .. .. 3.	JAMES GEORGE .. .. 8.
SAMUEL SPITTLE .. .. 4.	JAMES E. GROVES .. .. 9.
FREDERICK J. COPE .. .. 5.	JAMES H. GALLIMORE .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by J. E. GROVES.

This peal has the 6th twelve times right and wrong in the titmums position, and twenty-four times behind the 8th in the handstroke home position, and is in two equal parts. The ringers take this opportunity of thanking the Dean and Chapter for the use of the bells, also E. Gallimore, steeplekeeper, for making arrangements and having everything ready.

#### SALISBURY, WILTS.

#### THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, July 31, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

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

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

SIDNEY MACEY .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. .. 5.
REV. C. A. CLEMENTS .. .. 2.	ROBERTO W. J. GOLLOP .. .. 6.
THOMAS F. STEVENS .. .. 3.	WALTER S. WISE .. .. 7.
THOMAS BLACKBOURN .. .. 4.	SIDNEY AMES .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WALTER S. WISE.

#### EPSOM, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 6, 1894, in Four Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

#### A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6720 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

CHARLES DEAN .. .. Treble.	JAMES TRENDALL .. .. 5.
JOHN TRENDALL .. .. 2.	CHARLES TRENDALL .. .. 6.
FREDERICK TRENDALL .. .. 3.	HARRY KENTEN .. .. 7.
FRANK M. BUTLER .. .. 4.	EDWARD TRENDALL .. .. Tenor.

Composed by the late J. Cox and Conducted by E. TRENDALL.

The above peal is taken from Snowdon's Treble Bob, page 7, and is the longest length yet rung by the Association.

#### SOUTHWOLD, SUFFOLK.

#### THE ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY, IPSWICH, AND THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 6, 1894, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor about 12 cwt.

JAMES MOTTS .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM L. CATCHPOLE .. .. 5.
ALFRED W. BRIGHTON .. .. 2.	EDWARD REEVE .. .. 6.
ISAAC S. ALEXANDER .. .. 3.	ROBERT H. BRUNDLE .. .. 7.
CHARLES E. BORRETT .. .. 4.	EDGAR PEMBERTON .. .. Tenor.

Composed by J. Lockwood and Conducted by J. MOTTS.

A. W. Brighton and C. E. Borrett hail from Norwich; the rest belong to Ipswich. This peal was rung as a birthday compliment to E. Pemberton, his brother ringers wishing him many happy returns. The ringers take this opportunity of thanking the Rector and churchwardens for permission to ring.

#### BERWICK-ON-TWEED.

#### DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 6, 1894, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE TOWN HALL,

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

THURSTANS' ORIGINAL.

Tenor 21 cwt.

WILLIAM HOLMES .. .. Treble.	CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE .. .. 5.
THOMAS HUDSON, SEN. .. .. 2.	ALFRED F. HILLIER .. .. 6.
ROBERT S. STORY .. .. 3.	FREDK. J. HARRISON .. .. 7.
FRANCIS LEES .. .. 4.	JOHN BUFFERY .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. HOLMES.

Rung on the occasion of the annual excursion of St. John's Guild, Newcastle. This is the first peal on the bells which have lately been rehung by Messrs. Carr of Smethwick. J. Buffery belongs to Birmingham, and this is his first peal with the above Association.

#### HANWELL, MIDDLESEX.

#### THE SOUTH AND WEST MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 6, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

PARKER'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

THOMAS BEADLE .. .. Treble.	REUBEN FLAXMAN .. .. 5.
EVERED J. WALSON .. .. 2.	FREDERICK GODDARD .. .. 6.
JOHN BASDEN .. .. 3.	ALLEN H. TABER .. .. 7.
JOSEPH J. PARKER .. .. 4.	WILLIAM STANNEY .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN BASDEN.

This is the first peal by the Association, also the first in the method on the bells; and was rung before the ten o'clock service.

## SHIPTON-UNDER-WYCHWOOD, OXON.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, August 6, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

H. HURCOMB* .. .. Treble.	T. E. GLANVILLE .. .. 5.
W. E. YATES .. .. 2.	J. MONK .. .. 6.
W. LARGE .. .. 3.	R. H. BURDEN .. .. 7.
J. F. BARLOW .. .. 4.	A. JOYNER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. E. YATES.

\*First peal. Messrs. Hurcomb, Barlow, Burden, and Joyner hail from Chipping Norton; Messrs. Large and Glanville from Burford; J. Monk from Witney; and W. E. Yates from Great Marlow. This ring of bells is in excellent going order, having recently been rehung in a steel frame and bell-metal bearings.

## COALBROOKDALE, SALOP.

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

On Monday, August 6, 1894, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,  
5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

NOAH DAVIS .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM H. SMITH .. .. 5.
JAMES PAGETT .. .. 2.	THOMAS J. SALTER .. .. 6.
JOHN O. BENNETT .. .. 3.	ALBERT E. PARSONS .. .. 7.
WILLIAM H. BARBER .. .. 4.	RICHARD E. GROVE .. .. Tenor.

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

First peal of Major on the bells, and first of Superlative in the county of Salop.

## LLANDAFF, SOUTH WALES.

## THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 6, 1894, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,  
AT THE CATHEDRAL,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S BOB-AND-SINGLE VARIATION. Tenor 23 cwt. in E flat.

JOHN VINNICOMBES .. .. Treble.	*JOHN HARRIS .. .. 5.
WILLIAM SMYTH* .. .. 2.	†WILLIAM COOMBES .. .. 6.
WILLIAM B. BISS .. .. 3.	JOHN CLUTTERBUCK .. .. 7.
CHARLES LLOYD .. .. 4.	*THOMAS NORTHEY .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. COOMBES.

\*First peal. †First as conductor. This is also the second peal that has been rung by the Association. The ringers wish to thank the very Rev. the Dean, and Canons Roberts and Downing for kindly placing the bells at their disposal.

## NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 7, 1894, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 19 cwt.

ROBERT A. STORY .. .. Treble.	JOHN BUFFERY .. .. 5.
ARTHUR P. HIND .. .. 2.	FRANCIS LEES .. .. 6.
ALFRED F. HILLIER .. .. 3.	WILLIAM HOLMES .. .. 7.
EMMETT W. J. LINCOLN .. .. 4.	FREDK. J. HARRISON .. .. Tenor.

Composed by the late H. JOHNSON and Conducted by F. J. HARRISON.

A. P. Hind hails from Oxford; Buffery from Birmingham.

BACUP, LANCASHIRE.--THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
(ROSSENDALE BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, August 7, 1894, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF UNION TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

FRED. HOWORTH .. .. Treble.	JOHN SHEPHERD .. .. 5.
JOHN A. BROWN .. .. 2.	JOSEPH SUTCLIFFE .. .. 6.
ARTHUR W. WHITWORTH .. .. 3.	WILLIAM ASHWORTH .. .. 7.
JAMES T. STANDRING .. .. 4.	WILFRID LAW .. .. Tenor.

Composed by J. HOLT and Conducted by JOHN SHEPHERD.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the memory of Mr. Zenas Pickup, the esteemed teacher of their Sunday School class, whose decease they feel to be a deplorable loss.

## REDENHALL, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 6, 1894, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 24 cwt.

EDWARD SMITH .. .. Treble.	FREDERICK SMITH .. .. 5.
ROBERT WHITING .. .. 2.	CHARLES BRICE .. .. 6.
JAMES BOUGHTON .. .. 3.	ERNEST POLL .. .. 7.
FREDERICK BORRETT .. .. 4.	JAMES TANN .. .. Tenor.

Composed by T. LOCKWOOD and Conducted by E. SMITH.

First peal on eight bells by E. Poll. For calling see page 41 of Snowdon's *Treatise on Treble Bob*, part 2. E. Smith, F. Smith, C. Brice, and E. Poll hail from Alburgh; R. Whiting, J. Boughton, and J. Tann from Pulham; and F. Borrett from Harleston.

## ECCLES, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(MANCHESTER BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, August 7, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 13 cwt., 3 qrs.

GEORGE TURNER .. .. Treble.	HARRY CHAPMAN .. .. 5.
THOMAS G. DOWNS .. .. 2.	HENRY STUBBS .. .. 6.
JOSEPH RIDYARD .. .. 3.	FREDK. DERBYSHIRE .. .. 7.
JAMES BARRATT .. .. 4.	RICHARD RIDYARD .. .. Tenor.

Composed by J. S. WILDE and Conducted by RICHARD RIDYARD.

The peal was arranged for H. Stubbs, of Raunds, Northamptonshire, who was on a visit to Manchester, and this is his first peal of Treble Bob Major. He was elected a member previous to commencing the peal.

The peal of Stedman Triples rung at Erith by the Kent County Association, and which appeared in "THE BELL NEWS" of last week without the conductor's name, was conducted by Edwin Barnett.

## Date Touches.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HULL (Yorkshire).—On Wednesday, July 25th, at the parish church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples (1894 changes) in 1 hr. 4 mins. G. T. Marshall, 1; W. Verity, 2; G. T. Miller, 3; F. Merrison, 4; C. Jackson (composer), 5; T. Stockdale, 6; J. Dixey (conductor), 7; J. W. Dale, 8.

## Miscellaneous.

## THE NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

GRIMSBY (Lincolnshire).—On Sunday, July 29th, at St. Andrew's church, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins. J. Chapman, 1; J. W. Ash (Lincoln), 2; T. G. Tickler (churchwarden), 3; G. Weldon, 4; J. Baker, 5; T. Scrimshaw, 6; T. Nixon (conductor), 7; G. Bemrose, 8.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

BOURNEMOUTH (Hants).—On Sunday, August 5th, at St. Peter's church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins. H. Lawes (Basingstoke), 1; E. T. Green, 2; J. Elcombe (Romsey), 3; G. H. Plummer, 4; H. E. Withers (conductor, Alton), 5; T. Cole (Romsey), 6; J. J. Bristow, 7; T. Belbin, 8.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

WALTHAMSTOW (Essex).—On Sunday, August 5th, after evening service, at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, taken from Thurstans' Original, in 42 mins. H. Randall, 1; G. Grimwade, 2; J. H. Wilkins, 3; A. G. Freeman, 4; R. J. Maynard, 5; W. B. Manning, 6; W. Pye (conductor), 7; F. A. Nunn, 8. Tenor 19½ cwt. in E.

WIDFORD (Essex).—On Monday, August 6th, at St. Mary's church, an attempt was made for N. J. Pitstow's one-part peal of Kent Treble



Bob Major (5056 changes), but after ringing 3552 changes in 2 hrs. and 10 mins. it came to grief. \*G. W. Sorrell, 1; A. Tarbun, 2; H. F. de Lisle, 3; \*E. Pye, 4; W. Lincoln, 5; \*W. Pye, 6; \*G. Pye, 7; C. H. Howard (conductor), 8. Messrs. Sorrell and Lincoln hail from Writtle, F. de Lisle from Galleywood, Pve from Little Heath, and Howard from Braintree. \*Longest touch in the method.

#### THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS (Lancashire).—On Sunday, July 8th, for Divine Service in the evening, 720 of Grandsire Minor (thirty bobs and thirty singles), in 26 mins. R. W. Burrows, 1; I. Gibson, 2; J. Spencer, 3; A. E. Sheppard, 4; T. R. Jackson (conductor), 5; J. Burrows, 6. Also on Sunday, July 22nd, for evening service, 720 of Plain Bob Minor (twenty-two singles and two bobs), in 25 mins. R. W. Burrows, 1; T. Watson, 2; A. E. Sheppard, 3; T. Suart, 4; T. R. Jackson (conductor), 5; J. Burrows, 6. Also on Friday, July 27th, for practice, 720 of Grandsire Minor (forty-four bobs and four singles), in 26 mins. R. W. Burrows, 1; A. E. Sheppard, 2; T. Watson (conductor), 3; T. Suart, 4; C. J. A. Cushing, 5; J. Burrows, 6. Also on Friday, August 3rd, for practice, 720 of Plain Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 25 mins. R. W. Burrows, 1; A. E. Sheppard, 2; C. J. A. Cushing, 3; T. Suart, 4; T. R. Jackson, 5; J. Burrows, 6. And 720 of Plain Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 23 mins. R. W. Burrows, 1; A. E. Sheppard, 2; C. J. A. Cushing, 3; T. Suart, 4; T. R. Jackson, 5; J. Burrows (conductor), 6.

#### THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HULL (Yorkshire).—On Sunday, August 5th, for Divine Service, at the parish church, six courses of Stedman Triples. G. T. Marshall (first in the method), 1; G. T. Miller, 2; J. Highfield, 3; D. W. Brown, 4; T. Stockdale, 5; C. Jackson (conductor), 6; J. Dixey, 7; J. W. Dale, 8.

#### NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

WORKSOP (Notts).—On Sunday evening, July 29th, for Divine Service at the Priory church, a 720 Oxford Treble Bob, in 24 mins. D. Russon, 1; J. Fitzjohn, 3; W. Hargreaves (conductor), 3; B. Hall, 4; G. Barrowclough, 5; T. Thorpe, 6. This 720 was listened to by several judges of ringing, who pronounced it excellently rendered.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

RODMERSHAM (Kent).—On Tuesday, July 31st, at the parish church, 720 of Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). F. Shedd, 1; \*J. Dixon (conductor), 2; J. G. Grensted, 3; H. Wood, 4; E. Day, 5; G. A. Ransom, 6. \*First 720 as conductor. And a 6-score of Canterbury Pleasure. F. Shedd, 1; E. Day, 2; J. Dixon, 3; H. Wood, 4; J. G. Grensted, 5; G. A. Ransom (conductor), 6. Ransom belongs to Sittingbourne, the rest to the local company.

HAYES (Kent).—On Tuesday, June 5th, at the parish church, a 720 Bob Minor. H. Reader, 1; H. Brown, 2; A. Killick, 3; G. Harwood, 4; E. Stone, 5; J. Hack (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, July 17th, on the occasion of the wedding of Mr. Eric Hambro, of Hayes Place, with Miss Sybil Martin Smith, of Warron House, Hayes Common, a 720 Bob Minor. J. Harwood, 1; H. Brown, 2; A. Killick, 3; H. Reader, 4; E. Stone, 5; J. Hack (conductor), 6. On Sunday, July 29th, for evening service, a 720 Bob Minor. F. Lacy, 1; G. Harwood, 2; A. Killick, 3; J. Hack, 4; H. Reader (conductor), 5; E. Stone, 6. On Sunday, August 5th, for evening service, a 720 Bob Minor. H. Brown, 1; H. Reader (conductor), 2; A. Killick, 3; G. Harwood, 4; E. Stone, 5; J. Hack, 6.

#### THE STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

BUCKNALL (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, July 1st, for Divine Service in the morning, at the parish church, a 720 Lichfield Surprise. D. Preston, 1; J. E. Wheeldon, 2; R. W. Twigg, 3; C. Preston, 4; W. Wheeldon, 5; W. Twigg (conductor), 6. And for evening service, a 720 Durham Surprise, the ringers standing as above. On Sunday, July 8th, a 720 London Surprise. On Tuesday, July 17th, 720 Superlative Surprise, the ringers standing as before. On Sunday, July 29th, for Divine Service in the morning, a 720 Duke of York. W. Wheeldon, 1; D. Preston, 2; J. E. Wheeldon (conductor), 3; C. Preston, 4; G. Hobbs, 5; W. Twigg (conductor), 6. And for evening service, a 720 Woodbine, the ringers standing as before. On Sunday, August 5th, for Divine Service in the morning, a 720 Oxford Treble Bob. H. Alcock, 1; D. Preston, 2; J. E. Wheeldon, 3; W. Wheeldon, 4; H. Carnwell, 5; W. Twigg (conductor), 6. H. Alcock hails from Hanley, H. Carnwell from Kingsley, and it is his first 720 in the method.

#### THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

NORTON (Derbyshire).—On Sunday, August 5th, at the parish church, a 720 of Violet Treble Bob. H. Jervis, 1; W. Price, 2; C. Plats, 3; E. Allen, 4; G. Marsden (conductor), 5; J. Allen, 6. And 720 Duke of York. G. Butcher, 1; W. Price, 2; J. Atkin, 3; E. Allen, 4; G. Marsden (conductor), 5; J. Allen, 6. And 720 Oxford Treble Bob. H. Jervis, 1; E. James, 2; C. Plats, 3; E. Allen, 4; G. Marsden (conductor), 5; J. Atkin, 6. And a 360 of Violet. G. Butcher, 1; A. Slater, 2; E. James, 3; E. Allen, 4; G. Marsden (conductor), 5; J. Allen, 6. Messrs. Allen, Plats and Jervis hail from Dronfield, Price and Marsden from Eckington, the rest belong to the local company.

#### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NORWICH.—On Thursday, July 26th, at the church of St. Peter Mancroft, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1278 changes) in 58 mins. C. E. Borrett (conductor), 1; F. J. Howchin, 2; A. W. Brighton, 3; J. Hardy, 4; G. Howchin, 5; E. Francis, 6; F. H. Knights, 7; F. Knights, 8; J. Smith, 9; G. Smith, 10. Tenor 41 cwt. And at St. Mary's church, a 720 of Bob Minor in 20 mins. P. Artis, 1; W. Blyth, 2; G. Smith, 3; J. Hardy (conductor), 4; J. Smith, 5; F. H. Knights, 6. Tenor 7 cwt. J. Hardy hails from Warwick. And at St. Miles church, a 640 of Oxford Treble Bob Major. W. Blyth, 1; A. W. Brighton, 2; F. Knights, 3; C. E. Borrett (conductor), 4; S. Smith, 5; F. H. Knights, 6; G. Smith, 7; J. Smith, 8. Tenor 14 cwt. This is the longest length on these bells for several years, for although being re-hung but a few years ago, the "go" of them is most execrable.

OLD BUCKENHAM (Norfolk).—On Sunday, August 5th, at the parish church, a 720 Bob Minor in 25 mins. E. Etteridge, 1; A. Howes, 2; S. Daniels, 3; W. D. Blyth, 4; J. Howes (conductor), 5; J. Lawrence, 6. And a 360 in which F. Kerry took part. E. Etteridge and W. D. Blyth hail from Norwich, the rest from Attleborough.

#### THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NEWPORT (Monmouthshire).—On Tuesday, August 7th, the local ringers were honoured with a visit of three ringers from St. Mary's church, Chepstow, at St. Woolos' church, when the following touches were rung: a 504 and 336 of Grandsire Triples. S. Hopkins, 1; F. Atwell, 2; J. W. Jones, 3; C. H. Rogers, 4; J. Butler, 5; J. Morley, 6; J. H. Trowbridge, 7; M. Closs, 8.

#### THE ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

LONDON.—On Monday, August 6th, at the Imperial Institute, the above society rang the following touches on the Alexandra bells in the Queen's tower: 578 Grandsire Caters, 480 Treble Bob Royal, and 530 Stedman Caters, the band standing the same in each touch. W. Baron, 1; J. Rogers, 2; C. Wilkins, 3; T. Titchener, 4; A. Pittam, 5; H. Swain, 6; G. Smith, 7; J. Hannington, 8; G. Newson, 9; A. Jacob, 10. Tenor 36 cwt.

CHEPSTOW (Monmouthshire).—On Monday, August 7th, at St. Mary's church, two 6-scores of Bob Doubles with 7-6-8 covering. M. Closse, 1; R. Thompson, 2; W. Greene, 3; J. Morley, 4; W. Lightfoot (conductor), 5; E. Williams, 6; R. Webb, 7; H. Morgan, 8. And a 6-score of Bob Doubles. E. Williams, 1; W. Lightfoot, 2; J. Morley, 3; W. Greene (conductor), 4; W. Freestone, 5; R. Thompson, 6; R. Webb, 7; H. Morgan, 8. And two 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. M. Closse, 1; W. Freestone, 2; W. Greene, 3; J. Morley, 4; W. Lightfoot (conductor), 5; F. Bye, 6; R. Webb, 7; H. Morgan, 8. W. Greene and W. Lightfoot hails from Swansea. On Saturday, August 4th, a 240 of Bob Doubles. M. L. Baynham, 1; R. Thompson, 2; W. Andrews, 3; T. Hopton, 4; J. Morley (conductor), 5; R. Webb, 6. M. L. Baynham hails from Bristol.

EVESHAM (Worcestershire).—Handbell Ringing.—On Friday, July 4th, at the house of Mr. Cook, 280, 168 and 97 of Grandsire Triples. H. Middleton, 1-2; W. E. Yates, 3-4; F. Cook, 5-6; W. Arkell, 7-8. Also some 120s of Doubles and Minor. W. E. Yates hails from Great Marlow, Oxon. Conducted by Yates and Cook respectively.

FULHAM (Middlesex).—On Sunday, July 29th, at the parish church, in the evening, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1259 changes), in 49 mins. Composed by H. J. Tucker. A. Ough, 1; G. Woodiss, 2; W. Meaton, 3; W. S. Smith, 4; W. T. Elson, 5; C. Charge, 6; R. Chichester, 7; J. Nichols, 8; E. H. Adams (conductor), 9; H. Adams, 10.

FOXEARH (Essex).—On Sunday, August 5th, at the parish church, for the Flower Service, a 576 of Kent Treble Bob Major; the first touch of Treble Bob Major for upwards of twelve months by a local company. S. Slater (conductor), 1; Z. Slater, 2; G. Honeybell, 3; A. Garwood, 4; H. Thompson, 5; R. Mingay, 6; A. Symonds, 7; G. Maxim, 8.

GRIMSBY (Lincolnshire).—On Sunday morning, August 5th, at St. Andrew's church, for Divine Service, a 672 Grandsire Triples. S. Seamer, 1; J. W. Chapman, 2; T. G. Tickler, 3; G. Weldon, 4; J. Baker, 5; T. C. Nixon (conductor), 6; W. G. Gosling, 7; J. Lamb, 8. W. G. Gosling hails from Mansfield, Notts. On Sunday, August 5th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. S. Seamer (first quarter-peal), 1; T. O. Nixon, 2; T. Scrimshaw, 3; J. Baker, 4; J. W. Chapman, 5; G. W. Gosling, 6; G. Weldon (conductor), 7; J. Lamb, 8. Tenor about 15½ cwt.

GLEMSFORD (Suffolk).—On Tuesday, July 31st, at the parish church, being the occasion of the Church Sunday School treat, a 720 of Bob Minor in 28 mins. S. Slater (conductor), 1; C. Honeybell, 2; F. Wells, 3; O. Garwood, 4; R. Brett, 5; A. Avis (late of Lewisham, but now of Haverhill), 6. Other touches were rung including Oxford Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, &c.

LICHFIELD (Staffordshire).—*Handbell Ringing*.—On Monday, August 6th a 504 Grandsire Triples. A. Spittle, 1-2; L. Bullock, 3-4; J. E. Groves, 5-6; J. George (conductor), 7-8. And at St. Mary's church, a 504 of Grandsire Triples. E. Gallimore, 1; A. Spittle, 2; F. J. Cope, 3; C. Barratt, 4; S. Spittle, 5; J. Hall, 6; J. George (conductor), 7; J. E. Groves, 8.

LONDON.—On Sunday, July 29th, at the church of St. Gabriel, Pimlico, for Divine Service in the evening, 1200 of Double Norwich Court Bob Major, in 46 mins. G. T. M. Laughlin, 1; W. E. Garrard, 2; H. Swain, 3; C. F. Winny, 4; E. Carter, 5; H. R. Newton, 6; J. Oxborrow, 7; J. M. Hayes (conductor), 8.

NEWPORT (Monmouthshire).—On Sunday, August 5th, for evening service, at St. Woolos' church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. L. Brooks, 1; F. Atwell, 2; W. H. Smythe, 3; C. H. Rogers, 4; J. Butler, 5; A. Rowley, 6; J. H. Trowbridge (conductor), 7; C. H. Long, 8. A. Rowley hails from Cardiff.

NORTHAMPTON.—On Thursday, 26th, at St. Edmund's church, for practice, 896 Grandsire Triples in 32 mins. H. Digby, 1; S. Hall, 2; E. R. Maule, 3; W. Roberts, 4; J. Mackay, 5; J. S. White (conductor), 6; W. H. Wood, 7; J. Freeman, 8. All the above belong to the Midland Counties Association except H. Digby and J. Freeman.

OSWESTRY (Salop).—On Sunday, August 5th, for morning service, at the parish church, parts one and two of the Rev. C. D. P. Davies' Variation (No. 1) of Holt's ten-part. W. Morris, 1; D. Davies (conductor), 2; H. Jarman, 3; E. Jones, 4; R. Martin, 5; W. H. Jones, 6; R. Evans, 7; J. R. Wellings, 8. On Tuesday, August 7th, for practice, a 120 and 360 Bob Minor. W. Morris, 1; G. Whitfield, 2; R. Martin, 3; W. H. Jones, 4; E. Jones, 5; D. Davies (conductor), 6. And several courses of Bob Major. W. Morris, 1; G. Whitfield, 2; H. Jarman, 3; R. Martin, 4; E. Jones, 5; W. H. Jones, 6; J. R. Wellings, 7; D. Davies, 8. And at a recent practice G. Davies rang the treble through 120 Grandsire Doubles.

PORTSEA (Hants).—On Sunday, July 15th, for morning service at St. Mary's church, 546 of Grandsire Triples. E. Drinkwater, 1; C. Groves, 2; J. Symms, 3; J. T. Mathews, 4; J. Harper, 5; Rev. R. C. M. Harvey (conductor), 6; J. Goold, 7; J. Dover, 8. Also on Sunday, July 22nd, for morning service, 419 of Grandsire Triples. R. Fisher (first touch of Triples), 1; J. Harper, 2; J. Symms, 3; J. T. Mathews, 4; F. Blunett, 5; J. Goold, 6; Rev. R. C. M. Harvey (conductor), 7; J. Dover, 8. Also on Tuesday, July 24th, for practice, 504 of Grandsire Triples. E. Drinkwater, 1; J. Harper, 2; C. Groves, 3; J. Symms (conductor), 4; J. T. Mathews, 5; J. Goold, 6; Rev. R. C. M. Harvey, 7; J. Dover, 8. And on Sunday, July 29th, for evening service, 504 of Grandsire Triples. C. Groves, 1; E. Reynolds, 2; J. Symms, 3; J. T. Mathews, 4; J. Harper, 5; J. Goold, 6; Rev. R. C. M. Harvey (conductor), 7; J. Dover, 8.

SOLIHULL (Warwickshire).—On Sunday, August 5th, after evening service, 1008 Grandsire Triples (H. Johnson's) in 40 mins. F. L. Martineau, 1; J. Porter, 2; G. A. Martineau, 3; W. Brook, 4; T. Miller (conductor), 5; R. Hackley, 6; A. Hackley, 7; E. Hickman, 8.

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## Correspondence.

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

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

### FALSE COMPOSITIONS.

SIR,—The peal of Double Norwich (5056) by Mr. F. J. Harrison in your last issue is *false*, the 16th course being repeated in the 19th. I am sorry for the unfortunate band who rang it.  
Framlingham. J. HOLME PILKINGTON.

SIR,—Mr. John Carter has kindly pointed out to me that the peal of Grandsire Royal which you publish under my name this week is false. I must apologise to our band for having unwittingly piloted them through a false peal, which is the more to be regretted as it was on the wedding day of our Vicar.

P.S.—The number should be 5039 not 5093. SAMUEL SPITTLE.  
6, Great Hill, Dudley.

### REPLY TO "MAN OF KENT."

SIR,—I am rather late in replying to Man of Kent's letter, in your issue of July 7th. In answer to his question as to the weight of the Wigan parish church tenor in the key of C, I may say that it is quite correctly described as weighing 28 cwt. It was cast by Messrs. Taylor & Co., in 1870, to replace one of 31 cwt, which was cracked. It is correct in note, but it may be questioned whether it is heavy enough for the rest of the peal. We thank him for his congratulations, but he need not suppose that the bells go badly, because two men pull the 7th and 8th, it is customary to ring them so here; but single-handed peals have been and can be rung upon the bells without any difficulty.

Clergy House, Wigan.

H. F. LLOYD.

### THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SIR,—You have for many years now heard nothing of this Association, which exists only in name, and fortunately, a small balance at its bankers. Apathy, unconcern, and geographical difficulties have brought about stagnation and almost nonentity—not quite. Without discussing causes let me say that I am endeavouring to revive this useful Association. I invite all interested, specially in the diocese of Ely to write to me *direct*, and favour me with their views and ideas. May a resurrection be the result.

The Cambridge Rd., Ely.

Hon. Sec. and Treasurer, E.D.A.C.R.

August 7th.

### ST. MATTHEW'S, CLAPTON, MIDDLESEX.

The following appeared in the *Service Paper* of this church for July:—

"BELLRINGING.—St. Matthew's has a peal of bells, though we do not often hear them. The sweetness of tone—the 'music of the bells'—is remarked upon by all who love to hear them. Can we not find among our friends a number—say, of younger men, who would undertake to ring at least sometimes, for love of the Church? We have nothing to say against those who have occasionally performed, except perhaps that when they have rung the congregation into church, they have at the same time rung themselves out. This is obviously not the best state of things; but we have amongst us some who already understand 'the ropes,' and others who are quite willing to learn. Why then could not a band of voluntary ringers be formed? All that is wanted is a start. We may add that if the gentlemen do not come forward, they must not be surprised to find that they have been forestalled by the ladies! For it is a fact that we have already been asked whether ladies might be allowed to try!"

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**The Lancashire Association.**—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will take place at Leesfield, near Oldham, to-day, Saturday, August 11th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6.30 in the Schoolroom.

E. SCHOFIELD, *Branch Secretary.*

**The Heavy Woollen District Association, Yorkshire.**—The next monthly meeting will be held at Mirfield, on Saturday, August 18th, at 5.0 p.m. Meeting house The Dusty Miller.

19, Albert Street,  
Batley Carr.

GEO. H. SIMON,  
Hon. Sec.

**The Llandaff Diocesan Association.**—The Annual Meeting will be held at Aberdare, on Saturday afternoon, August 25th, 1894, to commence with a short service and address at 3.0 p.m. Meeting immediately afterwards, to be followed by a knife and fork tea. Bells open at 5.0 p.m. Local Secs. are requested to send number of their members likely to attend, to me.

Llandaff.

W. A. DOWNING, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Worcestershire and Adjoining Districts Association.**—The next Committee and Quarterly Meeting of this Association will take place at Upton-on-Severn, on Saturday, August 25th, at 6.0 p.m. The Secretary would be pleased to know by the 18th, how many will attend, so that (if possible) arrangements might be made with the Railway Company for travelling at a reduced fare.

36, Simms Lane, Netherton,  
Dudley.

JOHN SMITH,  
Hon. Sec.

**The North Lincolnshire Association.**—The next Quarterly Meeting will be held at Grimsby, on Saturday, August 25th. A short service will be held in the parish church, at 5.0 p.m. It is hoped that ringers will attend. Tea will be provided at The Bull Ring Coffee Hall, at 5.15, at 1s. 3d. each. Business meeting immediately afterwards. The bells of the parish church (8), and S. Andrew's (8), will be open for ringing. Excursion train leaves Lincoln (Mid.) at 2.0 p.m., returning from Grimsby (Town Station), at 9.20 p.m., return 1s. 6d.

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## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

By A. SYKES, *Huddersfield.*

5088.

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

Twice repeated.

## A 720 OF BOB MINOR.

By J. M. RICHARDSON, *Wichenby Station, Lincoln.*

3 5 2 6 4
B 3 5 6 4 2
B 3 5 4 2 6
5 2 3 6 4
S 2 5 6 4 3
5 4 2 3 6
B 5 4 3 6 2
B 5 4 6 2 3
4 2 5 3 6
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## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR.

By J. ARMIGER TROLLOP, *Norwich Scholars.*

13440.

2 3 4 5 6	W	M	H
4 2 6 3 5	-	-	
6 4 5 2 3	-	-	
5 6 3 4 2	-	-	
2 3 5 6 4	-	-	-
4 5 2 3 6	-	-	-
2 4 6 5 3	-	-	
6 2 3 4 5	-	-	
3 6 5 2 4	-	-	
4 5 3 6 2	-	-	*
2 3 5 4 6	S	-	-
5 2 6 3 4	-	-	
6 5 4 2 3	-	-	
4 6 3 5 2	-	-	
2 3 4 6 5	-	-	-
5 4 2 3 6	-	-	-
2 5 6 4 3	-	-	
6 2 3 5 4	-	-	
3 6 4 2 5	-	-	
5 4 3 6 2	-	-	†
3 4 2 5 6	S	-	-

Five times repeated, single half-way and end. If bobs be substituted for the singles throughout, and a single be called at †, and the bob \* be omitted, a six-part peal will be produced containing only six singles, the minimum number. Extra bobs must be called at end of 2nd, 4th, and 6th parts. By calling the first course thus, the peal will be 14000.

2 3 4 5 6 7 W 5 M H

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

The first half was rung at Norwich, on hand-bells, on March 15th, 1894. By calling the tenth course w m in two parts, the peal will be 11200. This was rung at Norwich, on hand-bells, on April 12th, 1894, the longest length yet rung in hand. Both peals were conducted by C. E. Borrett.

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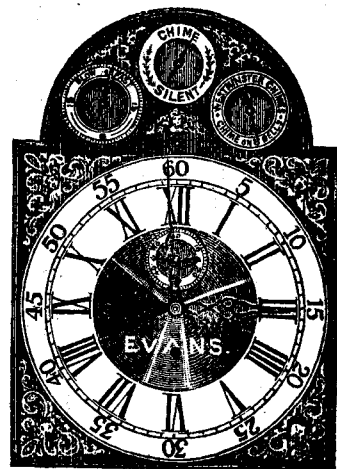
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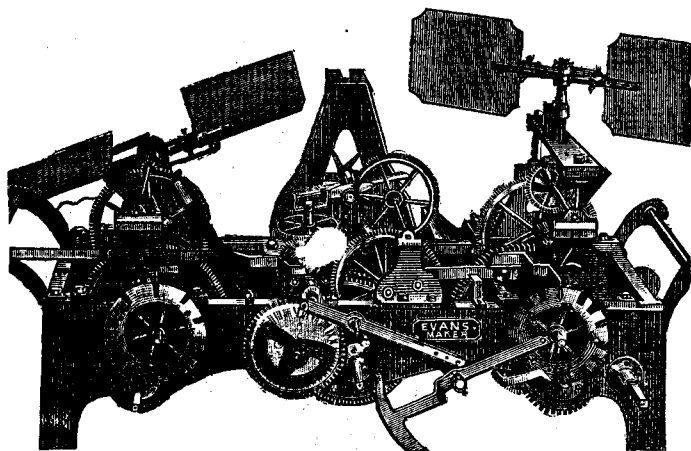
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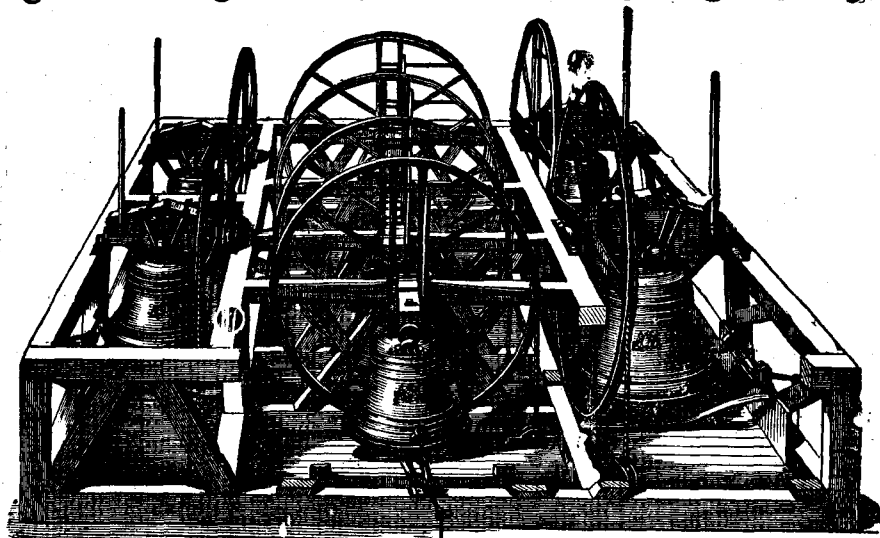
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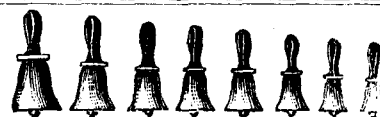
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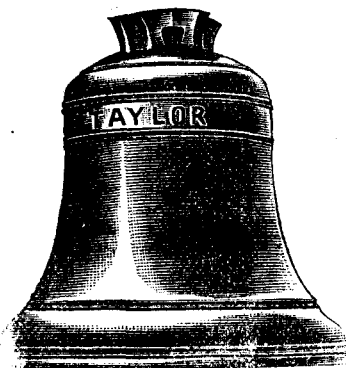
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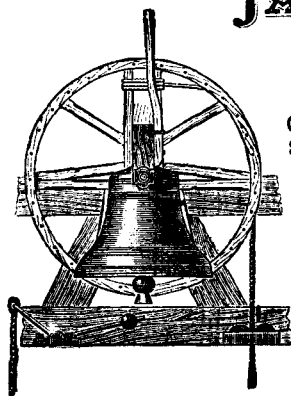
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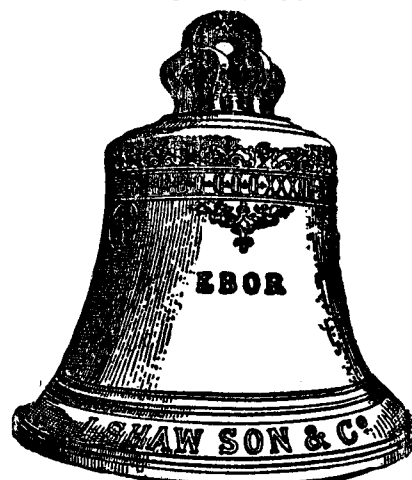
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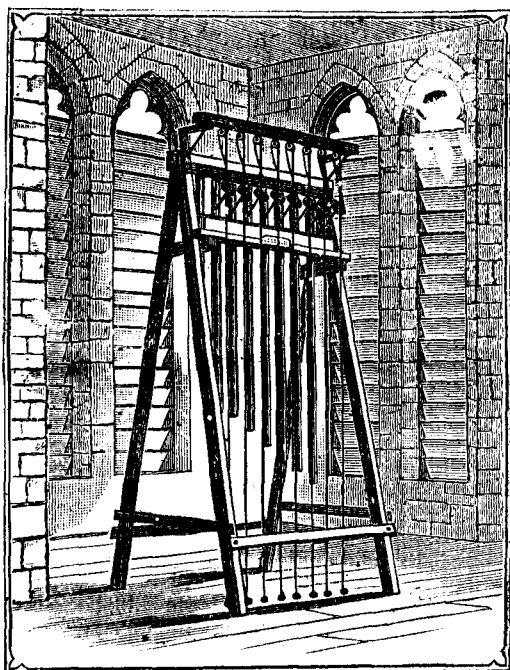
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## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

The Annual Festival was held at Macclesfield on Monday, August 6th, about 150 members being present. The service was fixed for 10.45 at the parish church, before which a short touch of Grandsire Caters was rung. The sermon was preached by the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, Rector of East Marden, who gave an excellent discourse on St. Matt. iv. 19—"He saith unto them, Follow Me,"—of which the following is an outline:—

In these words were the first disciples of Our Lord called to their work. What that work was they did not know at the time. They knew, however, that it meant to be near Him, and with Him. By their subsequent and continually increasing appreciation of the blessings and privileges of this nearness to Him the characters and all their powers were strengthened and illuminated. Like them, we all have been called by Him—the only difference between our case and theirs being that whereas they were called when of more or less mature age, most of us were called in our infancy. Our baptism is our call. Many of us too (may their number ever increase!) have received a seal and strengthening of our call in Confirmation. Thus in all ages from the times of the Apostles to our own day, all Christians, ourselves among the number, have had our call. To some, over and above the call already spoken of, a special call comes. Of all special calls that to the Ministry of the Church is the most sacred. Tremendous is the responsibility of those who have been called to the number of Bishops, Priests or Deacons. They minister the blessings of the Gospel to their brethren. Their work lies in the very Sanctuary of God. But though their office is especially sacred, God calls others to positions of honour and responsibility in the public services of His Church. Bell ringers have a special call. How are they called? By their very aptitude and capability for the work. This is the gift of God. All men have not got it. Any one who has tried to teach men to ring knows perfectly well that all cannot learn it. And so it comes to pass that you whom I see before me have been called by God to be among those that are "round about Him," and therefore among those of whom He "will be had in reverence." I know that it was of your own free-will that you became ringers, but primarily it was God's doing, not yours. It was He who gave you the power, the will. His grace "prevented" you, that is, led the way. As He said to the Apostles of old so He said to you, "Follow Me." Now what I wish to say is that I want you to look upon this call as something sent to you in God's love and kindness. If you will use it aright it may and will be a blessing to yourselves. Regard it then as a ladder to help you upward on your Christian path. Let me shew one or two ways of so doing. First, then, Christianity is the means for the welfare, both now and hereafter, of the whole of our nature. It is for the salvation of both soul and body. Men are apt to forget the last of these two, and to think of their Christianity as something for the soul alone. This is a defective view. Our bodies are to be saved quite as much as our souls. Everyone knows that ringing helps us to take care of our bodies. For if a man gives way to intemperance or fails to keep his body active and healthy he is not to be trusted as a ringer. His attention flags and he falls into blunders, shifting course, etc., or his strength gives way and he cannot ring his bell. So in the matter of keeping our bodies free from sin, our ringing may be made a help to us. Also it should be regarded as a great help in the training of our soul. Think of the many qualities that go to the making of a good ringer. To begin with, how many there are who commence ringing and then give it up. Why? Because they are wanting in patience. They find it hard at first, and then they give way to despair. We have surmounted these difficulties. Let us therefore cheer ourselves with the thought that the same virtue will carry us through far greater trials. Again, suppose a man is by nature unpunctual and unmethodical. No good ringing can there be without punctuality and regularity at practice. Therefore let him look upon his ringing as a means which God has given him to make it easier for him to learn the great lesson of order and regularity. If he learns it in his ringing, it will become easier to him in all the other affairs of life. One other lesson ringing helps us to learn is that of unselfishness. Selfishness spoils ringing. For instance if there are two conductors in a tower, a selfish one will be always grudging the other a fair share of the calling. Again, a selfish

man out of mere spite can stay away and by thus causing a band to meet short can ruin a peal or a practice. Let our ringing help us to learn the lesson of unselfishness. These are all lessons for our own conduct. Just one more lesson may be mentioned, and this is a lesson about our position as Christians. Think how ringers are bound up together. If only one gets wrong and cannot be put right in a peal, the peal comes hopelessly to grief. It is not so with other exercises. One bad cricketer does not ruin a match, and it is not impossible to play a match of cricket or football with one man short altogether. A band of ringers are far more intimately bound up with one another than this. This teaches us a great truth about our position in the Church. We are not mere isolated units. We are members of a great Body—members of Christ—members one of another. If one member suffer all the members suffer with it. So it is in ringing, and so much more is it in the Church. Therefore let our ringing teach us the great and solemn lesson of Church Unity. In all these ways we may hear in our ringing the voice of Christ saying, as he said to the Apostles of old, "Follow Me," and not only saying "Follow Me," but making it easier for us to obey His call.

After service the meeting was held in the schoolroom, Duke Street, where the members attended in a large body. On account of the illness of the Master, Archdeacon Barber, Archdeacon Woosnam was voted to the chair for the day. The Hon. Secretary (the Rev. Richard Greenall), then read the minutes of the last meeting; also letters from the Bishop expressing his interest; and good wishes for the Association from the Master and late Hon. Sec. (A. H. Heywood, Esq.), who was obliged to resign from ill-health in the early part of the year. The usual election of officers was then gone through: Archdeacon Barber was re-elected Master; Rev. R. Greenall, Hon. Secretary and Treasurer; and after other appointments and business, the members found their way to the Town Hall, where an excellent repast was provided, which was heartily welcomed. The usual toasts were given, including "Church and Queen," "Bishop and Clergy," which were drunk with acclamation, and the arrangements for the comfort of the members, which were carried out in a most business-like manner by the Committee, were duly acknowledged. After dinner the members, through the kindness of Mr. Brocklehurst, were permitted to visit his silk factory: and during the afternoon various touches were rung in the belfry of the parish church and others opened for the occasion, and when evening set in, the members wended their way to their respective homes, well pleased with their day, and looking forward to another year's meeting, if so it may be.

## THE SOUTH AND WEST MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

The First Annual General Meeting of this Association was held at Ealing on Bank Holiday, August 6th. The proceedings really commenced on Saturday night with the arrival of Mr. J. J. Parker, of Farnham Royal, Bucks. A peal had been arranged for him at Hounslow, but was stopped by Mr. Jack-in-Office. However, on Sunday morning a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rang for service at St. Mary's, Ealing, and in the afternoon a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples at All Saints, Isleworth, and another quarter-peal of Union Triples at St. Mary's, Ealing, for evening service, Mr. R. Flaxman, having arrived, taking part in it. The next morning found three of the St. Mary's band, with Messrs. Parker and Flaxman, making their way at six o'clock to All Saints, Isleworth, where they found three of the local company waiting for them to try for a peal of Oxford Bob Triples. "Go" was called at four minutes past 7, and "that's all" at six minutes to 10, and a very good peal was the verdict of friends outside. After slight refreshment tracks were made for Ealing, and St. Mary's bells were soon in motion in various touches, and later on Christ Church was visited. Four o'clock found them at the Church House, Warwick Road, Ealing, to do justice to the good things provided by Mrs. Walsom, the wife of their worthy Hon. Secretary.

## RE-HANGING OF THE MELTON MOWBRAY PARISH CHURCH BELLS.

The bells of St. Mary's parish church having been rehung, and the number of the peal increased to ten by the addition of two new bells, special services to mark the successful completion of the work being held on Friday, August 10th. Messrs. Taylor and Sons, the well-known bell founders of Loughborough, have had charge of the work, and in addition to the improvements made in the peal, they have also effected some important alterations in the belfry. The necessity for some kind of restoration had long been apparent, for the bells themselves were getting sadly out of tune, while the beams upon which they hung were known to be in anything but a sound condition. The bells were taken down in the month of April, and since then the town has missed the sound of their "silvery notes," and the small ting-tang has had to fulfil the duties which devolved upon its larger fellows. The original peal consisted of eight bells, but it was thought the re-hanging would provide a good opportunity for increasing the peal to ten, and accordingly, the vicar and churchwardens solicited subscriptions with that object, the cost of the re-tuning of the old bells, we may explain, being borne by the Ward Trustees. At this time, however, Mrs. Robert Brown and Mr. Wm. Giles came forward and generously offered to defray the cost of the two new bells—an offer which, it need hardly be said, was gratefully accepted. But the occasion has not been allowed to pass without the parishioners generally having the opportunity of giving something in connection with the work, it being further decided to renew the chimes, and provide a chiming apparatus. The cost of these improvements, it is expected, will be nearly £150, towards which sum subscriptions have been received, amounting to over £120; it may therefore be taken for granted that by the time the whole of the work is completed, the vicar and churchwardens will find themselves in the happy position of being able to pay cash down. These additional renovations will be proceeded with at once, now that the bells are in position again. With regard to the work in connection with the bells, we may state that the old beams which supported them were found, on examination, to be in an absolutely dangerous condition, and they were accordingly removed, and a new framework has been substituted. This is composed partly of oak and partly of iron, with steel girders underneath. The headstocks are a new design, and made of iron, with steel gudgeons.

The two new bells bear the following inscriptions:—"Presented to this church by Eliza Brown, in memory of her parents, Joseph and Mary Ann Littlewood, of this parish, A.D. 1894. R. Blakeney, M.A., Vicar; J. H. Petch, W. Wilcox, churchwardens"; and "Presented to this Church by William Giles, of this parish, in memory of his parents, William and Martha Giles, of Colston Bassett, Notts., A.D. 1894. R. Blakeney, Vicar; J. H. Petch, W. Wilcox, churchwardens." The total cost of the undertaking, including the two additional bells, will be over £500.

The special services of Friday week commenced with a celebration of the Holy Communion at 9 a.m., at which a fair number of persons were present, the vicar (Rev. R. Blakeney) and the Rev. J. W. Crowther officiating. At 2.30 p.m. the re-dedication of the old peal, and dedication of the two new bells, took place, with an address by the vicar. There was a large congregation, and the service was of an appropriate character. The clergy present, in addition to the vicar, were the Rev. E. J. Hensley, vicar of Chepstow, Monmouthshire, the Rev. J. W. Crowther, and the Rev. G. A. Crawshaw. The processional hymn was "The Church's One Foundation." The Rev. G. A. Crawshaw said the prayers, and the lesson, taken from Haggai ii., was read by the Rev. J. W. Crowther. During the singing of the hymn, "We love the place, O God," the clergy walked under the tower, where the vicar offered up the special dedicatory prayers for the occasion. After the hymn, "Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven," the vicar delivered a short address, basing his remarks on the words, "Lord, I have loved the habitation of Thy House," Psalm xxvi. 8. Care for the House of God, he said, is a sure indication of spiritual life and growth. In days when the Church was asleep, her sacred buildings were allowed to fall into ruin and decay; but to-day, restored churches and new churches in every direction stand forth as a striking visible result of the marvellous revival which has taken place in Church

life and work. The occasion which has brought us here this afternoon is a proof of what I mean. Another stage has been reached in the renovation of this glorious building, and to-day we have the satisfaction of dedicating again to the service of God the bells whose notes have sounded forth for generations, as well as the opportunity of presenting for Divine acceptance the two new bells which have been added to the peal. There are doubtless some in our midst who remember this church before the work of restoration was commenced, and they will be able to compare its condition then with its state now. Its side aisles choked with galleries; its nave blocked with great pews; its west window concealed by the organ; its chancel completely hidden with a large three-decker; its north arcade and clerestory bulging inwards; its noble tower threatening to fall; its roofs dangerous and rotten. Such, some thirty years ago, was the state of our grand church. But look around you, my friends, to-day, and what a magnificent transformation you will behold. A building which is a model of a parish church ought to be; an edifice sound and strong in all its parts; impressive and grand in its proportions; comfortable and well ordered in its arrangements; in short, eminently adapted in every way for the sober, dignified, and reverent worship of the Church of England. But how has all this been accomplished? Simply because the Holy Spirit has worked in the hearts of the people of this place, and has led them from time to time to offer willingly for the preservation and adornment of their beautiful House of God. Surely we can with truth apply the language of our text to this parish, for the people have loved the habitation of God's House, the place where His honour dwelleth. Now our service to-day is unique in the history of the present generation. Ninety-two years have passed away since the last great alteration in our belfry. In 1802, when Dr. Ford was vicar, two treble bells were added to the then peal. In the reign of Edward VI. there were five great bells in the tower, with a Sanctus bell. Two of these pre-Reformation bells still remain in the present peal. The tenor bell bears the dates 1753 and 1754, and there is a tradition that it was brought from the Lazar-house at Burton. To the old peal we have now added two more trebles, thus bringing it up to a ring of ten. For these further and later gifts to our church we are indebted to the generosity, and zeal, and devotion of two widely respected parishioners, to whom we offer our most grateful thanks. We find ourselves then to-day, my friends, not only the fortunate possessors of a magnificent church, but also a splendid peal of bells. Surely it must be the fervent prayer of every worshipper here to-day, that these bells may for generations remind the people of this place of their privileges, their duties, and responsibilities. Yes, in the days which are to come, when we ourselves are gone, when the memory of this service has become a faint tradition of the past, may the future generations of this place, summoned by the music of the bells, still flock to the House their fathers built and loved, and still find it to their souls the very House of God, the very gate of Heaven. Now the history of our belfry is a commentary on human life. Since the first sound of church bells was heard in this place, what centuries have elapsed, what changes have taken place, what deeds have been accomplished. Whether you consider national events or local matters, you cannot but feel that if the oldest of the bells above our heads could speak, they would recall many a forgotten tale from the oblivion of the past. They have rung for great victories, of which our country has been justly proud; they have tolled for national disasters, and from their lofty resting-places they have looked down on the life of this parish as it ebbed and flowed, from generation to generation. Yes, men have come and gone, they have played their little part upon the stage of human life, they have had their joys and sorrows, their hopes and fears, their ambitions and disappointments, but amid them all the bells have rung on from age to age. The merry peal upon the bridal morn, the sweetness of silvery notes mingling with the quietude of the day of rest, the solemn tolling of the passing bell as another soul has gone forth upon that journey from which there is no return—such has been the history of these bells. A shifting scene, a day which is soon over, a day whose sunshine is quickly gone! And still, amid it all, the music of the bells, expressing in notes of joy or tones of sorrow the different phases of human experience, as sweetly sounding forth between earth and heaven



they speak of the better life, of the fulness of joy, of the everlasting treasures which are alone to be found in the presence of God! Surely, then, my friends, the message of the bells is plain. Every time they speak, they remind us that the years are flying quickly over, that earthly life will soon be done. Now, to speak upon the shortness of life may seem like dwelling upon a well-worn theme. We all admit the fact, you say. Yes, but do we all act upon it? Do we all remember that though human existence is very brief, it is all important? Why were your lives given? Not for selfish ends; not for waste; not for mere amusement. No, they were bestowed for great and solid purposes. The true worth of life, my friends, will never be known until we reach eternity. Then when we are released from the narrow surroundings which fetter us here, then when we attain to a fuller knowledge, then when we look back upon the finished story of our human career, we shall realise as we never did before, the transcendent importance of our little span of earthly life. Why was it given? Was it not to live for God's glory? Was it not to triumph, through Jesus Christ, in the conflict with sin? Was it not to elevate and brighten the lives of those around us, to prepare for the higher and nobler possibilities of the life which is yet to come? But are we laying all this to heart? Are we acting as those who realise these glorious truths? Or are we leading selfish, loveless, degraded lives, which can but terminate in fear and sorrow? These are the questions we ought to answer; these are the problems we must solve for weal or woe sooner or later. The message of the bells is clear. It is one of warning, one of love, one which calls to duty. But the day will come, my friends, when you shall hear their sound no more. They will ring as in the days of old, but in a darkened room there will be a lifeless form, and their sounds will fall upon ears that cannot hear, and their invitations will come to one who cannot respond, for the soul, that which is immortal, that which constitutes yourself, will have winged its flight to some other place which is beyond the bounds of time. Will you deceive yourself with plausible excuses? Will you trifle with facts which are inevitable? Will you waste a life which all the remorse of eternity cannot recall? No, surely no. While there is time, banish the feeble arguments of those who would delude you. So number your days, that you may apply your hearts unto wisdom. So follow Him, Who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life, that at last you may enter His Presence for ever.

The concluding hymn was "Holy Offerings, Rich and Rare." The collections at each of the services were on behalf of the Clock and Chimes Fund, and amounted to £5 13s. od. After the service, the bells were rung by the local society, and later in the day by a band organised by Mr. Taylor, jun.

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\* \* Members of the Worcestershire Association will please notice "That the meeting at Upton announced to be held next Saturday, will not take place on that date, but on Saturday, September the 1st instead."

#### CHADDESLEY CORBETT, WORCESTERSHIRE.

Recently the ringers of this village were entertained to supper by Mr. and Mrs. Wain, late of The Rosapenna hotel, in the north of Ireland. Mrs. Wain being a native of Chaddesley, and daughter of the late Mr. Horn, of this place, desired to shew her appreciation of the success attained by the local company, and invited them to supper at the Assembly Room at The Swan hotel, along with a few friends, including Messrs. Millward, Bough, Pratt, Drew and Martin (Bellbroughton). A meet at the tower was the first thing, where a capital struck quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, composed by G. Hayward, of Bromsgrove, was brought round by the following: J. Horne, 1; E. Gilbert, 2; J. Chance, 3; A. Jackson, 4; W. Heming, 5; J. Perrins, 6; J. Broad (conductor), 7; T. Roberts, 8. Afterwards a move was at once made to the assembly room, where a capital spread awaited them, got up in Mrs. Horne's well-known style. On the cloth being removed Mr. Wain was voted to the chair, and Mr. J. Broad to the vice-chair, and the rest of the evening was devoted to harmony. Chaddesley can boast of possessing some exceptional singers, and the different songs rendered by Messrs. Broad, Pratt and Perrins were heartily appreciated, and the humorous were well given by Mr. Millward. Some few years ago Mrs. Wain was often an occupant of the stage at the village concerts and entertainments got up through the winter months at the village school, and was a great favourite on such occasions. She was induced to help in giving that old glee "Dame Durden," along with Messrs. Perrins, Broad and Bough, which highly delighted the rest of the company. The time was now getting on, and Mr. Broad, in giving the toast of Mr. and Mrs. Wain, said that they heartily thanked them for their entertainment that evening, and hoped that health and success would attend them through life.

Mr. Wain, in reply, spoke of the pleasure it gave to him and Mrs. Wain to meet them on such an occasion, and also the pleasure it gave to Mrs. Wain to hear her old village bells again, especially in the way they had been rung that evening, and he hoped on future visits to have the pleasure of meeting them again. Time now having arrived the proceedings concluded by singing "Auld lang Syne," and the company dispersed saying it was one of the most pleasantest evenings they had spent.

#### LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

The monthly ringing meeting of this Society was held on Saturday, July 28th, at Ilkley, and was in every way a success. Ringing commenced in good time with Oxford Bob Minor, Grandsire, Stedman, Treble Bob, and a try for Double Norwich, up till nearly six o'clock. The interior of the church was then visited, the memorial window erected to the memory of the late Jasper W. Snowdon being the chief attraction, a privilege granted the visitors, for which the Society kindly thank the respected church keeper. The next move was to The Rose and Crown, the meeting house, and a course of Grandsire Triples and Major was rung on the handbells by J. Whitaker, 1-2; Tom Lockwood, 3-4; R. Binns, 5-6; J. Thackray, 7-8. The meeting was held in the spacious dining room, the president, Mr. J. Thackray, presiding. About fifty members were present from the following churches: Addingham, Armley, Birstall, Calverley, Horbury, Hull, Lincoln, Leeds, Northallerton, Otley, and St. Chad's and St. Michael's, Headingley. The minutes were passed as read, and several new members were elected. The usual votes of thanks for use of bells, etc., were unanimously carried. Then followed a double course of Grandsire Triples, two octaves in F. Tunes were then begun. The Leeds (St. Peter's) Society of handbell ringers were the principal performers, and rendered some pleasing selections in excellent style up to train time. The weather was all that could be desired, which did undoubtedly tend much to the enjoyment of all present, and will long be remembered as a red-letter day in the annals of the Society.

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### Ringers' Outings.

**THE RANMOOR SOCIETY, SHEFFIELD.**—On Monday, July 23rd, through the kindness of the vicar (the Rev. J. G. Williams), the wardens, sidesmen, and several ladies and gentlemen connected with the church of St. John the Evangelist, the ringers held their annual outing, the place selected being Blackpool and Lytham, at both of which churches they had permission to ring. A start was made from Sheffield at 6.30 in an engaged carriage, the morning being very wet, and the route being by the Midland via the Dore and Chinnery line. Arriving at Manchester the sun broke out, and the weather for the remaining part of the day was beautifully fine. They arrived in Blackpool a little before ten, when after needful refreshment, train was taken to Lytham, where the company was met by Mr. John Fell, Secretary of the Hyde branch of the Lancashire Association, to whose kindness and forethought the company are much indebted. He conducted them to the parish church, where everything being in readiness, the bells were raised in peal, and 503 Grandsire Triples was rung. C. Sawyer, 1; W. Goodwin, 2; W. Noble, 3; T. Allen, 4; J. Mulligan (conductor), 5; W. Pearson, 6; O. Dixon, 7; R. Collier, 8. And 209 in the same method with J. Welch (Liverpool), 7; J. Fell, 8. Tenor 14 cwt. Leaving the tower they had a walk round the well-kept churchyard, in which they noticed a great quantity of beautiful roses, of nearly all shades and colours. Returning to Blackpool, a substantial dinner was partaken of, after which an adjournment was made to the parish church, where the company was met by Mr. Clitheroe, the conductor, who took them to the tower, and a long touch of Bob Triples was attempted, but was unsuccessful, but a 209 of Grandsire Triples proved successful, the ringers standing as before, with the exception of W. R. Small (Tipton), ringing the 6th. A stroll was then taken round the town, but time being limited, much could not be seen, having to return by the half-past six train, which arrived in Sheffield a little before half-past ten, the company having spent one of the most pleasant of their annual outings. The ringers wish to express their gratitude to those ladies and gentlemen who so kindly contributed to the fund for their outing; also to the vicars of Blackpool and Lytham for the use of the bells, and to the local ringers also for their uniform kindness.

**THE WINSHILL SOCIETY, BURTON-ON-TRENT.**—On Saturday, July 28th, this society held its annual outing, Davenham (Cheshire) being the place selected. Starting from Burton at 7.10 by the London and North-Western Railway, via. Lichfield, Stafford, and Crewe, to Hartford, they were met by Mr. J. Ashmole, captain of the Davenham band, and formally a member of the Winshill society. A pleasant walk of 3½ miles brought them to the house of W. Pickering, Esq., parish warden of Davenham. After the usual introduction, they sat down to a substantial lunch, kindly served by Mrs. and Miss Pickering in the orchard in picnic fashion, and to which ample justice was done. They then paid a visit to the church of St. Wilfrid, where a 720 of Bob Minor was rung in 27 mins. J. Ashmole, 1; W. Shepherd, 2; I. Morley, 3; F. Shepherd, 4; J. Woodward, 5; C. Golder (conductor), 6. And a 720 of Grandsire Minor in 25 mins. T. Gilbert, 1; W. Wylde, 2; W. Shepherd, 3; J. Ashmole, 4; F. Shepherd, 5; J. Jaggar (conductor), 6. And 120 of Grandsire Doubles, in which H. Yarwood took part. The ringers were then invited by the committee to the Flower Show and sports which were being held that afternoon in the beautiful park of C. Kay, Esq., J.P., vicar's warden, and which was much enjoyed. The visitors desire to thank the rector, the Rev. T. W. H. France-Hayhurst, for the use of the bells, which are a very nice peal of six, tenor about 15 cwt., and W. Pickering, Esq. for his kind hospitality, and Mr. J. Ashmole for making all other arrangements for the comfort and enjoyment of his old society, which will not be easily forgotten. They arrived home at 10 p.m., all having thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

**THE CRAWLEY SOCIETY.**—The members of this society had their annual outing on Sunday and Monday, August 5th and 6th, Ryde (Isle of Wight), being the place selected. Starting from Crawley on Sunday morning at 9.33, Portsmouth was reached about 11.40, being about half-an-hour late. Having

to wait about an hour before they found themselves moving towards Ryde, after a pleasant half-hour's ride over the water, the party arrived at Ryde pier, where they were welcomed by the Messrs. Ward (2), saying "Come along, we have dinner waiting for you;" and sure enough when they reached Hill Street, they found Mrs. Ward waiting, and after partaking of the good things provided, they started towards the church of All Saints, which is well-known to possess a fine peal of eight bells, tenor 26½ cwt. 14 lbs., by Taylor and Co. First taking a survey from the top, they rang a 168 of Grandsire Triples for the four o'clock service, A. Ward, sen., ringing the tenor. Then having had tea with Mr. and Mrs. Ward and family, ringing for evening service was the order. Superlative Surprise was intended, but one of the band missing the four o'clock boat from Portsmouth, a 504 Grandsire Triples was rung. —, 1; —, Rice, 2; R. Jordan, 3; H. Jennings, 4; F. Dench, 5; J. Parker, 6; A. R. Ward, 7; F. W. Rice, 8. And a 504 of Stedman was lost through a change-course. Service over, a stroll on the beach soon brought time for finding "The Bugle," where all intended resting for the night. On Monday, having a big job before them, six o'clock was the order. A walk around before breakfast, and nine o'clock at the church to attempt a peal of Superlative Surprise. "Go" was called at 9.8, but unfortunately after ringing 3 hrs. 2 mins., a trip occurred, which could not be rectified, owing to the noise in the belfry, so the peal was lost, to the great disappointment of all the band. P. Tyler, 1; J. Rice, 2; W. Ward, 3; A. D. Mills, 4; F. Dench, 5; R. Jordan, 6; J. Parker (conductor), 7; F. W. Rice, 8. The vicar afterwards came into the tower, and with a few kind words of sympathy with the band, placed something in the conductor's hand, that they might refresh the inner man before leaving for Portsmouth *en route* for Crawley, which was reached about 10 o'clock, all having thoroughly enjoyed their outing in spite of losing the peal. They wish through the medium of "THE BELL NEWS" to thank the vicar for the use of the bells and for refreshments; and Mr. and Mrs. Ward for their kind hospitality and the trouble they had taken to make their outing so enjoyable; also the local ringers for the hearty welcome given them on their first visit to Ryde, trusting it will not be their last.

**THE ST. NICOLAS SOCIETY, GUILDFORD.**—Monday, August 6th will be a red-letter day in the annals of the above band, it being the occasion of their first annual outing. Advantage was taken of an excursion promoted by the Working Men's Institute to visit Hythe, Folkstone, and Dover. Some speculation had previously been indulged in as to how many would miss the train, but with the help of a probationer who commenced a rapping-up tour on his bicycle soon after 3 a.m., the band, to the number of twelve, including Mr. Attwell, of Chiddingfold, reached the railway station (in a more or less sleepy condition) at 4.50 a.m. Here they found two first class compartments reserved for them, which enabled them to comfortably while away the long journey with handbell tunes and changes, interspersed with songs and choruses, till Sandling junction was reached at 7.45. The train for Hythe soon came up, and quickly conveyed them to that ancient town, where the crypt of the church, containing 7000 skeletons was duly inspected, but unfortunately the bells were not in ringing condition. Nine o'clock found the band with outside seats on the 'bus, and a beautiful drive through Sandgate to Folkestone in prospect. The latter town was reached by 9.45, and host Barker, of The Harbour inn, was very soon being interviewed. Some of the local band acted as pilots up the few hundred steps from the harbour to the church, and through the beautiful churchyard to the tower. Here the bells, a splendid peal of eight, in E flat, tenor 25 cwt, were soon swinging in Grandsire Triples, the "go" being excellent. Two touches were rung, the first being a 504. A. Adsett, 1; A. Brown, 2; F. Baker, 3; W. Freakes, 4; T. Attwell, 5; F. Bennett (conductor), 6; J. J. Jones, 7; E. Heather, 8. And a 377. W. Freakes, 1; T. Attwell, 2; J. Heathorn, 3; C. Eades, 4; F. Baker, 5; J. J. Jones, 6; F. Bennett (conductor), 7; A. Adsett, 8. An unsuccessful attempt was also made for a touch of Bob Major. After having sufficiently admired the magnificent view from the top of the tower, the Vicar, Canon Woodward, personally conducted the band round the interior of the sacred edifice, and carefully explained the many beautiful paintings and stained-glass windows, and pointed out the Ladye Chapel, the Baptistry, the

Jesse Tree, and last, but not least, the roll of the Vicars of Folkestone, which extends in an unbroken record for the last 500 years. After a good dinner at The Tontine hotel, and a ride up the cliff-lift, the band were soon in the train for Dover, where the afternoon was spent in seeing the Citadel, with its ancient church (the oldest in England), and the many weapons of offence and defence used in bygone years, standing under the same roof with the up-to-date magazine rifles stored in the keep for arming the troops in the South-Eastern district. The sentinels being safely passed, the many steps and the long descent to the harbour were at length accomplished with the exercise of a little patience and grumbling. After a general look round and inspection of the Extension Works, tea was partaken of, and 6.30 found the band *en route* for Guildford, which was safely reached at 9.45 after seventeen hours absence. The band wish here to publicly express their thanks for the kindness and courtesy shewn to them by Canon Woodward, Mr. G. Holdom, and the other members of the Folkestone band.

LEYLAND (Lancashire).—On Saturday, August 4th, the parish church ringers had their third annual outing. Starting by an early train, Blackburn was reached before nine o'clock. They proceeded to the parish church, raised the bells, and "stand" was called for a few minutes, after which a 720 of Oxford Single Bob was rung. They wish to thank Mr. Walker for his kindness in granting the use of the bells, and also for meeting them. They then proceeded to Holy Trinity church and rang another 720 of Oxford Single Bob. After leaving Holy Trinity they went by train to Whalley, where they attempted to ring another 720 of Oxford Single Bob, and the "go" of them was so bad, that rounds was called at half-way. After leaving the tower they proceeded to The Dog inn, where they sat down to an excellent dinner, to which ample justice was done. They then went by waggonette to Mitton, where a 720 of Oxford Single Bob was rung. O. Worden, 1; T. Bowling, 2; S. Watkinson, 3; J. Riding, 4; W. Nelson, 5; J. Banister (conductor), 6. Leaving Mitton they went by road to Clitheroe, but they did ring there as they found they had not time to catch the train from Whalley, which left at 7.15, after having spent a very pleasant day, home being reached at 10.30 p.m.

NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.—On Saturday, August 11th, the local company of ringers connected with St. Luke's church, Shireoaks, together with the Sunday and day school teachers, had their annual outing, the places visited being Grimsby and Cleethorpes, the ringers having previously arranged with a friend in Grimsby to have a pull on the bells of St. Andrew's church, eight in number. The party was met at the station by their friend Mr. Clipsham, who escorted them to the church, where everything was in readiness. The bells being raised, ringing was at once commenced to the tune of Oxford Treble Bob Minor on the back six, tenor 15½ cwt., a 720 being brought round. S. Tomlinson, 1; J. Fitzjohn, 2; E. Russon, 3; B. Hall, 4; W. Hargreaves (conductor), 5; D. Russon, 6. A 720 of Kent was also rung, standing as before. The party were then driven down to the docks by their friend, and boarded the steamer and sailed for Hull, all enjoying the sail. Having spent a couple of hours in Hull, the party sailed back to Grimsby, again being taken by their friend Mr. Clipsham down to Cleethorpes. Arriving here the visitors spread themselves about in different directions to spend the few remaining hours in donkey rides and other amusements to be had at this noted seaside resort. Time arrived too soon for the party to return, and after a little over two hours' ride, they arrived home a little after eleven o'clock, all having thoroughly enjoyed their day's outing. The ringers wish through the medium of this paper to thank the vicar of St. Andrew's for the use of his bells.

THE ST. PETER'S SOCIETY, CAVERSHAM.—This Society had their annual outing on August Bank Holiday, when, taking advantage of the Foresters' excursion, nine members made the journey to Southampton. The weather at the start was very threatening, but by the time Southampton was reached it had cleared, and for the rest of the day King Sol reigned supreme. After refreshing the inner man and taking a walk through the park, the band found themselves outside Holyrood church, and what was better found also the steeplekeeper close handy with keys in hand. A capital 504 of Stedman Triples was rung. At 11.10 all met once more on the pier, waiting for the boat to start

to Cowes and Ryde. When fairly on the briny two courses of Grandsire Triples, in hand, were rung, to the delight of a vast concourse of spectators. The voyage finished the company made for dinner, a good amount being stowed away after the trip across. Dinner over some of the band made for the church, and finding the guide out paid a surreptitious visit to the belfry and the roof, from which place splendid views of Portsmouth, the Solent and Spithead were obtained. Descending the tower they chanced to come across some of the Crawley ringers, who in the morning had attempted a peal of Superlative, which they had hoped to listen to. Embarking once more they were soon in the midst of the yachts off Cowes, over 400 of which were lying in the Roads. Great interest was added to the occasion by the fact that the German Emperor had just arrived in his splendid war yacht the Hohenzollern, attended by the Prince Wilhelm; while to add to the excitement they were fortunate enough to witness the finish of a race between the *Britannia* and the *Vigilant*. Once more in Southampton they were met by some of the Romsey ringers, including the veteran, Mr. Newman, whom they were all pleased to see looking so well. Tea and a stroll round the town brought train time. The journey home was enlivened by songs, etc., a most efficient chairman being found in G. Essex. The band take this opportunity of thanking their Southampton friends, also those at home, who by their kindness contributed so much to the day's enjoyment.

JUNIOR AMALGAMATED SOCIETY, SHEFFIELD, YORKSHIRE.—On Monday, August 6th, five members of the above society, taking advantage of an excursion for Leeds and Bradford, visited Shipley, where previous arrangements had been made for a peal of Treble Bob. Arriving a little after one o'clock, they were met by Mr. S. H. London and Mr. Kendall, and it being dinner-time a move was made to The Sun hotel, where the repast was provided. Afterwards they took a stroll round the town, and met Mr. Nettleton, one of the band. The park and churchyard were also visited, where a good view of Saltaire and the district can be had. At 2 o'clock a move was made for the belfry, where everything was in readiness. The bells, which are a nice musical ring by Mears and Stainbank, were raised, and three leads rung as a feeler. At 2.30 "go" was called, and a little after 5.30 the welcome "that's all." An adjournment was then made to The Sun hotel for refreshment, where, after a little delay, Mr. Nettleton provided us with a good set of handbells. A few courses of Triples and Major were rung, and 336 Bob Major. T. Dixon, 1-2; S. H. London, 3-4; J. Mulligan, 5-6; S. Thomas, 7-8. We were now augmented by several local men, and a move was made to the headquarters, The Star and Garter, where a few more courses of Triples and Major were rung with some of the local men. Through the kindness of Mr. London, and the station master we were allowed to go direct to Leeds, but the best arrangements sometimes go wrong, and the train steamed out, leaving two behind on the platform. We wish to tender their thanks to the Rev. W. Cribb, vicar, for the use of the bells, to Mr. S. London for his able arrangements, and to Messrs. Nettleton, Kendall, and other ringers, who by their presence made the outing an enjoyable one. M.

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IN the scathing impeachment which the Rev. T. L. PAPILLON formulates in the present issue, nothing approaching a *lapsus penne* is likely to be discovered. The reverend gentleman is the last person in the world—at any rate within the circle of our acquaintance—who would make any unreliable or haphazard statement, and the thinking portion of the Exercise will with pain admit that the character drawn by him of many ringers is as true as Gospel. That the ordinary courtesies of life in punctuality, regularity, good temper, consideration for others, and cheerful obedience to authority are generally unheeded by a majority of the Exercise, is unfortunately too well-known. "'Tis true, 'tis pity: pity 'tis, 'tis true." Who among our readers has not witnessed displays of that childish, very childish, behaviour which spoils the harmony of many a belfry; and the ill-temper of those who cannot stand being told when they are wrong? Then when such behaviour is seen by those whose support and interest is necessary, how can we wonder that they decline to have anything to do with ringers at all. Though we see many signs of improvement in various quarters, the cantankerous party will always manage to exist somehow. But with a little tact he can be managed, if we go to work the right way. We should let the clergy and those who rule over us see our disinterestedness, our self-denial, and our good temper under trying moments, and then they will generally be among the first to assist in the removal of all causes of offence, come from what direction they may.

The attendance at church after ringing for service will

naturally be insisted on. This part of the question we have alluded to more than once, so there is no necessity for mentioning it again. But with all deference may we ask—Does the Church Service, as it is often performed in the present day, tend to edification *always*? The rapid monotone; the headlong pace at which the chants are driven; the impossibility of any member of the congregation taking part in the hymn of praise during a service which seems got up specially for the behoof and glorification of the choir; the frequent mutilation of the Prayer-Book and disregard of the rubric; and the innate unsuitableness of the preacher, are circumstances noticed by many a ringer who would feel refreshed and edified by a good hearty and sincere congregational service of prayer and praise, such as is ordained for every day throughout the year. It is with great humility and deference that we refer to this. The wish to attend Divine Service by ringers is much greater than supposed, but we fear the cases are not infrequent where they stay away because they feel that they cannot derive any benefit from a service in which the members of the congregation are expected to be but a mere auditory.

### The Metropolis.

#### THE WATERLOO SOCIETY AND ST. PETER'S SOCIETY, WALWORTH.

On Tuesday, August 14, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST, WATERLOO ROAD,  
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 20 cwt.

THOMAS H. TAFFENDER* .. Treble.	HAROLD N. DAVIS .. .. 5.
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL .. 2.	WILLIAM F. MEADS .. .. 6.
JAMES E. DAVIS .. .. 3.	EDWARD P. O'MEARA .. 7.
JOSEPH BARRY .. .. 4.	ARTHUR R. DAVIS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. H. FUSSELL.

\*First peal away from the tenor. This peal was arranged for the conductor (who hails from Slough), by H. N. Davis. The band wish through this paper to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells, and also Mr. Waite for having all in readiness.

### The Provinces.

#### OXFORD.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 21, 1894, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

REV. C. A. CLEMENTS .. Treble.	C. HOUNSLOW .. .. 5.
A. C. HAWES .. .. 2.	A. FOX .. .. 6.
C. H. FOWLER .. .. 3.	J. W. WASHBROOK .. 7.
J. HOWSE .. .. 4.	J. MOGRIDGE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by J. W. WASHBROOK.

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

On Monday, August 6, 1894, in Three Hours and Four and ½ Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt.

THOMAS DIXON .. .. Treble.	HENRY WOODING .. .. 5.
T. B. KENDALL .. .. 2.	SAM THOMAS .. .. 6.
JOHN MULLIGAN .. .. 3.	WILLIAM BIGGIN .. .. 7.
S. H. LONDON .. .. 4.	G. A. O. NETTLETON .. Tenor.

Composed by the late H. HALEY and Conducted by T. DIXON.

Further reference to this peal will be found in another column.

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

On Thursday, August 9, 1894, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

#### A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12½ cwt.

G. CONYARD .. .. Treble.	T. GROOMBRIDGE .. .. 5.
J. SAXBY* .. .. 2.	A. PEILL .. .. 6.
W. REEVE .. .. 3.	C. WILKINS .. .. 7.
W. INGHAM .. .. 4.	E. BARNETT .. .. Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS and Conducted by C. WILKINS.

\*First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to W. Reeve, his brother-ringers wishing many happy returns. Messrs. Groombridge and Ingham hail from Chislehurst; the rest are local men.

#### ACTON, MIDDLESEX.

#### THE SOUTH AND WEST MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 9, 1894, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 13 cwt.

GEORGE THOMPSON* .. Treble.	ALLEN H. TABER .. .. 5.
EVERED J. WALSON .. .. 2.	FREDERICK GODDARD .. 6.
HENRY GEORGE OWEN .. 3.	JOHN BASDEN .. .. 7.
WILLIAM FOSTER† .. .. 4.	EDWARD HARRIS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by ALLEN HENRY TABER.

\*First peal. †First peal in the method. This peal was rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. W. H. Guttridge and Miss F. M. Malley, also as a birthday peal for A. Fryer, one of the Ealing band. F. Goddard hails from Isleworth; the rest belong to Ealing (St. Mary's). This is the quickest peal on the bells.

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

On Saturday, August 11, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

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

LATES' ONE-PART. Tenor 18 cwt.

JOHN TURNER* .. .. Treble.	CHARLES WILKINS .. .. 5.
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE .. 2.	*WALTER INGHAM .. .. 6.
WILLIAM I. REEVE .. .. 3.	EDWIN BARNETT .. .. 7.
GEORGE CONYARD .. .. 4.	JOHN GARARD .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT.

\*First peal of Stedman.

#### WOOTTON BASSETT, WILTS.

#### GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 11, 1894, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 18 cwt.

ERNEST BISHOP .. .. Treble.	GEORGE T. ILES .. .. 5.
OWEN W. LAYNG .. .. 2.	THOMAS BLACKBOURN .. 6.
ALFRED LAWRENCE .. .. 3.	ALFRED P. GODDARD .. 7.
ROBERT RICHARDS .. .. 4.	THOMAS GROVES .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by ERNEST BISHOP.

Messrs. Blackbourn, Goddard, and Groves hail from Salisbury; the rest belong to Swindon.

#### HEENE, WORTHING, SUSSEX.

#### THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 11, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

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

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

BENJAMIN BASSETT .. Treble.	WILLIAM WOOLGAR .. .. 5.
HERBERT RANN .. .. 2.	ARTHUR A. FULLER .. .. 6.
EDWIN RAPLEY* .. .. 3.	GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. 7.
HARRY MEETEN* .. .. 4.	EDMUND H. LINDUP .. Tenor.

Conducted by HERBERT RANN.

\*First peal of Grandsire with a bob bell. This was rung as a birthday peal to H. Meeten, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns. Messrs. Williams, Fuller, and Rann hail from Brighton; Woolgar and Rapley from Steyning; the rest belong to the local band.



## BATH, SOMERSET.

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 13, 1894, in Two Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLLIS' FIVE-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt.

JOHN HOLMAN .. .. .	Treble.	JAMES YORK .. .. .	5.
W. JAMES HINTON .. ..	2.	REV. H. A. COCKEY ..	6.
CHARLES W. BELL .. ..	3.	HARRY W. BROWN ..	7.
GEORGE H. COLSTON ..	4.	ARTHUR BREARLEY ..	Tenor.

Conducted by HARRY W. BROWN.

Messrs. Holman and Brearley hail from Sheffield.

## BATH, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 15th, 1894, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S BOB-AND-SINGLE VARIATION.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

WILLIAM SIMMONDS ..	Treble.	FREDERICK KING ..	5.
GEORGE TEMPLE .. ..	2.	CHARLES W. BELL ..	6.
CHARLES LANGDON ..	3.	W. JAMES HINTON ..	7.
CHARLES GOODENOUGH ..	4.	JAMES FUSSELL ..	Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES W. BELL.

## Performances on Five and Six Bells.

## BACUP, LANCASHIRE.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROSSENDALE BRANCH.)

On Monday, August 13, 1894, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

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

Being 720 each of the following Treble Bob methods:

Primrose, Tulip, Duke of York, Violet, Woodbine, Oxford, and Kent.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

L. HOLT .. .. .	Treble.	E. J. COCKCROFT ..	4.
JAS. SMITH .. .. .	2.	JAS. S. LOMAS ..	5.
ZEB. LORD .. .. .	3.	JNO. H. BARNES ..	Tenor.

Conducted by JNO. H. BARNES.

This 5040 is the first in seven Treble Bob methods by the Association, also first on the bells.

PEAL CORRECTION.—SIR,—Kindly correct in your next issue the name of the church where we rang the peal, it should be Isleworth, not Hanwell, as unfortunately we have no bells here. I'm afraid it was my mistake, for which accept my apology.—J. BASDEN.

## Date Catches.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

RAWTENSTALL (Lancashire).—On Wednesday, August 8th, at the parish church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1894 changes, in 1 hr. 3 mins. G. H. Ashworth, 1; J. Rollerson, 2; T. Rollerson (longest length as conductor), 3; S. Holgate, 4; G. H. Hargreaves, 5; J. H. Nuttall, 6; J. Smith, 7; J. Ramsbottom, 8. Composed by C. Jackson, of Hull. The above was rung in honour of the marriage of the Rev. R. Parker, vicar of Stonefold, to Miss Townsend, of The Holme, Rawtenstall.

## THE EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

CLAY CROSS (Derbyshire).—On Sunday, August 5th, at the parish church, for Divine Service in the morning, a date touch (1894 changes) of Bob Minor, in 1 hr. and 4 mins.: being two 720s each containing fourteen singles and four bobs, each called differently, and 454 with fourteen singles, the 454 being compiled and arranged by T. Millington. J. Green, 1; J. Maycock, 2; J. J. Cook, 3; T. Millington (conductor), 4; F. Marshall, 5; T. Clough, 6.

## Miscellaneous.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

ROMFORD (Essex).—Handbell Ringing.—On Wednesday, August 8th, on handbells retained in hand, 756 Stedman Triples. G. R. Pye, 1-2; W. Pye, 3-4; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 5-6; E. Pye, 7-8. And a course of Double Norwich Court Bob Major. On Sunday, August 12th, at St. Edward's church, for morning service, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor in 25 mins. W. Watson, 1; E. Pye, 2; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 3; G. R. Pye, 4; W. Pye, 5; J. Dale, 6. First in the method on the bells, and by all the above. Also a course of Kent Treble Bob Major, in which Messrs. Keeble and Roughton took part.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

BURFORD (Oxon).—On Monday, August 6th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 48 mins. H. Hurcomb, 1; W. Large, 2; J. F. Barlow, 3; A. Joyner, 4; T. E. Glanville, 5; J. Monk, 6; W. E. Yates (conductor), 7; R. H. Burden, 8. And two courses of Grandsire Major. H. Hurcomb, 1; A. Joyner, 2; J. F. Barlow, 3; R. H. Burden, 4; T. E. Glanville, 5; J. Monk, 6; W. Large, 7; W. Yates (conductor), 8. And 360 Grandsire Minor. J. F. Barlow, 1; R. H. Burden, 2; A. Joyner, 3; W. Large, 4; T. E. Glanville, 5; W. E. Yates (conductor), 6. And 210 of Grandsire Triples. H. Hurcomb, 1; A. Joyner, 2; T. Bond, 3; W. Shirley, 4; J. F. Barlow, 5; R. H. Burden, 6; W. Large, 7; W. E. Yates (conductor), 8. Messrs. Hurcomb, Barlow, Joyner, and Burden hail from Chipping Norton; Large, Glanville, Bond and Shirley are local men; J. Monk from Witney, and W. E. Yates from Great Marlow.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

EDENBRIDGE (Kent).—On Sunday, August 12th, at the church of SS. Peter and Paul, 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-eight bobs and twenty-two singles), in 26½ mins. J. Steddy, 1; J. Wallis, 2; T. Wallis, 3; J. Heasman, 4; W. Collison (conductor), 5; R. Jenner, 6. Tenor 14 cwt.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

WELLINGTON (Somersetshire).—A monthly meeting of the Taunton branch of the above association was held at the above place, on Saturday, August 4th, when some good ringing was done. A quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was brought round in 50 mins. by F. Millard, 1; G. E. Harbour, 2; H. Poole, 3; J. Burge, 4; T. W. Radford, 5; T. Doble, 6; J. Maddock (conductor), 7; G. Yendall, 8. And 350 in the same method. H. Pearce, 1; J. Joyce, 2; F. Millard, 3; J. Burge, 4; G. Yendall, 5; T. Doble, 6; T. W. Radford (conductor), 7; A. Evans, 8.

TAUNTON (Somersetshire).—On Monday, August 6th, at St. James's church, 720 Grandsire Minor. T. W. Radford (conductor), 1; H. Pearce, 2; J. Joyce, 3; S. Radford, 4; G. Yendall, 5; W. Thorne, 6. And 360 Bob Minor. A. Evans, 1; T. Doble, 2; S. Radford, 3; G. E. Harbour, 4; W. Thorne, 5; T. W. Radford (conductor), 6.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

GRAPPENHALL (Cheshire).—On Saturday, August 4th, at St. Wilfred's church, for practice, a 720 of Canterbury Pleasure Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles) in 24 mins. J. Mainwaring, 1; F. T. Spence, 2; T. Burrows, 3; S. Horsfall, 4; C. R. Greenall, 5; J. W. Booth (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method by all. On Sunday, August 5th, for Divine Service, a 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor, in 23½ mins. standing as before. Tenor 10½ cwt.

## THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

CROYDON (Surrey).—On Sunday, August 11th, at the parish church, for Divine Service in the morning, a 504 Grandsire Triples. H. Lover, 1; H. Brooker (conductor), 2; W. Sadler, 3; G. Burt, 4; W. Bulpitt, 5; F. Hermon, 6; C. Kitching, 7; B. Blake, 8. And for evening service a 504 Oxford Bob Triples. W. Dolton, 1; G. Burt, 2; A. E. Collins, 3; W. Bulpitt, 4; H. Brooker (conductor), 5; C. Kitching, 6; F. Hermon, 7; W. Warman, 8.

## THE SOUTH AND WEST MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

EALING (Middlesex).—On Wednesday, July 25th, at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 43 mins. H. Luck (first quarter-peal), 1; E. J. Walsom, 2; W. Foster, 3; A. H. Taber, 4; F. Goddard, 5; L. Copsey, 6; J. Basden (conductor), 7; H. Stemp, 8. It was arranged to attempt a birthday peal for Mr. E. Harris but owing to misunderstanding he failed to turn up, so the above was rung instead. Also on Sunday, August 5th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 43 mins. F. Coulson

(first quarter-peal), 1; E. J. Walsom, 2; A. H. Taber, 3; J. J. Parker, 4; W. Foster, 5; J. Basden (conductor), 6; A. Fryer, 7; H. Stemp, 8. And for evening service, a quarter-peal of Union Triples in 42 mins. J. Basden (conductor), 1; E. J. Walsom, 2; W. Foster, 3; J. J. Parker (composer), 4; R. Flaxman, 5; F. Goddard, 6; A. H. Taber, 7; L. Copsey, 8. J. J. Parker hails from Farnham Royal, F. Goddard from Isleworth, R. Flaxman from Slough, and the rest belong to the local company.

ISLEWORTH (Middlesex).—On Sunday, August 5th, for men's service in the afternoon, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples in 42 mins. T. Beadle, 1; E. J. Walsom, 2; J. J. Parker (composer and conductor), 3; J. Basden, 4; W. Foster, 5; F. Goddard, 6; A. H. Taber, 7; W. Stanney, 8.

#### THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HULL (Yorks).—On Monday, August 13th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 46 mins. G. T. Marshall, 1; W. Verity, 2; J. Highfield, 3; G. T. Miller, 4; C. Jackson (conductor), 5; T. Stockdale, 6; J. Dixey, 7; J. W. Dale, 8.

#### THE NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LINCOLN.—On Sunday, August 5th, at the church of St. Peter-at-Arches, for evening service, 784 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. F. W. Walker, 1; J. B. Fenton, 2; R. E. Clarke, 3; G. Chester, 4; C. Wells, 5; J. W. Watson, 6; G. Lindoff (conductor), 7; C. W. P. Clifton, 8.

#### DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BERWICK-ON-TWEED.—On Monday afternoon, August 6th, on the Town Hall bells, 504 Grandsire Triples, touches of Stedman, &c. were rung. J. Buflery (conductor, Birmingham), P. A. Hind (Oxford), A. E. Hind, H. Dall, E. J. Lincoln, and J. Simm, with G. Holmes and F. T. Teasdale, of North Shields. Tenor 21 cwt.

WHICKHAM (Durham).—On Sunday, August 12th, at St. Mary's church, 720 Oxford Bob Minor. G. E. Stark, 1; C. L. Routledge (conductor), 2; J. W. Nicholson, 3; P. A. Hind, 4; R. Mordue, 5; A. E. Hind, 6. And 360 Kent Treble Bob Minor, with J. P. Harbottle, 1. Tenor 8½ cwt.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.—On Thursday, August 9th, an attempt was made for a peal of Superlative Surprise Major, which collapsed five courses from home, through a change-course. About 4000 changes were rung in 2 hrs. 35 mins. H. Dall, 1; P. A. Hind (Oxford), 2; W. Holmes, 3; C. L. Routledge, 4; R. S. Story, 5; A. F. Hillier, 6; F. Lees, 7; F. J. Harrison (conductor), 8. And on Monday, August 13th, 336 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. W. Holmes, 1; P. A. Hind, 2; E. J. Lincoln, 3; F. Lees, 4; C. L. Routledge, 5; H. Dall, 6; A. E. Hind, 7; F. Harrison, 8. Tenor 12½ cwt.

#### THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

NETHERTON (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, August 12th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure in 26 mins. J. W. Smith, 1; W. Talbot (first 720 in the method with a bob bell), 3; J. Townsend, 3; R. Round (conductor), 4; J. Prestidge, 5; J. Smith, 6.

#### THE WATERLOO SOCIETY, LONDON.

LAMBETH (Surrey).—On Sunday evening, July 28th, at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. \*H. Taffenden, 1; W. Langdon, 2; F. G. Perrin, 3; E. P. O'Meara, 4; T. Langdon, 5; A. R. Davis, 6; W. H. George (conductor), 7; W. Stoneman, 8. First quarter-peal away from the tenor. W. H. George hails from Winchester. Rang as a farewell touch to the Rev. F. G. Pelham, who is leaving the parish.

#### GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CIRENCESTER (Gloucestershire).—On Sunday, July 15th, after afternoon service at the parish church, 840 of Grandsire Triples. G. W. Lait, A. C. Harmer, H. Midwinter, F. Gardner, C. Bartlett, H. C. Bond, R. Richards (Swindon, conductor), H. Clutterbuck and C. Turpin. On Monday, July 23rd, two plain courses of Grandsire Caters. W. E. Bond, A. E. Edwards, A. C. Harmer, H. Midwinter, F. W. Bond, F. Gardner, C. Bartlett, H. C. Bond, H. P. Gardner, H. Clutterbuck and C. Turpin. On Thursday, August 2nd, two plain courses of Grandsire Caters. W. E. Bond, J. E. Waters, A. E. Edwards, F. W. Bond, H. Midwinter, F. Gardner, C. Bartlett, H. Hughes, H. C. Bond, H. Clutterbuck and C. Turpin. And a 504 of Grandsire Triples. J. E. Waters, F. W. Bond, A. E. Edwards, F. Gardner, C. Bartlett, H. Midwinter, H. C. Bond (conductor), H. Clutterbuck and C. Turpin. On Thursday, August 9th, a 504 of Grandsire Triples. W. E. Bond, F. W. Bond, A. E. Edwards, F. Gardner, T. Blackburn (Salisbury), H. Midwinter, H. C. Bond (conductor), and H. Clutterbuck.

#### THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

HORNSEY (Middlesex).—On Sunday, August 12th, at St. Mary's church, for Divine Service in the evening, a 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs) in 27 mins. B. Foskett, 1; P. Howard, 2; A. Howell, 3; G. Smith, 4; A. Pittam, 5; A. Jacob (conductor), 6. And after Divine Service in the evening, 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor (fifteen bobs) in 27 mins. A. Jacob (conductor), 1; B. Foskett, 2; G. Smith, 3; A. Howell, 4; A. Pittam, 5; P. Howard, 6. And a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs) in 27 mins. G. Griffin, 1; P. Howard, 2; G. Smith, 3; A. Howell, 4; A. Pittam, 5; A. Jacob (conductor), 6. Tenor 17½ cwt.

#### THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

LLANDAFF (South Wales).—On Sunday, August 12th, for Divine Service in the morning at the Cathedral, 560 of Grandsire Triples. J. Pitcher, 1; C. Lloyd (conductor), 2; W. Smyth, 3; W. B. Biss, 4; J. Harris, 5; W. Coombes, 6; J. Clutterbuck, 7; J. Thomas, 8.

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

WALWORTH.—On Sunday evening, July 8th, for Divine Service, the last 700 of Holt's Original. H. Taffenden, 1; F. G. Perrin, 2; H. N. Davis, 3; F. Davis, 4; W. Langdon, 5; T. Langdon (conductor), 6; J. E. Davis, 7; E. P. O'Meara, 8.

PUTNEY.—On Sunday evening, July 22nd, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 1260 changes, in 42 mins. \*E. W. Beckwith, 1; A. R. Davis, 2; E. Adams, 3; H. N. Davis, 4; F. G. Perrin, 5; E. P. O'Meara (conductor), 6; J. E. Davis, 7; W. Crocker, 8. \*Hails from Coggeshall, Essex, and first quarter-peal.

ARMLEY (Yorks).—*Handbell Ringing*.—On Friday, August 10th, at Christ Church tower, for practice, the following touches were rung: 1056 Bob Major, 924 Bob Triples, 256 Grandsire Major. John Thackray, 1-2; J. Thackray, 3-4; H. Williams (conductor), 5-6; G. Barraclough, 7-8. And 768 of Kent Treble Bob Major, with Joseph Thackray, 1-2; and John Thackray, 3-4; the rest as above.

BARNEY DON (Yorks).—On Wednesday, August 8th, at St. Peter's church, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor. G. Whitley, 1; S. Scholes, 2; F. Cook, 3; J. F. Mallaby (conductor), 4; J. Howsham, 5; H. Lupidge, 8. First 720 in the method by this company.

BATH (Somersetshire).—On Wednesday, August 8th, at St. James's church, an attempt was made for a peal of Grandsire Triples, but lost. Afterwards, a quarter-peal was rung. W. Simmonds, 1; J. Hinton, 2; G. Temple, 3; C. Bell, 4; J. Fussell, 5; J. Holman, 6; A. Brearley, 7; W. Colston, 8. Also 384 Grandsire Major. W. Simmonds, 1; G. Temple, 2; C. Bell, 3; F. King, 4; J. Fussell, 5; J. Holman, 6; A. Brearley, 7; J. Hinton, 8. J. Holman and A. Brearley hail from Sheffield.

BRISTOL.—On Monday, August 8th, at All Saints church, an attempt was made to ring a peal of Treble Bob Major, but failed after ringing 45 mins. C. Gordon, 1; A. York, 2; J. Holman, 3; H. Pring, 4; Rev. H. A. Cockey, 5; J. Hinton, 6; H. Brown, 7; A. Brearley, 8. An attempt was also made to ring a peal of Grandsire Triples at St. Stephen's church, but came to grief after ringing 2 hrs. 28 mins. C. Gordon, 1; J. Holman, 2; Rev. H. A. Cockey, 3; A. Brearley, 4; F. Price, 5; C. Bell, 6; H. Brown, 7; E. Duckham, J. Hinton, and E. Guy, 8. J. Holman and A. Brearley hail from Sheffield; H. Brown and C. Bell from Bath.

GORLESTON (Norfolk).—On Thursday, August 9th, at St. Andrew's church, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs two singles), in 27 mins. J. Collins, 1; W. A. Hall, 2; H. D. Arnott, 3; T. Fleming (conductor), 4; W. Gibbs, 5; B. Collins, 6. On Friday, August 10th, 720 in the same method, in 26 mins. J. Collins, 1; C. West, 2; W. A. Hall (conductor), 3; H. D. Arnott, 4; W. Gibbs, 5; B. Collins, 6. Tenor about 12 cwt. W. A. Hall hails from Rushden, Northants; C. West from Biddenham, Beds.; the rest are local men.

GRIMSBY (Lincolnshire).—On Sunday, August 12th, for evening service at St. Andrew's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 44 mins. T. Scrimshaw, 1; G. Weldon, 2; T. C. Tickler, 3; J. Chapman, 4; J. Baker, 5; J. P. Tarlton, 6; T. Nixon, 7; G. W. Bemrose, 8. J. P. Tarlton hails from North Wingfield.

HAGBOURNE (Berks).—On Friday, July 6th, at the parish church, a 504 of Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples. E. Windus, 1; E. Butler, 2; E. Richardson, 3; J. Savage, 4; E. Napper, 5; T. East, 6; J. Sawyer (conductor), 7; J. Hitchman, 8. On Thursday, July 19th, for practice, a 504 of Grandsire Triples. J. Slade, 1; E. Butler, 2; E. Richardson, 3; J. Savage, 4; T. East, 5; — 6; J. Sawyer (conductor), 7; J. Hitchman, 8.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH (Northamptonshire).—On Sunday, August 12th, at St. Peter's church for morning service, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs two singles), in 24 mins. A. Perkins, 1; C. Newman, 2; W. Pettitt, 3; A. Tyler, 4; J. Garratt, 5; J. Houghton, jun. (conductor), 6. This is a young band which was formed in January last, and is the first 720 by them all standing in together. And on Monday, August 13th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor (twenty-six singles), in 24 mins. J. Horner (first 720), 1; C. Newman, 2; A. Perkins, 3; W. Pettitt, 4; J. Garratt, 5; J. Houghton, jun. (conductor), 6.

MATHON (Herefordshire).—On Sunday afternoon, August 12th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 720 of Bob Minor in 26 mins. J. Hale, 1; E. S. Kings, 2; H. Pritchard, 3; C. Layton (conductor), 4; W. Powell, 5; C. Watkins, 6. All except the 5th man are members of the Herefordshire Guild.

READING (Berks).—*Handbell Ringing*.—On Sunday, August 5th, at 50, Connaught road, two 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. Mrs. Frank Hopgood, 1; C. Giles, 2-3; F. Hopgood, 4-5. And a 6-score in the same method. C. Giles, 1-2; F. Hopgood, 3-4; Mrs. F. Hopgood, 5. On Sunday, August 12th, a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles. Mrs. F. Hopgood, 5-6; the rest as before.

### 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.

SIR,—As one or two disquieting rumours are afloat with regard to this performance, I, in common with others, should like them cleared up. A report has got wind to the effect that the wrong peal was called—not the one started for in the first instance, but another, which upon investigation was found to be incorrect. Rumours never lose anything by circulation, and no one should rely upon mere gossip. But I think those who know should stop the talk about this peal by publishing the figures. One set of figures is in circulation purporting to be the peal which was rung—and this is said to be false. I cannot think such to be the case, but if a mistake has been made, it should be acknowledged without delay, or if true, placed beyond all doubt.

A LONDON CUMBERLAND.

#### THE ALLEGED FALSE PEAL RUNG AT NEWCASTLE.

SIR,—I am sorry Mr. Harrison did not at once take steps to correct his composition appearing in "THE BELL NEWS" of August 6th, of Double Norwich. The peal he published was incorrect in the courses the Rev. J. Holme Pilkington points out, but this was simply an error in Mr. Harrison's pricking. The peal actually rung and called on April 2nd, 1894, at St. John's, Newcastle, and entered in my own peal-book, reads thus between the 15th and 20th courses:—

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which makes it quite correct. Both Messrs R. S. Story and W. Holmes proved the peal ere it was rung.

C. L. ROUTLEDGE.

#### THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SIR,—I wish especially to thank you for your kindly critical leading article in "THE BELL NEWS" of August 11th. With every word of it I agree. The association owes its birth to some suggestions of my dear old friend, that enthusiastic bell-ringer, Gervas Holmes, at the opening of the newly-hung peal of eight some twenty years ago, or nearly. We have the usual imposing list of patrons and presidents, and vice-presidents, but the baby has been a weakly bantling, and only dry-nursed by patronage—what it wants is the wet-nursing of practice. We have made inroads into all the large towns, but had very chilly receptions alike from parsons and pullers, I could give names and localities, but I forbear. There are great geographical and other difficulties, the diocese lies wide, and the organising secretary (for organization is absolutely a necessity), wants running powers from Ely all over the district, to Lynn, Oundle, Bedford, Bletchley, Ramsey, Haverhill, Clare, Mildenhall, Huntingdon, Harling Road, Bury St. Edmund's, Ipswich, Hadleigh, Colchester, Sudbury, Newmarket, Cambridge, Peterborough, and several other centres. The district and diocese must be organised and looked up first. At Ely we have a very warm and constant band, and there is a prosperous association at Woburn, in Beds. There is also a thriving district association,

and an Eastern and Midlands Association. At present the association is literally a corpse. Ringers in the country say "cut bono!" I want five and six bell work fostering, as well as eight bell work patting on the back. If I can see the association flourishing, and on a firm basis, I shall die happy, not unless.

K. H. SMITH.

Hon. Sec. and Treasurer of the E.D.A.

#### "APATHY AND UNCONCERN."—WHO IS TO BLAME?

SIR,—The "apathy and unconcern" which has brought the Ely Diocesan Association to the verge of extinction is not confined to that Diocese: and the secretaries of most ringing societies can bear witness to the difficulty of inducing clergy to take an interest in bells and bell-ringing, or churchwardens to expend the little time and money required to keep a ring of bells in good order. But there is another side to the question—the ringers themselves. And speaking from my own experience of a comparatively successful Association, I must in fairness say that the apathy and unconcern of some clergy is partly accounted for by their experiences with ringers. More than one clergyman has met my request for his sympathy and help in our work by saying that ringers have given him so much trouble that he is tempted to dispense with them altogether and get a chiming apparatus. And I can quite believe it. Irregularity and unpunctuality in the belfry, unwillingness to obey rules or to attend church with decent regularity, are only too common—more so, perhaps, in country places, where young fellows are under little or no discipline after they leave school and go to work—but too common every where. Absurd jealousies, too, and childish ill-temper spoil the harmony of many a belfry: jealousies between older and younger ringers, between paid and unpaid (in belfries, if anywhere, money is "the root of all evil"); ill-temper of men who cannot stand being told when they are wrong, or finding their place in a touch filled when they arrive too late; or the gross want of consideration (to give it no worse name) that breaks appointments without notice and for no reason but the whim of the moment. If I, Sir, a parish clergyman, deeply interested in ringing, and on the whole singularly fortunate in my relations with ringers, have once or twice felt as if I could throw the whole thing over in disgust, what is likely to be the feeling of those who have no strong motive to persevere in encouraging change-ringing under difficulties? If every ringer in every tower would observe the ordinary courtesies of life in punctuality, regularity, good temper, consideration for others, and cheerful obedience to authority, I think that there would be less "apathy and unconcern" on the part of Church authorities. They deserve some blame, I know, but the fault is not all theirs.

T. L. PAPILLON,

Hon. Sec. Essex Association.

#### TRUE AND FALSE AUTHORSHIP.

SIR,—I notice in "THE BELL NEWS" of Saturday, August 4th, a letter from Mr. J. Armiger Trollop, claiming my peal of Double Oxford Bob Major, which appeared in "THE BELL NEWS" of July 21st, as a variation of a peal of Canterbury Pleasure Major which he published in "THE BELL NEWS" of June 30th. I wish to say, in answer to Mr. Trollop's letter, that I composed my peal of Double Oxford Major on March 18th, and sent it to "THE BELL NEWS" office for publication the first week in April, but for some reason or other, which, perhaps, you, Mr. Editor, will explain, it was not published until July 21st, so that I fail to see how Mr. Trollop can claim my composition as a variation of his, because my peal was at "THE BELL NEWS" office eleven weeks before Mr. Trollop's was published. On March 19th, I composed the same peal of Canterbury Pleasure Major as published by Mr. Trollop on June 30th, but have never sent it for publication. If Mr. Trollop will see "THE BELL NEWS" of July 11th, 1891, he will find a similar peal of Canterbury Pleasure Major, which I published on that date, so that the plan of keeping the tenors together every lead throughout the whole peal is no new idea to me, if it is to Mr. Trollop. If Mr. Trollop will please send me his address I will write to him in further explanation.

H. W. WILDE.

Derwent Bridge, Duffield, Derby.

[We find Mr. Wilde is quite correct in his statement regarding the date on which we received his composition. It unfortunately got mislaid, or it would have appeared in proper order.—Ed.]

THE ROYAL EXCHANGE CHIMES.—The carillons of the Royal Exchange are about to receive the attention they so badly require. For some time past these chimes have been much out of tune and out of time, and totally unworthy of the important position they fill in the Exchange of the first City in the world. The Gresham Committee have now taken the matter in hand, and appointed a sub-committee to inquire thoroughly into the matter and draw up a report. The chimes consist of a set of fifteen bells, cast by Mears in 1844 at a cost of £500. The airs chimed are "God Save the Queen," "The Roast Beef of Old England," "Rule, Britannia," and the tune "Hanover."—City Press.

## Notices.

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

The Heavy Woollen District Association, Yorkshire.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Mirfield, to-day, Saturday, August 18th, at 5.0 p.m. Meeting house The Dusty Miller. GEO. H. SIMON, Hon. Sec. Bailey Carr.

The Llandaff Diocesan Association.—The Annual Meeting will be held at Aberdare, on Saturday afternoon, August 25th, 1894, to commence with a short service and address at 3.0 p.m. Meeting immediately afterwards, to be followed by a knife and fork tea. Bells open at 5.0 p.m. W. A. DOWNING, Hon. Sec. Llandaff.

The Worcestershire and Adjoining Districts Association.—The next Committee and Quarterly Meeting of this Association will take place at Upton-on-Severn, on Saturday, September 1st, at 6.0 p.m. 36, Simms Lane, Netherton, JOHN SMITH, Hon. Sec. Dudley.

The North Lincolnshire Association.—The next Quarterly Meeting will be held at Grimsby, on Saturday, August 25th. A short service will be held in the parish church, at 5.0 p.m. It is hoped that ringers will attend. Tea will be provided at The Bull Ring Coffee Hall, at 5.15, at 1s. 3d. each. Business meeting immediately afterwards. The bells of the parish church (8), and S. Andrew's (8), will be open for ringing. Excursion train leaves Lincoln (Mid.) at 2.0 p.m., returning from Grimsby (Town Station), at 9.20 p.m., return 1s. 6d. Church Street, REGINALD BOND, Hon. Sec. Gainsborough.

The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The next Monthly Ringing Meeting of this Society will be held at St. Michael's, Headingley (8 bells), on Saturday, August 25th. Ringing from 3.0 o'clock. Meeting house, The Skyrack inn. R. BINNS, Hon. Sec. 3, Daine Street, Hogg's Field, Holbeck.

The Chester Diocesan Guild.—Wirral Branch.—The monthly Meeting will be held in the Schoolroom, Liskeard, on Saturday next, August 25th. Tea at 6.0 p.m. (free). Tower open from 3.0 p.m. Members who intend to be present are requested to send notice not later than Monday, August 20th, to F. R. T. BOLTON, Hon. Sec. Braside, West Kirby.

The South and West Middlesex Association.—The next monthly meeting of the above Association will be held at Hillingdon, Middlesex, on Saturday, August 25th, at 5 o'clock. E. J. WALSOM, Hon. Sec.

The Raunds, Wellingborough and District Association.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Moulton, near Northampton, on Saturday, August 25th. Bells open for ringing from 2.30 to 8.0 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock. Business meeting after tea. E. J. DENNES, Hon. Sec. Wellingborough.

The Lancashire Association—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at St. Mary's, Rawtenstall, on Saturday, August 25th. Bells ready 3.0 p.m. Meeting at 6.0 o'clock. Business: to elect a secretary and nominate a committee-man. J. B. TAYLOR, Hon. Sec. 7, Church Street, Waterfoot.

The Lancashire Association.—Members are requested to notice that the Association year ends on August 31st. Reports of peals or any new compositions should be sent to Mr. A. E. Wreaks, 41, Gibbon Street, Bolton. Nominations for the offices of President, Secretary, and Treasurer, may be made by any member throughout the Association. The following branches are called upon to nominate candidates for the Committee, which can be made only at the Branch Meeting: Blackburn, Liverpool, Rossendale, Preston, and Fylde. Nominations or any other matter for the reports should be forwarded to the Secretaries.

J. REDFORD, Hon. Sec.  
A. E. WREAKS, 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.

## THE EXTENT OF BOB MAJOR WITH THE TENORS TOGETHER.

By J. ARMIGER TROLLOP, Norwich Scholars.

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Each of the above three times repeated would come round, but by calling or omitting a bob at H in last course the part-end of a six-part peal is produced. Singles have to be called half-way and end. As given above these peals contain twenty-six singles, but if desired bobs may be called instead in the first and third divisions. These peals will come round at the half-way end, and are supposed to be the first peals on the five-course plan containing this quality. A further variation, which has been attempted on handbells, is held back in the hope of its being rung in the near future.

## A QUARTER PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

By CHARLES LLOYD, Cardiff.

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3	6	7	5	4	2	1
6	7	3	5	4	2	1
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Twice repeated.

## A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE.

By C. H. MARTIN, Hendon.

5056.

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4	2	3	5	6	-	-	-
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This composition has the 4th and 6th the extent in sixths at the course-ends, the 2nd never being in that position.

PORTRAIT NUMBER.—Next week will be published the Portrait, with memoir, of Mr. H. S. Thomas, of Battersea, a distinguished member of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.

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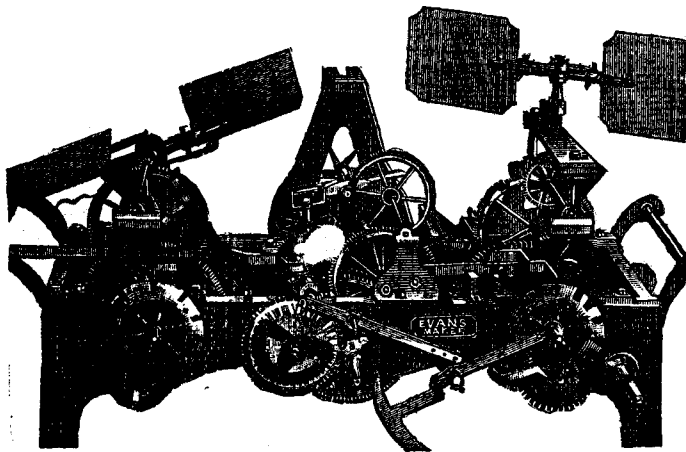
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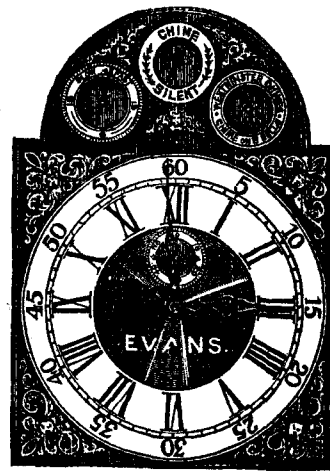
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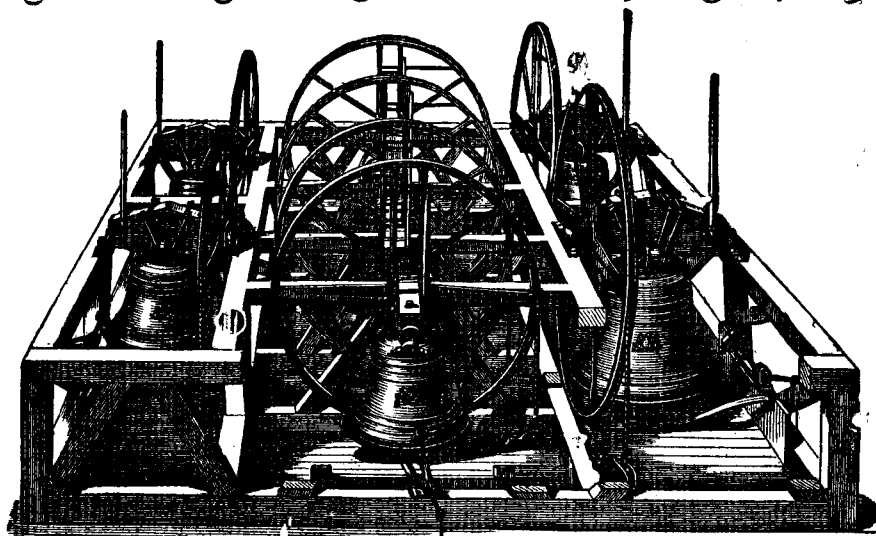
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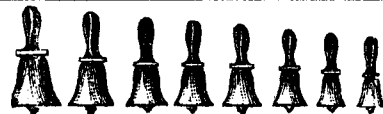
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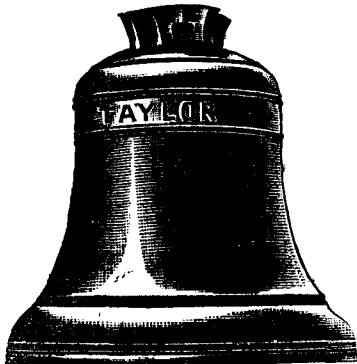
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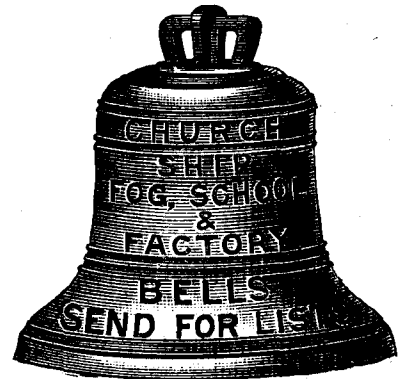
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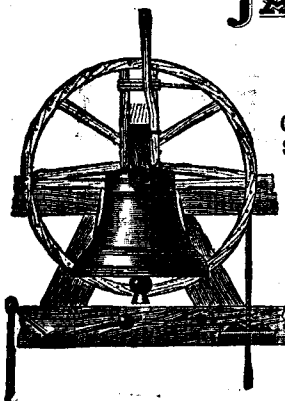
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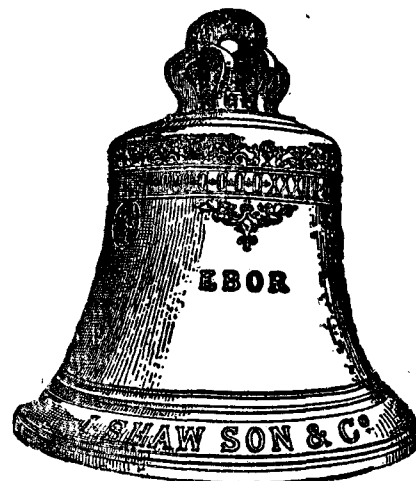
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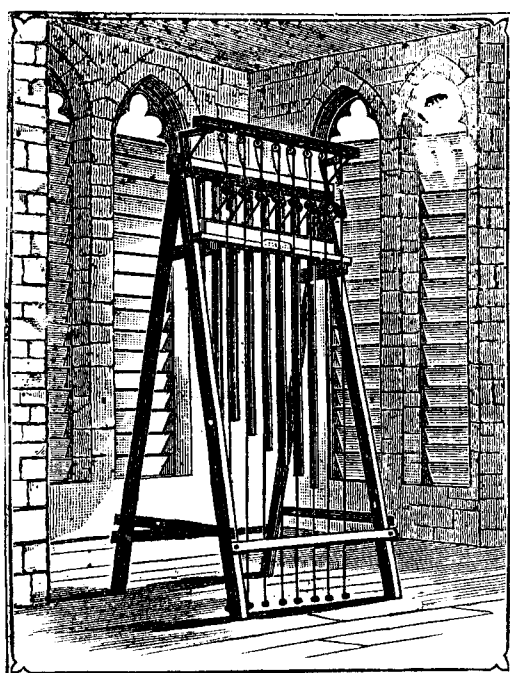
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The subject of our memoir was born at Old Battersea, Surrey, in 1851, and is therefore forty-three years of age, and still resides in the parish of his birth. We are not told when his first interest in ringing developed itself, but in the year 1872 the Rev. Canon Erskine Clarke, vicar of the parish, asked MR. THOMAS to take entire charge of the belfry, and arrange for the ringing, a duty he still fulfils. His first peal was rang at this church on February 19th, 1884, conducted by Mr. W. Baron. During this twenty-two years, he has been identified with Battersea belfry. He has secured sufficient subscriptions from time to time for repairs to the bells, new ropes as required, an instructor—Mr. W. Baron—a good company of ringers being the result. MR. THOMAS himself has not attained to such eminence as a ringer as might have been expected, though his talents in this direction are far from being despicable. Had he gone a little beyond the sphere of his own belfry, visiting fresh fields and pastures new, like many of his brother Cumberlands, there is every probability he would have become a ringer of great excellence. But under all circumstances he has no doubt chosen the best and safest course. No matter how anxious we all may be to shine as ringers—there are often forces at work which prevent the free play of our hopes and aspirations. This we should imagine has been the case with MR. THOMAS. As head of a most important department in a very large city establishment for over twenty-two years, it may easily be conjectured that the intervals wherein time could be found for the study of complex methods, were few and far between. But for all that we find he has accomplished something over twenty peals of Grandsire Triples and Caters. His claims to portraiture however, rests not upon his ringing achievements. Possessing great address and influence in many quarters, which could be turned to account, MR. THOMAS is always to be depended on should a movement be in progress calculated to be beneficial to his ringing brethren, and his interest was never vainly sought when the promotion of ringing, and the furtherance of his particular society were concerned. Thus we find him striving, and successfully, to obtain cheap railway fares for his ringers and friends, and upon those occasions now known by the term "outings," he would always be anxious in many ways for the comfort and enjoyment of those concerned. Of such affairs, the various visits to Birchington, in the Isle of Thanet, may be mentioned. The interest of visiting this rural spot, has, among the Cumberlands, almost taken the place of change-ringing. Close to Birchington, as every one knows, is Quex Park, wherein stands the Waterloo Tower, and here MR. THOMAS has rung peals of Triples with his London friends, arranged by his old friend Mr. Thomas Reed. It was here, on August 4th, 1884, that he scored his first peal of Caters, on which occasion his usual generosity and good nature almost surpassed itself. On this latter characteristic we should like to let our pen follow without a curb the mind's inclination, but it would be out of place to particularize, item by item, the occasions when the proverbial and well-known kindness and hospitality—especially in connection with visits of the Cumberlands to Birchington and other places—of MR. THOMAS has been exhibited. We can only speak of them in general terms, or make the barest of allusions, for an enumeration would in our opinion, not only show bad taste, but be also very repulsive to the subject of this memoir.

MR. THOMAS has been nearly twenty years a member of the Royal Cumberland Society. He filled the office of Master in the Jubilee year, and during the time of his membership he has been instrumental in presenting the Society with the iron safe for the reception of the society's documents; at another time a grand

eal-book, in which records of performances are entered. He organised a grand dinner at the Holborn Restaurant, which was followed by a peal on St. Martin's bells, to record Her Majesty's Jubilee. A tablet in the belfry commemorates this event, its cost being paid by a balance left from the above banquet. Another notable event was the "Henry" peal, rung at Battersea. Several attempts were made, the late Mr. Henry Haley being conductor of the first one. At the successful attempt the bells were rung half-muffled for that once celebrated ringer, and on the very day of his funeral. It was performed by Henry Bright, 1; Henry Hopkins, 2; Henry Langdon, 3; Henry Davis, 4; Henry Swain, 5; Henry Thomas, 6; Henry Tucker (conductor), 7; Henry Dains, 8.

In any movement having for its object the expression of appreciation of private individual worth, or in any cause wherein was designed pecuniary relief to deserving objects, MR. THOMAS invariably threw the weight of his influence into the scale, with most happy results. We may with propriety mention the following:—In the year 1883, unaided, he organised a concert at Lammas hall, Old Battersea, in aid of the Cox Jubilee Fund, and the proceeds resulting therefrom were close upon £20. In 1885 he obtained funds for the presentation of a gold chain and locket to his former tutor, Mr. W. Baron. For a long time past he has greatly interested himself in the well-doing of that institution known as "Homes for Little Boys at Swanley and Farningham," and loses no opportunity of advocating such a commendable charity.

In the year 1884, a massive marble clock, with address illuminated on vellum, was presented to MR. THOMAS by the Rev. Erskine Clarke (vicar of Battersea), on behalf of the members and friends of the Ringing Society of that church; and in January, 1886, the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, as a mark of their esteem—a picture in gold frame; and in the following year his portrait, which now hangs in the Cumberlands' meeting-room, was presented to that Society by a number of friends, out of respect and esteem for the Master, MR. HENRY S. THOMAS.

MR. THOMAS is a member of the Royal Cumberland Youths, the Waterloo Society, St. James's Society, and the Amateur Society of Old Battersea.

THE LIVERPOOLDIOCESAN GUILD.

The Quarterly Meeting of this Guild was held at Tue Brook, on Saturday, August 4th, when twenty-six members attended from Aughton, Crosby, Crossens, West Derby, Sefton, Tue Brook, etc. Several touches were rung on the bells till 5 p.m. when service was held in the church, and an excellent address was delivered by the Vicar, the Rev. N. Clarke. After service the members adjourned to St. John's Institute, when an excellent tea was partaken of and ample justice done to the good things provided. The business meeting was afterwards held at which the Vicar presided, and in the course of a few remarks gave the Guild a hearty welcome to Tue Brook, and hoped that before long the members would pay him another visit, and then he would give them a more heartier welcome. He had great pleasure in becoming an honorary member of the Guild.

The Rev. W. T. Bulpit then proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for his excellent address and kind hospitality, which was carried with acclamation.

Mr. J. Martin gave a statement of accounts, which were duly passed, the other business being of a routine character. One honorary and two performing members were elected, and the usual vote of thanks brought an enjoyable meeting to a close. Great praise is due to Mr. N. Spencer for having all in readiness, and giving each member a hearty welcome.

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(OF BATTERSEA.)

## ELLESMERE, SALOP.

On Saturday, August 18th, by the kind invitation of Mr. Samuel Meadows, Messrs. Holding and Langford of Crewe, and Messrs. Wright and Gibson of Whitchurch, journeyed to Ellesmere for the purpose of attempting Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples with the assistance of three friends from Oswestry. On arrival, we found that the Oswestry men could not come until 4.0 p.m., so that we had nearly two hours to wait. We had time to visit the Bowling Green and the beautiful Mere, and other objects of interest. We then adjourned to Mr. Meadows' house and found that Mrs. Meadows had thoughtfully provided a tea for us, to which we did full justice. After having thanked Mrs. Meadows for her kindness, we visited the tower and found the Oswestry men had arrived, so we immediately began to prepare for the object of our visit. A short touch of 210 changes with the singles brought in, to get the pull of the bells, in which Mr. Whitfield of Oswestry took a bell, was then rung. A start for the peal was then made, "go" being called at 4.35, and at 5.30 "stand" was called owing to a change of course. After a few minutes' conversation another start was made, "go" being called exactly at 5.35, and all went well until more than half way through the ninth part, when, through the stupidity of one of the ringers in not leading when called upon by the conductor, another change of course occurred, and "stand" was called when only 700 changes had to be rung. H. Jarman, 1; G. Wright, 2; R. Edwards, 3; R. Martin, 4; R. Langford, 5; J. Gibson, 6; R. T. Holding (conductor), 7; S. Meadows, 8. We were now invited to the Black Lion hotel, where we found a splendid supper awaiting us, and to which about seventeen sat down. After full justice had been done to the good things provided, it was decided that the peal should be attempted again within the month, and we hope it will have a more successful ending next time. After a few toasts had been given, train time arrived, and we found ourselves on the way to the station, and shortly after the train was seen. Hands were shaken, good-byes said, and we were homeward bound, having thoroughly enjoyed ourselves, though a bit put out about the peal being spoiled just as we thought it was in our grasp.

R. T. H.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—VOLUNTEER RINGERS AT BOURNEMOUTH.

On Wednesday evening, August 15th, an attempt to ring a peal of Grandsire Triples was made on the bells of St. Peter's church (tenor 20 cwt in E) by a mixed band of Volunteers. However, it came to grief after ringing close on 1000 changes. It being too late to start for a peal again, an attempt was made for a half-peal consisting of 2520 changes, which was successfully accomplished in 1 hr. 33 mins. Private H. Lawes, K. Company, 1st Hants (Basingstoke), 1; Private A. Coghlan, K. Company, 3rd Hants (Fareham), 2; Corporal J. Elcombe, D. Company, 1st Hants (Romsey), 3; Sergeant J. G. Bennett, No. 1 Company, 1st Dorset Artillery Volunteers (Dorset), 4; Private H. E. Withers, H. Company, 1st Hants (Alton, conductor), 5; Private T. Cole, D. Company, 1st Hants. (Romsey), 6; Private T. Best, B. Company, 4th Hants. (Christchurch), 7; A. Newman, D. Company, 1st Hants. (Romsey), 8.

## OLDHAM, LANCASHIRE.

Another important addition to the busy town of Oldham is the fine new arcade just erected for Mr. J. Hilton, of Curzon Street, of the above town, and not least of the improvements is the fine large turret clock, from the designs and plans of Lord Grimthorpe, made and fixed by Messrs. W. Potts and Sons, Clock Manufacturers, of 13, Guildford Street, Leeds, and 22, Collingwood Street, Newcastle-on-Tyne, which shows the time upon a 6-ft. illuminated dial, with ornamental corners, from the designs of the architects, and strikes the full Cambridge quarters upon five large bells. There are also four automaton figures from Sir Walter Scott's *Ivanhoe*, representing King Richard, Friar Tuck, Robin Hood, and Gurth the swineherd, which will be a source of attraction to strangers, and useful as a correct timekeeper to the people of the town.

## SOUTH AND WEST MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

In the report of the first Annual General Meeting of the above Association, which was held at Ealing, on August Bank holiday, I unaccountably omitted to send the particulars of the election of officers for the ensuing year. There were about thirty members present. Owing to the unavoidable absence of the Rev. W. E. Oliver, LL.D., vicar of St. Mary's, Ealing, Mr. J. Basden was elected to the chair. Rev. F. E. Bird, St. Andrew's church, Hillingdon, was duly elected President; Mr. John Basden was unanimously re-elected Master of the Association; Mr. E. J. Walsom also being re-elected Secretary and Treasurer. The following members were elected on the Committee to represent the towers mentioned: Hillingdon, St. John's, Messrs. Rogers and Odell; Hillingdon, St. Andrew's, Messrs. Finch and Pratt; Ealing, St. Mary's, Rev. W. E. Oliver, LL.D., and Messrs. Taber and Fryer; Ealing, Christ Church, Rev. J. S. Hilliard, M.A., and Messrs. Waterman and Nicolas; Isleworth, All Saints', Rev. T. F. Bigg, M.A., and Messrs. Etherington and Beadle; Harmondsworth, F. Saunders, Esq., and Messrs. Blundell and Boniface.

A discussion arose respecting the number of members which could be made in a tower previous to attempting a peal, but it was ultimately agreed to leave it to the Committee to decide. Monthly meetings will be arranged and advertised in "THE BELL NEWS" as usual, and every effort made to advance the Art of Change-Ringing in the South and West of Middlesex.

E. J. WALSOM, Hon. Sec. and Treasurer.

## DEDICATION OF NEW TUBULAR CHIMES AT HARDWICK, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

In consequence of the ancient bell in the parish church of Hardwick having become cracked, it was proposed some time since to replace it by a peal of tubular bells, and the work connected with the fixing of these having just been completed, a dedication service was held on Thursday, August 16th. The old bell is of much interest from an antiquarian point of view. It is inscribed "Sum Rosa Pulsata Mundi Katerina Vocata," in well-formed "black letter," relieved by the trademark or sign of the founder (William Underhill). Like most very old bells it is not dated, but the character of the lettering and inscription clearly show that it was cast prior to the Reformation. Its diameter is 36 in., weight 8½ cwt. Until 1795 there were two bells, but in that year one was sold to raise funds to take down the south aisle of the church, since rebuilt. These tubular bells have been supplied and fixed by Messrs. Harrington and Co., of Coventry. The dedication service took place at 4 o'clock, and the small church was crowded, the congregation including visitors from Wellingborough and several of the neighbouring villages. The Bishop of Peterborough (Dr. Creighton) performed the ceremony of dedication.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, a large party sat down to tea in the rectory grounds. The parishioners of Hardwick have decided to keep their old bell. It is now placed down in the belfry, and at some future time it is to be hoped that it may be recast, and again hoisted aloft.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

HALESWORTH DISTRICT.—The fifth quarterly meeting in connection with this district, was held at Westhall and Brampton on Monday, August 6th, at which twenty-two members attended, the following towers being represented: Beccles, Halesworth, Wenhamston, Wissett, Westhall, and Brampton. The business meeting was held at the school-room, Brampton, in the evening, the Rev. T. S. Curteis in the chair. After the minutes of the last meeting had been read and confirmed, one honorary member, two performing members, and one probationer were elected. It was proposed and carried to hold the next meeting at Rum-burgh. After other business was disposed of, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rev. T. S. Curteis for presiding, and to the Rev. G. Girling for the use of the Westhall bells.

## A HOLIDAY IN LANCASHIRE.

In the holiday week the writer had the pleasure of sojourning in Blackpool and district. Old Sol, in a fit of pique, declined to be on view except when it suited him, and which was not often, although taking the weather all round it was preferable throughout the week to any other holiday resort. The winter gardens, tower, and other sights, which rank high in the minds of the general public, sank into oblivion in mine as I peregrined after towers of a different kind, much to the disappointment of the feminine portion of our luggage, while such almost inaudible compliments as "bell mad," "ringing on the brain," etc., emanated from those inestimable beings whom some inexperienced lunatics will insist are "our better halves?" St. John's, Blackpool, possesses a light, easy, and musical ring of eight, also a well-kept belfry, for which credit is due to Mr. J. Clitheroe. On Sunday morning, August 5th, a mixed band of tourists met and rang 378 Grandsire Triples, the ringers being:—C. Pratt (Calverly), 1; G. Turner (Manchester), 2; W. Willson (conductor, Leicester), 3; H. Chapman (Manchester), 4; W. Major, 5; E. Prescott, 6; E. B. Idle (Rusholme), 7; J. Fisher (Wigan), 8.

There is another peal of bells in the town, but as the ringers study hard at ringing "stone" and Churchyard Bob, I felt somewhat inferior, and scarcely up to that standard. Wednesday evening found me at Lytham (St. Cuthbert's), where two well-struck touches of Stedman Triples were brought round. On Thursday, I visited St. Anne's-on-Sea, where a prettier church and surrounding scenery could not be desired. Here is a good peal of eight by Taylor, also a band of locals just learning themselves Grandsire, a good opportunity presenting itself for a conductor to bring out a band. I must confess to a weakness for moralising over the great majority, and here at St. Anne's I enjoyed a churchyard ramble to the full, rich and quaint epitaphs being numerous. Beneath one monument erected by public subscription, is told how six of the local life-boat heroes went to their death in a boiling sea in attempting to rescue the crew of the Mexico on the night of December 9th, 1886. A mute yet eloquent witness to the noble-hearted men, "who laid down their lives for their friends."

Saturday found me speeding away towards Ashton-under-Lyne, where by kind invitation of Mr. Samuel Wood I had the opportunity of ringing in an attempt for a peal of Treble Bob Maximus, but which was brought to an abrupt termination by the usual kicking at the door, the reason assigned being that the vicar had not received the notice sent. It seems to me this practice of peal-spoiling is getting far too common. The powers that be should remember it is just as easy to make enquiries after the peal as before it, and would save much unpleasantness. Adjourning to the meeting-house, an hour's good company followed, and also a touch of Triples on the handbells by S. Wood (conductor), 1-2; W. Willson, 3-4; G. Longden, 5-6; J. S. Wilde, 7-8. It being time to catch an express home, the writer then reluctantly bid good-bye to the district. The best thanks are due to Mr. Fell (Lytham), Mr. H. Chapman (Manchester), and the other gentlemen named, for their kind and courteous endeavours to please a stranger. W. W.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The third quarterly meeting of the present year was held on Saturday, July 28th, at Newchurch-in-Rossendale. The attendance of members, except from the Rossendale branch, was not so large as had been hoped for; a fact which was no doubt partly to be accounted for by the heat of the day, and partly by the occurrence in some places of local interest on the same afternoon. Among these latter the Royal County Show, which was being held at Bolton, was certainly responsible for keeping members in that district away from the meeting. Still, representatives were present from Manchester, Prestwich, Rochdale, Heywood, Higher Walton, Bacup, and Waterfoot, and other places in the neighbourhood. The bells went as well as possible, in spite of the hot day, and during the afternoon and evening some fair ringing was done in the Major and Minor methods, and Grandsire Triples. The business meeting was held in the school-room at 6 o'clock, when the Rev. Herbert Bury, rector of Newchurch, presided, and supporting him were the President

and Vice-President of the Association, the Rev. T. B. Eddrup, Messrs. Birtwistle, Harrison, Mather, and Shepherd. In welcoming the Association to Newchurch, the chairman spoke of the need of thoroughness in the performance of their duties, a quality which was required of ringers as much as of any other church officers. Then the President, speaking of the most recent issue of Mr. Attree's analysis for the present year, said that in the number of peals rang, the Association stood well at present, but suggested that there might with advantage be more variety in the methods selected. But why, he asked, were there several peals rang in the county, and yet not registered under the title "Lancashire Association." That looked as if there was still room for improvement in the work of the Association, which ought not to be satisfied until its standard was such that all ringers in the county should feel it an honour to be enrolled within it.

A short discussion followed on this and other matters, and one new member was elected at the meeting. Votes of thanks to the rector and others brought the proceedings in the school to a close, and the members adjourned, first to the tower, and later to the train, *en route* for their various homes.

LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN BRANCH.—The usual monthly meeting was held at Hale parish church on Saturday, August 4th. The towers represented were Farnworth, Warrington, Huyton, Halewood, Prescott, and the local company. The tower was open for ringing at 3.30, and was kept so till 8.0 o'clock. The business meeting was held in the schoolroom, at which the Rev. R. B. Stewart presided. The minutes of the previous meeting held at Halewood being read and confirmed, the rev. gentleman said he did not know as he had much to say. He could not teach them anything in the Art of Change-Ringing, as he knew nothing about it. He would always be glad to welcome the ringers of the Association to Hale, as he was sure they were doing a deal of good by visiting different towers. It was proposed by Mr. Oxley, seconded by Mr. Byron, that Wootton be the next meeting place. Carried unanimously. A vote of thanks to the rector and churchwardens for the use of the bells, etc., and to the local company for having everything in readiness terminated the meeting.

ROCHDALE BRANCH.—The monthly meeting of this branch was held at Leesfield, on Saturday, August 11th. Members were present from Rochdale, Shaw, Moorside, and the local band. The meeting was held in the belfry, presided over by Mr. Travis, of Shaw, when three new members were nominated. A vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells concluded the business of the meeting. During the evening touches of Treble Bob Minor and Major and Grandsire Doubles and Triples were rung.

## THE PEAL RUNG AT ST. JAMES'S, BATH, ON AUGUST 15th.

A Bath correspondent asks us to insert the following:—

Probably it is not generally known that the oldest ringer in Bath, Mr. Richard Osman, has been taken from our midst at the advanced age of eighty-five years. Fifty or sixty years ago he was the leader of a good band of change-ringers, and the only change-ringer in Bath at that time, he having composed and conducted several peals of which records are to be found in most of our churches. At St. Michael's he was steeple-keeper as long as he was able to ascend the staircase (which is about four years since). In the tower of this church are two tablets recording three peals, there is one peal recorded in the Abbey tower; at St. Saviour's there are three tablets recording four peals; at St. James' there is a tablet recording his wedding peal in which he took part himself in ringing the 3rd, the date is Wednesday, October 2nd, 1833, his funeral peal being rung on August 15th, 1894. On Tuesday, August 14th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung muffled at Christ Church in 50 minutes by the following members of the Bath and Wells Association. G. Kingman, 1; W. Lanham, 2; C. Goodenough, 3; F. King, 4; G. Temple, 5; J. Fussell, 6; C. W. Bell (conductor), 7; G. Crisp, 8. At St. Saviour's, touches of Grandsire Triples were rung muffled as a token of respect. He was interred at Bathwick cemetery, on Monday, August 13th, and a muffled peal was rung at St. Michael's the same evening. It is also noteworthy that Mr. C. W. Bell, the conductor of the muffled peal rung at St. James's, is the grandson of the ringer of the 5th bell (Mr. Joseph Bell), in the wedding peal. J. B.

### THE ST. JOHN'S GUILD, NEWCASTLE.—ANNUAL EXCURSION.

This old-timed event came off as usual on Bank Holiday, and was held at the ancient town of Berwick-on-Tweed, the most northern English borough. Through the exertions of the Mayor, Alderman Joseph Weatherston, and his *confreres* in the council, the fine peal of bells in the Town Hall, tenor 21 cwt., has been rehung, and Messrs. Carr, of Smethwick, have made a capital job of them, the only drawback being the want of new ropes, the old ones having seemingly done duty for centuries. Hence having a pressing invitation from the Mayor, it was decided to have a day's outing in his town, and endeavour to score the first peal on the bells. Arriving about 10.15 a.m., excellent breakfast was provided to start with at the Crown and Thistle hotel, the ladies of the party kindly doing the honours of the table. Mr. John Buffery had kindly acted as advance agent for the party, and together with the Master bell ringer of Berwick (a most important personage by the way) had prepared the bells and ropes for their long "spin," through the intricate mazes of that method given to us by the immortal Fabian. Stripping to the work, a fine peal was rung in 3 hrs. 1 min., which was good time, taking all the disadvantages under which the band was placed into consideration. Meanwhile the good Mayor had been escorting the remainder of the party through the town and over its rare old walls, parts of which still bear traces of the "playful" battering of the Picts and Scots of ancient lore. Dinner was the next item, and then all had the rare treat of tasting Tweed salmon, universally acknowledged to be the tasty bite of all the British finny tribe. After dinner his worship put in an appearance again, and after a well-struck course had been rung on the handbells for his especial benefit, Mr. Story proposed a vote of thanks to the worthy chief citizen for his charming hospitality. In responding, the Mayor thanked the ringers for their rare exposition of the Art in his tower, and for their hearty appreciation of his efforts. He was afraid the Berwick people did not appreciate the ringing as much as he did, as he had already been tackled about the noise "those chaps were kicking up." One old lady, he said, thought there must be a hundred ringers there in relays, to ring so long at once. To-morrow he expected to be arrested for creating a nuisance, and then he'd be brought up before himself, and he was sure he could not let himself off with the option of a fine. Three months for so arrant a miscreant would be little enough. Thanking the visitors once more, he sat down amid hearty laughter and applause. In the afternoon while touches were being rung by the non-peal men, the others, under the guidance of Councillor Carr, visited the dungeons beneath the walls, nice blood-curdling looking places, most amiably placed there by Wallace for the benefit (?) of his prisoners of war. The weirdness of the place was enhanced by one of the party sticking a candle into a skull, supposed to have belonged to one of the aforesaid honored guests of Wallace, at which the "guid philosopher and friend" of the party seemed mightily indignant. After a hearty tea at host Turnbull's, of The Crown and Thistle, "walker" was the word. At the station the Mayor and Mr. Buffery came to wish the party farewell, and hoped for another visit shortly. The journey home was enlivened by songs and handbell ringing, taken with a little "Aqua Scotia," and a most pleasant day's outing closed with the arrival at 11.45, of the train in Newcastle station. The thanks of the party are due and herewith tendered to the worthy secretary of the Association, Mr. Hudson, of Sunderland, and Mr. W. Holmes, for their excellent arrangements, and to Alderman Weatherston for his kindly entertainment during the day.

### SHERIFFHALES, STAFFORDSHIRE.

The old peal of five bells at the above village church has just been rehung and augmented to six, and on Saturday, August 18th, they were dedicated by the Bishop of Shrewsbury. A band from St. Peter's, Wolverhampton, was invited to ring before and after service, and also for service. On Sunday morning and evening, with this end in view, the ringers booked to Shifnal by the 2.6 G.W.R., where they were met by a wagonette, arriving at Sheriffhales, on the Duke of Sutherland's estate about 3.30, the service being fixed for 4 o'clock. A move was at once made for the tower, where after raising them in peal,

several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles was rung, and the bells were again lowered and chimed a few minutes, when the special office of dedication was gone through. The sermon was preached by the Bishop, in the course of which he dwelt upon the Art of change-ringing and history of bells, and mentioned the fact that the old peal of five hanging in that tower, had done duty for 172 years.

The service over, the bells were again raised in peal, and after ringing a 6-score, a 720 of Grandsire Minor was rung in 23 mins. C. Vickers, 1; H. Dawkes, 2; L. Bullock, 3; J. Rowe, 4; H. A. Hall, 5; J. E. Groves (conductor), 6. Afterwards several 6-scores were rang, conducted by L. Bullock. A short interval was here granted to refresh the inner man, after which some more 6-scores and a 360 of Grandsire Minor was rung. T. Marsh, 1; B. Marsh, 2; H. A. Hall, 3; J. Rowe, 4; L. Bullock, 5; J. E. Groves (conductor), 6. Dinner was ordered for seven o'clock at the Coffee Tavern, to which about twenty sat down. The vicar, the Rev. A. T. Michell, occupied the chair, and the curate, the vice-chair, and the courses composed by the host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. Nicholls, especially for the occasion, were rapidly got through with very little trouble. Dinner over, two large tins of tobacco was next discussed; this also disappeared very rapidly. A vote of thanks was accorded to the vicar for the way he had entertained the company.

The vicar in replying said he hoped it would not be the last time he should have the pleasure of entertaining them. After a few tunes on the handbells by J. E. Groves and T. Marsh, the company adjourned to the Crackley Bank hotel, distance about 1½ miles, where the rest of the evening was spent in social enjoyment, including songs by T. Marsh and H. Marlarn. — Dean, etc., and courses of Grandsire Triples and tunes on the handbells, much to the delight of all present, time for departure coming only too soon. The order for Sunday was breakfast at 8.15, meet at the tower at 9.0 a.m. for date touch, which was duly brought round in 1 hr., after which some 6-scores were rung.

In the afternoon the band drove to the pretty village of Lilleshall, with the intention of having a 720 on the ring of six at the parish church, but service being at 3 o'clock, time did not allow before; so three 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles were rang before service, and a 360 Grandsire Minor was rang after service. T. Marsh, 1; H. A. Hall, 2; C. H. Vickers, 3; J. Rowe, 4; L. Bullock, 5; J. E. Groves (conductor), 6. Tenor 9 cwt. in A. For evening service at Sheriffhales a 360 of Grandsire Minor was rung. T. Marsh, 1; C. Marsh, 2; C. F. Vickers, 3; L. Bullock (conductor), 4; J. Rowe, 5; H. A. Hall, 6. Other touches of Minor and Doubles were rung, after which the bells were lowered in peal, and the Wolverhampton men had to leave to catch the 8.0 p.m. train at Shifnal. The rehanging of the bells and casting of the new treble has been carried out in a most satisfactory manner by Mr. James Barwell, of Birmingham, and now forms a pretty little ring of six, tenor about 10 cwt. in G.

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

On Friday, July 27th, this Society held its first yearly meeting for the passing of accounts for the expired year, and the election of new officers. The Auditors, Messrs. J. E. Davis and T. Langdon, presented the accounts, which shewed a balance in the Treasurer's hands of £1 1s. 3d. after all expenses had been paid. The office of Master was next proceeded with, Mr. E. P. O'Meara being again elected. The late Secretary and Treasurer, Mr. F. G. Perrin, was unanimously re-elected, several members testifying to his activity and ability during the past year. This Society, which has been labouring under the disadvantage of the bad go of the bells, again urgently appeals for donations towards their restoration, the parish being extremely poor, and the ringers not being able to cope with such an undertaking without outside help. The Rector will acknowledge any donations sent to him at the rectory, or the Secretary at 42, Aylesbury Street, S.E.

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## Ringers' Outings.

**ST. JAMES' SOCIETY, HULL.**—On Saturday, July 28th, the members of this society held their annual excursion, Nottingham being the place selected. Starting from the Victoria pier at 1 p.m., Nottingham was reached at 4.15. The party was met by Messrs. White, Robinson, Archer, Abbott, Inglesant (Loughborough), and others. A start was at once made for All Saints' church, where capital touches of Stedman, Grandsire, and Treble Bob Major were rung. A visit was then paid to the Arboretum, where a capital knife and fork touch was rung. A visit to St. Peter's church was the next item on the programme, but owing to the bells not going very well, very little was done, only Grandsire Triples being attempted. The party then adjourned to the ringers' meeting-house, The Salutation inn, Houndsgate, where courses on the handbells were indulged in until 10 o'clock, when some of them went in pursuit of a memento of their visit. The return journey was commenced at 11 o'clock, arriving home at 2.15 a.m., having thoroughly enjoyed their outing. The company take this opportunity of thanking the church authorities for the use of their bells; also all their Nottingham friends for so kindly meeting them.

**THIRSK, YORKS.**—On Saturday, August 4th, this company had their outing to Knaresborough. They soon found their way to the church, and rang a few touches of Grandsire Triples. Afterwards some went and viewed the old castle, while others enjoyed themselves in boating. They then journeyed on to Harrogate, where they sat down to a splendid knife and fork tea at the People's Hotel, which was brought round in fine style. They then made their way to St. Mary's church, where they found the Harrogate company awaiting them. Here they rung two or three short touches of Grandsire Triples, in which three of the Harrogate company took part. They then adjourned to the Borough Vaults, where a jovial evening was spent until train time. They left Harrogate about 10.30, all arriving home well pleased with their outing. They wish to thank the vicar (Rev. J. C. Hanson), for defraying the expenses of the outing; also the vicars and churchwardens of Harrogate and Knaresborough for the use of the bells.

**THE SUDBURY SOCIETY.**—This society had their annual outing on Saturday, August 18th, London being the place selected again for paying a visit to. The following were the members who went: Messrs. Sillitoe, Scott, Tolliday, Harper, Howell (2), Campin, Bacon, Silvester, and Brackett. Mr. W. Cross, the oldest member of the company, was prevented by illness from going. The party left Sudbury at 7 a.m., arriving at Liverpool Street about 9.30, where they were met by Messrs. Winney and Bonney of the College Youths, both these gentlemen accompanying the party throughout the day. After calling the roll, a move was made towards Greenwich, this place being the first on the programme to ring. The journey was made by way of the new Tower bridge, in order to make the visitors cross and see this wonderful structure. From there the rest of the journey was made by tram, which brought them to their destination about 12 o'clock. Permission having been previously obtained of the vicar of St. Alphege to ring, they raised the bells and rang a touch of Kent Treble Bob Major on the back eight. F. Tolliday, 1; M. Silvester, 2; W. Howell, jun., 3; W. Howell, sen., 4; W. Bacon, 5; A. Scott, 6; H. Harper, 7; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 8. Also 400 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. F. Tolliday, 1; W. Howell, jun., 2; J. Campin, 3; M. Silvester, 4; C. F. Winney, 5; A. Scott, 6; W. Howell, 7; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 8. Afterwards a course of Grandsire Caters was rung, and a move was made for the purpose of having some dinner, which was satisfactorily done to all concerned. The next thing was a visit to the Park and Observatory, the scenery from the top of the hill being greatly admired by all, the various objects of interest being kindly pointed out by Mr. E. E. Richards. Some amusement was caused by one or two well-known members of the party being continually watched by the park keepers, owing to one of them being armed with an innocent looking bag, from which sundry metallic sounds proceeded every now and then. It contained nothing more dangerous however than a set of

handbells. No doubt the keeper felt greatly relieved on seeing the back of the parties in question. The journey back to London was made by steamboat, the party disembarking at London bridge after an enjoyable ride. They then made their way to St. Paul's cathedral and inspected the crypt, which was of great interest to the visitors. After partaking of tea, a move was made to the church of St. Clement Danes, Strand, where they were met by Mr. E. Horrex and several other London ringers. A course of Double Norwich was rung on the back eight by F. Tolliday, 1; W. Howell, jun., 2; J. Campin, 3; W. Howell, sen., 4; W. Bacon, 5; A. Scott, 6; C. Sillitoe, 7; C. F. Winney, 8. Also two courses of Stedman Caters, conducted by C. E. Winney; and a touch of Treble Bob Major conducted by C. Sillitoe. The rest of the evening till train time was spent in handbell ringing, a course of Grandsire Caters being rung in the tittum position by F. Tolliday, 1-2; C. F. Winney, 3-4; W. Howell, sen., 5-6; C. Sillitoe, 7-8; H. Harper, 9-10. The time having now arrived to start on the return journey, the party after bidding their London brother-strings a hearty good-bye, steamed out of Liverpool Street at 10.30 p.m., reaching home at 12.45, after having spent a very interesting and enjoyable day. They beg through the medium of this paper to thank Mr. Winney and all the other ringers who kindly met them, and also the authorities of the churches where they rang, for kindly giving them permission to do so.

## WINSTER, DERBYSHIRE.

The parish church of St. John the Baptist, which is situated five miles from Matlock, and two-and-a-half from Darley Dale Railway Station, has had a new quarter-chime clock erected in the tower, the gift of a gentleman who resides in the parish. The necessary work has been executed by Messrs. William Potts and Sons, of 13, Guildford Street, Leeds, and 22, Collingwood Street, Newcastle-on-Tyne, who are also making a new illuminated chime clock for the parish church, Hayfield, in the High Peak District, five miles south from Glossop, ten miles north of Buxton, Derbyshire, and three miles from New Mills Town Hall, where Messrs. Potts and Sons erected the clock and bells a great many years ago, and which still give satisfaction.

## HOLIDAY STEAMBOAT ARRANGEMENTS.

THE excursions provided by the various steamboat companies are becoming more popular than ever. The "Belle" Steamers are, as usual, doing good business, and those of our readers who contemplate taking a trip to sea should certainly consult the programme of this favourite line of steamers. Amongst the list may be mentioned the daily run to Southend and Clacton, by the *London Belle*—a most enjoyable trip—while those who prefer a longer journey can go on to Felixstowe, Harwich, and Ipswich, by the *Woolwich Belle*, any day excepting Friday. A convenient and fast train in connection with these excursions runs to Gravesend from Victoria and St. Pauls. The fares are very low, and there is a most reasonable refreshment tariff. There are also afternoon trips to the Nore, and on Saturday afternoons to Southend, full particulars of which are given in the daily papers, or may be obtained at the Offices of the "Belle" Steamers, 33, Walbrook, E.C.

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## The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 25, 1894.

A few weeks ago we read of a new Society of ringers being formed at a place called Eastwell, near to Ashford, in Kent, and the circumstances attending such formation certainly deserve more than a passing notice. As we understand it, some alterations or additions were required at the seat of the nobleman residing at Eastwell Park, and this led to the employment therein of a change-ringer from London, a Mr. DUFF, whose name is not unknown to many of our readers. With the true instinct of a good ringer, this gentleman soon discovered a ring of bells, and though only six in number, yet it was something. He then set about to make the acquaintance of the local ringers, but alas! there were none. This was a strange experience to him; six bells in a church tower; and no ringers! So he set to work, like others have had to do before him, and made some. The report tells us he collected together ten young fellows, all anxious to learn to ring, whom, without delay, he instructed in the usual elementary drudgery. The bells were in bad order, but the frame was screwed and patched up by the young hands and their preceptor, and practice went on continually. Rounds and its "continuations" were soon mastered, but this was not sufficient. Mr. DUFF persuaded the young men to form themselves into a society, and such recommendation was promptly carried out.

Then being a capital forager, he procured some handbells—which, by the way, required almost as much repair as the tower bells—and started his young band on half-pull ringing. By continual perseverance 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles were soon rung upon the handbells very correctly; rope-sight was then quickly attained, so that the same could be done creditably in the tower, and by now this young band have no doubt proceeded well into Minor.

The establishment of the Eastwell Society points a moral, surely. Had Mr. DUFF been one of those people who do not care to go out of their way to promote the Art of Ringing; or one whose efforts to teach could only be obtained by payment, we never should have heard of the "Eastwell Park Change-Ringing Society," perhaps. All honour to Mr. DUFF and men of his stamp. It is pleasing to read that the Eastwell gentlemen exhibited their gratitude to him by begging his acceptance of a suitable present before he left the neighbourhood; a feature not always seen.

### The Metropolis.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, August 17, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, WOOLWICH,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 13 cwt.

THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE .. Treble.	HARRY WARNETT .. .. 5.
WILLIAM BEDWELL .. .. 2.	WALTER INGHAM .. .. 6.
CHARLES WILKINS .. .. 3.	WILLIAM G. GROVE .. .. 7.
JAMES C. HARVEY .. .. 4.	ARTHUR J. NEALE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY HUBBARD and Conducted by W. BEDWELL.

### The Provinces.

#### DISS, NORFOLK.

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

On Monday, August 13, 1894, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. W. IRELAND, VICTORIA ROAD,

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

#### A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANGES.

WILLIAM IRELAND .. 1-2.	GEORGE P. BURTON .. 5-6.
JOHN ED. BURTON .. 3-4.	J. ARMIGER TROLLOP .. 7-8.

Composed and Conducted by J. ARMIGER TROLLOP.

Umpire—Mr. John Smith, of Kingston-on-Thames. A note to this peal will be found on another page.

#### EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.

#### THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, August 17, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

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

SHIPWAY'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 9 cwt.

JAMES OSBOURNE† .. Treble.	ALBERT PIPER .. .. 5.
EDWARD WILLOUGHBY .. 2.	JOSEPH SHARP .. .. 6.
JAMES H. HUNNISETT* .. 3.	BENJAMIN HOBES .. .. 7.
WILLIAM LAWRENCE .. 4.	*THOMAS H. DEADMAN .. Tenor.

Conducted by BENJAMIN HOBES.

†First peal with a working bell. \*First peal in any method. It is now some two years since the local band were successful in ringing a peal.

#### LEICESTER.—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, August 17, 1894, in Two Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes

AT 67, HIGH STREET,

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

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

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' TEN-PART, NO. 1.

WILLIAM WILLSON .. 1-2.	GEORGE CLEAL .. .. 5-6.
JOHN O. LANCASHIRE .. 3-4.	SAMUEL COTTON .. .. 7-8.

Conducted by GEORGE CLEAL.

This peal was rung as a birthday compliment to William Willson, and was rung at the first attempt. Referee, Mr. J. Buttery, who pricked off the leads throughout. Witness, William Challenor.

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

On Saturday, August 18, 1894, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 23 cwt.

STANLEY HUTSON .. Treble.	CHARLES WILLSHIRE .. 5.
CHARLES MILLWAY .. .. 2.	*WILLIAM TASSELL .. .. 6.
CHARLES DUTNALL .. .. 3.	RICHARD STAINES .. .. 7.
ERNEST ALLEN .. .. 4.	ARTHUR HARDY .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES WILLSHIRE.

\*First peal with a bob bell.

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

On Sunday, August 19, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM BEDWELL .. Treble.	HAROLD N. DAVIS .. .. 5.
WILLIAM G. GROVE .. .. 2.	JAMES E. DAVIS .. .. 6.
ARTHUR J. NEALE .. .. 3.	JAMES GEORGE .. .. 7.
WALTER INGHAM .. .. 4.	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE .. Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS and Conducted by WILLIAM BEDWELL.

#### DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

#### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 21, 1894, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

#### A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qrs. 14 lbs.

JOHN HAMMOND .. Treble.	WILLIAM RUMSEY .. .. 5.
GEORGE SPARROW .. .. 2.	WILLIAM RUFFLES .. .. 6.
JOHN BRADY .. .. 3.	GEORGE ROWE, JUN... .. 7.
FREDERICK ALLARD .. .. 4.	WILLIAM GRIMES .. .. Tenor.

Composed by J. ARMIGER TROLLOP and Conducted by W. GRIMES.

First peal in the method by the ringers of the 2nd, 4th, and 5th bells, also the first peal of Bob Major ever rung by eight Debenham men.

#### MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.—THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD AND THE ST. MICHAEL'S YOUTHS.

On Tuesday, August 21, 1894, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

WILLIAM WALMSLEY .. Treble.	WILFRED MATTHEWS .. 5.
FRANK STONELEY .. .. 2.	WILLIAM GAYES .. .. 6.
WILLIAM W. STEEL .. .. 3.	*JOSEPH NORBURY .. .. 7.
JOHN MINSHULL .. .. 4.	†ALFRED MOTTERSHEAD .. Tenor.

Composed by the late H. JOHNSON and Conducted by J. NORBURY.

First peal of Bob Triples by the Guild and by all the above. \*First peal as conductor. †First peal. Rung with the bells deeply muffled for David Clark, Esq., Park House, Macclesfield, who gave thirty guineas to the restoration of the peal in 1894, and who was interred the same day at Henbury, at 12 o'clock, the above peal coming round exactly at that time.

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

On Monday, August 20, 1894, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' ORIGINAL.

J. N. FROSSELL .. .. Treble.	EDWARD C. MERRITT .. 5.
ARTHUR A. FULLER .. .. 2.	GEORGE SMART .. .. 6.
JOHN JAY, SEN. .. .. 3.	*KEITH HART .. .. 7.
GEORGE A. KING .. .. 4.	R. J. DAWE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by KEITH HART.

\*First peal in the method as conductor. Rung to celebrate the 60th birthday of John Jay, sen., the band wishing him many happy returns of the day.

## SALISBURY, WILTS.—THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 18, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' COMPOSITION.

WALTER S. WISE .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. 5.
ALFRED PEARCE .. .. 2.	SIDNEY LAWRENCE .. 6.
THOMAS BLACKBOURN .. 3.	ALFRED P. GODDARD .. 7.
SIDNEY MACEY .. .. 4.	SIDNEY AMES .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WALTER S. WISE.

## Performances on Five and Six Bells.

## NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 18, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

5040 CHANGES IN SEVEN DIFFERENT METHODS;  
UPON SIX BELLS;

Being 720 each of the following:

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Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM MICKLEWRIGHT Treble.	RICHARD ROUND .. .. 4.
HARRY MASON .. .. 2.	GEORGE H. PAGETT .. 5.
JOHN SMITH .. .. 3.	ALBERT E. PARSONS .. Tenor.

This is the quickest 5040 on the bells, and was rung with each ringer conducting a 720 each, starting from the treble downwards, the Grandsire being a six-part, each one calling a part. This is the first 5040 in seven methods with each one acting as conductor rung by this Association, and was rung to commemorate the 10th birthday of Master Reginald Guy Langley Marriott, youngest son of the Rev. S. J. Marriott, Vicar.

## Date Touches.

## THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

SHERIFFHALES (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, August 19th, a date touch of Grandsire Minor in 1 hr. T. March, 1; H. A. Hall, 2; C. F. Vickers, 3; J. H. Rowe, 4; L. Bullock, 5; J. E. Groves (conductor), 6. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

## Miscellaneous.

## THE NORTH NOTTS' ASSOCIATION.

ORDSALL (Notts).—On Tuesday night, July 31st, for practice, at the parish church, a 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor. H. Merrills, 1; H. Blagg, 2; W. H. Johnson, 3; H. Lambert, 4; J. C. Whetstone (conductor), 5; J. White, 6. First 720 in the method by W. H. Johnson, and first 720 in the method as conductor by J. C. Whetstone. On Sunday evening, August 5th, for Divine Service, a 720 Plain Bob Minor. H. Merrills, 1; W. Preston, 2; S. J. Hemsworth, 3; H. Lambert, 4; W. H. Johnson, 5; J. White, 6. W. Preston, hails from Worksop, and S. J. Hemsworth, from near Lincoln, and both were formerly members of this society.

EAST RETFORD (Notts).—On Sunday, July 29th, at the parish church, for Divine Service in the morning, 540 of Bob Royal. G. Swannack, 1; G. M. Farr, 2; T. Spurr, 3; J. T. Bottomley, 4; G. E. Sharpe, 5; J. Swannack, 6; W. Skelton, 7; H. Warburton, 8; H. Haigh, 9; J. B. Joyne (conductor), 10. On Sunday, August 5th, for evening service, a 560 of Grandsire Triples. G. B. Winter, 1; J. Bottomley, 2; T. Spurr, 3; G. E. Sharpe, 4; H. Haigh, 5; J. Swannack, 6; J. B. Joyne (conductor), 7; W. Metcalf, 8. On Sunday, August 12th, three courses of Bob Royal, with T. H. Denman 6th, the others standing as before. First touch in the method by all. And 540 of Grandsire Caters. T. Spurr, 1; G. Swannack, 2; G. M. Farr, 3; H. Warburton, 4; J. T. Bottomley, 5; J. Swannack, 6; W. Skelton, 7; H. Haigh (conductor), 8; J. B. Joyne, 9; W. Metcalf, 10.

BLYTH (Notts).—On Sunday, August 19th, for Divine Service in the morning, at the parish church, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob. C. E. Beeston (first 720 in the method), 1; J. Swinburn (first 720 with a bob bell), 2; W. Swinburn, 3; G. Clayton, 4; R. Beeston (conductor), 5; T. Sewell, 6. And in the evening for Divine Service, a 720 Kent Treble Bob. J. H. Swinburn, 1; J. H. Hind, 2; W. Swinburn, 3; G. Claypham, 5; R. Beeston (conductor), 6; T. Sewell, 6.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

ATTLEBOROUGH (Norfolk).—Handbell Ringing.—On Monday, August 20th, at the residence of Mr. Miles, two 720s of Bob Minor, each 720 called differently. Conducted by J. Miles and J. Howes respectively. J. Miles, 1-2; A. Howes, 3-4; J. Howes, 5-6. And two courses of Canterbury Pleasure Minor.

BECCLES (Suffolk).—On Tuesday, August 14th, at St. Michael's church, for practice, a 504 of Grandsire Triples. T. Holmes, 1; H. Ling, 2; H. Reynolds, 3; W. Webb, 4; H. Hopson, 5; A. W. Brighton (conductor), 6; H. Simpson, 7; R. Freestone, 8. A. W. Brighton hails from Norwich, the rest belong to the local company. Tenor 28 cwt.

MONEWDEN (Suffolk).—On Monday, July 30th, at the parish church, a 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles) in 25 mins. R. H. Hayward, 1; Dr. G. F. W. Meadows, 2; J. Tarrant, 3; Rev. J. H. Pilkington, 4; E. W. Round-Turner, 5; F. E. W. Meadows (conductor), 6. Tenor 6½ cwt.

OTLEY (Suffolk).—On Tuesday, August 1st, at the parish church, a 720 of Bob Minor in 28 mins. G. Durrant, 1; Dr. G. F. W. Meadows, 2; J. W. Miller, 3; W. W. Miller, 4; W. Shipp, 5; A. Hatcher (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, August 14th, a 720 of Bob Minor in 26 mins. Dr. G. F. W. Meadows, 1; J. E. Burton, 2; J. Brady, 3; G. P. Burton, 4; F. E. W. Meadows, 5; J. A. Trollop (conductor), 6. Messrs. J. E. and G. P. Burton and J. A. Trollop hail from Norwich, J. Brady from Debenham, the rest belong to the local company. Handbell Ringing.—On Tuesday, August 14th, a 400 Bob Minor. F. E. W. Meadows, 1-2; G. P. Burton, 3-4; J. E. Burton, 5-6; J. A. Trollop (conductor), 7-8. Also a course each of Grandsire Triples, Grandsire Major and Forward Major. J. E. Burton, 1-2; G. P. Burton, 3-4; F. E. W. Meadows, 5-6; J. A. Trollop, 7-8. On Thursday, August 16th, a peal of Bob Triples, 5040 changes, was attempted, but after ringing 3200 in 1 hr. and 30 mins. it came to grief. J. A. Trollop (composer and conductor), 1-2; J. E. Burton, 3-4; G. P. Burton, 5-6; F. E. W. Meadows, 7-8. Longest length on handbells by the ringers of the tenors.

HELMINGHAM (Suffolk).—On Thursday, August 16th, eight members of the above Association attempted a peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major, but after ringing over 4000 changes in 2 hrs. and 35 mins. it came to grief. J. E. Burton, 1; J. A. Trollop, 2; G. P. Burton, 3; D. G. Wightman (conductor), 4; S. Wightman, sen., 5; S. Wightman, jun., 6; G. Wightman, 7; A. S. Wightman, 8. Messrs. J. E. Burton, and J. A. Trollop hail from Norwich. Tenor 20 cwt.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

COOKLEY (Worcestershire).—On Wednesday, August 15th, at the parish church, a 720 of Grandsire Minor in 24 mins. T. Wakeman, 1; G. Davies, 2; N. Davies, 3; J. Pagett (conductor), 4; T. Salter, 5; H. Smith, 6.

NETHERTON (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, August 19th, at the parish church, a 720 Plain Bob in 25 mins. W. Talbot, 1; J. W. Smith, 2; J. Townsend, 3; R. Round, 4; J. Prestige, 5; J. Smith (conductor), 6. This is J. W. Smith's first 720 with a bob bell.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

SHEDFIELD (Hants).—On Sunday, August 12th, for afternoon service, 720 Bob Minor. G. Chappell, 1; G. Chequer (first 720 in the method), 2; W. Cooper, 3; E. Walker (first 720 in the method), 4; S. Cummins (first 720 in the method), 5; W. Linter (conductor), 6. G. Chappell hails from Wickham; and W. Linter from Swanmore.

SWANMORE (Hants).—On Sunday, August 19th, for afternoon service, 720 College Single Minor (twenty-two singles). J. Osman, 1; E. Jacobs, 2; W. Cooper (first 720 in the method), 3; A. Millard, 4; G. Chappell (first 720 in the method), 5; W. Linter (conductor), 6. W. Cooper hails from Shedfield.

YATELEY (Hants).—On Thursday, August 9th, for practice, 252 Grandsire Triples. S. Riddle, 1; G. Hawkins (conductor), 2; B. Hawkins, 3; W. Tice, 4; R. Hilton, 5; C. Hilton, 6; F. Bunch, 7; T. Stevens, 8. On Sunday, August 12th, for evening service, 504 Bob Triples. C. Hilton, 1; G. Hawkins (conductor), 2; B. Hawkins, 3; S. Riddle, 4; R. Hilton, 5; W. Tice, 6; F. Bunch, 7; H. Yeomans, 8. And 240 Bob Major, with W. Filmore ringing the 3rd.

HAWLEY (Hants).—On Tuesday, August 14th, 720 Grandsire Minor. W. Mustow (first 720), 1; S. Riddle, 2; B. Hawkins, 3; J. Butler, 4; F. Bunch, 5; G. Hawkins (conductor), 6.

GOSPORT (Hants).—On Sunday, August 12th, for morning service, 546 Grandsire Triples. H. Reynolds, 1; F. Burnett, 2; E. Reynolds, 3; A. Peckham, 4; H. Westbrook, 5; R. Gardner, 6; A. E. Tomlins (conductor), 7; R. Fuge, 8. On Saturday, August 18th, for practice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. A. Peckham, 1; E. Tomlins (longest length), 2; E. Reynolds (longest with a bob bell), 3; F. Burnett, 4; H. Westbrook, 5; H. Jennings (Ryde), 6; A. E. Tomlins (conductor), 7; R. Fuge (longest touch), 8.

#### DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NORTH SHIELDS (Durham).—On Friday, June 7th, at the parish church, 168 of Grandsire Triples, conducted by T. Teasdale. A 720 Bob Minor, conducted by G. Dix. And 360 Bob Minor, conducted by A. Tully. On Monday, June 11th, a 504 Bob Triples. J. Browell, 1; ———, 2; J. Rossiter, 3; G. W. Dix, 4; E. Keen, 5; T. Teasdale, 6; A. Tully (conductor), 7; A. Dowell, 8. On Sunday, July 22nd, a 720 Bob Minor. A. Tully (conductor), 1; W. Frazer, 2; J. Rossiter, 3; E. Keen, 4; G. Dix, 5; T. Teasdale (conductor), 6. On Sunday, July 29th, a 720 Bob Minor. R. Johnson, 1; J. Rossiter, 2; E. Keen, 3; G. W. Holmes, 4; T. Teasdale, 5; A. Tully (conductor), 6. *Handbell Ringing*.—On Sunday, August 12th, 120 Doubles. G. W. Holmes, 1-2; E. Keen, 3-4; T. Teasdale (conductor), 5-6. First 120 on handbells by all. And 120 Bob Doubles. H. Hall (first 720), 1; J. Rossiter, 2; E. Keen, 3; A. Tully, 4; T. Teasdale, 5.

#### THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

TAUNTON (Somersetshire).—On Saturday, July 21st, for practice at the church of St. Mary, 324 Grandsire Caters. H. Pearce, 1; J. Joyce, 2; H. Poole, 3; ———, 4; J. Maddocks, 5; J. Burge, 6; G. Yendall, 7; T. Doble, 8; T. W. Radford (conductor), 9; W. Thorne, 10. This is the first touch of Caters by all except the conductor. On Saturday, August 18th, 720 Grandsire Minor in 26½ mins. D. Bond, 1; A. Evans, 2; J. Joyce, 3; S. Radford, 4; G. Yendall, 5; T. W. Radford (conductor), 6. This is the first 720 by Messrs. Evans and Bond, and first 720 of Minor on the bells. On Sunday, August 19th, at St. James's church, 720 Bob Minor. J. Maddocks, 1; H. Pearce, 2; A. Doble, 3; F. Millard, 4; J. Burge (conductor), 5; G. H. Yendall, 6. This is the first 720 in the method by Messrs. Millard and Pearce with a bob bell. Rang as a birthday compliment to Mr. J. Burge. And in the afternoon, 720 Grandsire Minor. J. Maddock (conductor), 1; H. Pearce, 2; S. Radford, 3; F. Millard, 4; J. Burge, 5; G. H. Yendall, 6. This was rung on the occasion of the Great Western Railway Widows and Orphans Church Parade.

#### THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HULL (Yorkshire).—On Thursday, August 16th, for practice at St. James' church, a 720 Bob Minor in 28 mins. W. Marshall, 1; H. Jenkins, 2; F. Moulson (first 720 with a bob bell), 3; W. Southwick, 4; H. W. Needham, 5; J. W. Stickney (conductor), 6. On Thursday, August 16th, at the parish church, an attempt was made for a peal of Stedman Triples, but after ringing 1512 changes in 50 mins., a change-course occurred in the Slow, and it was lost. G. T. Miller, 1; W. Verity, 2; J. Highfield, 3; J. Dixey, 4; T. Stockdale, 5; C. Jackson (conductor), 6; W. Cockerill (London), 7; J. W. Dale, 8. On Sunday, August 19th, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor in 30 mins. J. W. Dale (first 720 in the method), 1; G. T. Miller, 2; G. T. Marshall, 3; T. Nixon (Grimsby), 4; J. Dixey, 5; C. Jackson (conductor), 6.

#### THE EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

CLAY CROSS (Derbyshire).—On Sunday, July 29th, for Divine Service in the morning, a 720 of Canterbury Pleasure Minor, (forty-two

singles and eighteen bobs) in 26 mins. J. Green, 1; J. Maycock, 2; J. J. Cook, 3; T. Millington (conductor), 4; F. Marshall, 5; T. Clough, 8.

#### THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

TETTENHALL (Staffordshire).—On Friday, August 17th, for practice at the parish church, a 720 of Grandsire Minor in 26 mins. C. Southwick, 1; H. Dawkes, 2; B. Dalton, 3; J. H. Rowe, 4; J. E. Grove, 5; L. Bullock (conductor), 6. Also several touches of Bob Minor and Doubles.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BROMLEY (Kent).—On Sunday, August 12th, for Divine Service in the morning at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples in 43 mins. J. Town, 1; E. Dunn, 2; W. Smith, 3; P. F. Harman, 4; G. Durling (composer and conductor), 5; H. P. Harman, 6; T. Harford, 7; W. James, 8. And for evening service, a 546 of Oxford Bob Triples. J. Town, 1; R. Humphrey, 2; E. Dunn, 3; W. Fright, 4; G. Durling, 5; F. Sanders, 6; T. Harford (conductor), 7; W. James, 8. On Tuesday, August 12th, for practice, a 560 Bob Major. J. Town (longest touch in the method), 1; R. Humphrey, 2; T. Durling, 3; W. Smith, 4; G. Durling, 5; E. Dunn, 6; W. Ingham, 7; T. Groombridge (conductor), 8.

BORDEN (Kent).—On Sunday, August 5th, at the parish church, for Divine Service in the evening, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 47 mins. C. Willshire (conductor), 1; S. Hutson, 2; R. Staines, 3; E. Allen, 4; C. Dutnall, 5; G. Willshire, 6; A. Hardy, 7; W. Tassell, 8. G. Willshire hails from Quex Park, Birchington.

BRISTOL.—On Sunday, August 12th, at St. Stephen's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. E. Millard, 1; E. Duckman, 2; H. Pring, 3; A. Knights (conductor), 4; G. Colston, 5; G. Davies, 6; W. J. Hinton, 7; W. Colston and H. L. Stacey, 8. Messrs. Knights and Davies hail from Chesterfield.

COGGESHALL (Essex).—On Sunday, August 19th, for Divine Service in the morning at the parish church, 560 and 224 of Bob Major. J. Nichols, 1; C. Norfolk, 2; W. Dyer, 3; H. Reeves, 4; J. Sadler, 5; D. Elliott, sen., 6; E. W. Beckwith, 7; D. Elliott, jun. (conductor), 8. On Monday, August 20th, a 224 Kent Treble Bob Major. J. Nichols, 1; W. Dyer, 2; J. Sadler, 3; H. Reeves, 4; W. Elliott, 5; D. Elliott, sen., 6; E. W. Beckwith, 7; D. Elliott, jun., 8. And two courses of Grandsire Triples, the 3rd and 8th men changing places, the remainder standing as before. And a 672 Bob Major. J. Nichols, 1; C. Norfolk, 2; W. Dyer, 3; H. Reeves (conductor), 4; J. Sadler, 5; W. Elliott, 6; E. W. Beckwith, 7; D. Elliott, jun., 8. H. Reeves who hails from Redhill, Surrey, is a member of the Surrey Association, and the remainder belong to the Essex Association.

LEISTON (Suffolk).—On Saturday, August 18th, for practice at the parish church, a 1008 of Bob Major in 35 mins. A. Button, 1; H. J. Button, 2; S. J. Wolf, 3; J. M. Button, 4; F. Cooper, 5; T. Bell, 6; C. Sampson, 7; G. Wilson (conductor), 8.

POTTERNE, DEVIZES (Wilts).—On Thursday, August 16th, at the parish church, five members from St. John's, Devizes, and C. S. Burden, native of Potterne, who is on a visit here from London, rang upon this fine peal of bells three 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. T. Rouden, 1; W. King, 2; S. Hiller, 3; A. Draper, 4; C. S. Burden (conductor), 5; D. Phillips, 6. The ringers take this opportunity of thanking Canon Inman for granting the use of the bells, and J. Wells for getting everything in readiness.

SITTINGBOURNE (Kent).—On Sunday, August 12th, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor. G. Coast, 1; J. Dixon, 2; E. Day, 3; J. G. Grensted, 4; A. Hardy, 5; H. Wood (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, August 14th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor. A. Hardy, 1; J. Dixon, 2; E. Day, 3; J. G. Grensted, 4; F. Shedd, 5; H. Wood (conductor), 6. Hardy hails from Borden; the rest are local men. This is the first 720 by *bona fide* members of this society. On Thursday, August 16th, 720 Bob Minor in 26 mins. G. Coast, 1; J. Dixon, 2; E. Day, 3; J. G. Grensted, 4; F. Shedd, 5; H. Wood (conductor), 6. Also a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles. F. Shedd, 1; H. Wood, 2; J. G. Grensted, 3; E. Day, 4; J. Dixon (conductor), 5; C. Sellen, 6. And a 6-score of Canterbury Pleasure Minor. G. Coast, 1; E. Day, 2; J. Dixon, 3; H. Wood (conductor), 4; F. Shedd, 5; J. G. Grensted, 6. After ringing on Thursday, the company were entertained at supper by their genial secretary, Mr. Churchwarden Dixon, and a most enjoyable evening was spent. On Sunday, August 20th, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor. G. Coast, 1; E. Day, 2; J. Dixon, 3; J. G. Grensted, 4; A. Hardy, 5; H. Wood (conductor), 6. With the exception of C. Sellen, all the ringers 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."

"APATHY AND UNCONCERN."—WHO IS TO BLAME?

SIR,—I did not intend—nor should I have presumed—to formulate a "scathing impeachment" against ringers in general. I have too much respect for them, and have received too much courtesy from them, to take any such liberty; nor, on reading my own words again, do they seem to constitute so serious an attack. No body of men, however, is perfect, any more than individuals are, and I only wished to point out that ringers sometimes make it more difficult than it need be for the clergy and others to encourage them and their Art. It is obviously undesirable to prove my case by citing names or places: but you are right in supposing that I have good reason for every word that I have written. I may, however, appeal to your own columns, and to the frequency with which it is there recorded that from "meeting one short," or late arrival or non-appearance of those who had promised to come, some peal or long touch has fallen through, or practice been delayed or rendered impossible. What does this mean? It means that some men are discourteous enough to break engagements and put others to inconvenience without notice or warning; and it also means that busy men whose time and trouble is often wasted by this sort of conduct, are apt to become disgusted with ringing, and to judge all ringers by what I hope and believe are exceptions. With your remarks on the subject of attendance at church I partly agree. It is unfortunate, no doubt, when services are unsuitable or unattractive, not to ringers only, but to the congregation in general. But this ought not to override the general principle that, for the sake of example, the ringers employed at a church should be church-goers. I am not in favour of hard-and-fast rules as to the number of times ringers should attend Divine Service. There must be a reasonable liberty in such matters. But I do think that if ringers, for the sake of their own pleasure in ringing, undertake such work and then deliberately and persistently absent themselves from church, they are doing all they can to set both clergy and laity against ringers and ringing. Nor should I blame any clergyman who, after some experience of such behaviour, should decide to have no more to do with a band of ringers, but to set up a chiming apparatus worked by one man whom he could trust.

T. L. PAPILLON.

SIR,—As a lover of bells, a change-ringer, a church official of many years standing, and secretary of a ringing society, I beg to thank the Rev. T. L. Papillon for his plain outspoken letter in your last issue. He writes as one who has the best interests of ringers at heart. If your readers all over the country will "read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest" his well-meant and timely remarks, they will, I am sure, be productive of much good.

TRADESMAN.

## TRUE AND FALSE AUTHORSHIP.

SIR,—In reply to Mr. H. W. Wilde, as he evidently composed his peal independently of mine, I withdraw the charge of deliberate variation, which will not, I think, be thought unreasonable when the short time between the publication of the two compositions is considered. I am unable however to repudiate the main part of my letter, as I have still a prior claim to the peal in question. Mr. Wilde says he composed his peal on March 18th; I composed mine on February 16th; it was in the hands of Mr. Carter, of Birmingham, and Mr. J. S. Wilde, of Hyde, soon after; and was rung on March 7th—ten days before Mr. Wilde produced it. Mr. Wilde refers me to a peal published by him in July 1891; but as this is unlike the one in question except that the tenors are together every lead, I fail to see what light it throws on the subject. I did not say anywhere, either that there was any originality in keeping the tenors together, or that my claim to Mr. Wilde's peal was based on the fact that it contained that quality. My case is that, first the two peals are the same; and second, that mine was both composed, rung, and published before Mr. Wilde's, so that although he may be so unfortunate as to compose it before he knew of the existence of mine, he cannot now claim it.

J. ARMIGER TROLLOP.

52, Middle Street, St. George's, Norwich.

WALTHAM ABBEY (Essex).—On Saturday evening, August 18th, at the Abbey church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 48 mins. F. Carter, 1; H. James, 2; E. Wallage, 3; G. Peace (conductor), 4; F. Jelf, 5; E. Hall, 6; D. Tarling, 7; G. Cole, 8. This quarter-peal is one composed by E. Wallage, and is the first quarter-peal G. Peace has conducted.

## A REMARKABLE MAN OF LITCHURCH, DERBY.

BY MARCUS II.

Continued from No. 643.

The pangs of hunger having gone,  
The old man thinks what must be done;  
To find a job that pays him best,  
Before he takes his usual rest.

And while he smokes his best cigar,  
His thoughts will wander near and far;  
Till all at once he gives a start,  
A thought has struck him like a dart.

This morn, while in his new armchair,  
The parson named a lady fair  
Who, for better, or worse, would try her fate,  
By entering in the marriage state.

With a job in view he beams with pride,  
And schemes and plans for the future bride;  
His task when o'er and pledged in drinks,  
He retires to take his forty winks.

If left alone, he late will surely be,  
And have not time to take his tea;  
Before he has to waddle back,  
Along the old well-beaten track.

Puffing and blowing, all in haste,  
He knows he has no time to waste;  
He unlocks the gate in such a flurry,  
And bangs the door, all hurry-scurry.

He looks to see "his chair" all right,  
And then returns in serious plight;  
For all his men are waiting there,  
But cannot climb the spiral stair.

He most abruptly opes the door,  
And up the steps they go once more;  
He then reminds them "to doff their hats,"  
And keep their big feet off the mats.

Then looks around to see who's there,  
And fondly hopes there's one to spare;  
Although his bell is very light,  
He does not feel in form to-night.

Then calling loudly to his men,  
To ring for service once again;  
And soft and shrill the music swells,  
From dear St. Andrew's merry bells.

A nice long touch they then will ring,  
Which sexton says "is just the thing;"  
When conducted on a certain line,  
Just to bring them home in time.

He looks to see the ropes all right,  
And to each one he bids "good-night;"  
When they are all gone down below,  
He to the safe will quickly go.

The register he tries to square,  
And some get marks who were not there;  
But no matter how many marks they earn,  
"The sexton's first" on the return.

When that is done his duty ends,  
And from the tower he soon descends;  
To take his seat with quaintly air,  
And dignify the new arm-chair.

As this goes on from week to week,  
The interest is not far to seek;  
Should his career draw to a close,  
His friends will wish him sweet repose.

[FINIS.]

NUNEATON (Warwickshire).—Handbell Ringing.—On Wednesday, August 15th, at the residence of Mr. Paulson, 896, 223 and 220 Grandsire Triples. H. Paulson, 1-2; T. W. Chapman, 3-4; H. Argyle, 5-6; J. George (conductor), 7-8. And a course of Bob Major, the band standing as before.



# 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 Llandaff Diocesan Association.—The Annual Meeting will be held at Aberdare, this Saturday afternoon, August 25th, 1894, to commence with a short service and address at 3.0 p.m. Meeting immediately afterwards, to be followed by a knife and fork tea. Bells open at 5.0 p.m. W. A. DOWNING, *Hon. Sec.*  
Llandaff.

The Worcestershire and Adjoining Districts Association.—The next Committee and Quarterly Meeting of this Association will take place at Upton-on-Severn, on Saturday, September 1st, at 6.0 p.m.  
36, Simms Lane, Netherton, JOHN SMITH, *Hon. Sec.*  
Dudley.

The North Lincolnshire Association.—The next Quarterly Meeting will be held at Grimsby, to-day, Saturday, August 25th. A short service will be held in the parish church, at 5.0 p.m. It is hoped that ringers will attend. Tea will be provided at The Bull Ring Coffee Hall, at 5.15, at 1s. 3d. each. Business meeting immediately afterwards. The bells of the parish church (8), and S. Andrew's (8), will be open for ringing. Excursion train leaves Lincoln (Mid.) at 2.0 p.m., returning from Grimsby (Town Station), at 9.20 p.m., return 1s. 6d.  
Church Street, REGINALD BOND, *Hon. Sec.*  
Gainsborough.

The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The next Monthly Ringing Meeting of this Society will be held at St. Michael's, Headingley (8 bells), to-day, Saturday, August 25th. Ringing from 3.0 o'clock. Meeting house, The Skyrack inn. R. BINNS, *Hon. Sec.*  
3, Daine Street, Hogg's Field, Holbeck.

The Chester Diocesan Guild.—Wirral Branch.—The monthly Meeting will be held in the Schoolroom, Liskeard, to-day, Saturday, August 25th. Tea at 6.0 p.m. (free). Tower open from 3.0 p.m.  
F. R. T. BOLTON, *Hon. Sec.*  
Braeside, West Kirby.

The South and West Middlesex Association.—The next monthly meeting of the above Association will be held at Hillingdon, Middlesex, to-day, Saturday, August 25th, at 5 o'clock.  
E. J. WALSON, *Hon. Sec.*

The Raunds, Wellingborough and District Association.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Moulton, near Northampton, to-day, Saturday, August 25th. Bells open for ringing from 2.30 to 8.0 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock. Business meeting after tea. E. J. DENNES, *Hon. Sec.*  
Wellingborough.

The Lancashire Association.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at St. Mary's, Rawtenstall, to-day, Saturday, August 25th. Bells ready 3.0 p.m. Meeting at 6.0 o'clock. Business: to elect a secretary and nominate a committee-man.  
J. B. TAYLOR, *Hon. Sec.*  
7, Church Street, Waterfoot.

The Lancashire Association.—Members are requested to notice that the Association year ends on August 31st. Reports of peals or any new compositions should be sent to Mr. A. E. Wreaks, 41, Gibbon Street, Bolton.

Nominations for the offices of President, Secretary, and Treasurer, may be made by any member throughout the Association. The following branches are called upon to nominate candidates for the Committee, which can be made only at the Branch Meeting: Blackburn, Liverpool, Rossendale, Preston, and Fylde. Nominations or any other matter for the reports should be forwarded to the Secretaries.

J. REDFORD, } *Hon.*  
A. E. WREAKS, } *Secs.*

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Christ Church, Barlow Moor, Wittington, on Saturday, September 1st, Bells ready at 4.0 p.m. Business meeting at 7.0 p.m.; N.B.—This meeting should have been held at Whitefield, but the authorities are expecting the bell-bangers daily. WALTER BROWN, *Br. Sec.*  
54, Wenlock Street, Hulme, Manchester.

The Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Cheadle, on Saturday next, September 1st, Members intending to be present, must give notice to Mr. J. Burton, High Street, Cheadle, not later than Wednesday, August 29th.  
REV. J. W. ALSTON, } *Hon.*  
W. TWIGG, } *Secs.*

The Sussex County Association.—Central Division.—A meeting will be held at Cuckfield on Saturday, September 1st. Tower open at 3.0 p.m. Tea in Schoolroom at 5.0 p.m.  
49, Clifton Street, GEO. WILLIAMS, *Hon. Div. Sec.*  
Brighton. N.B.—Ditchling not available.

The Essex Association.—There will be a district meeting of the above on Saturday, September 22nd, at Bishop Stortford. The tower (10 bells) will be open for ringing from 2.0 to 8.0 p.m. Also the tower of Sawbridgeworth, three miles. Tea and business meeting at The Chequers at 5.0 p.m. Members intending to be present must notify the same to Asst. Sec. Rev. H. Eyre, Great Totham, Witham, not later than the previous Monday. There will also be a meeting for six bell ringers in the neighbourhood of Witham, later on in the year.  
HENRY T. W. EYRE, *Asst. Sec.*

## NOTE TO PEAL.

THE PEAL RUNG AT DISS, NORFOLK.—Mr. W. Ireland belongs to the Diss company, the rest to Norwich, and during the five days from August 13th to 17th, the latter rang in various places in Suffolk upwards of 31,000 changes in touches, and the following attempts for peals: Monday evening, 1400 Bob Major at Debenham; Tuesday, 5300 Grandsire Caters at Ipswich; Wednesday, 2000 Grandsire Triples at Ufford; Thursday afternoon, 3200 Bob Triples on handbells at Otley; Thursday evening, 4000 Oxford Treble Bob at Helmingham; and 4800 Oxford Treble Bob at Kelsale on Friday. The thanks of the visitors are due to Mr. John Souter, for the use of his magnificent peal of handbells, and to the various local bands for making the necessary arrangements.

## ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

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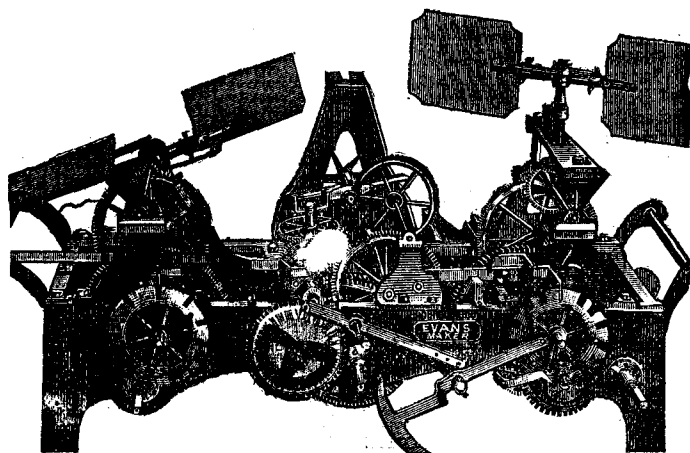
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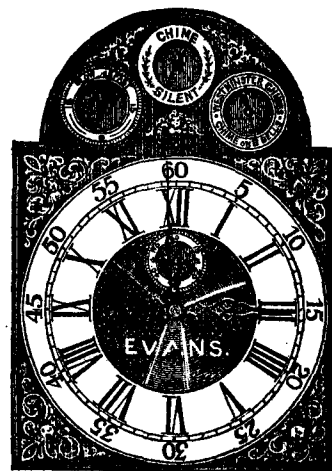
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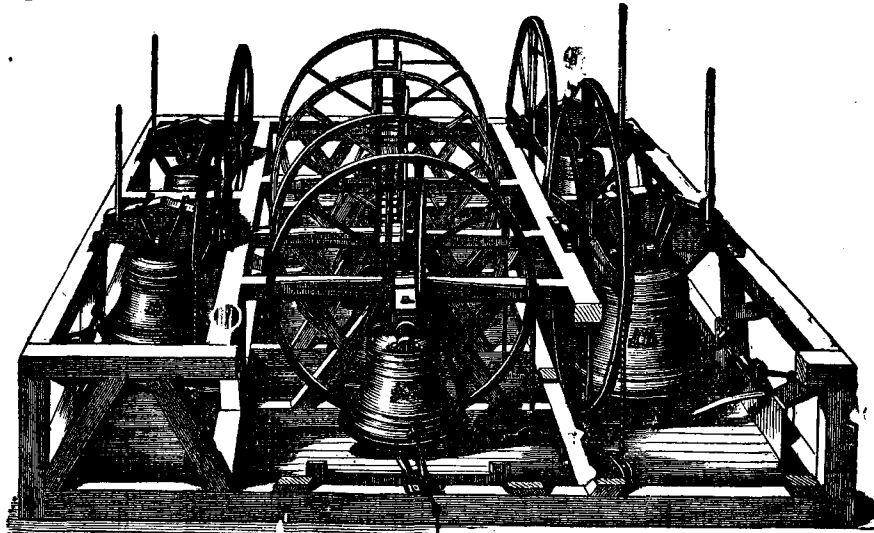
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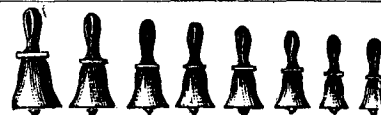
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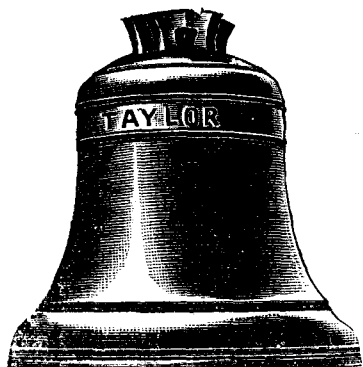
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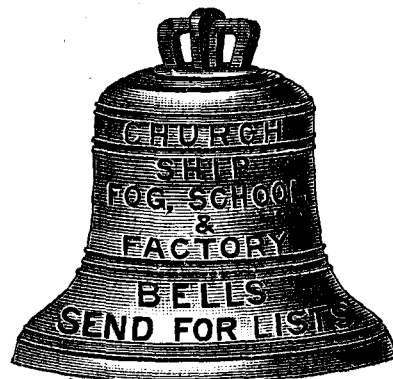
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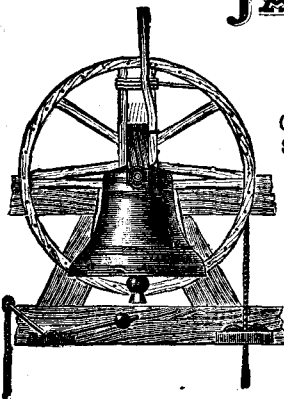
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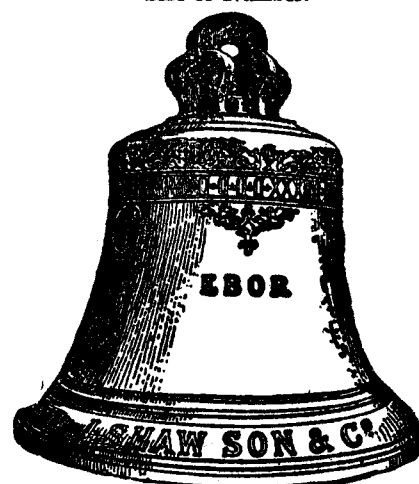
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The Chairman (Rev. Canon J. P. Young, Vicar of St. James'), said before he proceeded to any of the usual business he would like to give the visitors a hearty welcome, and although he had nothing new to say upon ringing matters it gave him great pleasure to meet the members of the Association and do what he could to further their interest. He added that the Secretary (Rev. R. Bond) had written to him to express his regret at not been present in consequence of being away from home. The Chairman then read a letter from Mr. A. J. Butler (son of the late Dean of Lincoln), thanking the Association for the vote of condolence passed at the last meeting, and for the muffled peals which were rung through the northern part of the Diocese on the day of the late Dean's interment.

The minutes of the last quarterly meeting were read and confirmed, and a sum was voted towards defraying the expenses of providing an instructor to visit Leadend, provided the local ringers would guarantee a similar sum. Two honorary members and several efficient and probationary members were elected.

Mr. Maidens (Lincoln), in bringing forward a motion of which he had given notice at the last annual meeting, remarked that he thought that the time had arrived when district secretaries should be appointed to assist the general secretary. Every member knew that the radius covered by the Association was so large and scattered that it was impossible for the work to be successfully accomplished by one person. By dividing the northern part of the Diocese into districts, and forming district secretaries, the outlying towers not in union with the Association could be reached. He did not propose to ask the meeting to pledge itself to any definite scheme, but only to pass the following resolution:—"That in the opinion of this meeting, it is desirable that a select committee be appointed to consider the desirability of amending or adopting a scheme for dividing the Association into districts, with local secretaries, and that a committee be formed of one member from each local centre, and that such committee should report progress at the next annual meeting. Each centre to elect a committeeman within fourteen days, and to forward his name to the general secretary." Mr. Maidens also read a brief scheme which he had prepared, explaining how the new arrangement could be carried out.

The Chairman said that perhaps before the Association pledged itself to any definite scheme it might be a good opportunity to try to carry out an amalgamation of the three Lincolnshire Associations, which had been suggested some time since, and have one Secretary and one President for the whole Diocese. If there was any likelihood of such an arrangement being carried out, it seemed a pity to form a scheme for the better working of the Association, and afterwards to find that the rules and regulations would again be upset by a possible amalgamation.

Mr. Chester (Lincoln), acting on behalf of the Secretary, said he was unable to explain without reference how the matter of the proposed amalgamation stood, and after a lengthy discussion Mr. Maiden's proposition was seconded by Mr. Heyhoe (Grimsby), and carried unanimously.

On the proposition of Mr. Chester, seconded by Mr. Shepherd (Grimsby), it was decided to hold the October meeting at Barton-on-Humber.

Mr. Maidens proposed, and Mr. Jackson (Hull), seconded, a vote of thanks to the Vicar (Canon Young), for his presence, also to the Vicars and Churchwardens of St. James' and St.

Andrew's for the use of the bells, and to the Vicar, Organist and choir of St. James' for arranging the service that afternoon. Canon Young suitably responded.

Mr. Heyhoe (Grimsby), said he would like to remark that the Association ought to feel thankful to the Lincoln members for the interest they took in the work of the Association, and in trying to improve the science of change-ringing. He hoped the other centres would try to follow their example.

This concluded the business meeting, and the ringers dispersed, some to join their wives and children at Cleethorpes, others again visiting the towers to indulge in Grandsire and Bob Major until it was time to wend their way to their respective homes.

## PRESENTATION AT STREATHAM, SURREY.

The ancient belfry of the Parish Church was on Tuesday last the scene of an interesting event, the occasion being the presentation of a bell-gong as a wedding gift to Dr. J. L. Steedman, who is one of the ringers at this church, and an Honorary Member of the Surrey Association.

The members wishing to do honour in a suitable manner attempted a 720 of Bob Minor (non-conducted), and some excellent striking was continued up to the end of the 5th part, when a trip occurred, causing a disappointment to the following who took part, G. Barrington, R. B. Blanchard, S. Greenwood, D. Springall, G. Pell, — Freeman.

The Hon. Sec. (F. A. Bellamy, Esq.) then presented the bell gong, with ornamental bracket, bearing the following inscription: "Presented to J. F. Steedman, Esq. by his brother ringers, July 5th, 1894."

The Dr. thanked the members for the very suitable present, and also for the help which he had received from them (especially Mr. Greenwood) in the art of change-ringing, only regretting that he had not more time at his disposal for practice.

Touchees of Stedman, Minor, and a good ring down in peal brought to a termination a very pleasant evening.

## ST. MARY'S, PORTSEA.

On Sunday, August 12th, after two short touchees of Grandsire Triples were rung for evening service, and in the presence of a large number of ringers and friends, in the belfry of the above church, the Rev. R. C. M. Harvey (Vice-President of the St. Mary's band, and Hon. Sec. of the Winchester Diocesan Guild) was presented with a gold pencil case by Mr. Harper, on behalf of the band, who expressed the hope that he would receive it, not for its value, but as a small token of respect and esteem in which he is held by them, and when he was using it to recall to mind the many pleasant hours he had spent with them. The Rev. R. C. M. Harvey, who is leaving the parish for the vicarage of Eastleigh, in reply, said it took him by surprise, and it was very kind of the band to think of him in such a manner on his leaving the parish. He should visit the belfry as often as he could on practice-nights, and not make himself a stranger to the band. He thanked them very sincerely for the present. The bells were then lowered in peal and he gave a hearty shake of the hand to all present who wished him good-bye for the time, and expressed a hope he would find as many friends in his new parish and congregation as he had in the one he was leaving.

## THE ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY, LONDON.

At the annual meeting of this Society, held at headquarters, Essex Head, Essex Street, Strand, the following members were elected to take office for the ensuing year: Master, Mr. E. E. Richards (re-elected); Treasurer, Mr. E. Albone (re-elected); Senior Steward, Mr. J. George; Junior Steward, Mr. C. F. Winney; Secretary, Mr. W. F. Meads, 85, Diggon Street, Stepney Green, E. Members are particularly requested to attend the fortnightly meetings at St. Clement Danes as often as possible. Next meeting night, September 10th.

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PORTRAIT NUMBER.—Next week we shall have much pleasure in publishing a Portrait, with memoir, of that distinguished ringer, composer and author, Mr. William Bannister, formerly of Woolwich, and a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths.

### HOLSWORTHY CHURCH BELLS, DEVON. RE-OPENING CELEBRATION.

Ever since Whit-Sunday of 1890, when a discharge of lightning during a heavy thunderstorm struck the tower and demolished one of its pinnacles, the bells of Holsworthy church have been unsafe to ring, and its fine carillon has been dumb. Not only were the bells damaged by the electric fluid, but examination revealed the fact that the woodwork and fittings of the belfry were decayed and dangerous. Soon afterwards a fund was opened for their restoration, and the movement receiving an impetus with the advent of the new rector, the Rev. T. S. Kendall, M.A., orders for the re-hanging of the bells and the renovation of the bell-chamber were placed with Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, of London. Although the work is not quite completed, the parishioners and congregation have had the satisfaction of hearing the long silence of the bells broken by merry peals and tuneful airs.

The peal consisting of eight bells was cast in the key of F sharp, by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, in 1836. They, however, were not then entrusted with the hanging of the bells, which was carried out by a local firm. It is stated that proper timber was not used, for the woodwork when removed was found to be completely rotten and dangerous. It is vouched by old residents that portions of the frame-work were taken from a Bude wreck of 1856. The peal has now been hung with the latest modern fittings and appliances, and the bells have been quarter-turned for the clappers to strike on a new surface. A new floor has also been laid in the bell-chamber, massive oak beams being fixed. The framework, of the best seasoned oak, is so fitted as not to touch the walls of the tower, as did the old woodwork. The aggregate weight of the bells is  $54\frac{3}{4}$  cwt.; but although a light one, the peal is considered very musical. Inscriptions on four of the bells record the fact that the expenses incurred by placing the set in the tower was borne by a subscription raised through the exertions of Francis Thorne Honey, and that individual bells were the gift of Earl Stanhope in 1836, and Sir Humphrey Davy. The carillon and quarter chimes were placed in the tower in 1875.

The re-opening proceedings commenced at seven a.m., when merry peals were rung by the Holsworthy ringers, under the direction of Mr. J. Featherstone. At eight o'clock the Holy Communion was celebrated, and for the first time in the present century, and it is believed in the history of the Church, the celebration was fully choral, Tour's fine setting in F being well rendered by the full choir. Mr. W. Clotworthy presided at the organ. Morning prayer was held in the church at eleven o'clock. The Rev. T. S. Kendall conducted the service, and the lessons were read by the Rev. Hawker Kingdon, rector of Bridgerule. Special hymns were sung, and Dr. Lloyd's difficult anthem, "Give the Lord the honour due to His name," was most efficiently rendered by the choir. The sermon was preached by the Rev. Canon Thynne, M.A., rector of Kilkhampton, who referred to the part played in the life of the community by the Church bells, which rang out merrily on occasions of public rejoicing, and in connection with the marriage rite, or toiled mournfully for those who passed away; and he earnestly entreated them always to obey the invitation of the bells when they summoned them to worship.

After the service a public luncheon was held at the National School, which was used yesterday for the first time since undergoing alterations and enlargements. The Rev. T. S. Kendall presided, supported by the Revs. Canon Thynne, H. Kingdon, E. H. Puttock (Halwill), S. W. Tagert (Pyworthy), and Maitland Kelly (Ottery St. Mary), Dr. Linnington Ash, and Messrs. W. G. Gray and W. C. R. Peterson (churchwardens), Cecil Bray, and others.

After the usual loyal toasts the chairman proposed "The Church," and remarked that in Holsworthy, at least, the Church could not be reproached with being asleep. The mere fact that they had re-hung their bells, repaired the carillon and belfry, and added a new wing to the building in which they were assembled for educational and Church purposes, were alone sufficient to show that the Church in their midst was active and vigorous.

Rev. E. H. Puttock, in response, congratulated the rector and

his congregation on the signs of advancing Church life in Holsworthy. Apart from the restoration of the church bells and chimes, and the enlargement of the school, the choral celebration of the Holy Communion in itself marked a distinct advance in the work of the Church, which he hoped would continue to grow and develop in the neighbourhood.

The chairman afterwards submitted, "The Devon Guild of Ringers," for whom the Rev. Maitland Kelly responded.

Mr. Cecil Bray proposed "The Ladies," remarking that they were greatly indebted for the success of the present movement to Mrs. Kendall, the rector's wife, and the ladies of the congregation.

During the afternoon the Devon Guild of Ringers, who journeyed from Ottery St. Mary, rang a touch of over 1,000 changes, and gave lovers of campanology a rare treat. The bells were also rung at intervals by bands of Week St. Mary, Launceston, Kirkhampton, Torrington, Bridgerule, and Stratton. At four o'clock an organ recital was given in the church by the rector, whose extemporised variations on the carillon hymn tunes were greatly appreciated.

In the evening a fully choral service was held in the church, the Exeter Diocesan 1894 Festival Service being used. Rev. Canon Edmonds, librarian of Exeter Cathedral, was the preacher.

Notwithstanding the morning's rain, the afternoon's proceedings were an emphatic success, the weather having cleared. The large room was crowded to overflowing at the tea. Hundreds of persons flocked in from the country, and the town was quite *en fete*. Evensong was followed by supper in the National School-room, and a promenade concert. The Rector's organ recital in the afternoon was well attended, and a good collection was taken. The total of the day's proceeds was a substantial amount. Between half-past two and four o'clock a band of the Devonshire Guild rang some touches of Grandsire Triples. The first touch consisted of about 1000 changes. The band were stationed as follows: — Taylor, 1; S. Godfrey, 2; E. Munday, 3; F. Davey, 4; J. Godfrey, 5; F. Shepherd (conductor), 6; P. Shepherd, 7; W. Marsh, 8. Rev. M. Kelly afterwards took the second, and a touch of 514 changes was rung, with F. Shepherd as conductor. The striking throughout was excellent. After tea some Grandsire Caters and Triples were rung on handbells by Messrs. F. and E. Shepherd, E. Munday, F. Davey, and W. Marsh.

### THE HEAVY WOOLLEN DISTRICT ASSOCIATION, YORKSHIRE.

The August meeting of the above was held at Mirfield, on Saturday, the 18th, when members attended from Dewsbury, Batley, Birstal, Brighouse, Thornhill, Ealsheaton, Batley Carr, Liversedge, Kirkheaton, Kirkburton and other places. The meeting for business took place at The Dusty Miller inn, Mr. Peacock, president, occupying the chair. The Secretary read the minutes of the previous meeting, which were confirmed. After several items of business had been gone through, the entrances of companies competing for the cup at Sandal were read out, which amounted to twelve. It was agreed to start the draw at 9 a.m., and commence ringing at 10 a.m., so that all ringing would be done before late at night. It was also agreed to hold a committee meeting on Saturday, September 1st, at head quarters, at 6 p.m. After the meeting the evening was spent in singing, which ended another pleasant gathering. The next meeting will be held at Tong.

### STANHOPE PARISH CHURCH, WEARDALE, DURHAM.

A new public clock from the designs and plans of Lord Grimthorpe, and made by the firm of W. Potts and Sons, Clock Manufacturers, of Guildford Street, Leeds, and 22, Collingwood Street, Newcastle-on-Tyne, has just been completed in the tower of the parish church, and was formally set going on Sunday, the 19th inst. for the first time. The above was raised by voluntary contributions, the Rector, the Right Rev. the Bishop of Richmond, having acted as Chairman, and Mr. Will Egglestone, Secretary for the Committee, Mr. John Parker, Stanhope, having done the joiners' work connected with the clock fixing.

## THE CUMBERLAND COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

Minutes of Annual Meeting held at Workington on Saturday, August 25th, 1894.

Present: The Rev. T. Bulman (Chairman) and about 30 ringers from Carlisle, Keswick, Cleator Moor, and Workington.

The proceedings commenced with a short service in the parish church, when a very appropriate address was delivered by the Chairman.

The Members afterwards adjourned to the Mission room, where tea was partaken of, after which the business meeting was held.

The minutes of the District Meeting, held at Cockermouth, on the 2nd of June last, were read and confirmed.

The Secretary then read his Report and Statement of Accounts, and it was resolved that the same be adopted.

Resolved—That the Patron (the Lord Bishop of Carlisle), the President (Rev. H. D. Rawnsley) and the Vice-Presidents, be re-elected.

Resolved—That the Rev. W. S. Unwin be elected a Vice-President.

Resolved—That Mr. J. D. Baxter be re-elected Hon. Secretary, and Mr. James Hyde, District Secretary.

Resolved—That a Trophy be provided, to be rung for annually, and that medals be given to the winning team.

A Sub-Committee, consisting of Messrs. George Little (Carlisle), Stephen Hogarth (Keswick), James Hyde, (Workington), and John Joyce (Cleator Moor), was appointed to arrange details.

Resolved—That Rule 3 (referring to performing members) be altered in accordance with notice given at the last meeting.

It was arranged that District Meetings be held at St. Bees, in January, 1895, and at Keswick (where the Trophy will be rung for) in June, 1895, and that the annual meeting be held at Carlisle.

Resolved—That the following be elected as performing members: William Irving, Moses Thompson, William Hart, Richard Davies, John Saunders, and Tom Taylor.

Resolved—That a hearty vote of thanks be accorded to the Rev. T. Bulman for presiding, and for his excellent address. (Owing to the Rector lying very ill no ringing was allowed.)

## MINUTES OF SUB-COMMITTEE HELD SAME DAY.

Mr. George Tittle in the chair.

Resolved—That the Trophy be awarded for the most points obtained on ringing a 720 of Plain Bob Minor, or Grandsire Minor, or a 360 of Bob Minor, or Grandsire Minor, at the option of the Competitors, and that in making the award one point be allowed for each full ring at morning and evening services on Sundays.

Resolved—that the Committee meet again at Wokington on the 29th September, at 4 p.m.

## DEATH OF THE BISHOP OF COVENTRY.

The death is announced of the Right Rev. Henry Bond Bowlby, D.D., Bishop-Suffragan of Coventry, Archdeacon of Birmingham, and rector of St. Phillip's, Birmingham, which took place on Monday. The late Bishop, says the *Times*, was a member of a military family, his father, Captain Peter Bowlby, of the 4th or King's Own Regiment of Foot, having served with distinction under Wellington in the Peninsular War, at the battle of Waterloo, and in America. He received his early education at Durham Cathedral Schools, and at the age of fifteen he obtained an open scholarship at Wadham College, Oxford. He took his degree in 1844. In 1846 he was admitted to the B.A. degree of the University of Durham, and in the same year was ordained. His first curacy was at South Shields. In 1848 he was elected a Fellow of Wadham, and the next year he published his *Lectures on the Resurrection of the Flesh*. In 1850 the late Archdeacon Hone presented him to the perpetual curacy of Oldbury, in Worcestershire, where he laboured for eighteen years. In 1875 the rectory of St. Philip, Birmingham, became vacant, and the offer of it to him by the late Bishop of Worcester Mr. Bowlby accepted gladly, as it restored him to the Midland district, where he had made and retained many friends. He soon became one of the best-known figures in Birmingham, devoting himself not only to the affairs of his parish, but to the

general philanthropic and educational work of the city. In 1877 Mr. Bowlby was appointed as Honorary Canon of the cathedral, and in 1887 he was unanimously chosen as one of the proctors in Convocation for the clergy of the Diocese of Worcester, but since the last General Election the Bishop had sat in the Lower House as Archdeacon of Birmingham. Upon the failure of the scheme for the division of the Diocese of Worcester, the present Bishop of Worcester (Dr. Perowne) had to select a suitable man for appointment as Suffragan, and Canon Bowlby was held to be the best-known and most generally respected rector in the diocese, as well as the possessor of personal qualifications for the office in a very high degree. His consented to accept the office at the Bishop's request, and on September, 1861, the Queen's Letters Patent nominated him to be Bishop-Suffragan of Coventry. The clergy of Birmingham united to present him with his Episcopal robes in token of their regard, and at the same time the congregation and parishioners of St. Philip's presented him with an illuminated address and other gifts. His consecration took place in St. Paul's Cathedral on the festival of St. Michael and all Angels, 1891, and at the close of the year the University of Oxford conferred upon him the honorary degree of D.D. Bishop Bowlby was twice married, his second wife, who survives him, being the widow of Mr. S. B. Allison, of Halifax, Nova Scotia. His lordship rendered very valuable assistance to his diocesan last year in forwarding the arrangements of the Church Congress at Birmingham, and presided over several of the sectional meetings.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

WIRRAL BRANCH.—The monthly meeting of this branch was held at Liscard, on Saturday, August 25th, when about twenty-seven ringing members were present from the following towers: Bebington, Bidston, Bromborough, Eastham, Liscard, Rock Ferry, Wallasey, West Kirby, and Woodchurch. The Rev. T. Pemberton, curate of Liscard, presided, and one honorary member, B. P. Leitch, Esq., also attended the meeting. After the usual formal business had been transacted, a very hearty vote of thanks was passed, with acclamation, to Mr. Leitch for giving the tea, which was thoroughly appreciated by the members, just before the meeting; to the vicar for the use of the bells; and to the Rev. T. Pemberton for taking the chair. The following touches were rung by mixed bands during the afternoon and evening. A 720 Grandsire Minor, with 6-8 covering. E. Pownall, 1; J. Shone, 2; F. Jones, 3; J. Rogers, 4; J. Hughes, 5; T. Ashley, 5; J. Dillon, 7; A. Hughes, 8. And 504 Plain Bob Triples. E. Pownall, 1; J. Shone, 2; F. Jones, 3; G. Rogers, 4; J. Hughes, 5; W. Wilcox, 6; J. Dillon, 7; C. Taylor, 8. Also 720 Oxford Single, with 6-8 covering. E. Pownall, 1; E. Breeze, 2; E. A. Hough, 3; J. Cliffe, 4; J. Woods, 5; W. Wilcox, 6; J. Dillon, 7; W. Hughes, 8. Also 447 Grandsire Triples. E. Pownall, 1; I. Hammond, 2; J. Pownall, 3; J. Cliffe, 4; G. Rogers, 5; J. Dillon, 6; E. Hough, 7; P. Leather, 8. All conducted by J. Dillon.

## Correspondence.

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

## TRUE AND FALSE AUTHORSHIP.

SIR,—In reply to Mr. J. Armiger Trollop's letter of last week I altogether fail to see how he can still claim my peal of Double Oxford as his composition, after the very clear explanation I gave in my first letter. Mr. Trollop, I have no doubt, knows quite as well as I do that the calling of Canterbury Pleasure Major will not apply to Double Oxford Major, and *vice versa*. As far as I know, my peal of Double Oxford is the first ever published in the method, with a bob before in every course, and as I have already explained, I did not copy it from Mr. Trollop's peal of Canterbury Pleasure. I consider that in spite of what Mr. Trollop has said in the matter I have still good ground to claim my peal as being an original composition; but as regards the peal of Canterbury Pleasure Major published in "THE BELL NEWS" of June 30th by Mr. Trollop, although I composed exactly the same peal last March, I do not now wish to claim it, as Mr. Trollop was the first to publish it; but I still mean to stick to the peal of Double Oxford as published in "THE BELL NEWS" of July 21st.  
Derwent Bridge, Duffield.  
H. W. WILDE.

## Ringers' Outings.

**WEST KIRBY SOCIETY.**—The ringers of the Parish Church, accompanied by two or three friends, had their fifth annual outing on Wednesday, August 22nd. The place selected this year was Duffield, Derbyshire. A start was made from West Kirby at 8 a.m., Liverpool, 8.50, and not the least part of the day's enjoyment was the ride in a saloon carriage, supplied by the Midland Railway Company, through the exquisite scenery of the Peak district. Duffield was reached shortly after 12 o'clock, when the visitors were only too glad to find a luncheon awaiting them at the "White Hart Hotel," at which they all fell to with a hearty goodwill, and some time elapsed before "that's all" was called. A stroll was then made towards the church, where the visitors found the steeple-keeper, Mr. P. Dawson, and Mr. H. W. Wilde waiting for them. After admiring the work that has been accomplished in the past in this belfry (which, by-the-bye, is surrounded by eighteen peal-boards), several short touches were rung on the bells, the only ones worthy of note being a couple of Grandsire Triples by the visitors, and a course of Grandsire Caters by E. Pownall, 1; J. Hale, 2; T. Hammond, 3; J. Pownall, 4; C. Powell, 5; A. Smith, 6; H. W. Wilde, 7; J. Dillon, 8; P. Dawson, 9; E. Hampson, 10. A move was then made to Duffield Bank, by the kind invitation of A. P. Heywood, Esq., to see the wonderful miniature railway in his grounds, and after an hour's thorough enjoyment they were hospitably entertained at tea by Mr. and Mrs. Heywood, and then personally conducted over the engineering works by Mr. Heywood. The party then cordially thanked Mr. Heywood for his kindness, and started for the railway station, which they left at 7.20, reaching home a little before midnight. The only drawback to the pleasantest excursion the West Kirby ringers have ever enjoyed was an accident to one of the number at the Central Station, Liverpool, on the outward journey. Mr. W. J. Shepherd, while running up the steps, accidentally fell, and hurt his ankle so seriously that he had to return home. The visitors wish to express their best thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Heywood for their kind hospitality, to the Rev. F. W. Moore for the use of the bells, and to Messrs. H. W. Wilde and P. Dawson for their kind attention during the day.

**THE TANFIELD SOCIETY, DURHAM.**—On Saturday, August 11th, this band had their annual outing, the place selected being Catterick, Yorks. Before starting from Newcastle Messrs. Harrison, Holmes, and Hand joined us, the latter being at Newcastle on a visit. Arriving at Newcastle shortly after 12, we were met on the platform by Mr. Greenwell. A move was at once made to the Angel Inn, where the inner man was refreshed through the kindness of Mr. Greenwell. At St. Anne's Church some short touches were rung of Bob Tripples and Treble Bob Major. W. Holmes, 1; W. R. Brewis, 2; P. A. Hind (Oxford), 3; H. Tyson, 4; T. Brewis, 5; F. Lowe, 6; F. J. Harrison (conductor), 7; W. Brewis, 8; and a touch of Bob Minor, G. Arkless, 1; W. Brewis, 2; H. Tyson, 3; T. Brewis, 4; C. Elliott, 5; F. J. Harrison (conductor), 6; W. Holmes, 7; F. Lowe, 8. A move was then made to Mr. Mack's rosery, the beauties of which beggar any attempt at description, the party being sorry to say that train time would not allow them to see through his grounds. Our next move was to Darlington, to have a go at Holy Trinity church bells, but unfortunately we could not gain admittance on account of the steeple-keeper being away at a cricket match, quite forgetting us. We then adjourned to The Bull's Head, where a good substantial knife and fork tea was awaiting us. Leaving by 8.35 train for Newcastle, the ball was still kept rolling with songs until stand was called at Newcastle. We then parted for the night, as our Newcastle friends arranged for us to stay over the week end, but arrived home on Sunday night at 9 p.m., after one of the most enjoyable outings we have ever had, and we take the liberty of thanking Mr. Mack and Mr. Greenwell through "THE BELL NEWS" for their kindness towards us, also for the use of the bells. T.B.

**THE ST. PETER'S SOCIETY, WOOLTON, LIVERPOOL.**—On Saturday, August 18th, the above Society had their sixth annual outing, the place selected being Ellesmere, Shropshire. Accompanied by the Rector, the Rev. G. H. Spooner, and the Rev. R.

E. Roberts, Curate, they left Woolton at 8 a.m. for Allerton Station on the London and North Western Railway, arriving at Ellesmere shortly after 10.30. After having a look round the church, which is a very ancient edifice, the tower was ascended, and a touch of Grandsire Triples, 1,000 changes, was rung by J. Roberts, 1; P. Leather, 2; P. Ball, 3; H. Fyles, 4; R. Leather, 5; G. Hislop, 6; T. Kay (conductor), 7; J. Edwards, 8. An adjournment was then made to The Bridgewater Hotel for dinner, where a splendid repast was partaken of. Then a drive was taken in waggons through some beautiful country roads to Whittington Castle, and having inspected the old ruins, the party returned to Ellesmere, and made for the hotel again for tea, which was enjoyed after the long ride. Another look round, and the time for departure arrived, the visitors making their way for the station, leaving Ellesmere at 7 p.m., arriving safely home about 10 p.m. all having thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

**THE HEENE (WORTHING) SOCIETY.**—On Friday, August 24th, mainly through the kindness of the Vicar, the Rev. E. Lambert, and Mr. Saunders, one of the Churchwardens, the Heene Society had their first annual outing, Pulborough being the place selected, Mr. Saunders having previously arranged for the bells. A start was made from West Worthing Station at 10.30, reaching Pulborough at 12.10 where the visitors were met by Mr. Herrington, one of the local men. After partaking of slight refreshment, a move was made to the Vicarage, where by kind permission of the Vicar a walk was taken round the picturesque grounds, when an adjournment was made to The Railway Hotel, where a substantial repast awaited them. A party numbering thirteen sat down. Go was called at 1.20 and after a few Bobs and Singles this touch was brought round in excellent style at 2.30, when the health of the Vicar and Wardens was given and drank. A move was then made to the local Flower Show, and after having surveyed the exhibits, the tower was visited, where the bells were raised, but owing to the long draught, and the party being unaccustomed to it, they were lowered, and tea was partaken of in the Vicarage Grounds. After tea a game of cricket was indulged in, then a look around the village and the homeward journey was commenced, which was enlivened *en route* by the usual ringers' harmony. Worthing was reached at 10.15, all the company having spent a most enjoyable day. The band wished to thank the Vicar of Pulborough for the use of the Bells, also Mr. Herrington for his kindness in showing them the principal objects of interest in the neighbourhood.

**THE ST. MICHAEL'S SOCIETY, MELBOURNE, DERBY.**—The Society had their annual outing on Saturday, August 11th, Castleton being the place selected. Starting from Melbourne about 7 a.m. by brake, they drove to Derby, from whence they travelled by train, reaching Hope Station at 10 o'clock where a brake was waiting to convey them to Castleton. The dinner was ready for them, which was served in right royal fashion by Host Hardy, of The Nag's Head hotel. Great disappointment was felt at not being able to ring at either Hope or Castleton, because of a funeral taking place at Hope, and of a severe family affliction at Castleton Vicarage. The weather, though somewhat showery, did not seriously interfere with the pleasure of the outing, which all enjoyed. After visiting two or three of the caves and other points of interest, the party returned to Hope Station to catch the 8.15 p.m. train, but unfortunately it was above an hour late, which caused the party to miss the train at Dore for Derby. This necessitated them being taken to Sheffield and waiting for the midnight mail, which reached Derby at 12.55, they then proceeded by brake to Melbourne, getting home about 2 o'clock. With the exception of this unfortunate delay the day's outing was thoroughly enjoyable to every member of the party.

**THE ST. THOMAS' SOCIETY, DUDLEY.**—On Saturday, August 25th, the members of this Society had their annual outing, the pretty village of Clent, Worcestershire, being the rendezvous, their better halves accompanying them. Considering the hours the good wife stays at home, during which the husband is practising or peal ringing, or attending other bell ringing meetings, it is only reasonable to suppose they should feel disappointed if left at home on the annual outing, when their company would add to the pleasure of the day's enjoyment, and make them feel that bell ringing had for them a redeeming feature in the looking forward to the one day in the year when



a pleasant ride into the country, leaving the cares of home behind them and enjoying the company of friends, would console them for the weary nights spent in waiting for the return of the husband from his favourite recreation. Seated in the brake (such disappointment avoided), off we started from The Bee Hive (where many a night had been spent with the handbells) wending our way through Kingswinford, the quaint village of Wordsley,—through Stourbridge and Oldswinford, on to the quiet village inn, The Vine, nestling under the beautiful Clent Hills, from whence a magnificent view of the lovely country lying between here and the Malvern range of hills can be obtained. The necessary arrangements being completed, a move was made to the church, access being obtained to the belfry through the kindness of Mr. C. Boughton, and a 720 Grandsire Minor was brought round. H. Faulks, 1; W. Micklewright, 2; J. Mills, 3; A. Spittle, 4; S. Spittle (conductor), 5; J. Goodman, 6. The company being augmented by Messrs. W. Short, T. Barber, and W. H. Barber, of Clent, 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor was rung, W. Micklewright (conductor), 1; S. Spittle, 2; W. Short, 3; A. Spittle, 4; W. H. Barber, 5; T. Barker, 6. Meanwhile, the ladies had made their way to The Foresters' Convalescent Home, an inspection of which well repaid them for the time spent, the journey creating a longing desire for a good knife and fork tea, which awaited all on their return to The Vine Inn. Ample justice having been done to the good things provided, a stroll through the village, courses, touches and tunes on the handbells, brought time to return. A pleasant drive home concluded a very enjoyable outing. S. S.

**THE ALL SAINTS' ASSOCIATION, FULHAM.**—The Members of this Society had their annual outing on Saturday last, August 25th, Guildford being the place selected. Ten Members met at head quarters at 8.30 a.m. touches of Grandsire Caters, Bob Major, and Stedman Triples being rung, conducted by Messrs. Driver, Charge, and Adams respectively. A start was then made from Putney Bridge Station amid a downpour of rain, which was far from promising. On reaching Guildford the party was met by Mr. Jones, who conducted them to St. Nicolas' church, the bells of which were soon set going to touches of Grandsire Caters, Bob Major and Stedman Triples. The weather having cleared up a move was made to the town, and after going over the keep of the old Castle, the party adjourned to The Castle Hotel, for dinner, an excellent repast being served. After doing full justice to this, Mr. J. Green (Secretary), rose and said that he could not let the occasion pass without thanking the Vicar and President of the Society, the Rev. W. C. Muriel for supplying them, as in former years, with a substantial dinner, and proposed the toast of his health, which was drank with acclamation. The party then returned to the tower and rang 567 of Kent Treble Bob Major, conducted by J. W. Driver; also touches of Grandsire Caters and a course of Bob Royal, being the first course of Royal on the bells. This concluded the day's ringing, the party then returned to the hotel for tea, after which a drive of about 10 miles round the country and getting views of some splendid scenery. This drive was thoroughly appreciated, and made a good ending to an enjoyable day. Train was taken at 8.55 p.m., the party arriving home about 11 p.m. The company consisted of the following: Messrs. J. W. Driver (Master), J. Green (secretary), E. H. Adams, W. Elson, W. R. Smith, J. Nicholls, S. How, C. Charge, T. Barber, C. Hindes, R. Chichester, R. Burgess, and they take this opportunity of thanking the Vicar of St. Nicholas and Messrs. Jones and Barnett for their kindness, and also their worthy president for his usual generosity in connection with this outing.

**MATHERNE, MONMOUTHSHIRE.**—On Tuesday, August 21st, the local company had their annual outing, Western-Super-Mare being the place selected. Leaving Chepstow by steamer about 8.30 a.m., Weston was reached 10.50. They at once made for St. John's Church, where is a light ring of six, and immediately rang a 6-score. W. Richards (conductor), 1; P. Huntley, 2; H. Newman, 3; W. Newman, 4; A. Couldrick, 5; T. Huntley, 6. This is the first 6-score by the Matherne band.

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## THE RAUNDS, WELLINGBOROUGH AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

By kind permission of the Rev. W. Holding, a Quarterly Meeting of the above Society took place at Moulton, on Saturday, August 25th. The peal of six bells (tenor about 18 cwt.), at the church of SS. Peter and Paul, were at liberty for ringing from 2.30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Over 50 ringers attended from Northampton, Kettering, Earls Barton, Mears Ashby, Wilbye, Rushden, Higham Ferrers, Wellingborough, Moulton, Brixworth, and Kingsthorpe.

The Vicar of Moulton and Mr. R. York were present during the afternoon and evening, and did their best to make the visitors welcome, and point out objects of interest connected with the fine old church, which has been carefully restored at a cost of about £3,900. The bells were completely re-hung ten years ago by Taylor & Co., mainly through the instrumentality of Mr. R. York. A capital tea was provided by Host Clark, of the "Old White Lion," at 5 o'clock, to which about 40, including the Vicar, the Rev. E. C. Channer of Ravensthorpe, and the Rev. W. St. George Coldwell of Wilbye, sat down. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar and Churchwardens for the use of the bells. The Rev. W. Holding in reply expressed the pleasure it gave him to welcome them to Moulton, and trusted they would come again. He also tendered some fitting words of good sound advice to those present.

The usual business meeting followed, at which the Rev. E. C. Channer presided. It was unanimously decided that the next Quarterly Meeting be held at Northampton, on Saturday, October 20. The Rev. H. Law James, of Stamford, was, by request of the Higham Ferrers Belfry, admitted as an "out of county" ringing member. Later in the evening a large peal of handbells, kindly brought over by the Kettering Ringers, furnished much enjoyment for those assembled.

In the year 1552, Moulton possessed four bells, a little "Sanctus bell," and one "great bell." The latter was used as clock-bell, also to summon the parishioners to town's meetings, and to sound alarm in times of danger. There were five bells in the year 1700. These were re-cast into the present six, by Arnold of Leicester, in the year 1795.

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Moulton Church dates from the Norman period. It has portions of later styles down to the end of the 14th century. The lofty tower (recently restored), is early decorated, the upper stage being a perpendicular addition. There was formerly a small wooden spire covered with lead which was pulled down at the time of the Great Rebellion. The Rev. William Stanton, whose name appears on several of the bells, was Vicar from 1768 to 1830.

**WORLINGWORTH (Suffolk).**—On Sunday, August 19th, a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles. H. Beecroft, 1; H. Creasy, 2; A. E. Read, 3; W. Flory, 4; D. Collins (conductor), 5. Also 360 Plain Bob Minor. H. Beecroft, 1; H. Creasy, 2; R. Collins, 3; A. E. Read, 4; W. Flory, 5; D. Collins (conductor), 6. Also 360 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. R. Collins, 1; H. Creasy, 2; A. E. Read, 3; S. Collins, 4; W. Flory, 5; D. Collins (conductor), 6. And 360 College Single. H. Beecroft, 1; H. Creasy, 2; A. E. Read, 3; S. Collins, 4; W. Flory, 5; D. Collins (conductor), 6. Tenor 12 cwt. W. Flory and A. E. Read hail from Framlingham; the rest belong to the local company.

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AND THE ST. MICHAEL'S JUNIOR'S SOCIETY.

On Tuesday, August 14, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

HARRY FORD* .. .. . Treble.	ADOLPHUS ROBERTS .. .. 6.
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WILLIAM H. BRUNSDON .. .. 3.	HENRY MITCHELL .. .. 8.
ERNEST E. DAVIES† .. .. 4.	*FRANK KNIGHT .. .. Tenor.

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW and Conducted by FRANK KNIGHT.

\*First peal of Bob Major. †First peal with a bob bell. The above peal is taken from Church Bells, No. 86.

ARMLEY, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

On Friday, August 17, 1894, in Two Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

IN THE TOWER OF CHRIST CHURCH,

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES.

JOHN THACKRAY .. .. 1-2.	HARRY WILLIAMS .. .. 5-6.
JOSEPH THACKRAY .. .. 3-4.	GEORGE BARRACLOUGH .. 7-8.

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN and Conducted by H. WILLIAMS.

Referee.—Bertie Cowling. First peal on handbells by G. Barraclough. This peal in a reduced number of changes contains all the full combination of 4, 5, and 6, in five-six.

## QUEDGELEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
On Tuesday, August 21, 1894, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,  
A PEAL OF CANTERBURY PLEASURE TRIPLES,  
5040 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

CHARLES COX .. .. Treble.	FRANCIS E. HART .. .. 5.
JOHN AUSTIN .. .. 2.	REV. H. LAW JAMES .. 6.
E. BANKES JAMES .. .. 3.	FRANK KNIGHT .. .. 7.
ADOLPHUS ROBERTS .. .. 4.	HARRY FORD .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by E. BANKES JAMES.

The band met for Double Norwich Major, but rain stopping two of them, two local men stood in and rang the above, which is the first in the method by all, first in the county, and by the Association.

## CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, August 22, 1894, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 11 cwt.

WILLIAM J. FREAKES* .. Treble.	JOHN J. JONES .. .. 5.
BARZILLA HAWKINS .. .. 2.	THOMAS W. BURDOCK .. 6.
CHARLES W. EADES† .. 3.	THOMAS ATTWELL : .. 7.
FRANK BENNETT .. .. 4.	*REV. C. E. MATTHEWS .. Tenor.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

\*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. Rev. C. E. Matthews hails from Shere; Hawkins from Tateley; Freakes, Eades, Bennett, and Jones from Guildford; the rest belong to the local band.

## LINCOLN.—THE NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 22, 1894, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

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

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 20 cwt.

JOSEPH B. FENTON .. .. Treble.	COOK WELLS .. .. 5.
GABRIEL LINDOFF .. .. 2.	JOHN W. WATSON .. .. 6.
ROBERT E. CLARKE .. .. 3.	GEORGE CHESTER .. .. 7.
RICHARD DAWSON .. .. 4.	CHARLES W. P. CLIFTON Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

This peal contains the 4th, 5th, and 6th their extent in sixths.

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

On Thursday, August 23, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S ONE-PART

Tenor 12 cwt.

JOSEPH W. GUTTRIDGE* .. Treble.	GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. 5.
WILLIAM WARE† .. .. 2.	REUBEN FLAXMAN .. .. 6.
GEORGE A. NEWMAN .. .. 3.	JOSEPH GUTTRIDGE .. .. 7.
JOSEPH J. PARKER .. .. 4.	*WILLIAM RALPH .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by J. J. PARKER.

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

## LEICESTER.—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 25, 1894, in Two Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,

AT THE HOUSE OF MR. S. COOPER, 67, HIGH STREET,

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

HEYWOOD'S No. 1.

JOHN O. LANCASHIRE .. 1-2.	SAMUEL COTTON .. .. 5-6.
GEORGE CLEAL .. .. 3-4.	ARTHUR R. ALDHAM .. 7-8.

Conducted by GEORGE CLEAL.

Referees—Messrs. John Buttery and John Marlow, who ticked off each bob as called, and examined the position of the bells every time the 7th left the front; and William Willson. This is the first peal in the method on handbells by the Association, also the first peal in the method on handbells by all. Further reference to this peal will be found on another page.

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

On Saturday, August 25, 1894, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,  
5152 CHANGES.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

WILLIAM WARD .. .. Treble.	FREDERICK DENCH .. .. 5.
JOHN RICE .. .. 2.	ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. 6.
FREDERICK W. CRIPPS .. 3.	JAMES PARKER .. .. 7.
ALFRED D. MILLS .. .. 4.	FREDERICK W. RICE .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS and Conducted by JAMES PARKER.

Mr. Shade hails from Greenwich, for whom this peal was arranged, it being his first peal in the method, and rung at the first attempt.

## FLIXTON, LANCASHIRE.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 28, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REEVES' TEN-PART.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

JOHN ROYLE* .. .. Treble.	SAMUEL COLLIER .. .. 5.
JAMES M. RIDEHALGH .. 2.	SAMUEL STOTT .. .. 6.
JOHN EACHUS .. .. 3.	GEORGE WILLIAM SHAW.. 7.
JAMES GRATRUX .. .. 4.	THOMAS HARPER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by J. M. RIDEHALGH.

\*First peal. The above was rung in commemoration of Captain Stott's wedding Messrs. Eachus and Gratrix hail from Manchester and Swinton respectively; the rest are of the local band.

## Performances on Five and Six Bells.

## ARMLEY, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

On Thursday, August 23, 1894, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

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

Being 720 each of the following Treble Bob methods:

Tulip, Primrose, Violet, Woodbine, Merchant's Delight,  
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JOHN THACKRAY .. .. 3.	JAS. GUY .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN THACKRAY.

The above was rung on the second anniversary of the fourteen-method peal by the Armley company.

PEAL CORRECTION.—SIR,—In the report sent you last week, I omitted to state the church, which should be Rodmersham, not Sittingbourne.  
Yours faithfully, HENRY WOOD.

## Date Touches.

## THE NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

GRIMSBY (Lincolnshire).—On Sunday, August 26th, at St. Andrew's church, for Divine Service in the morning, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1894 changes, in 1 hr. 9 mins. G. W. Bemrose, 1; W. White, 2; T. O. Dixon (conductor), 3; G. Lindoff, 4; J. Baker, 5; C. W. P. Clifton, 6; G. Weldon, 7; J. Lamb, 8. Composed by C. Jackson. For evening service a date touch in the same method, in 1 hr. 8 mins., with R. Dawson, 4. Mr. Lamb kindly standing out to oblige, which however unfortunately turned out to be a false touch. Messrs. Lindoff, Clifton and Dawson hail from Lincoln; W. White from Cotgrave, Notts. Longest length by Messrs. Bemrose and White.

BEBINGTON (Cheshire).—On Monday, August 27th, at the parish church, a date touch of 1894 changes in 1 hr., in the following methods; two 720s Plain Bob Minor, 364 Grandsire Minor, and 90 Grandsire Doubles. F. Jones, 1; J. Woods, 2; E. A. Hough, 3; J. Shone, 4;

J. Hughes, 5; J. Dillon (conductor), 6. Rung in honour of the wedding of Miss Annie Hough, sister of the ringer of the 3rd; also as a birth-day touch for the ringer of the treble.

PENDLEBURY (Lancashire).—On Sunday, August 19th, at Christ Church, a date touch of 1894 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 5 mins. W. Hall, 1; W. Cotteril, 2; J. Hindley, 3; W. Pegler, 4; T. Lingard (conductor), 5; J. Chapman, 6; J. Briscoe, 7; J. Makin, 8. This touch was composed by F. S. W. Butler, of Gainsborough, and was taken from "THE BELL NEWS" of July 21st.

### Miscellaneous.

#### LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—BLACKBURN BRANCH.

OSWALDTWISTLE (Lancashire).—On Sunday, August 26th, 720 Plain Bob Minor. J. Horrocks (conductor), 1; C. J. Rigby, 2; G. Lord, 3; H. Hayes, 4; W. Pattinson, 5; W. Heaton, 6. Tenor 12 cwt.

CHURCH (Lancashire).—On Sunday, August 26th, 720 Plain Bob Minor. J. Horrocks (conductor), 1; C. J. Rigby, 2; G. Lord, 3; H. Hayes, 4; T. Duxbury, 5; W. Heaton, 6. Tenor 15 cwt.

#### THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

CHILTON (Berks).—On Sunday, August 19th, at the parish church, 720 Grandsire Doubles. W. Green, 1; J. Spiers, 2; A. Woolley, 3; J. Green, 4; A. R. Bosley (conductor), 5; W. Goodwin, 6. Each 6-score called differently. After evening service 1020 in the same method. J. Green, 1; J. Spiers, 2; A. Woodley, 3; W. Green, 4; A. R. Bosley (conductor), 5; E. Blissett, 6. Longest length by all except the conductor.

#### THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

PENARTH.—On Sunday, August 12th, for Divine Service, 720 Plain Bob Minor, in 27 mins. T. Jones, 1; D. Thomas, 2; J. Vinnicombe, 3; F. Bartlett, 4; T. Northey, 5; C. Smith (conductor), 6. And 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. J. Vinnicombe, 1; W. Biss, 2; D. Thomas (conductor), 3; F. Bartlett, 4; T. Northey, 5; C. Smith, 6. On Tuesday, August 21st, 720 Plain Bob Minor. T. Jones, 1; F. Bartlett, 2; W. Biss, 3; J. Vinnicombe, 4; T. Northey, 5; C. Smith (conductor), 6.

#### GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CIRENCESTER (Gloucestershire).—On Tuesday, August 14th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, on the front eight. W. E. Bond, J. Austin (conductor), F. W. Bond, F. Gardner, C. Bartlett, H. Midwinter, H. C. Bond, A. E. Edwards. Rung after meeting one short for a peal in honour of the wedding of Mr. J. E. Waters, Hon. Secretary of the Watermoor band.

COLN ST. ALDWYNS (Gloucestershire).—On Sunday, August 19th, 504 Grandsire Triples. W. E. Bond, F. W. Bond, A. E. Edwards, F. Gardner, R. Richards, G. W. Lait, H. C. Bond (conductor), and J. Kitchener.

#### STOKE-ON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

BUCKNALL (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, August 12th, for Divine Service in the morning, 720 College Pleasure. D. Preston, 1; J. E. Wheeldon, 2; R. W. Twigg, 3; C. Preston, 4; G. Hobbs, 5; W. Twigg (conductor), 6. For evening service 720 College Exercise, standing as before. On Sunday, August 19th, for Divine Service in the morning, 720 London Scholars' Pleasure. W. Wheeldon, 3; the rest as above. For service in the evening 720 Cambridge Surprise, standing as before.

#### THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

TIVERTON (Devon).—On Wednesday, August 15th, for practice, a half-peal of Stedman Triples was rung at St. Peter's church, in 1 hr. 36 mins. E. Munday, 1; J. Grater, jun., 2; W. Grater, 3; W. Clements, 4; R. Grater, jun., 5; T. Harvey, 6; J. Babbage (conductor), 7; J. Hart, 8.

#### THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

WINCHESTER.—On Thursday, July 26th, at the Cathedral, on the back eight, 504 Grandsire Triples. W. J. Sevier, 1; C. J. Chooet, 2; C. J. North, 3; Rev. H. J. Elsee, 4; R. Hasted, 5; J. Weaver, 6; W. H. George (conductor), 7; J. Harris, 8. Tenor 32 cwt. The Rev. H. J. Elsee hails from Manchester. On Thursday, August 16th, 616 Grandsire Triples, in 24 mins. R. Hasted, 1; W. J. Sevier, 2; R.

White, 3; C. J. North, 4; W. C. Lampard, 5; J. Weaver, 6; W. H. George (composer and conductor), 7; D. Froome, 8. Also 280. W. J. Sevier, 1; C. J. Chooet, 2; R. White, 3; W. C. Lampard, 4; R. Hasted, 5; J. Weaver, 6; W. H. George (conductor), 7; J. W. Elkins, 8.

GUILDFORD (Surrey).—On Sunday, August 6th, for Divine Service in the morning at St. Nicolas' church, a 503 of Grandsire Triples. A. Adsett, 1; A. Brown, 2; W. Freakes, 3; J. Heathorn, 4; J. J. Jones, 5; F. Baker, 6; P. Bennett (conductor), 7; E. Heather, 8. And for evening service a 419 in the same method. A. Adsett, 1; E. J. Comb (Hampstead), 2; A. Brown, 3; W. Freakes, 4; J. Heathorn, 5; J. J. Jones, 6; F. Bennett (conductor), 7; E. Heather, 8. On August 9th, for practice, a 588 Grandsire Triples. E. Stoner (first touch on 8 bells), 1; A. Brown, 2; W. Freakes, 3; J. Heathorn, 4; F. Baker, 5; C. Eades, 6; F. Bennett (conductor), 7; E. Heather, 8. On Sunday, August 12th, for afternoon service, the first 720 of Grandsire Minor on the front six, \*C. Eades, 1; J. Heathorn, 2; \*W. Freakes, 3; J. J. Jones, 4; \*F. Baker, 5; F. Bennett (conductor), 6. \*First 720. And for evening service a 518 of Grandsire Triples. E. Stoner, 1; A. Brown, 2; J. J. Jones, 3; J. Heathorn, 4; F. Baker, 5; C. W. Eades, 6; F. Bennett (conductor), 7; E. Heather, 8. On Thursday, August 16th, a 324 Grandsire Caters. A. Adsett, 1; B. Hawkins, 2; W. Page, 3; G. Hawkins, 4; J. Heathorn, 5; J. J. Jones, 6; F. Baker, 7; C. Eades, 8; J. Bennett, 9; E. Heather, 10. On Sunday, August 19th, for Divine Service in the morning, a 546 Grandsire Triples. A. Adsett, 1; A. Brown, 2; W. Freakes, 3; J. Heathorn, 4; J. J. Jones, 5; C. Eades, 6; F. Bennett (conductor), 7; E. Heather, 8.

#### THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

MACCLESFIELD.—At the parish church, on and between the 17th and 21st of August, 1894, touches of Plain Bob, Grandsire and Canterbury Pleasure Triples, and Grandsire Major, were rung with the bells muffled, on the occasion of the death of D. Clark, Esq., of Macclesfield, who was a generous benefactor when the bells were restored in 1891. The ringers were as follows: J. Armstrong, W. W. Steel, F. Stoneley, W. Kenny, A. Weston, J. Norbury, W. Matthews, W. Gayse, A. Mottershead, J. Minshull, and W. Walmsley, (conductor).

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

WESTERHAM (Kent).—On a recent Sunday evening, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. G. B. Selby, 1; A. V. Selby (longest with a bob bell), 2; D. Wright, 3; M. Whatley (longest length), 4; G. Steer, 5; J. Heath, 6; E. R. J. Dunk (conductor), 7; D. Ashdown, 8.

LIMPSFIELD (Surrey).—On the occasion of the Friendly Societies' church parade, 720 Grandsire Minor. D. Wright, 1; G. B. Selby, 2; H. J. Selby, 3; J. Heath, 4; S. Steer, 5; E. R. J. Dunk (conductor), 6. First 720 by all except the conductor. All hail from Westerham.

#### THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

SUDBURY (Suffolk).—On Tuesday, August 14th, for practice, on handbells, retained in hand, a touch of Double Norwich Court Bob Major, 640 changes. F. Tolliday, 1; W. Howell, sen., 2; J. Campin, 3; M. Silvester, 4; W. Bacon, 5; A. Scott, 6; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 7-8. Longest touch in the method by all except the conductor.

#### THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

DERBY.—Handbell Ringing.—On Monday, August 27th, 168 Grandsire Triples. J. Howe, 1-2; F. Bradley, 3-4; A. H. Ward (conductor), 5-6; W. Wallis, 7-8. And a course of Grandsire Major with W. Wallis, 1-2; F. Bradley, 3-4; J. Howe, 5-6; A. H. Ward, 7-8.

#### THE WORCESTER CATHEDRAL GUILD.

WORCESTER.—On Friday, August 24th, at St. Helen's church, the following members of the above Guild rang a touch of Grandsire Triples, 2376 changes, with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. D'Arcy Catley, son of the Rev. Canon Catley. W. Bright, 1; W. Cotton, 2; W. Powell, 3; G. Hinton, 4; E. Davis, 5; W. H. Johnson, 6; W. Page (conductor), 7; W. Bradford, 8.

#### THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

FARNHAM ROYAL (Bucks).—On July 11th, at the parish church, a 720 of Grandsire Minor. G. Basden (conductor), 1; J. Elderfield, 2; J. J. Parker, 3; J. Parker, 4; J. Bovington, 5; C. Clark, 6. Also 720 Plain Bob. C. Clarke, 1; J. Elderfield, 2; J. J. Parker, 3; G. Basden, 4; R. Flaxman, 5; G. A. Newman (conductor), 6. On July 25th, a 720 Oxford Bob, conducted by C. Clark. On August 19th, a 720 of Oxford Bob, for Divine Service. On August 22nd, a 720 Plain Bob

conducted by J. J. Parker. And a 720 Oxford Bob. E. Elderfield (first 720), 1; J. Elderfield, 2; R. Flaxman, 3; J. Parker (first 720 in the method), 4; G. Basden, 5; C. Clarke (conductor), 6.

HILLINGDON (Middlesex).—On July 24th, at St. Andrew's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins. Rev. H. E. Bird (first quarter-peal), 1; J. J. Parker (conductor), 2; H. Hicks, 3; J. J. Pratt, 4; W. Ginns, 5; H. Wilkinson, 6; A. Finch, 7; J. Peddle, 8.

#### THE EAST LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HECKINGTON (Lincolnshire).—On Sunday, August 26th, at St. Andrew's church, for Divine Service in the morning, a 360 Bob Minor. W. H. Spink, 1; — 2; J. Hilton, 3; S. C. Skinner, 4; J. T. Holmes, 5; W. Dickinson (conductor), 6; E. Houlden, 7; F. Warrington, 8. And for evening service a 504 of Grandsire Triples. W. H. Spink, 1; J. T. Holmes, 2; J. Hilton, 3; S. C. Skinner, 4; W. Dickinson (conductor), 5; J. H. Clark, 6; E. Houlden, 7; F. Warrington, 8.

#### THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

PRESTWICH (Lancashire).—On Sunday morning, August 26th, for service at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor in 27 mins. L. Barlow (conductor), 1; J. Brooks, 2; J. Gratrix, 3; W. Stevens, 4; H. Percival, 5; J. Heywood, 6. Also for afternoon service, 720 Bob Minor, standing as before. And for evening service, 720 Bob Minor. J. Hardman (conductor), 1; J. Brooks, 2; J. Gratrix, 3; W. Stevens, 4; H. Percival, 5; J. Heywood, 6. Tenor 16 cwt.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS.—On Friday, August 10th, for practice, 720 Plain Bob Minor (twenty-two singles), in 25 mins. R. W. Burrows, 1; T. Townson, 2; A. E. Sheppard, 3; T. Suart, 4; C. J. A. Cushing, 5; J. Burrows (conductor), 6. On Sunday, August 19th, for afternoon service, 720 Plain Bob Minor (fourteen bobs four singles), in 26 mins. R. W. Burrows, 1; T. Townson, 2; J. Spencer, 3; T. Suart, 4; T. R. Jackson (conductor), 5; A. E. Sheppard, 6. And for evening service, 720 Plain Bob Minor (twenty-two singles two bobs), in 25 mins. J. Gibson, 1; T. Townson, 2; J. Spencer, 3; T. Suart, 4; T. R. Jackson (conductor), 5; J. Burrows, 6.

BOURNEMOUTH (Hants).—On Thursday, August 23rd, at St. Peter's church, for practice, 630 Grandsire Triples. A. Grist, 1; G. Smith, (Winchester), 2; E. T. Green, 3; G. A. Martineau (Solihull), 4; G. H. Plummer, 5; S. Merrett, 6; G. Preston (conductor), 7; C. W. Goodenough, 8. And 518 in the same method. G. Colbourne, 1; G. Brown (Twyford, longest touch), 2; G. Smith, 3; E. T. Green, 4; G. A. Martineau, 5; G. H. Plummer, 6; G. Preston (conductor), 7; C. W. Goodenough, 8.

COLN ST. ALDWYNS (Gloucestershire).—On Sunday, August 19th, for evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples. R. Richards, F. W. Bond, H. C. Bond, F. Gardner, — Bates, G. W. Lait, J. Kitchener (conductor), A. E. Edwards.

DARLEY DALE (Derbyshire).—On Wednesday, August 22nd, at St. Helen's church, for practice, 720 Plain Bob Minor. H. Charlesworth, 1; J. Siddall, 2; E. Blackwall, 3; W. Taylor, 4; H. George (first 720 in the method), 5; E. R. Hallows (conductor), 6. H. George hails from Ripley, and is a member of the Midland Counties Association.

ILFRACOMBE.—On Sunday, August 19th, at the parish church, for Divine Service in the evening, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. (Troyte's). W. Vickery, 1; R. Dadds, 2; Visitor, 3; J. Thomas, 4; H. B. Slack (Swindon), 5; G. Walker (Birmingham), 6; A. Dadds (conductor), 7; W. Carnell, 8. First quarter-peal by all the above.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH (Northants).—On Saturday, August 18th, for practice, 720 Oxford Bob. C. Newman, 1; J. Houghton, sen., 2; A. Tyler, 3; H. Sharpe, 4; J. Houghton, jun., 5; G. Burten (conductor), 6. Also 720 Bob Minor (forty-two singles). H. Sharpe (conductor), 1; A. Tyler, 2; H. Stubbs, 3; G. Burten, 4; J. Houghton, jun., 5; J. Houghton, sen., 6.

LONG MELFORD (Suffolk).—On Wednesday, August 15th, being the occasion of the school treat, 720 Bob Minor was rung on the back six. A. Ambrose, 1; S. Slater, 2; F. Connell, 3; H. Duce, 4; O. Garwood, 5; P. O. Bixby (conductor), 6. Other touches were rung during the day.

LODDON (Norfolk).—On Tuesday, August 21st, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor, in 24 mins. R. Browne, 1; A. W. Brighton, 2; S. E. Goate, 3; N. J. Goate, 4; S. Smith, 5; R. Dowe, 6. Tenor 14 cwt. Composed by J. M. Richardson, of Wickenby, Lincoln, and was published in "THE BELL NEWS" of August 11th. Conducted by A. W. Brighton.

MIDDLESBROUGH (Yorks).—On Friday, August 24th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. R. Alcock, 1; R. Fenwick (first 720 with a bob bell), 2; R. Borrowes, 3; J. Nicholson, 4; J. H. Jones, 5; J. H. Blakiston, 6.

NEWBURY (Berks).—On Sunday evening, August 26th, for Divine Service at St. Nicholas' church, after an unsuccessful attempt for a quarter-peal, the last 742 changes of Holt's Original, in 27 mins. J. Crocker, 1; A. Bird, 2; C. W. Jenkyn, 3; E. Duff, 4; D. Geater, 5; J. Willshire (conductor), 6; S. Quinton, 7; J. Wills, 8. A. Bird hails from Thatcham, Berks, C. W. Jenkyn from Cambridge University, Messrs. Duff and Wills from London, the rest are local men.

RIPON (Yorks).—On Wednesday, August 22nd, at the Cathedral, 704 Kent Treble Bob Major. W. Gibson, 1; W. Pick, 2; J. Strother, 3; R. Borrowes, 4; A. McFarlane, 5; T. Metcalfe, 6; J. H. Blakiston (conductor), 7; H. Rumbold, 8. And 350 Grandsire Triples. W. Gibson, 1; J. Strother, 2; W. Pick (conductor), 3; A. McFarlane, 4; J. H. Blakiston, 5; T. Metcalfe, 6; H. Rumbold, 7; R. Borrowes, 8. Messrs. Blakiston, Borrowes, and McFarlane hail from Middlesbrough, and here wish to thank the Dean for so kindly granting permission to ring, and to Messrs. Pick and Rumbold for getting a band together at such short notice.

SHIMPLING (Suffolk).—On Thursday, August 16th, on the occasion of the wedding of Miss Mary Margaret Bolton, daughter of the Rector of this parish, to the Rev. W. C. Eppstein, ten 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles were rung during the day. J. Slater, 1; C. Adams, 2; Z. Slater, 3; O. Garwood, 4; S. Slater (conductor), 5. Tenor 11 cwt. Our correspondent adds: "It will be remembered that the Rev. W. Chas. Eppstein was for some time curate of Stowmarket, during which period he was district secretary to the Norwich Diocesan Association. He is now head master of the school at Reading, Berks.

SOUTHOVER (Lewes).—Before Divine Service on a recent Sunday evening, 720 Bob Minor (twenty-six bobs and twelve singles), in 26 mins. A. S. Langridge, 1; A. J. Turner (conductor), 3; J. S. Goldsmith, 4; W. J. Trusler, 5; R. W. Hoather, 6; R. J. Dawe, 7; J. F. Steadman, 8. Composed by J. M. Richardson, of Lincoln, and was taken from "THE BELL NEWS" of August 11th.

#### THE BRITISH WORKMAN'S AND GENERAL ASSURANCE COMPANY.

The directors of this wonderful organisation have recently issued their Annual Report, which on the 3rd July was received and adopted at the twenty-eighth Annual General Meeting of the Company. A perusal of this document begets amazement at the extraordinary success met with, the rapidity with which financial extensions have been made; and the remarkable display of managerial skill which is exercised to bring about such satisfactory results. The following facts cannot be impressed upon the minds of intending assurers too forcibly or too frequently:—"The number of assurers upon the company's books at the end of April, 1894, was, in the Industrial Department, 598,442, at an annual premium of £334,469 2s. 3d. In the Ordinary Department the number of assurers was 8,613, at an annual premium of £36,720 7s. 5d., making a total in both departments of 607,055 assurers, at an annual premium of £371,189 9s. 8d., being a net increase in the number of Policies of 58,187, at an annual premium of £40,976 12s. 9d. This is the largest increase ever made by the Company in the same time. In the Industrial Department the share capital was £10,000, assurance fund £82,147 18s. 11d. The amount of paid-up capital was £25,000, assurance fund £159,403 18s. 11d., total funds at the end of the year £184,403 18s. 11d."

These are interesting statistics, and valuable intelligence to those of the community who are seeking for a first class insurance office. As its name denotes, The British Workman is especially an office having peculiar advantages for the industrial classes. A reference to the balance-sheet just issued by this company, and not only the balance-sheet, but what may be termed the "general literature" in circulation relative to the "B.W." will be found profitable reading. Those who have made Life Assurance their study for years, all agree in maintaining that the Company in question is worked, not upon the principle of securing for its shareholders the highest possible dividend, but for the especial benefit of those who have thrown in their lot with it, in other words, the interest of the assured before every other consideration. From the chief of the directorate down to the smallest agent, these considerations are pre-eminent above all others. And when such an *esprit de corps* prevails, we can expect to see harmony exist among the staff—not harmony pure and simple—but a clock-work kind of unison tending strongly and successfully to progress. The report of the proceedings at a luncheon to the Company's agents at the Cannon Street hotel, recently, is very interesting, as showing not only the amicable relationship existing between the company's representatives, but the unity among them all, and the determination to persevere in bringing before the whole community the immense advantages which a connection with the "British Workman" guarantees. We shall probably refer to this on another occasion.



## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

A prominent member of this Guild is somewhat disappointed in reading our report of proceedings at the Seventh Annual Meeting, just held at Macclesfield. He asks us to publish the following supplementary account, and we have great pleasure in yielding to his request.

It was for the 7th Annual Meeting that 170 members met to celebrate at Macclesfield on August Bank Holiday, the 6th. It was for the second time that the members assembled in the ancient borough, which has a world-wide reputation for its silk industry, which is the staple trade of the town, but is, unfortunately, now in a poor state. The following places were represented—Chester, Bowden, Stockport, Mottram-in-Longdendale, Northenden, Marple, Mobberley, Cheadle, Crewe, Wrenbury, Alsager, Grappenhall, Holmes Chapel, Gawsorth, Prestbury, Poynton, Northwich, Runcorn, Wirral, Disley, Woolstanton, Liverpool, Hyde, Great Butterworth, Bebington, Bromborough, Davenham, and the local members. Considerably over 100 attended the Choral Service in the Parish Church, where an address was given by the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, an account of which appeared in "THE BELL NEWS" of the 18th. The annual general meeting was afterwards held in the National School, Duke Street, under the presidency of Archdeacon Woosnam, of Liverpool, amongst those present being Rev. Canon A. P. Holme (Great Budworth), Rev. H. Leigh Mallory (Mobberley), Rev. R. Greenall (hon. sec. and treasurer *pro tem.*, Grappenhall), Rev. S. A. Boyd (Macclesfield), Rev. F. J. Tackley (Macclesfield), Rev. J. G. Elstob (Capesthorpe), Rev. C. D. P. Davies (East Marden).

The statement of accounts for the year ending December 31st, 1893, showed that the Guild commenced that year with a balance in hand of £66 14s. 9d., and ended it with a balance of £55 8s. 9d. The attention of the members was also drawn to the following resolutions, passed at the Committee meeting on February 10th. Mr. Heywood stated that he was compelled to resign the office of secretary and treasurer, as he was leaving Duckington and (he expected) Cheshire. The Master proposed and Mr. Hatt Cook seconded the following resolution—"That the Committee, in accepting with much regret the resignation of Mr. Heywood as hon. secretary and treasurer, begs to express their deep sense of the services he has rendered to the Guild, and their hope that he will return from his voyage recruited in health." Carried unanimously. The Master proposed and Mr. Clare seconded, "That the Rev. Richard Greenall, rector of Grappenhall, be requested to become the hon. secretary and treasurer, subject to confirmation at the annual meeting." Carried unanimously.

The treasurer's statement of accounts having been passed, the Rev. Archdeacon Barber was re-elected Master of the Guild.

The Rev. Richard Greenall, rector of Grappenhall, was elected unanimously to the position of Hon. Secretary and Treasurer to the Guild, in the place of Mr. H. A. Heywood, who had resigned on account of leaving the county.

The following six honorary members were also appointed to serve on the committee:—Rev. Canon Holme (Great Budworth), Rev. Canon Blencowe (West Kirby), Rev. S. A. Boyd (Macclesfield), Rev. H. L. Mallory (Mobberley), Rev. G. J. Howson (Crewe), and Mr. Hatt Cook (Northwich).

The following six change-ringing members were also appointed on the committee:—Messrs. R. Holding (Crewe), J. Bithell (Chester), W. Walmsley (Macclesfield), Spence (Grappenhall), W. Forster (Northwich), and Jas. Dillon (Bromborough).

The following ringers were appointed instructors:—Messrs. P. Hamblett (Grappenhall), R. Holding (Crewe), W. Forster (Northwich), J. Dillon (Bebington), Moulton (Chester), and W. Walmsley (Macclesfield).

Mr. R. Holding, of Crewe, was appointed a representative on the Central Council for two years, in the place of Mr. H. A. Heywood, of Duckington, who was expecting to leave the country.

A letter was read by the Secretary from the Ven. Archdeacon Barber, stating that the bells of St. Mary-on-the-Hill, Chester, were in bad condition, and asking for a grant towards their repair.

The members willingly granted the Archdeacon £5 towards putting his bells in ringable order. The towers of Alsager and

Action having also had similar grants at the previous annual meeting.

Invitations to Chester and West Kirby as the place of next meeting were received, and on a show of hands West Kirby was chosen by a large majority.

A hearty vote of thanks was recorded to the Rev. Mr. Davies for his sermon that morning, and it was resolved that his sermon should be printed in "THE BELL NEWS."

Rev. R. Greenall proposed a vote of thanks, which was heartily carried, to the Vicar of Macclesfield (Rev. S. A. Boyd), to the Secretary (Mr. W. Walmsley), and to the Committee for their energy in making things "hum," as the Americans would say, in connection with the festival.

Rev. S. A. Boyd, in responding to the resolution, deplored that trade was in such a depressed condition, and referring to the visit which was to be paid to Messrs. Brocklehurst's mill in the afternoon, said Mr. Brocklehurst had said to him that they would unhappily find the place almost in a "wreck," because so much of the machinery was stopped. He trusted that the next time the Guild visited Macclesfield trade would be better.

A vote of thanks to the Rev. Chairman for presiding, on the proposition of Mr. Wilson (Crewe), seconded by Mr. Walmsley, having been carried amid applause, this portion of the proceedings terminated.

At 1.15 the members sat down to an excellent dinner in the Town Hall, catered for by Mr. Heapy, Park Lane, the Rev. Archdeacon Woosnam presiding.

After dinner the Chairman proposed "Church and Queen," which was heartily drunk.

Mr. Hatt Cook then proposed "The Bishop of the Diocese and the Clergy," to which the Rev. Canon Holme responded.

The Chairman in proposing "The Chester Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers," said he was glad for the first time of having an opportunity of meeting with them. As far as he could gather from history, in early times there were men and women set apart for the duty of going round to their fellows to tell them the time of service. Then before the ordinary bell there was some wooden instrument used to call the people to service; afterwards a piece of iron was used with holes in it, and then in 1,100 there was a gift of bells by the Duke of Venice to the Emperor, who must have taken the name of the patron saint of the parish church of St. Michael, and for young men to be allowed to ring these bells was considered a position of honour. Their position therefore, as bellringers in the National Church was a most important one, and he would urge them to honour their position.

Messrs. Holding (Crewe) and W. Walmsley (Macclesfield) responded, both expressing the opinion that change-ringing was not practised as much as it ought to be.

The members of the Guild then adjourned, and through the kindness of Messrs. Brocklehursts, were conducted through their silk mills, in which they were much interested. Another interesting feature of the occasion was the manufacture by Mr. Kenny, of Macclesfield, one of the members of the Guild, of a number of silk handkerchiefs, commemorative of the occasion, on which were represented a number of bells having the words "Big Ben," interspersed with foliage, flowers, &c.

The tower of the Parish Church, Macclesfield, 10 bells, were open for ringing during the day, and touches of Bob Minor, and Major, Grandsire Triples and Caters, Stedman Triples and Caters, and Kent Treble Bob Major were rung by various bands, the bells being kept going till 8.30.

The towers of Prestbury, 8 bells, Poynton, 6 bells, Bollington, 8 bells, and Gawsorth, 6 bells, were also open, but only the two first-mentioned were visited. The weather was all that could be desired, nearly every member had a ring, and all returned home with the unanimous opinion that it was the best annual they had ever had. In conclusion, we must not forget to say that 120 took the pleasure of going through the silk mills of Messrs. Brocklehurst and Sons, where they were kindly shown the various processes through which the silk passes right up to the weaving.

The Macclesfield Committee beg, through the medium of "THE BELL NEWS," to sincerely and heartily thank the firm for their kindness, especially W. B. Brocklehurst, Esq., as the visit to the mills greatly added to the enjoyment and pleasure of the members on that memorable day.

## 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 Worcestershire and Adjoining Districts Association.—The next Committee and Quarterly Meeting of this Association will take place at Upton-on-Severn, to-day, Saturday, September 1st, at 6.0 p.m.

36, Simms Lane, Netherton, JOHN SMITH,  
Dudley. Hon. Sec.

The Lancashire Association.—Members are requested to notice that the Association year ends on August 31st. Reports of peals or any new compositions should be sent to Mr. A. E. Wreaks, 41, Gibbon Street, Bolton. Nominations for the offices of President, Secretary, and Treasurer, may be made by any member throughout the Association. The following branches are called upon to nominate candidates for the Committee, which can be made only at the Branch Meeting: Blackburn, Liverpool, Rossendale, Preston, and Fylde. Nominations or any other matter for the reports should be forwarded to the Secretaries.

J. REDFORD, } Hon.  
A. E. WREAKS, } Secs.

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Christ Church, Barlow Moor, Wittington, to-day, Saturday, September 1st, Bells ready at 4.0 p.m. Business meeting at 7.0 p.m. N.B.—This meeting should have been held at Whitefield, but the authorities are expecting the bell-hangers daily. WALTER BROWN,  
54, Wenlock Street, Hulme, Br. Sec.  
Manchester.

The Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Cheadle, to-day, Saturday, September 1st, N.B.—This meeting should have been held at Whitefield, but the authorities are expecting the bell-hangers daily. WALTER BROWN,  
54, Wenlock Street, Hulme, Br. Sec.  
Manchester.

The Sussex County Association.—Central Division.—A meeting will be held at Cuckfield to-day, Saturday, September 1st. Tower open at 3.0 p.m. Tea in Schoolroom at 5.0 p.m.  
49, Clifton Street, Brighton. GEO. WILLIAMS,  
Brighton. Hon. Div. Sec.  
N.B.—Ditchling not available.

The Essex Association.—There will be a district meeting of the above on Saturday, September 22nd, at Bishop Stortford. The tower (10 bells) will be open for ringing from 2.0 to 8.0 p.m. Also the tower of Sawbridge-worth, three miles. Tea and business meeting at The Chequers at 5.0 p.m. Members intending to be present must notify the same to Asst., Sec. Rev. H. Eyre, Great Totham, Witham, not later than the previous Monday. There will also be a meeting for six bell ringers in the neighbourhood of Witham, later on in the year.  
HENRY T. W. EYRE,  
Asst. Sec.

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Diocesan Branch.—The usual monthly meeting will be held at St. Peter's Church, Woolton, on September 1st, 1894. Tower open for ringing at 2.30. Business meeting to be held in the Church Hall.  
J. J. M. MOORE,  
9, Mill Street, Warrington. Hon. Sec.

The Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—Bath Branch.—The usual monthly meeting will be held at Twerton-on-Avon, on Monday next, September 3rd, at 7.30 p.m.  
9, Cottage Place, Larkhall, J. FUSSELL,  
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The East Derbyshire Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Ash-over, on Saturday, September 8th, 1894. Meeting in the Parochial Schoolroom, at 5.30 p.m.  
JOHN J. COOK, Sec.  
Clay Cross.

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Heywood, on Saturday, September 9th. The bells to be ready at 3.30. Business meeting for election of Branch Sec., for the next year at 6.30 p.m.  
E. SCHOFIELD,  
63, Clark Street, Rochdale. Branch Sec.

Woolwich, Kent.—Notice.—The tower will be open for Double Norwich practice on Thursday, September 13th, at 8 o'clock, and every alternate Thursday. Any ringers will be welcome.  
H. G. HILL,  
Steeple Keeper.

The Kent County Association.—Rochester District.—The annual meeting of the district will be held at Gravesend, on Saturday, September 15th. Particulars next week.  
23, Havre des pas, FRED. J. O. HELMORE,  
Jersey. Hon. Sec.

## ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

R. WHITE.—The lines are to be found in "Hubbard's Elements of Campanologia."

YOUNG JIM.—Most of the works you mention are attainable.

HUDIBRAS.—The village of Strensham in Worcestershire, is his birthplace. The church contains a monument to his memory. We are not able to say who gave the name "Hudibras" to a method. Perhaps an admirer of Butler's.

PUZZLED.—Your questions are too many to be answered through this column. Try the *News of the World*.

YOUNG CUMBERLAND.—It would not be considered our business.

NOTE TO THE PEAL OF STEDMAN RUNG ON HANDBELLS.—A peal of Stedman Triples on handbells was first thought of in the autumn of 1892, but as it seemed hardly possible to accomplish the same that year, it was postponed, in order to score as many peals as possible in simpler methods. However, with 1893 all before us, the case was different; but now misfortune stepped in, first one ringer fell ill, then a child of another was taken after a lingering illness, and it was not till late in 1893 that practice was commenced. Even then however, business and many other things interfered. Among the many attempts for the peal, three times, over forty-three courses have been rung, besides half-peals and quarter-peals. Thanks are due to Messrs. J. Buttery, J. Marlow, J. Wilson, W. Willson, and others, who despite the failures, have turned up again and again to act as referees. With regard to John Wilson, we are sure that all the members of the Midland Counties' Association who know him, will regret to hear that he lies dangerously ill, and will hope with us that even yet he may be brought safely through.

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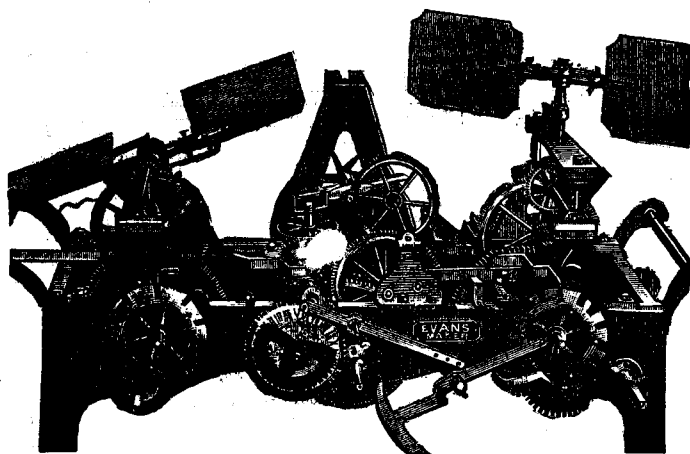
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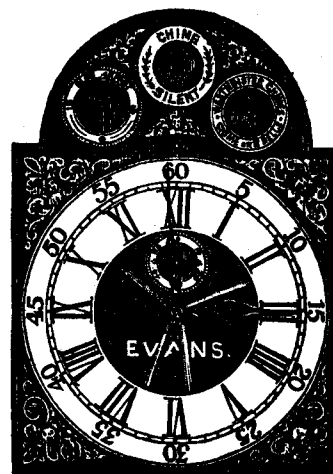
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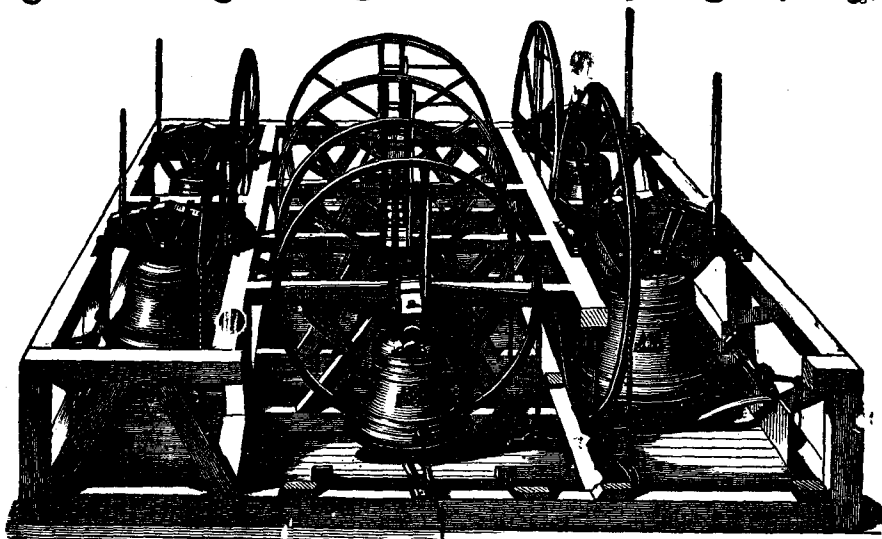
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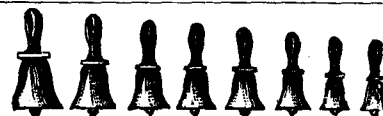
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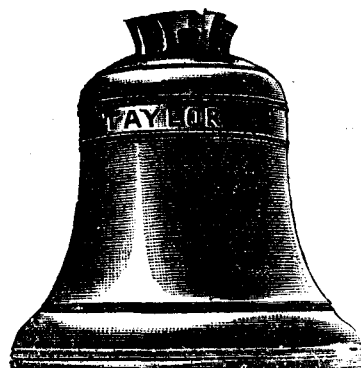
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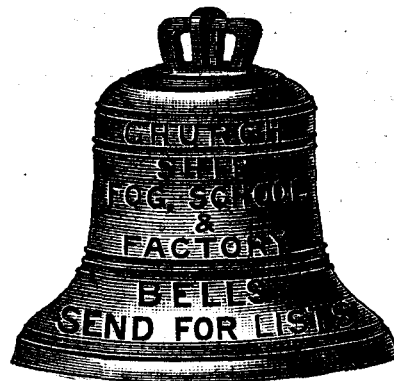
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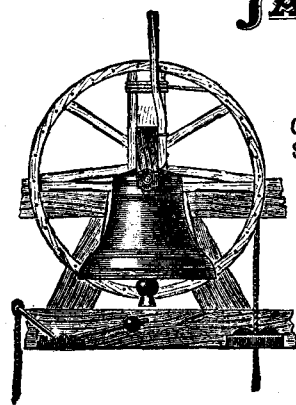
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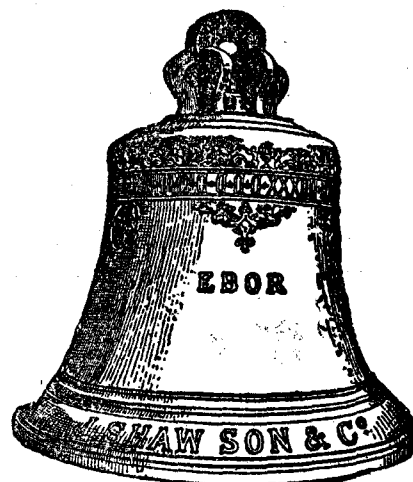
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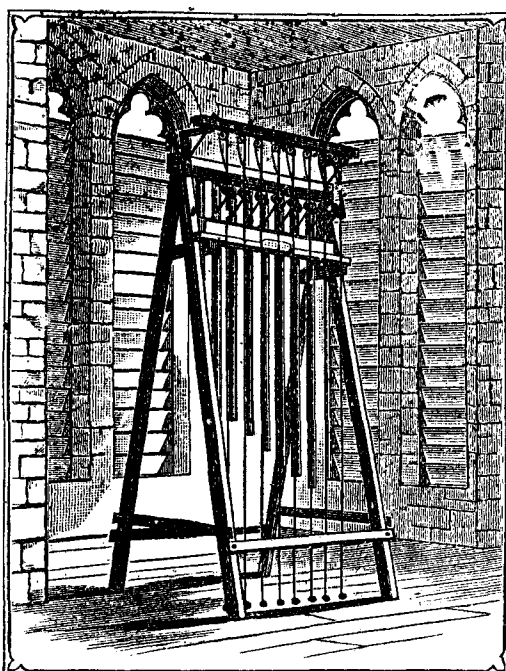
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## MR. WILLIAM BANISTER, OF DEVONPORT.

[Vide Portrait.]

The original of the portrait that accompanies our present issue is one of the survivors of a family of ringers comprised of a father and six sons, all of whom were associated with bells and bell-ringing from their cradle, and practised the Art at Woolwich, Kent, for many years with great success; and unaided, except by a tenor-man (the late Mr. Bright), rung complete peals of Triples in both the Grandsire and Stedman methods.

The local association consisted of a numerous body of eight-bell ringers, who between the years 1843 and 1851, through the untiring exertions of the subject of the memoir, were raised to an excellent standard of efficiency, and were able to ring well all the methods then in practice, including Double Norwich Court Bob, Cambridge Surprise, and London Surprise. Both in Superlative and London Surprise the subject of this sketch is one of those few ringers who have succeeded in conducting peals, and to him must actually be given the credit of first calling a peal in the latter method within the Metropolitan area.

Up to the latter date the prosperity of the association was all that could be reasonably expected or desired; with handbells of their own manufacture they took part with the musical associations of Woolwich in most of the entertainments held for the benefit of local charities, and thus became well-known to, and popular with, the inhabitants generally; and in that way escaped the usual interruptions of practice on the church bells that ringers in populous towns are subjected to, by those residing in the immediate neighbourhood of the church.

This fortunate state of things continued until the outbreak of the Russian war, when nearly all of them were required to devote the whole of their time to the furtherance and protection of the National interests, which continued without change for several years, and caused the disbandment of the whole party, and necessary return to elementary work, from which owing to unavoidable circumstances they were never able to fully recover.

Early in the year 1865, MR. BANISTER was removed to Devonport, Devonshire, a county where half-pull ringing was then unknown; where with his extensive knowledge of bells and bell-ringing, he was enabled to give very great assistance to the late Rev. H. T. Ellacombe, Colonel Trelawny, and Colonel Troyte, then engaged in an endeavour to introduce change-ringing in the county, and by the urgent representations of the former, and active co-operation of the latter, several other gentlemen of good social position and influence were induced to give the movement their countenance and support. The result is that scientific ringing is now fairly established in many of the large towns, and several rural parishes in Devon, and also at Penzance in Cornwall; and in connection with the same movement, Captain J. E. Troyte, brother of Colonel Troyte, succeeded in establishing a company for the practice of scientific ringing among the young gentlemen of Oxford University, which has so largely contributed in raising the status of ringers and ringing throughout the country.

MR. BANISTER was also a member of, and for several years intimately associated with the Ancient Society of College Youths, London, and with the late Mr. J. Cox and Mr. H. Haley, Mr. E. Lansdell, Mr. G. Mash, Mr. J. Dwight, and several of the existing veterans of that society, took part in some of their performances of that date, in London and other places. Throughout his career as a ringer, he has taken part in a large number of peals of various lengths and methods, ranging from Triples to Maximus, of which unfortunately no record has been kept, and a detailed account cannot therefore be given. But

considered as a ringer, tutor, composer, author, and general worker in the cause, very few ringers, if any, of his time, passed a more extensive career of usefulness, and although advanced age and reduced physical powers have necessitated his retirement from further active part in the Exercise, we are pleased to find he is enabled to occupy his ever active mind in the more genial service of County Borough Councillor, a Commissioner of the poor, and a most active associate of the educational institutions of the borough in which he resides, to which honourable distinction we trust he may be spared for very many years to come.

## WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

A Committee and Quarterly Meeting of this Association was held on Saturday, September 1st, at Upton-on-Severn, with a very fair attendance. In the absence of the vicar, the Rev. R. Lawson, Mr. J. S. Pritchett, Lay Vice-President, occupied the chair. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, and several performing members were elected. The Master, Mr. S. Spittle, in moving that the Rev. E. W. Isaac, vicar of Hanley Castle, become an honorary member, said he was very pleased to see the rev. gentleman amongst them. It showed that the clergy were in harmony with their work, and doubted not that the time would come when ringers would be looked upon as church officers, and regarded in the same manner as our church choirs.

The chairman heartily concurred with the remarks of the Master, and said it was the desire of the Association to make ringers worthy of the name of churchmen, and also to spread the Art and science of change-ringing amongst those where it did not at present exist.

The rev. gentleman, in replying, said he was very pleased to hear the remarks that had just been made, and should feel it a pleasure as well as a duty, to have his name added as an honorary member of such an Association, and should be pleased to do what he could to further the interests of the Association, and would meet his ringers and induce them to join also. It had been a pleasure to him to hear the bells of his own church rang by some of the members of the Association that afternoon, and regretted that time would not allow for a longer stay.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the rev. gentleman for his presence at the meeting: also to the Rev. R. Lawson, vicar of Upton-on-Severn, for the use of the school-room, tower, and bells. A course of Grandsire Caters on the handbells in the schoolroom, and a vote of thanks to the chairman for presiding, brought the meeting to a close.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

CENTRAL DIVISION.—On Saturday, September 1st, a district meeting was held at Cuckfield, members being present from Worth, Lindfield, Bolney, Brighton (St. Nicholas and St. Peter), Steyning, and Chichester, with several of the local band. Tea was served in the schoolroom at 5.30, the Rev. Canon Cooper presiding, but only a poor muster turned up in time for the capital spread that was provided by Mr. Bunting. Two new members were elected, viz., Mr. J. Waghorn, sen., of Tottenham, and Mr. P. Howard, of Bedford. A hearty vote of thanks was given to Canon Cooper for the use of the bells; also for the use of the schoolroom, and for presiding at the tea. Canon Cooper, in reply, thanked the members for their kindness, but regretted not having a larger number to the tea. He was always pleased to welcome ringers to Cuckfield, and when the next meeting was held at his church, he would see that more of the local men turned up to time. The remainder of the evening was spent in ringing touches in the following methods: Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Kent Treble Bob, Double Norwich, and Superlative Surprise Major.

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## THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The first annual meeting of this Association was held at Aberdare on Saturday, August 25th. Members from Monmouth arrived as early as 12 noon, and spent the time till 3 p.m. trying the bells in various touches. Shortly before 3 o'clock members began to arrive from Bridgend, Penarth, Caerleon, Newport, Llandaff, etc., members from others towers in union being unable to put in an appearance owing to the inclemency of the weather, rain falling incessantly throughout the day. The meeting commenced with a short service and address in the parish church by the Rev. A. F. Evans, assisted by the Rev. — Jenkins. The Rev. A. F. Evans delivered an address to the ringers, which was listened to with rapt attention. Immediately after the service the members adjourned to the National Schools where the business meeting was held, the Rev. A. F. Evans taking the chair in the absence of the vicar, the Rev. C. A. H. Green. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, and the election of officers for the ensuing year took place; and it was put to the meeting, and carried unanimously, that the officers be re-elected. It was proposed by Mr. W. Honeyfield, of Monmouth, and seconded by Mr. D. Thomas, of Penarth, the desirability of forming the diocese into districts or branches of the Association, it being such a large diocese it was impossible to thoroughly carry out the work of the Association without the help of district secretaries. This was also carried, and Mr. Hardwick, of Bridgend, was then elected district secretary for the western division of the diocese, the election of secretaries for other districts being left to the Committee. The next discussion was a place for the next annual meeting. It was proposed by Mr. W. Honeyfield, and seconded by Mr. Rosser (Aberdare), that the next annual meeting be held at Monmouth, which was carried unanimously, Mr. Honeyfield remarking that the air of Monmouth was very pure and invigorating, and it would be a nice change for members to get away from the coal hills and smoke to the pleasant town of Monmouth for a day's pleasure. He also assured the meeting that the Monmouth band would do all in their power to make the meeting a success. He had one more pleasant duty to perform, and that was to propose that the Rev. C. B. Marshall, curate of St. Mary's, Monmouth, become an honorary member of the Association, which was carried with acclamation.

The Master proposed a vote of thanks to the chairman for presiding, and also for the address he had delivered to the ringers at the service. The rev. chairman then vacated the chair amid loud applause.

Meeting over, the Monmouth and Caerleon members had to leave for their respective homes, the trains to their district leaving Aberdare at 4.42 p.m., which unfortunately deprived them of the pleasure of sitting down with their brother-ringers to a splendid knife and fork tea served at the Queen's hotel by host Dovey, thirty-one sitting down to do justice to the good things provided. After every one had thoroughly enjoyed themselves, and grace being said, a vote of thanks was passed to the host for his catering. A move was then made to the tower, where several touches of Triples were brought round by mixed bands; also some of the Bridgend members were piloted through their first 6-score of Bob Doubles, and the members of the local company rang some Grandsire on the tower bells. Train time now arriving, tracks were made for the station, and after many hand-shakes and good-byes were over, steam was put on, every one declaring that it was a grand meeting, and one and all had thoroughly enjoyed themselves. They arrived in Cardiff in good time, and so ended the first annual meeting of this Association. The members wish through the medium of "THE BELL NEWS" to thank the vicar of Aberdare for the use of the bells; and also the local members for their kindness and generosity.

## ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH, WESTMINSTER.

The bells of this church are admittedly the finest peal in the metropolis. Will the secretaries of any society of bell-ringers on a visit to London, or of any metropolitan society which would be willing to ring a peal some Sunday evening, kindly communicate with the Rev. W. J. Sommerville, 6, Barton Street, Westminster.

## CROYLAND ABBEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

The Rector of Croyland, the Rev. T. H. Le Bœuf, makes a special appeal to the various bell-ringers' associations on behalf of the ancient bells of Croyland Abbey. And not only the bells, which to the antiquarian ringer are of great interest as being the first ring of bells erected in England, but for the fabric as well. The appeal is urgent, and it is hoped may be responded to with spirit and earnestness.

The following is a copy of a circular issued by the Rector:—

Dear Sir,—Permit me to lay before you the 9th Statement of Accounts of the Croyland Abbey Preservation Fund. You may perceive from the enclosed Appeal that the sum of nearly £1028 is still required. As movements have been observed at the unique and interesting Norman Arch at the East End of the Old Nave, the rebuilding of the West Wall of the North Transept is necessary, if this Ancient and Historic National Relic is to be preserved. I regret that I have been unable to raise the required sum of £248 for the bell frame and bells, and therefore, the renowned bells of Croyland have not been rung for several years. In the report will be found a tabulated summary of the nine statements of accounts. It may be that some wealthy friend may desire to undertake a special portion of the repair works, such as the Porch, the East Window in the North Aisle, or the Bells; if so, their offer would be most acceptable; but even the smallest Contributions will be thankfully received and duly acknowledged. I trust the response to this further appeal may speedily enable me to complete the work. The work is urgent. Pray help us.

T. H. LE BŒUF, Rector of Croyland.

We have alluded to this subject on more than one occasion, and have solicited our numerous readers to help, to the best of their ability, towards the restoration of this ancient pile. Why should so many of these ancient ecclesiastical edifices throughout the country be mere ruins? Why should they not all be restored, and put to the usages their builders intended them? The Abbey of Croyland (or Crowland) possesses, as we have said before, great features of interest to all ringers, especially those of an antiquarian mind. If each ringing company throughout England was to send only the sum of one shilling to the Rector of Croyland, he would soon be able to restore the bells; and if the various ringing Associations could draw a few pounds from their reserves, and devote these sums to the same purpose, it would materially help the objects in view. We notice with pleasure that one or two prominent ringers have helped the movement; we hope to hear that others will follow. Let us not have the stigma of apathy and unconcern thrown in our teeth in this matter. What a grand thing it will be to have it recorded for the benefit and admiration of posterity that the ringers of England by their own means, secured the oldest peal in England from decay and oblivion.

## FRIENDLY VISITS.

Ten members of the Birmingham Friendly Society of Change-Ringers paid a visit to Solihull, on Saturday, the 18th instant, the vicar kindly granting the use of the bells, which have recently been augmented to ten and put in thorough order. The bells were raised in peal and rounds and cross changes rung, 252 of Stedman Triples, and 420 and 252 of Grandsire Triples were brought round, and the bells lowered in peal again. After partaking of refreshments the party visited the picturesque village of Yardley, and by kind permission of the vicar, the splendid ring of five were soon in in full swing, several 6-scores and plain courses of Grandsire Doubles being rung. A vote of thanks was accorded to the vicars of Solihull and Yardley for the use of the bells, and to the tower-keeper of Solihull for his courtesy.

SOLIHULL.—252 of Stedman Triples. R. Hanson, 1; J. Porter, 2; W. Brook, 3; T. Miller (conductor), 4; R. Hunt, 5; R. Hackley, 6; A. Hackley, 7; W. H. Carrod, 8. Also 420 of Grandsire Triples. W. H. Carrod, 1; R. Hanson, 2; T. Miller (conductor), 3; W. Brook, 4; R. Hunt, 5; J. Porter, 6; R. Hackley, 7; A. Hackley, 8. And 251 with H. Bluck, 1, A. Hackley, 7, R. Hackley, 8, the rest as before.

YARDLEY.—Three 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. J. Porter, 1; W. Brook, 2; R. Hackley, 3; A. Hackley, 4; T. Miller (conductor), 5. And a few plain courses. J. Porter, 1; R. Hanson, 2; W. H. Carrod, 3; A. Hackley, 4; R. Hackley, 5.



## THE PARISH CHEST.

BY THE REV. H. BARBER.

Most people are familiar with the ancient coffer which usually stands in an out-of-the-way corner of an old parish church.

It formerly occupied an honourable position in the vestry, where that necessary part of the fabric was provided, or in a conspicuous place in the nave, so as to be readily accessible on the occasion of a parish meeting.

A solid oak chest, with or without iron bands, and three massive locks, the keys to which used to be in the hands of the Incumbent and churchwardens, it formed a substantial receptacle for the archives of the place.

The oldest I have seen are those huge muniment chests with arched lids, hooped with iron, standing in the room over the north porch of the church of St. Mary Redcliffe, Bristol, the scene of the remarkable and ingenious forgeries of the youthful Chatterton.

In these old cases were deposited the Registers, Churchwardens' and Overseers' Accounts, Rate Books, and other records of the past.

In consequence of the great changes which have been made of late years in the management of local affairs, the parish chest is no longer required, and is now stowed away anywhere, so as not to occupy valuable space; a damp corner, or even the belfry, being considered good enough for its accommodation.

The Registers are very properly secured in fire-proof safes, with any documents of value or importance; and the parish officers take charge of their own books and papers.

It has been my privilege to overhaul many of these long forgotten old chests, some, indeed, of which had not been disturbed for years, and my researches have generally been directed towards churchwardens' accounts, for in them one can discover much interesting information with respect to the fabric of the church, such as alterations, repairs, or removals of various portions, besides little bits of local history, which often throw light upon what has hitherto been considered doubtful or obscure. It is not often that one comes across bound books in excellent order and preservation, with beautiful clear writing, as is the case at St. Martin's church, Leicester, and the parish church of Loughborough. The general rule seems to have been for the Wardens to present their account at the annual vestry meeting, written very badly with indifferent ink upon very poor thin paper, which, when passed by the meeting and signed, was thrown into the chest along with those of the Overseers and Constable, and there remained to be tumbled about during two or three centuries among the miscellaneous books and papers therein accumulated. The result has been that, alas! only fragmentary portions are very often recovered; a perfect manuscript being a great rarity. Nevertheless, one's perseverance is occasionally rewarded, and some important information is happily rescued.

I once cleared out such an old chest in the West of England, and sorted the papers according to their dates. My friend, the Rector, had them placed in a book made for the purpose, with leaves of stiff brown paper, between which they lay loosely but securely, and will be preserved for many years to come.

Even the lists of persons who were in receipt of parish relief from the time of Queen Elizabeth are not without interest. In some cases it will be found that the names still exist among those who are at the present day on the pauper's roll—a remarkable instance of heredity—while in others there is no trace of them left in the neighbourhood.

The Indentures of parish apprentices also reveal something of the ways of the "rude forefathers of the hamlet" in bygone days, and may furnish unexpected items of parochial history. In short, the old parish chest is worth examining, and its contents will generally repay the explorer who will take the trouble to rescue them from their too common state of utter confusion and neglect.—From *The Peterborough Diocesan Magazine* for September, 1894.

Winchester Diocesan Conference will be held in the County Hall on Tuesday and Wednesday, October 23rd and 24th, under the presidency of the Bishop. It is also proposed to hold an evening meeting for working people in the Guildhall on the evening of Tuesday, October 23rd.

## CAVERSHAM RINGERS IN LONDON.

Twelve months ago the St. Peter's society attempted a peal of Superlative at Bethnal Green, but on that occasion were not successful. This year, through the kindness of Mr. McLaughlin, the band (who have lately joined the College Youths), were able to attempt a peal in the same method at St. John's, Wilton Road. Here they found a tower and bells much to their liking, and everything augured well for success, and successful they were, as the peal column will show. A splendid peal of "Superlative," the first in the method on the bells, was rung. Outside the tower were Messrs. Cockerill, McLaughlin, Hayes, Newton, and Ellis, who complimented the band on their performance. An hour was spent in the company of these gentlemen, and another one at a well-known place of entertainment brought the time for all to part; those going home making their way to Paddington, and those staying Sunday to their lodgings. The ringers wish to tender their heartiest thanks to those gentlemen, especially to Mr. McLaughlin, through whose exertions the day was such a success.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ROSSENDALE BRANCH.—A meeting of this branch was held at Rawtenstall on Saturday, August 25th. Members were present from Burnley, Helmshore, Middleton, Newchurch, Ramsbottom, Waterfoot, besides the local company. The vicar presided. After the minutes of the last meeting had been read, it was proposed that Mr. J. B. Taylor be elected secretary for the next twelve months, and the Rev. C. A. Clements was elected on the Committee. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Helmshore. Votes of thanks were passed to the vicar and wardens for the use of the bells; to the local company for having all in readiness; and to the chairman for presiding. This brought the meeting to a close, and the bells were kept going in various methods until eight o'clock.

## In Memoriam.

DR. BOWLBY.

On Monday evening, August 27th, the Birmingham Amalgamated Society met at St. Philip's church for their weekly practice. After ringing two touches of Grandsire Caters, conducted by Messrs. J. T. Perry and G. Walker, and three courses of Stedman Caters, in which Mr. Mulligan, from Sheffield, took part, they were leaving the belfry, when the sad news arrived of the death of their Rector and President, Dr. Bowlby. Mr. John Carter returned to the belfry immediately with the band, the bells were muffled, and rang out their mournful tones in sympathy with the sad event, which had happened only an hour previously, about 300 miles away. On Tuesday morning, Mr. J. T. Perry called 489 of Grandsire Triples, and 305 Grandsire Caters, and on Wednesday, 413 of Stedman Caters were rung by Messrs. J. Porter, H. Hall, J. Jones, A. Sparkes, G. Hitchman, J. T. Perry, J. Prickett, ———, J. Carter, and J. G. George, of Rugby. On Thursday, after the body of the Bishop was laid in Durham Cathedral, an attempt was made for a peal of 5039 Grandsire Caters, but after ringing an hour, one of the muffles came off, and the conductor called the bells round when exactly 1800 changes had been rung in 1 hr. 19 mins. It was resolved to make another attempt on Saturday last, when, unfortunately, a mishap occurred in the twenty-second course, a bob being made for a single. The ringers were Messrs. J. Prickett, 1; J. E. Scott, 2; G. Walker, 3; J. Jennings, 4; J. Jones, 5; G. Sparkes, 6; G. Hitchman, 7; J. T. Perry, 8; J. Carter (conductor), 9; F. Mumford, 10. On Sunday, September 2nd, the bells were rung muffled before and after the services, T. Holt, of Wolverhampton, at the tenor. The sermon in the morning was preached by the Rev. G. Carnac Fisher, M.A., Vicar of Croydon, formerly curate to Dr. Bowlby at Dartford, and in the evening by the Lord Bishop of Worcester, whose address upon his late coadjutor made a deep impression, many of the worshippers being moved to tears. Permission was obtained to attempt the peal again on Monday evening, September 3rd, and it was successfully rung in 3 hrs. 27 mins. Particulars are to be found in the proper column.

## Ringers' Outings.

THE HOLY TRINITY SOCIETY, BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.—The outing of this Society took place on Saturday, August 18th, the selected place being Settle, in the Craven Division of the county of Yorkshire. The company departed from Bolton shortly before six a.m., some of whom were accompanied by their wives. The route taken was *via* Blackburn, Clitheroe and Hellifield. On our arrival at Settle shortly after 8 o'clock we were greeted with the still unsettled weather. We were however quickly housed at The Ashfield hotel to the satisfaction of all concerned. The breakfast was served with the usual dispatch, and of the finest quality. Having thoroughly replenished ourselves, we inspected the beautiful grounds attached to the hotel. Rain was still falling, which caused a little alteration in the original plans. We now decided to try the ring of six at Giggleswick parish church, and delay the drive until later in the day. On our arrival at the church we were soon pulling ropes to the tune of Plain Bob, and succeeded in ringing a good 720. The bells are a very good peal of 12½ cwt., by Mears and Stainbank. Mid-day having now arrived we were comfortably seated in a *char-a-banc* from The Ashfield hotel, and were shortly in the heart of a most charming romantic country, our first place of interest being Stainforth waterfalls, which are undoubtedly a grand sight, overhung by the huge foliage and towering to a great altitude, making a beautiful spot for the camera. We proceeded onward (from this point we had fine weather) through Horton to the village of Austwick, where we had a short rest to ease both man and beast at the hostelry known as The Male Bird. Proceeding on our journey we were next treated to a long spell of hill climbing, which enabled us to view various parts of the country. We had a gentleman, well known to the company, and residing in Settle, who very kindly acted as guide. He appeared delighted to give his visitors a good sharp walk up and down the hills. Our carriage here presented an almost deserted appearance, owing to a very sharp descent of the road. We next paid a visit to one of the supposed seven wonders of the world; I refer to the ebbing and flowing well. Situate on the main road, at the foot of a number of limestone hills, to the casual observer it is only an ordinary well. Many numerous and varied legends are told of this very attractive well. You may present yourselves on some occasions for hours in order to see the ebbing and flowing process, which at the same time produces a revolving evolution, which is commonly called the silver worm. Some of the anecdotes related states that some persons have gone both early and late armed with bottles to catch the silver worm. Proceeding onward we arrived again in Settle, after a good four hours' ride. Having an hour in hand before dinner we repaired to the tower of the parish church and rang 840 Grandsire Triples. We were next due at The Ashfield at 5 p.m. for dinner, which was of the good old English type, and such as are characteristic of similar hostelries. After all, having taken leave of the host, our guide was very anxious that we should again go mountaineering. No objections being raised we were very shortly viewing the town from an hill named Castleberg, where we were amply repaid by the magnificent scenery from the high peak. The return journey was commenced from Giggleswick station shortly after 8 p.m. Songs were given at intervals *en route* to Bolton, and a general review of the day's proceedings were taken, the company were unanimously of opinion that the outing must rank foremost in point of ringing and in the most excellent provision at the hotel of the many outings of this Society. Our thanks are due to the church authorities above named, and to Mr. T. E. Turner, one of our company, who, in conjunction with Mr. J. Bordsley, of Settle, had all arrangements in hand.

J. R.

## CHURCH CONGRESS AT EXETER, OCTOBER 8—12.

If any change-ringers intend to visit Exeter during the Congress week and wish to ring, I shall be obliged if they will communicate with me at least a week previous to the commencement of the Congress, and I will gladly arrange a pull for them.

MAITLAND KELLY, *Hon. Sec. Devonshire Guild.*

The Vicarage, Ottery St. Mary, Devon.

## MASTERS OF CLOCKWORK.

A London weekly newspaper in reviewing a book, entitled—“Former Clock and Watchmakers and their Work,” by Mr. F. J. Britten, a writer of great authority on such subjects, has the following:—

“It was in the seventeenth century that the fine art of clock-making entered on its most interesting period, but it was not till towards its close that it became necessary for watches and clocks to bear the maker's name and address. From these often very vague inscriptions it would seem that a favourite locality with the craft was where the statue of Rowland Hill now stands, but Sweeting's Alley was not rebuilt after the destruction of the Exchange by fire in 1838, and most of the other names, familiar to City men in the early days of George the Third, have long since been lost to view. Many of them are recalled in Mr. Britten's painstaking account of the productions of the old horologists, which traces the development of the industry. We all know how King Alfred measured time by candles, and a couple of centuries after him it seems pretty certain that some sort of mechanical time indicator had been invented by the only people who had time for anything but fighting—the monks. The clock-tower in Palace-yard, Westminster, about 1300, was a curious old structure. Of it Mr. Britten says:—

“In the reign of Edward I. a large stone tower was built in Palace Yard, opposite to Westminster Hall, and a clock placed therein, which struck every hour upon a great bell. The Hon. Davies Barrington states that ‘the Lord Chief Justice Randulphus de Hengham, having made an alteration in a record, was fined 800 marks by the King's order, and the money was applied to defray the cost of erecting a public clock opposite the entrance to Westminster Hall.’ In an issue roll of the forty-fourth year of the reign of Edward III. is recorded the payment of £2 to John Nicole, keeper of the Great Clock of the King within the Palace of Westminster, being his wages for eighty days at the rate of sixpence a day. The tower was pulled down about the middle of the seventeenth century.

“Clock-making in England reached a high excellence with the appearance of Thomas Tompion in 1638. The ‘father of English watch-making,’ as he is styled, was a man of recognised ability even at the court of the Merry Monarch, where artistically-fashioned watches were in great demand. Tompion was buried in the Abbey in 1713. The writer also gives particulars and portraits of the work of other talented men of the old school, and goes on to describe various well-known examples of clock-work—the clocks of St. Dunstan's and Strasburg, and varieties illustrative of French progress in the art. There are some remarkable specimens of the ‘grandfather’ species, and, coming down to later work, space is devoted to Big Ben and the clock of St. Paul's, that did good service till last year. In other sections are found details of movements and gear, and the book closes with a list of over 5,000 former masters in the trade. Apart from its value to those engaged in the trade, the work contains much that is of general interest, especially to those who in one museum or another have seen and admired the productions of some of those old masters of clockwork.”

## Central Council Correspondence.

SIR,—The extract I give below may be of value to those of my fellow-members who are investigating the history, etc., of the terms used in Campanology. In any case, it furnishes an early and curious parallel in France, to our modern custom of “firing.”

EDWARD F. STRANGE.

“En 1689, le trésor de l'église de Ste.-Germain d'Argentan fit tirer une volée de cloches pour l'annuel de ‘feu Guillaume Daparc-Gougeon.’” *Paris, Réunion des Sociétés des Beaux-Arts. Mémoires, 1887, p. 240.*

[TRANSLATION.]

In 1689, the treasury of the church of Sainte-Germain d'Argentan, had the bells pealed (literally fired) on the anniversary of (the death of) the late G. Daparc-Gougeon. *Tirer une volée (or volée) de cloches* is still in use, for “To ring a peal.”

## CURRENT TOPICS.

A long time has elapsed since I had the honor to pen any observations for the perusal of the readers of "our paper." This interval is owing to various causes, the principal of them, I think, being that very often space does not allow my effusions to appear. Terrible fellow, that Space. He is like fire—a very good servant, but an awful bad master. But we want more of him, sometimes, especially when we look, directly we capture our weekly copy, for something which we have written. And when we find it not—then out comes the nail-box, and we impale poor Mr. Editor without mercy.

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The foregoing will do very well for a re-introduction, I think. And now to business. The first account of news in the current number is concerning the North Lincolnshire Association, of which a meeting has just been held at Grimsby. Everything went on all right and smooth, the proposers of the various resolutions did their duty well, and the seconders of the same made not the least trip in the slow work, or the quick. Mr. Maidens (of Lincoln), is to be congratulated upon his endeavours to lighten the work of the Secretary. There appeared to be a feeling in certain quarters that it would be well if the three societies in the county were amalgamated to form one body. I know that such a process is favoured by many influential people, but in such a large county as Lincoln, I think one Association would be found unwieldy. To work a body like this satisfactorily requires an energetic and skilful executive. I am sorry to say our managerial brethren do not always fulfil these conditions.

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An account of two very felicitous occurrences follow. One, the presentation of a wedding gift from the band of Streatham (Surrey) to one of their members who has just entered the marriage-state—Dr. J. L. Steedman. The other is an account of the presentation of a gold pencil-case, by the Portsea St. Mary's company, to the Rev. R. C. M. Harvey, a gentleman well-known, by name at any rate, to every reader of "THE BELL NEWS." More than once it has been said that work among young ringers is generally met with ingratitude. If that is so—and perhaps there is some truth in the statement—such acknowledgments as these merit a special comment.

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I have lately come across a strange advertisement, somewhat, in a Church paper. It is headed "Cricket Scholarship," and is to the effect that a boy under ten years of age, showing great promise in cricket, can be received at greatly reduced terms in a high class school. Another stipulation is that he must be the son of a gentleman. This is all right, I suppose. When we can for "cricket" read "change-ringing" in such an advertisement, that also will be "all right."

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The operations of the bell founder are far from being exhausted. Since my last "topics," these gentlemen, all of them, appear to have been well employed. This week's number contains an account of a re-opening celebration at a place called Holsworthy, in Devonshire, where the bells have been restored by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. The proceedings on this occasion were characterised with great heartiness, the Chairman, at the meeting which followed, in proposing "The Church," said that in that part of England "the Church could

not be reproached with being asleep. The mere fact that they had rehung their bells, repaired the carillon and belfry, and added a new wing to the building in which they were assembled for educational and Church purposes, were alone sufficient to show that the Church in their midst was active and vigorous." It is to be hoped that such vigour may be contagious, and especially when, as in the case in point, the restoration of Church bells is held to be an important indication of the growth and extension of Church principles and practice.

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The Association for the County of Cumberland have made a new departure—I think that is a correct phrase. It may, however, be said that ringing for a trophy is just the same as ringing for money, and is prize-ringing after all. To my mind there is a difference—an immense difference. Evidently our northern friends are finding out that something is wanting to make bell-ringing popular, and they have struck out a new path in this manner. Where ringing is not enthusiastically taken up by the ringers of a neighbourhood, the chance of winning a trophy and possessing a medal does not commend itself to me as a method to secure a greater interest being shown, or an increase of popularity for the ringing Art. I admit the leading members of the Cumberland Association must be the best judges, only one cannot help thinking that people requiring inducements of this kind, cannot be greatly infatuated with bells or ringing.

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The death of the Bishop of Coventry is a great bereavement to our friend John Carter and his ringing colleagues at St. Philip's, Birmingham, of which parish the deceased prelate was Rector. I have some idea that Dr. Bowlby used every New Year's day to make a handsome present to each ringer. This of course was valuable as showing the interest he took in the Society and its work, and his anxiety to encourage the members to excel in organization and ability. Every one will hope that the next Rector may be as good a ringers' friend as was the Right Rev. Dr. Bowlby.

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Ringers from all parts of the country seem on enjoyment bent, if the reports of excursions, pic-nics, and such-like are any criterion. One remarkable thing of these outings is the stereotyped intelligence that each party returns home quite satisfied with themselves, so far as the "enjoyment" is concerned. It really would be a change to read at the close of one of these accounts that "the party returned home much disgusted with their outing." This would certainly be something new. But no one wants to read anything of the sort. We are all content to know that the knife-and-fork courses were brought round, etc., etc., etc., whether there is repetition or not in the manner of sending these accounts to our paper. Those who send these reports are allowed to tell them in their own way, I expect, and in this there is wise discretion shown. And here I will conclude my references to current topics for this week.

PLAIN SPEAKER.

#### WOLVERHAMPTON.—GIFT OF A PUBLIC CLOCK.

A clock which has been erected in the tower of St. Luke's church, was started on Saturday afternoon, August 25th. The dials are four 6-ft., illuminated by gas at night. The clock was made and fixed by W. F. Evans and Sons, Soho Clock Factory, Handsworth, near Birmingham. The ceremony was witnessed by a numerous company, and a vote of thanks was accorded to the donor, Mr. Levi Johnson being deputed to convey the same.

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 1894.

### The Metropolis.

#### THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, September 1, 1894, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES-IN-THE-FIELDS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES.

BENJAMIN FOSKETT .. .. Treble.	HENRY SWAIN .. .. 5.
EDWIN BARNETT .. .. 2.	CHARLES WILKINS .. .. 6.
GEORGE NEWSON .. .. 3.	ALBERT PITAM .. .. 7.
GEORGE SMITH .. .. 4.	ARTHUR JACOB .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT.

#### THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

(THE ST. PETER'S SOCIETY, CAVERSHAM.)

On Saturday, September 1, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, PIMLICO,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES. Tenor 10½ cwt.

HENRY SIMMONDS .. .. Treble.	ERNEST W. MENDAY .. .. 5.
EDWIN MENDAY .. .. 2.	GEORGE ESSEX .. .. 6.
JOSEPH HANDS .. .. 3.	RICHARD T. HIBBERT .. .. 7.
ARTHUR W. PIKE .. .. 4.	THOMAS NEWMAN .. .. Tenor.

Composed by N. J. FITSTOW and Conducted by T. NEWMAN.

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

## The Provinces.

## DERBY.—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 30, 1894, in Three Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Werburgh,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5104 CHANGES;

SHIPWAY'S 6000 REDUCED.

FRANK BRADLEY* .. .. Treble.	RICHARD REDGATE .. .. 5.
WILLIAM H. POYSER .. .. 2.	JOHN THOMPSON .. .. 6.
JOHN HOWE .. .. 3.	THOMAS ALTON .. .. 7.
JOHN NEWBOLD .. .. 4.	ALBERT E. THOMPSON .. Tenor.

Conducted by ALBERT E. THOMPSON.

\*First peal. The ringer of the 5th bell is 71 years of age.

## HANDSWORTH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, September 1, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 12 cwt. in F#.

HENRY BASTABLE .. .. Treble.	CHARLES DICKENS .. .. 5.
HARRY MASON .. .. 2.	THOMAS REYNOLDS .. .. 6.
WILLIAM H. GODDEN .. .. 3.	THOMAS WESTWOOD .. .. 7.
JOHN BUFFERY .. .. 4.	WILLIAM PAINTER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY BASTABLE.

Rung as a welcome home to the Rector after his absence on holiday.

## TAUNTON, SOMERSET.

## THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, September 1, 1894, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES.

Tenor 29 cwt. 3 qrs. 20 lbs.

THOMAS DOBLE* .. .. Treble.	FERRIS SHEPHERD .. .. 6.
WILLIAM DRAKE† .. .. 2.	*BENJAMIN MUNDY .. .. 7.
EDWIN SHEPHERD .. .. 3.	THOMAS MUDGE .. .. 8.
ERNEST BISHOP .. .. 4.	JAMES MOSS .. .. 9.
THOMAS W. RADFORD* .. .. 5.	*WILLIAM THORN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by FERRIS SHEPHERD.

\*First peal of Caters. †First peal with a bob bell. This is the first peal on the bells.

## BIRMINGHAM.—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(BIRMINGHAM AMALGAMATED SOCIETY BRANCH.)

On Monday, September 3, 1894, in Three Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Philip,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES.

Tenor 29 cwt.

JOHN PRICKETT .. .. Treble.	CHARLES SPARKES .. .. 6.
JOHN JENNINGS .. .. 2.	GEORGE HITCHMAN .. .. 7.
GEORGE WALKER .. .. 3.	JOHN T. PERRY .. .. 8.
ROBERT BOWKETT .. .. 4.	JOHN CARTER .. .. 9.
JAMES JONES .. .. 5.	FRANK MUMFORD .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JOHN CARTER.

This peal was rung with the bells muffled as a token of respect to the late Right Reverend Dr. Bowlby, Bishop of Coventry, and Rector of St. Philip's, who died August 27th, in his 72nd year, highly respected by all. It contains the 6th twenty-four times before the 9th, six times behind the 7th in the inverted titrums position, and also twenty-four times behind the 8th in the handstroke position, and is now rung for the first time.

## ECCLES, LANCASHIRE.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 4, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

THOMAS GRATTON* .. .. Treble.	FREDERIC DERBYSHIRE .. 5.
JAMES HENRY RIDYARD .. 2.	THOMAS DERBYSHIRE .. 6.
JAMES BARRETT .. .. 3.	*JOHN BRISCOE .. .. 7.
JOSEPH IRELAND† .. .. 4.	THOMAS RUSHTON .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES HENRY RIDYARD.

\*First peal. †First peal in the method. Messrs. Gratton and Barrett belong to Eccles; Briscoe and Rushton to Pendlebury; the rest are of the Worsley company.

## Date Touches.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

WRITTLE (Essex).—On Sunday, September 2nd, for evening service, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1894 changes, in 1 hr. 10 mins. \*A. Head, 1; W. Emery, 2; \*E. Davis, 3; \*G. Head, 4; G. Sorrell, 5; F. Radley, 6; W. Lincoln (conductor), 7; F. Edwards, 8. \*Longest touch. Composed by C. Jackson, of Hull, and contains twelve 6-7s.

## Miscellaneous.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ECCLES (Lancashire).—On Tuesday, August 28th, at the parish church, 720 Treble Bob Minor in 28 mins. J. H. Ridyard, 1; J. Barratt, 2; J. Ridyard, 3; F. Derbyshire, 4; T. Derbyshire, 5; R. Ridyard (conductor), 6. Also 504 of Stedman Triples. J. Barratt, 1; J. Ridyard, 2; T. Yates, 3; F. Derbyshire, 4; J. H. Ridyard, 5; T. Derbyshire, 6; R. Ridyard (conductor), 7; T. Rushton, 8. And 546 Grandsire Triples. F. Derbyshire, 1; J. Ridyard, 2; T. Gratton, 3; J. Barratt, 4; R. Ridyard, 5; T. Derbyshire, 6; J. H. Ridyard (conductor), 7; T. Rushton, 8. This is the longest length by T. Gratton, one of the Eccles ringers. We are pleased to have Mr. T. Yates with us again, after a long absence through sickness.

GRASSENDALE (Lancashire).—On Sunday evening, August 19th, for Divine Service, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor. J. Turner, 1; J. F. D. Alexander, 2; W. Weaver, 3; T. Morris, 4; F. C. Newton, 5; J. Allen (conductor), 6. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect and sympathy for the late Mr. Francis H. Medley, who unfortunately lost his life whilst bathing at St. Bernard's, on the 6th, and was interred at Smithdown Road Cemetery, on Saturday, 11th. The great respect with which he was held was shown by the large assembly of friends at the grave-side to see his body laid therein. And on Sunday evening, August 26th, for Divine Service, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor. Rung as a tribute of respect for Miss Mary Lilian Yeld, daughter of the Rev. C. Yeld, vicar, the bells being half-muffled, the ringers standing as before. Composed by N. Spindlow, Ducklington, and conducted by J. Allen. Tenor 12½ cwt.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS (Lancashire).—On Sunday, August 26th, for Divine Service in the evening, 720 Plain Bob Minor (twenty-six singles), in 25 mins. J. Gibson, 1; T. Stuart, 2; J. Spencer, 3; A. E. Sheppard, 4; C. J. A. Cushing, 5; J. Burrows (conductor), 6. On Friday, August 31st, for practice, 720 Plain Bob Minor (eighteen singles and three bobs), in 24 mins. R. W. Burrows, 1; A. E. Sheppard, 2; T. P. Jackson, 3; C. J. A. Cushing, 4; T. R. Jackson (conductor), 5; T. Stuart, 6. And 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-four bobs and two singles), in 26 mins. T. R. Jackson, 1; C. J. A. Cushing, 2; T. Watson (conductor), 3; A. E. Sheppard, 4; T. P. Jackson, 5; T. Stuart, 6.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

SAWLEY.—On Saturday, July 28th, five members of the Long Eaton society visited this place, and with R. Hiction of the local company, rang 720 Plain Bob Minor in 28 mins. J. Harrison, 1; R. Hiction, 2; A. J. Cope, 3; J. Poxon, 4; W. Hexter (conductor), 5; J. E. Hexter, 6. Also three 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, with W. Rice of the local company at the treble.

LONG EATON (Derbyshire).—On Sunday evening, August 12th, eight members of the local band rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. J. Harrison, 1; W. R. Hexter, 2; J. Bailey, 3; A. J. Cope, 4; J. E. Hexter, 5; J. Poxon, 6; J. R. Ward (longest length as conductor), 7; T. C. Wicks, 8. On Tuesday evening, August 14th, for practice, three courses of Plain Bob Major, and a course of Kent Treble Bob Major. And on Sunday evening, August 19th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 43 mins. J. Harrison, 1; W. R. Hexter, 2; A. J. Cope, 3; J. R. Ward, 4; A. Ricketts, 5; J. Poxon (longest length as conductor), 6; W. Hexter, 7; T. C. Wicks, 8.

CHESTERFIELD (Derbyshire).—On Sunday, August 26th, for evening service, 1260 Canterbury Pleasure Triples in 45 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. On Tuesday, August 28th, 1134 Grandsire Caters. W. J. Thyng, 1; W. E. Tydeman, 2; J. W. Roper (Newcastle), 3; D. Farthing, 4; G. Toplis (conductor), 5; G. Davies, 6; A. Craven (Staveley), 7; G. Mee, 8; A. Knights, 9; J. Goodwin, 10. Tenor 24½ cwt.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

STANSTED (Essex).—On Sunday, July 29th, at the church of St.



Mary the Virgin, for Divine Service in the morning, 720 Cambridge Surprise in 26 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, 360 Plain Bob Minor. J. Cavill, 1; T. Jordan, 2; I. Hammond, 3; G. Gray, 4; J. Luckey, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. And on Sunday, August 5th, for afternoon service, 360 College Single. T. Jordan, 1; G. Jordan, 2; I. Hammond, 3; G. Gray, 4; J. Luckey, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. On Sunday, August 19th, for morning service, 720 York Surprise in 25 mins. G. Jordan, 1; I. Hammond, 2; T. J. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; J. Luckey, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. Also for afternoon service, 720 Oxford Bob. T. Jordan, 1; G. Jordan, 2; I. Hammond, 3; G. Gray, 4; W. Watts, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. On Sunday, August 26th, for afternoon service, 720 London Surprise in 25 mins. G. Jordan, 1; I. Hammond, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; W. Watts, 5; I. Cavill (conductor), 6. Tenor 13 cwt. I. Cavill hails from Brickindon, Hertfordshire.

WRITTLE (Essex).—On Wednesday, August 29th, for practice, 672 Oxford Bob Triples. A. Head, 1; G. Sorrell, 2; F. Radley, 3; J. Beams, 4; T. Lincoln, 5; R. Wood, 6; W. Lincoln (composer and conductor), 7; F. Edwards, 8.

FARNHAM (Essex).—On Sunday, August 26th, at the parish church, for evening service, 720 Plain Bob Minor, in 25 mins. J. Cavill, 1; G. Jordan, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; W. White, 5; Isaac Cavill (conductor), 6. After service 720 Cambridge Surprise, in 25 mins. G. Jordan, 1; W. Watts (conductor), 2; T. J. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; J. Luckey, 5; I. Cavill, 6. Also 360 College Single. T. Jordan, 1; the rest as before. This is the first 720 in a Surprise method ever rang on the bells. Messrs. J. Cavill, J. Luckey, G. Gray, T. Jordan, G. Jordan, T. J. Watts, and W. Watts hail from Stansted, Essex; Isaac Cavill from Brickindon, Herts.; W. White belongs to the local company. Tenor 11 cwt.

SOUTHMINSTER (Essex).—On Saturday, August 25th, several members of the above Association paid a visit to the remote village of Southminster, for the purpose of having an afternoon's ringing on the six bells of St. Leonard's church. The G.E.R. runs cheap afternoon excursions, so the ringers and friends to the number of twenty-six, left Manor Park at 3.0. Touches of Grandsire on handbells retained in hand, were rung on the journey down by W. H. Doran, 1-2; H. Randall, 3-4; A. J. Perkins, 5-6; W. H. Dallimore, 7-8. And a course of Grandsire Caters. A. Deards, 1-2; A. J. Perkins, 3-4; H. Randall, 5-6; W. H. Doran, 7-8; W. H. Dallimore, 9-10. On reaching Southminster, a move was made for the church, where Mr. J. Kerridge, the steeplekeeper, was awaiting us. The bells having been raised a well-struck 720 of Bob Minor was rang in 25 mins. which is the first 720 on the bells for twenty years. C. Dempsey, 1; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 2; W. H. Dallimore, 3; E. Lucas, 4; W. H. Doran, 5; H. Randall, 6. And 120 Stedman Doubles. A. Deards, 1; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 2; E. Lucas, 3; W. H. Dallimore, 4; H. Randall, 5; H. Boar, 6. And 720 of Kent Treble Bob. A. Deards, 1; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 2; W. H. Dallimore, 3; E. Lucas, 4; W. H. Doran, 5; H. Randall, 6. And a touch of Oxford Treble Bob. A. Deards, 1; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 2; E. Lucas, 3; W. H. Dallimore, 4; J. Kerridge (Southminster), 5; W. H. Doran, 6. We then made our way to the station, having thoroughly enjoyed ourselves, and reached home safely at ten o'clock. The ringers wish through the medium of this paper to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells, and also J. Kerridge for having everything ready.

HARLOW (Essex).—On Sunday evening, August 5th, for Divine Service, 672 Bob Triples. On Sunday evening, August 12th, 728 Bob Triples. On Sunday, August 19th, 616 Bob Triples. On Sunday, August 26th, 588 Bob Triples. H. Perrin, 1; F. Perrin, 2; G. Dent (conductor), 3; H. Jermy, 4; C. French, 5; T. Ellis, 6; H. Perrin, 7; R. Tabor, 8. On Wednesday evening, August 22nd, for practice, 658 Grandsire Triples. W. Tucker, 1; F. Perrin, 2; H. Perrin, 3; W. Norris, 4; C. French, 5; T. Ellis, 6; H. J. Tucker (conductor), 7; R. Tabor, 8. Messrs. W. and W. J. Tucker hail from Bishops Stortford, and W. Morris from Sawbridgeworth. On Tuesday, August 28th, for practice, 672 Grandsire Triples. F. Perrin, 1; H. Perrin, 2; G. Dent (conductor), 3; H. Jermy, 4; C. French, 5; H. Perrin, 6; T. Ellis, 7; R. Tabor, 8. Also 464 Bob Major. H. Perrin, 1; F. Perrin, 2; R. Tabor, 3; H. Jermy, 4; C. French, 5; T. Ellis, 6; G. Dent, 7; H. Perrin (conductor), 8. Tenor 21½ cwt. in E.

#### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NORWICH.—On Friday, August 3rd, at the church of St. Giles, 1072 Canterbury Pleasure Major. J. A. Trollop (conductor), 1; G. Howchin, 2; J. E. Burton, 3; G. P. Burton, 4; F. J. Howchin, 5; A. G. Warnes, 6; A. W. Brighton, 7; C. E. Borrett, 8. Tenor 14½ cwt. in F. This is the longest length in the method on tower bells in Norfolk. On Friday, August 26th, at the church of St. Peter Permouthergate, a 6-score each of Stedman, St. Simon's, Christmas Eve, Canterbury

Pleasure, Grandsire, and Bob Doubles. J. E. Burton (conductor), 1; J. A. Trollop, 2; G. P. Burton, 3; A. W. Brighton, 4; C. E. Borrett, 5. Tenor 10 cwt. Rung on the occasion of the erection of a tablet to record the accomplishment of a 5040 in seven methods by the same band, in the same order, on December 14th, 1893.

#### NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

WEST RETFORD (Notts).—On Sunday morning, August 26th, for Divine Service, 360 Plain Bob Minor. J. Hurst, 1; J. T. Bottomley, 2; W. Skelton, 3; T. Spurr, 4; H. Haigh (conductor), 5; R. Potter, 6.

ORDSALL (Notts).—On Sunday, August 26th, for the children's service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob in 24 mins. J. C. Whetstone, 1; J. B. Joynes, 2; H. Blagg, 3; H. Lambert, 4; H. Haigh (conductor), 5; J. White, 6. First 720 on extreme bells in the method by all except the conductor. The 6th the observation.

EAST RETFORD (Notts).—On Sunday morning, August 26th, for Divine Service, 504 of Grandsire Triples, containing twelve 6-7s. J. T. Bottomley, 1; H. Warburton, 2; J. Swannack, 3; G. M. Farr, 4; T. Spurr, 5; R. Potter, 6; H. Haigh (conductor), 7; W. Metcalfe, 8. And for evening service, 683 Grandsire Caters. G. Clayton (longest touch), 1; H. Warburton, 2; T. Spurr, 3; J. T. Bottomley, 4; G. E. Sharpe, 5; J. Swannack, 6; W. Skelton, 7; H. Haigh (conductor), 8; J. B. Joynes, 9; W. Metcalfe, 10.

BLYTH (Notts).—On Sunday, September 2nd, for evening service at the parish church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob, in 25 mins. J. F. Haigh, (first 720 in the method), 1; J. Swinburn, 2; J. Hind, 3; G. Clayton, 4; R. Beeston (conductor), 5; T. Sewell, 6. And 360 in the same method, with W. Preston at the 2nd; the rest standing as before. J. F. Haigh and W. Preston hail from Worksop; the others belong to the local company. W. Preston's first touch with a bob bell.

#### THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

CAVERSHAM (Oxon).—On Sunday, August 19th, for morning service, 560 of Double Norwich. H. Simmonds, 1; E. Munday, 2; H. Bridgeman, 3; J. Willshire, 4; H. Smith, 5; J. Hands, 6; E. W. Munday, 7; T. Newman (conductor), 8. Also for evening service, 672 Superlative Surprise. H. Simmonds, 1; E. Munday, 2; H. Bridgeman, 3; E. W. Munday, 4; H. Smith, 5; G. Essex, 6; A. W. Pike, 7; T. Newman (conductor), 8. And after service, 504 of Stedman Triples. A. W. Pike, 1; J. Hands, 2; J. F. Tarrant, 3; H. Smith, 4; E. W. Munday, 5; G. Essex, 6; T. Newman (conductor), 7; H. Simmonds, 8. J. Willshire hails from London.

#### THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

WICKHAM (Hants).—On Saturday, September 1st, for practice, 720 Grandsire Minor. G. Downs, 1; F. Hill (Fareham), 2; G. Grafham (Fareham), 3; W. F. Churcher, 4; G. E. Chappell (conductor), 5; J. W. Whiting (Fareham), 6. A 6-score of Stedman Doubles. G. E. Chappell, 1; F. Hill, 2; G. Grafham, 3; W. Cooper (first in the method, Shedfield), 4; F. W. Whiting (conductor), 5; W. F. Churcher, 6. And 720 Oxford Bob Minor. W. F. Churcher, 1; W. Cooper, 2; F. Hill, 3; G. Grafham, 4; G. E. Chappell, 5; J. W. Whiting (conductor), 6.

FAREHAM (Hants).—On Monday, May 29th, for practice on the back six, 720 Plain Bob Minor. T. Passingham, 1; G. E. Chappell (Wickham), 2; J. Hewitt (Gosport), 3; F. Hill, 4; G. Grafham, 5; J. W. Whiting (conductor), 6. Also two 6-scores of Stedman Doubles. G. E. Chappell (first in the method), 1; J. Hewitt, 2; F. Hill, 3; G. Grafham, 4; J. W. Whiting (conductor), 5; G. Grant, 6. On Monday, July 9th, 720 Bob Minor, on the back six. A. E. Tomlins (Gosport), 1; C. Privett, 2; G. E. Chappell, 3; F. Hill, 4; G. Grafham, 5; J. W. Whiting (conductor), 6. And a 6-score of Stedman Doubles. G. E. Chappell, 1; C. Privett, 2; A. Coghlan, 3; F. Hill, 4; A. E. Tomlins, 5; J. W. Whiting (conductor), 6.

BLACKMOOR (Hants).—On Monday, June 19th, the following members of the Guild visited this church and rang 720 Bob Minor. G. Grafham (Fareham), 1; J. Staples (Havant), 2; G. Instril (Havant), 3; Rev. R. C. M. Harvey (Portsea), 4; G. E. Chappell (Wickham), 5; J. W. Whiting (Fareham, conductor), 6.

#### THE RAUNDS, WELLINGBOROUGH AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

RAUNDS (Northants).—On Monday, August 27th, at St. Peter's church, for practice, a 360 Plain Bob. A. Bellamy, 1; \*F. Kirk, 2; H. Stubbs, 3; \*T. Bates, 4; \*W. Gilbert, 5; F. Gilbert (conductor), 6. And a 360 in the same method. R. Pendered, 1; \*F. Stubbs, 2; \*A. Adams, 3; \*A. Wilmott, 4; W. J. Gilbert, 5; H. Stubbs (conductor), 6. \*First 360 in any method. On Thursday, August 30th, in the National School, upon handbells, 216 Plain Bob. R. Gilbert, 1;

W. Gilbert, 2; A. Adams, 3; F. Kirk, 4; A. Willmott, 5; F. Stubbs, 6. And 504 of Bob Triples. R. Gilbert, 1; W. Gilbert, 2; T. Bates, 3; F. Gilbert, 4; A. Willmott, 5; F. Kirk, 6; F. Stubbs, 7; H. Stubbs (conductor), 8. Longest touch of Triples by all except the 4th and tenor man. On Saturday, September 1st, at the parish church for practice, a 720 Plain Bob (sixteen bobs and two singles). F. Stubbs, 1; F. Kirk, 2; F. Gilbert, 3; A. Willmott, 4; W. Gilbert, 5; W. J. Gilbert (conductor), 6. The first 720 by all except the 3rd and tenor-man. A. Willmott, A. Adams, T. Bates, F. Stubbs, F. Kirk, W. J. Gilbert, and R. Gilbert commenced change-ringing last Christmas. Our correspondent adds: "The parish of Raunds is now in possession of no less than twenty men who are able to ring a 720. Is there no need for two more bells? I think so."

#### DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

WYLAM-ON-TYNE.—On Tuesday, August 21st, at St. Oswin's church, 720 Bob Minor (fourteen singles ten bobs), in 30 mins. G. Wright, 1; F. Lees (Newcastle), 2; W. Story (conductor, Hexham), 3; A. Pigg, 4; H. Wilkinson, 5; E. Weightman, 6. Tenor 22 cwt.

DARLINGTON.—On Saturday, September 1st, at St. Cuthbert's church, an attempt was made to ring Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples, but after ringing 3000 changes a change-course occurred, and the conductor called "stand." J. Lynn, 1; J. Lungley, 2; T. Lungley, 3; R. Wilson, 4; G. Park, sen., 5; W. Porter (conductor), 6; G. Park, jun., 7; G. Overton, 8. First attempt and longest length by all except G. Overton and the conductor.

MIDDLESBROUGH (Yorks).—On Monday, September 3rd, for practice at the church of St. Hilda, 1008 Kent Treble Bob Major. R. Fenwick, 1; J. Passman, 2; W. Bell, 3; J. H. Jones, 4; A. McFarlane, 5; A. Mellanby, 6; J. H. Blakiston (conductor), 7; W. Newton, 8. And 420 Stedman Triples. R. Borrowes, 1; J. H. Jones, 2; R. Fenwick, 3; J. Passman, 4; the rest standing as before. And a 6-score of Superlative Surprise Minor. W. Newton, 1; R. Fenwick, 2; J. Passman, 3; A. Mellanby, 4; A. McFarlane, 5; J. H. Blakiston, 6. W. Newton hails from Stockton; and W. Bell from Darlington.

#### THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—FYLDE BRANCH.

LYTHAM (Lancashire).—On Sunday evening, September 2nd, before service at St. John's church, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs two singles), in 25 mins. W. Bamber, 1; J. Fell (conductor), 2; A. E. Wilson, 3; J. Salthouse, 4; C. H. Kerr, 5; R. Cookson, 6. And 240 College Single, standing as before, and conducted by W. Bamber.

#### THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

BIDSTON (Cheshire).—On Sunday, July 29th, for Divine Service at the parish church, a 720 of Kent (fifteen bobs). J. Povall, 1; C. Rimmer, 2; J. Walter, 3; J. Griffiths, 4; W. Wilcox, 5; T. Povall, 6. On Sunday, August 5th, a 720 Plain Bob (twenty-two singles and two bobs). W. Joynson, 4; the rest as before. On Sunday, August 12th, a 720 Canterbury Pleasure (thirty-nine bobs and eighteen singles) standing same as in the Kent. On Sunday, August 19th, for Divine Service in the morning, 720 Plain Bob (thirty-two bobs and two singles). J. Rogers, 1; C. Rimmer, 2; J. Walter, 3; J. Griffiths, 4; W. Wilcox, 5; G. R. Rogers, 6. Messrs. Rogers hail from Wallasey. On Sunday, August 26th, for Divine Service in the morning, a 720 of Grandsire (forty-two bobs and ten singles). This is a two-part 720 by J. J. Parker. And for evening service a 720 Kent (twelve bobs). J. Povall, 1; C. Rimmer, 2; J. Walter, 3; J. Griffiths, 4; W. Wilcox, 5; T. Povall, 6. Conducted by W. Wilcox.

WALLASEY (Cheshire).—On Thursday, August 30th, at the parish church, a 720 Oxford Single (eighteen bobs and two singles), 6th the observation. E. Peers, 1; S. Strong, 2; J. Walter, 3; W. Wilcox (conductor), 4; S. Wood, 6; G. Rogers, 6. J. Walters first 720 of Oxford, who with W. Wilcox hails from Bidston.

#### THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BILLINGSHURST.—On Sunday, September 2nd, for Divine Service in the morning, 720 Oxford Bob. P. Wood, 1; T. Andrew, 2; A. Feist, 3; W. Shoet, 4; J. Voice, 5; W. Wadey (conductor), 6. In the afternoon 720 Plain Bob. P. Wood, 1; A. Feist, 2; J. Newman, 3; W. Short, 4; J. Voice, 5; T. Chantler (conductor), 6. For Divine Service in the evening, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. P. Wood, 1; A. Feist, 2; W. Short, 3; M. Ireland, 4; J. Voice, 5; W. Wadey (conductor), 6. The ringers take this opportunity of thanking Mr. Walter Wadey for the kind and hospitable manner he has always shown them when visiting Billingshurst.

CUCKFIELD (Sussex).—On Saturday, September 1st, at the parish church, 335 Grandsire Triples. F. W. Rice, 1; G. Williams, 2; F.

R. Hounsell, 3; F. Dench, 4; J. N. Frossell, 5; —. Boniface, 6; J. Searle (conductor), 7; K. Hart, 8. And 448 Superlative Surprise Major. G. Walden, jun., 1; J. Searle, 2; A. A. Fuller, 3; J. N. Frossell, 4; F. W. Rice, 5; F. Dench, 6; K. Hart, 7; G. Williams (conductor), 8. Also 224 Double Norwich by the same band, conducted by K. Hart. And 252 Stedman Triples. E. Rapley, 1; F. Dench, 2; F. W. Rice, 3; G. Walder, jun., 4; G. Williams (conductor), 5; —. Boniface, 6; J. N. Frossell, 7; W. Walder, 8. Also 153 and 112 Grandsire Triples, in which Messrs. Tomsett, Butler, Boniface, Gibson, Hounsell, and other members of the local band took part. The bells were then lowered in peal. Tenor 15 cwt.

#### THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH (Northamptonshire).—On Saturday, August 25th, an attempt was made by the above Association for a peal of Grandsire Triples (Holt's Original), but it came to grief after ringing 1500 changes in 47 mins. J. Houghton, sen., 1; A. H. Martin, 2; C. W. Clarke, 3; F. Gilbert, 4; G. Burton, 5; W. Gilbert, 6; H. Sharpe (conductor), 7; J. Houghton, jun., 8. Also 720 of Kent Treble Bob. J. Houghton, sen., 1; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 2; W. Gilbert, 3; H. Sharpe, 4; G. Burton, 5; H. Stubbs, 6. Also 360 of Double Court. A. Tyler, 1; G. Burton, 2; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 3; F. Gilbert, 4; H. Stubbs, 5; J. Houghton, sen., 6. And a 6-score of Stedman Doubles. W. Gilbert, 1; F. Gilbert, 2; H. Sharpe, 3; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 4; A. H. Martin, 5. On Sunday, August 26th, for service, 672 of Bob Major. J. Horner, 1; C. Newman, 2; W. Pettitt, 3; J. Seamark, 4; J. Garratt, 5; A. Tyler, 6; G. Burton, 7; J. Houghton, jun. (conductor), 8. And on Monday, August 27th, for practice, 1344 of Bob Major. J. Horner, 1; C. Newman, 2; W. Pettitt, 3; H. Sharpe, 4; J. Seamark, 5; A. Tyler, 6; J. Houghton, sen., 7; J. Houghton, jun. (conductor), 8.

#### THE BIRMINGHAM FRIENDLY SOCIETY.

BIRMINGHAM.—On Sunday evening, August 26th, at St. Chad's Roman Catholic Cathedral, 1105 Grandsire Triples. W. Rafferty, 1; R. Hancox, 2; W. Brook, 3; T. Miller (conductor), 4; J. Porter, 5; R. Hackley, 6; A. Hackley, 7; W. Hunt, 8. This is the longest length by R. Hancox, who is fifteen years old, and who only commenced ringing in March last.

ARDLEIGH (Essex).—On Sunday evening, August 26th, for Divine Service at St. Mary's church, 504 of Bob Triples. W. Schofield, 1; W. Fenner, 2; C. Osborne, 3; E. Abbott, 4; F. Clements, 5; F. Bumpstead, 6; G. M. Rashbrook (conductor), 7; A. Youngs, 8. Messrs. Bumpstead, Osborne, and Rashbrook hail from Colchester.

ARMLEY (Yorks).—On Sunday, September 2nd, at Christ Church for evening service, 240 Oxford Treble Bob. J. Cooper, 1; J. Thackray, 2; E. Redshaw (Bramley), 3; J. T. Holgate (Bramley), 4; J. Heckingbottom, 5; M. Broadbent (conductor), 6. And 720 changes, being 240 each of Tulip, Primrose and College Treble. J. Thackray, 1; S. Oddy (Tong), 2; H. Oddy (Tong), 3; J. Heckingbottom, 4; G. Bolland (conductor, Tong), 5; M. Broadbent, 6. Tenor 16 cwt.

BALDOCK (Herts).—On Thursday, August 23rd, for practice at St. Mary's church, 672 Bob Major. J. Morley, 1; E. Bray, 2; J. Cawdell, 3; W. Bidnell, jun., 4; Rt. Jackson, 5; T. Webb, 6; Rd. Jackson, 7; G. T. Spicer (conductor), 8.

BANHAM (Norfolk).—On Sunday, August 12th, at St. Mary's church, before morning service, 360 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. And after service, another 360 in the same method. W. Nudds, jun., 1; J. Saunders, 2; W. Nudds, 3; J. Cunningham, 4; J. Woods (conductor), 5; G. Wesbdale, 8.

COLCHESTER (Essex).—On Monday, August 20th, for practice at St. Peter's church, 360 of Bob Minor. W. W. Scott, 1; C. Osborne, 2; F. Bumpstead, 3; G. M. Rashbrook, 4; W. Birch, 5; R. W. Stannard (conductor), 6. And on Monday, August 27th, 360 of Bob Minor. W. W. Scott, 1; W. Button, 2; W. E. Green, 3; G. M. Rashbrook, 4; W. Birch, 5; R. W. Stannard (conductor), 6.

DEAL (Kent).—On Tuesday, August 14th, at St. Leonard's church, 720 Bob Minor (fourteen bobs two singles), in 23 mins. A. Denne, 1; H. Denne, 2; W. Ongley, 3; G. Denne (conductor), 4; H. Barton, 5; H. Castle, 6. Tenor 9½ cwt. in G. Mr. Barton is a member of the Royal Cumberland Youths, and this is his first 720 on six bells.

DUNSTER (Somerset).—On Thursday, August 23rd, eight members of the Dunster and Minehead Guilds rang a quarter-peal of Union Triples, in 44 mins. T. Elliott, 1; G. Atkins, 2; A. J. Chilcott, 3; J. Pugsley, 4; Rev. H. C. Courtney (conductor), 5; J. Grabham, 6; W. W. Thorne, 7; J. Payne, 8. Composed by John Carter, of Birmingham. First quarter-peal in the method by all. Tenor 21 cwt.

FOXEARH (Essex).—On Thursday, August 23rd, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor. W. Maxim, 1; W. P. Gridley, 2; J. Taylor, 3; R. Inch, 4; S. Evans, 5; G. Maxim (conductor), 6. And 720 in the same method. R. Inch, 1; R. Mingay, 2; W. P. Gridley, 3; F. Inch, 4; S. Evans, 5; G. Maxim (conductor), 6. On Sunday, August 26th, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor. W. Maxim, 1; R. Mingay, 2; J. Taylor, 3; W. P. Gridley, 4; S. Evans, 5; G. Maxim (conductor), 6. And for afternoon service, 720 Bob Minor. W. Maxim, 1; R. Inch, 2; J. Taylor, 3; R. Mingay, 4; S. Evans, 5; G. Maxim (conductor), 6. G. Maxim hails from Waltham Cross.

FRAMLINGHAM (Suffolk).—*Handbell Ringing*.—On Tuesday, August 28th, for practice, one part of Annable's three-part peal of Bob Major (1680 changes), in 55 mins. W. Ostler, 1; J. C. Self, 2; A. E. Read, 3; H. Howlett, 4; S. Garnham, 5; W. Norman, 6; W. Flory (conductor), 7-8.

HANDSWORTH (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, September 2nd, for morning service, 504 Grandsire Triples. R. Faux, 1; W. Verry, 2; W. H. Godden, 3; B. Starkey, 4; F. Workman, 5; G. W. Baldwin, 6; T. Westwood (conductor), 7; J. Bastable, 8. Composed by H. Johnson.

HEIGHINGTON (Durham).—On Saturday, August 4th, at St. Michael's church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor, in 29 mins. E. Cox, 1; R. B. Wilson, 2; G. J. Lungley, 3; W. Porter, 4; G. Park, 5; G. W. Park (conductor), 6. Tenor 16 cwt. All the above hail from Darlington.

HIGHAM FERRERS (Northamptonshire).—On Sunday, July 15th, at the parish church, for early service, 672 Bob Major. G. Warner, 1; W. Pettet, 2; G. Brown, 3; J. B. Martin, 4; J. Seemark, 5; W. Parker, 6; A. H. Martin (conductor), 7; J. Houghton, jun., 8. And for morning service, 504 Bob Triples. G. Randall, 1; J. B. Martin (conductor), 2; W. Pettet, 3; A. Tyler, 4; J. Seemark, 5; A. H. Martin, 6; J. Houghton, jun., 7; G. Brown, 8. On Saturday, July 28th, 504 Grandsire Triples. G. Warner, 1; W. Pettet, 2; F. Gilbert, 3; J. B. Martin, 4; W. Gilbert, 5; A. H. Martin, 6; J. George (conductor), 7; G. Brown, 8. On Tuesday, July 31st, 576 Bob Major. C. J. Watson, 1; C. Newman, 2; W. Pettet, 3; G. Brown, 4; J. Garrett, 5; A. Tyler, 6; J. Houghton, jun., 7; A. H. Martin (conductor), 8. And 464 Bob Major. C. Chasty, 1; C. Newman, 2; J. Garrett, 3; A. H. Martin, 4; W. Pettet, 5; A. Tyler, 6; J. Houghton, jun., 7; J. B. Martin (conductor), 8. On Tuesday, August 7th, 336 Grandsire Triples. W. Pettet, 1; G. Randall, 2; J. B. Martin, 3; G. Brown, 5; J. Seemark, 5; W. Parker, 6; A. H. Martin (conductor), 7; E. J. Watson, 8. Also 800 Bob Major. E. J. Watson, 1; G. Randall, 2; A. Tyler, 3; G. Brown, 4; J. Seemark, 5; A. H. Martin, 6; W. Pettet, 7; J. B. Martin (conductor), 8. On Sunday, August 10th, for early service, 352 Bob Major. G. Warner, 1; A. Tyler, 2; J. Houghton, sen., 3; G. Brown, 4; J. Seemark, 5; W. Parker, 6; J. B. Martin (conductor), 7; J. Houghton, jun., 8. And 336 Grandsire Triples. J. Houghton, sen., 1; G. Warner, 2; W. Pettet, 3; J. B. Martin, 4; J. Seemark, 5; G. Brown, 6; A. H. Martin (conductor), 7; E. J. Watson, 8. For morning service, 336 Grandsire Triples. A. Tyler, 1; G. Randall, 2; G. Warner, 3; G. Brown, 4; W. Pettet, 5; W. Hall, 6; J. B. Martin (conductor), 7; A. H. Martin, 8. And for evening service, 518 Grandsire Triples. A. H. Martin, 1; G. Randall, 2; G. Brown, 3; G. Burton, 4; J. Seemark, 5; W. Parker, 6; J. B. Martin (conductor), 7; W. Pettet, 8.

PENGE (Surrey).—On Thursday, August 30th, at St. John's church, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs two singles), in 24 mins. G. Conn (first 720), 1; T. Chandler, 2; J. Hack, 3; H. Reader, 4; W. J. Battson, 5; G. Wickens (conductor), 6. Also 360 Canterbury Pleasure Minor (six singles three bobs). J. Town, 1; H. Reader, 2; G. Wickens, 3; G. Durling, 4; J. Hack (conductor), 5; T. Chandler, 6. First 360 of Canterbury by the ringers of the 1st, 3rd, and 6th bells. Also a 6-score in the same method. J. Town, 1; J. Hack, 2; A. Edwards, 3; H. Reader, 4; W. J. Battson, 5; G. Durling (conductor), 6. First in the method by A. Edwards and W. J. Battson. G. Durling hails from Bromley; J. Town from Beckenham; T. Chandler from Lewisham; J. Hack and H. Reader from Hayes, and all are members of the Kent County Association; the rest belong to the local band.

QUIDENHAM (Norfolk).—On Sunday evening, August 5th, both before and after Divine Service, the bells were rung muffled. R. Haylett, 1; J. Sage, 2; G. Haylett, 3; J. Woods, 4; S. Holden, 5; J. Frances, 6. On Monday, August 6th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. H. Eagling, 1; W. Nudds, 2; W. Nudds, 3; J. Cunningham, 4; J. Woods (conductor), 5; G. Wesbdale, 6. The above was rung in memory of Mr. Thomas Oxer, who was a member of the above company. He had taken part in twelve peals, being two 10,000s and a 7000, the rest of the usual length. On Sunday, August 12th, 360 Bob Minor. J. Woods, jun., 1; W. Nudds, 2; R. Patrick, 3; J. Cunningham, 4; J. Woods (conductor), 5; G. Wesbdale, 6. Also 720

Oxford Treble Bob Minor. R. Patrick, 1; J. Saunders, 2; W. Nudds, 3; J. Cunningham, 4; J. Woods (conductor), 5; G. Wesbdale, 6. J. Cunningham hails from West Ham, Essex; Wesbdale from Gissing.

STAVELEY (Derbyshire).—On Monday, August 27th, for practice at the parish church, 864 Kent Treble Bob Major. J. Worthington, 1; W. Daffin, 2; S. Price, 3; H. Madin, 4; S. Smedley, 5; W. Worthington, 6; A. Worthington, 7; J. Harris (conductor), 8. Also several courses of Double Norwich Court Bob Major. W. Worthington, 1; H. Mottershall, 2; S. Price, 3; H. Madin, 4; S. Smedley, 5; A. Craven, 6; A. Worthington, 7; J. Harris, 8.

WEST WRATTING (Cambs).—On Sunday, August 5th, for Divine Service, three 6-scores, viz.: Grandsire Doubles, St. Dunstan's Doubles and The Dream Doubles. A. Ambrose (Long Melford), 1; J. Vail, 2; J. Barker, 3; E. Perks, 4; D. Blanke, 5.

WOOLWICH (Kent).—On Sunday, September 2nd, for evening service at the church of St. Mary Magdalene, 896 Grandsire Triples. H. Harman, 1; W. Aldridge, 2; A. J. Neale, 3; H. Hill, 4; R. Carter, 5; E. Wells (conductor), 6; H. G. Harvey, 7; R. Carter, 8.

IMPERFECT REPORTS.—A correspondent has sent a long list of touches, but his report is without the name of a town or church. Will he be kind enough to give us the necessary information, and also his name and address?

## 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."

### TRUE AND FALSE AUTHORSHIP.

SIR,—I am afraid Mr. Wilde has taken up a rather paradoxical position with regard to the above subject. How he can relinquish all claim to the Canterbury Major and at the same time retain all claim to the Double Oxford passes my comprehension. I always thought a peal belonged with all its variations to him who first composed it, and to him alone; and as I think in my first letter I fully demonstrated that the two peals are identical, if Mr. Wilde relinquishes the claim to one, then, *ipse facto*, he relinquishes the claim to the other; and if he retains his claim to one, he retains his claim to the other. The fact that he did not copy my peal, which I fully believe does not alter the fact that there cannot be two composers to one peal, and that mine is in all ways the prior claim, I have a little object lesson that may perhaps throw some light on the discussion. Mr. Wilde says Canterbury Major peals will not apply to Double Oxford, and *vice versa*. I make the statement under correction, but I believe that all peals of one will run true on the other, and that if the variation be reversed it will contain the same qualities as the original. Below I have given two peals of Canterbury Major. The first is obtained by a direct application of the calling of a peal of Double Oxford published by Mr. Wilde on July 14th, and the second is the reverse of the first. Now I ask Mr. Wilde "Am I fully entitled to all credit for having composed these peals or not?" If not, then neither has he any claim to the peals under discussion; and if I have, then it would be possible for anyone without the slightest knowledge of the composer's art to produce peals by the bushel. But I think it would be more satisfactory if Mr. John Carter or some other composer would send his opinion to "THE BELL NEWS." Should he be so kind as to comply with this request, I for my part will abide by his decision.

J. ARMIGER TROLLOP.

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### FALSE COMPOSITION.

SIR,—My attention has been called by Mr. A. Knights, of Chesterfield, to the peal of Stedman Caters, 5111 changes, rung at Duffield, Derbyshire, by the St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, on August 1st, 1887, being false in the composition. To prevent others ringing the same, the figures may be found in the Yorkshire Association Report for 1887-8. The same thing also applies to the 5063 given in "THE BELL NEWS" vol. ii. p. 213.

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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.

The Essex Association.—There will be a district meeting of the above on Saturday, September 22nd, at Bishop Stortford. The tower (10 bells) will be open for ringing from 2.0 to 8.0 p.m. Also the tower of Sawbridge-worth, three miles. Tea and business meeting at The Chequers at 5.0 p.m. Members intending to be present must notify the same to Asst., Sec. Rev. H. Eyre, Great Totham, Witham, not later than the previous Monday. There will also be a meeting for six bell ringers in the neighbourhood of Witham, later on in the year. HENRY T. W. EYRE, Asst. Sec.

The East Derbyshire Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Ash-over, to-day, Saturday, September 8th, 1894. Meeting in the Parochial Schoolroom, at 5.30 p.m. JOHN J. COOK, Sec.

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Heywood, to-day, Saturday, September 8th. The bells to be ready at 3.30. Business meeting for election of Branch Sec., for the next year at 6.30 p.m. E. SCHOFIELD, Branch Sec. 63, Clark Street, Rochdale.

Woolwich, Kent.—Notice.—The tower will be open for Double Norwich practice on Thursday, September 13th, at 8 o'clock, and every alternate Thursday. Any ringers will be welcome. H. G. HILL, Steeple Keeper.

The Kent County Association.—Rochester District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Gravesend, on Saturday, September 15th. Ringing from 3.0 p.m. at St. George's, Gravesend (8), SS. Peter and Paul, Milton (6), and Northfleet (6). Railway fares of members present at 5.0 p.m. will be paid up to but not exceeding 2s. and a tea will be provided at Ashdown's, 3A, Windmill Street, at 5.30 p.m. Members wishing to attend the tea must send their names to Mr. W. H. Royston, 57, Milton Road, Gravesend, on or before the 12th instant. 23, Havre des pas, FRED. J. O. HELMORE, Jersey. Hon. Sec.

The Royal Cumberland Society.—The Annual Election of officers of this Society will take place on Friday, September 14th inst. when all members who can make it convenient are requested to attend. A. JACOB, Hon. Sec.

The Norwich Diocesan Association.—Saxmundham District.—The eighteenth quarterly District Meeting will be held at Aldeburgh, on Saturday, September 15th. The tower will be open for ringing from 4 to 9 o'clock. Business meeting in the Parish Room, High Street, at 5.30. The vicar will preside. All friends are heartily welcomed. WILLIAM TAYLOR, Hon. Dist. Sec. Leiston.

The Heavy Woollen District Association, Yorkshire.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Tong, on Saturday, September 15th, at 5.0 p.m. Also to-day, at Sandal, the contest for the Association's Silver Cup takes place, draw at 9.0 a.m., commence at 10.0. Other prizes given by the local band. 19, Albert Street, GEO. H. SIMON, Batley Carr. Hon. Sec.

The Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—The next meeting of the Guild will be held at Southport, on Saturday, September 15th. Bells ready at 3.0 p.m. Meeting 6.0 p.m. REV. W. T. BULPIT, Hon. W. BENTHAM, Sects.

The Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.—The quarterly meeting in connection with the above Society will be held on Saturday, September 22nd, 1894, at St. Paul's church, Wood Green, Wednesbury. Ringing at 2.0 p.m. Tea one shilling per head to those who send in their names before the 18th inst. Reports will be ready for this meeting. 10, Bull Street, S. REEVES, West Bromwich. Hon. Sec.

The North Notts. Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Harthill, on Saturday, September 22nd, 1894. The tower will be open for ringing by kind permission of the Rector, at 2.0 p.m. Captains of respective towers in the Association should send number of members intending to be present, to Captain, Harthill Bell Ringers, Harthill, Sheffield, not later than September 17th. Tea one shilling each. HENRY T. SLODDEN, Hon. Sec.

Norwich Diocesan Association.—The Annual Meeting will be held at Norwich, on Tuesday, September 25th. Special service at St. Peter Mancroft at 12.45. Preacher, Rev. W. W. C. Baker, Hon. Sec. Beds. Association. Dinner at 1.30, large hall, Conservative Club, St. Giles. Notices of intention to attend to be sent to Hon. Sec. by September 19th, with name of station from which reduced rail fares are desired. H. EARLE BULWER, Hon. Sec. Stanhoe Rectory, Kings Lynn.

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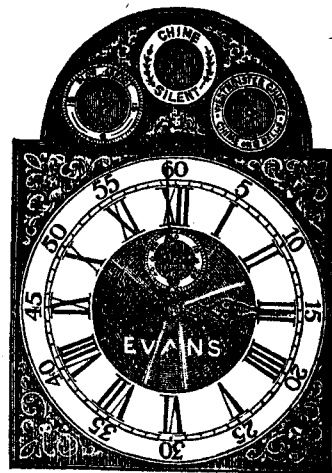
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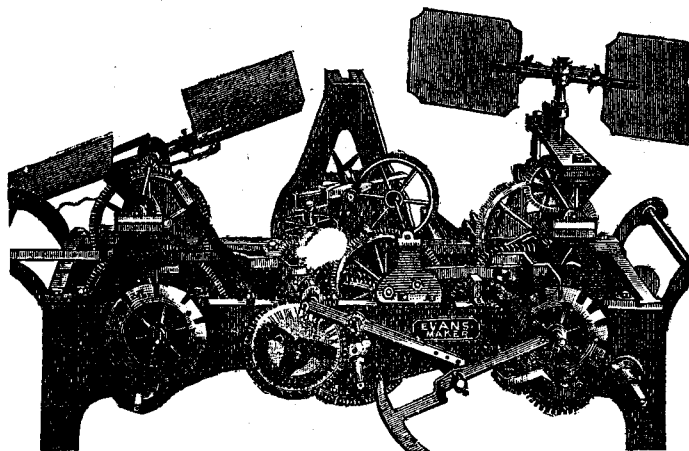
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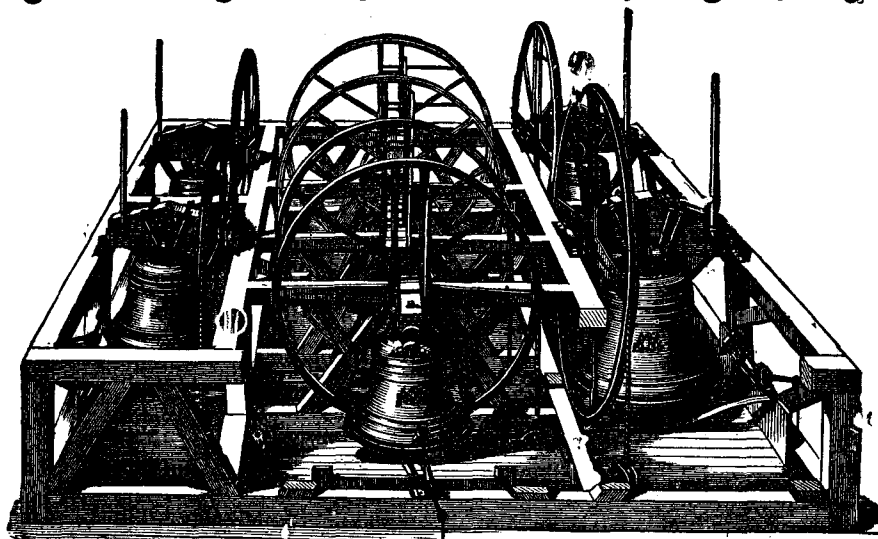
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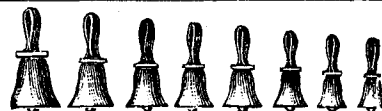
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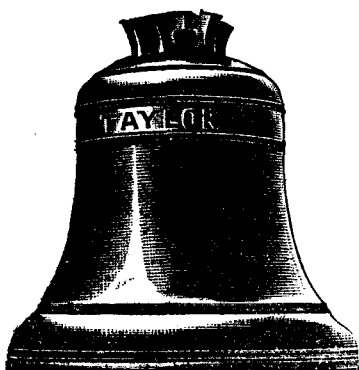
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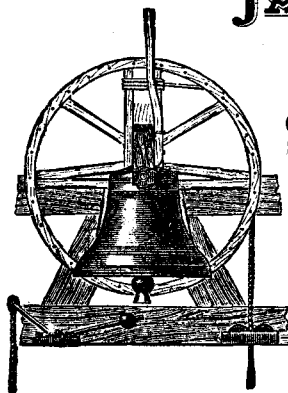
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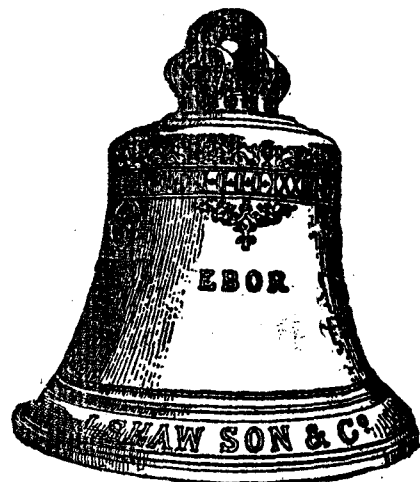
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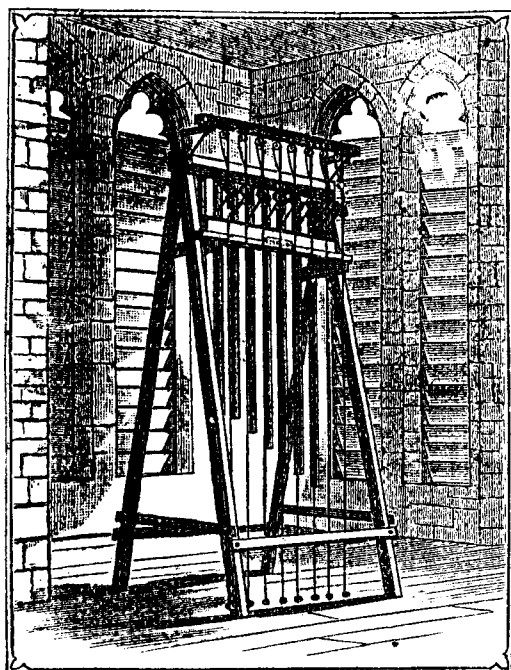
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## CHURCH BELLS IN NORTHUMBERLAND AND DURHAM.

Nothing is more familiar to our ears than the sound of the bells of our parish church. Yet few people knew anything about the bells themselves. Even the ringers are content to pull the ropes year after year without inquiring into their archæology. Campaning is a hobby which not many indulge in. And still, notwithstanding its peculiar peril and difficulties, there must be a certain amount of excitement and adventure in bell-hunting. Equipped with his lanthorn and bag of materials and apparatus, the true campanologist is said to feel all the excitement of the sportsman or the angler in taking "squeezes" and "rubbings." The former are impressions taken in pipe-clay, or a sort of putty made for the purpose. From these plaster casts can be taken at home, from which again drawings or engravings can readily be made. Rubbings are best taken from bells by tying a long strip of paper over the inscription and rubbing with heel-ball or a bit of new shoe leather. A quarter of a century ago, when he was more active in his limbs than he is at the present day, that veteran ecclesiologist, the Rev. J. T. Fowler, visited nearly all the bell lofts in Durham and Northumberland, and made squeezes and rubbings of the most interesting bells. At St. Margaret's, Durham, two out of the three bells are mediæval, and two of those at St. Giles, in the same city, are ancient. The first has "Campana Sancti Egidii" (the bells of St. Giles), and the letter I twice on the soundbow, which Mr. Fowler is unable to explain. The second bell has "Santa Maria ora pro nobis" (St. Mary, pray for us), and the monogram of Jesus, "I.H.C."

At Pitlington there are three ancient bells, and there is a peculiarity here in the construction of the bellframes. The first and second at Chester-le-Street are most interesting bells. They appear to have been cast at the same time, being uniform in design and general character. The crown moulding is peculiar, and of elegant design. Both have upon them little figures of a sort of dragon, which is not met with elsewhere, and Mr. Fowler hazards the conjecture that it may be a representation of the far-famed "Worm of Lambton." If so, it carries the story back to the beginning of the fifteenth century. The first has this inscription: "Magister Robertus Aschburn Decanus Cestrie me fecit" (Mr. Robert Aschburn, Dean of Chester, made me), and in a line beneath this, "Hec campana data Cuthbertus sit vocitata" (Let this bell, being given, be named Cuthbert). The second has "Dominus Iohannes Lumley me fecit fieri, hec campana pie datur hic in honore Marie" (Lord John Lumley had me made. This bell is piously given here in honour and glory). There was a Baron John Lumley, 1405-1421, and a John de Ashbourn, Dean of Chester-le-Street, in 1409, to whom Robert may have succeeded, though this latter name is not given in the histories. The third bell was recast in 1665, but was probably first cast at the same time as the other two, for it was given by Bishop Langley, who occupied the See of Durham from 1406 to 1437. In the tower of the ancient church of St. Paul at Jarrow are two bells. One is quite plain and devoid of inscription or device. The other has "Sancte Palus ora pro nobis" (St. Paul pray for us). At Stranton, near Hartlepool, one bell is dated 1664 and another 1699.

Three of the bells at Heighington are ancient, and very fine. The first is a particularly sweet-toned bell. It bears the inscription, "O mater dia me sana virgo Maria" O Divine Mother save me, Virgin Mary), in fine bold black letter, with a richly adorned letter O and initial cross, and also a small figure of our lady holding the Infant Jesus in her arms. The second bell has in good Lombardic letters, "Tu Petre pulsatus perversos mitiga flatus (Thou Peter, being rung, assuage adverse tempests). And the third inscription, in the same letters, may be translated thus: Thou, Paul, join us purified to the Court of Heaven." Mr. Fowler speaks highly of the tenor bell at Sedgfield. The inscription is in black letter, like the first at Heighington, each word, however, beginning with a richly-ornamented Lombardic capital. He also took rubbings of the old bells in the church of St. Nicholas in Newcastle. The 6th bore the following melodious inscription, in which, however, orthography is sacrificed to rhyme, "Sum Nicholaius ouans tunctis modulamina promans" (I am rejoicing Nicholas, sounding melodies to all). The fourth had "Dulcis sisto melis campano vocor Micaelis" (I am of sweet melody; am called Michael's bell). The seventh bell had the

same inscription as the first at Heighington. Four of the bells at St. Andrew's, Auckland, are dated 1720, and there are two at Aycliffe, date 1664. Two of these at Brancepeth are dated 1632. At Darlington four out of the six bells are dated 1755. The fifth is dated 1761, and the sixth, which is dated 1702, has on it "Moneo Georgio Thomson ministro ad preces" (I call George Thomson the minister to prayers). Six of the eight bells at Durham Cathedral are dated 1693. The whole had been cast before by Thomas Bartlett, as appears by the register of St. Mary-le-Bow—"Thomas Bertlett (a bell founder). This man did cast the Abbey bells the summer before he dyed. Buried Feb. 3, 1632." The six bells at St. Oswald's in Durham are dated 1694. At Easington two bells are dated 1664 and 1618 respectively. At St. Mary's, Morpeth, was a bell dated 1662, and another dated 1635, with the inscription, "Cry aloud, Repent." It had a gaping crack as the result of its loud crying when Mr. Fowler saw it.

## BORDEN, KENT.

On Saturday, September 8th, a very interesting ceremony was witnessed in the tower of the parish church, it having been arranged to unveil a tablet recording the two first peals rung by the local band, which duly appeared in this paper. There was a large gathering of friends, including several ladies and honorary members, which clearly showed the interest the inhabitants take with regard to the above Society.

The Rev. E. Phillips (in the absence of the Vicar), in welcoming the visitors to the belfry, briefly explained the object of the gathering, and dwelt upon the great progress made by the Society during the year.

Miss Bertha Tuke having kindly consented to unveil the tablet was then requested to do so, which she did with a few well-chosen remarks.

The tablet, which is of good design, seemed to give great satisfaction. A hearty vote of thanks was then accorded to Miss Tuke and the visitors for their presence in the belfry that evening. Several well-struck touches of Grandsire Triples were then rung, to the great delight of all. The company then dispersed, having enjoyed a very pleasant evening. The following were the ringers: Rev. E. Phillips, Messrs. T. E. Collard, C. Dutnall, E. Allen, S. Hutson, R. Staines, A. Hardy, C. Willshire, C. Millway, W. Tassell and W. Wood. Wood hails from Rodmersham; the rest belong to the local company.

## SOUTH AND WEST MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

The first monthly practice meeting was held at Heston, Middlesex, on Monday, September 3rd. A good number of members were present, including Rev. Mr. Lea, and Rev. J. H. Wood. Touches of Stedman Doubles and Grandsire Minor and Doubles were successfully brought round. Monthly practice meetings will be held at this church on the first Monday in each month, from 7.30 to 9 o'clock.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ROCHDALE BRANCH.—The monthly meeting of this branch was held at Heywood, on Saturday, September 9th, members being present from Rochdale, Shaw, Oldham and the local band. Mr. James Millett presided at the meeting. It was proposed, seconded and carried that Mr. Oliver, of Shaw, be the Secretary for the next year. During the afternoon and evening touches of Bob Major, Grandsire Triples and Kent Treble Bob Minor were rung by mixed bands.

## CHURCH CONGRESS AT EXETER, OCTOBER 8-12.

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## THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

THE ST. MARY STRATFORD-LE-BOW BRANCH.—The meeting-house of this branch of the above society was on Monday evening, September 10th, the scene of a very interesting event, the occasion being the presentation of a very handsome teapot and butter-dish as a wedding present to Mr. W. H. Dallimore, a member of the society.

The chairman, Mr. D. J. Sutton, in making the presentation, said that it gave him very great pleasure to present, on behalf of the society, their friend Mr. W. H. Dallimore with what they hoped might be a very serviceable present. They all trusted that Mr. and Mrs. Dallimore might live very many years in the enjoyment of health and happiness, and when looking upon that small token of their esteem, might be reminded of the good feeling which existed in that little society. He had very much pleasure in handing them over to Mr. W. Dallimore.

Mr. Dallimore thanked the members in a very hearty manner for their suitable and useful present. He should always look upon it as one of the most valuable mementoes of his marriage, and he would convey to Mrs. Dallimore their good wishes, which he was sure she would appreciate.

## A CAMPANOLOGIST "RINGS HIS BELLE."

An event, in which considerable interest was centred, took place at Lytham, on Monday last. This was the marriage of Mr. John Fell, an eminent bellringer, to Miss Mary E. Butcher, the third daughter of Mr. S. Butcher, of Lytham. The ceremony was performed in St. John's church, and the nuptial knot was tied by the Rev. T. J. Smart, in the presence of a large assembly of enthusiastic friends. After the ceremony hearty touches were rung from the belfries of St. John's and St. Cuthbert's churches. The bridegroom was the recipient of a handsome timepiece, the gift of his fellow-ringers; and also a silver-mounted biscuit jar from the members of the Lytham Cycling Club. It will be interesting to our readers to state that Mr. Fell is the conductor of St. John's belfry, and is also secretary to the Fylde branch of the Lancashire Association, and as a member of which he has been the means of creating a lively interest in the Art. We trust that the happy pair will receive the cordial congratulations of all true lovers of ringing. The honeymoon is being spent at Carlisle.

## TYNEDALE CHAPEL, BRISTOL.

This place of worship has been reopened after undergoing extensive alterations, the chief feature in which was the raising of the height of the tower from 37 ft. as originally left, to 100 ft. above the street pavement. Its style is thirteenth-century Gothic, somewhat French in character. It is a solid, square structure to the height of 80 ft., and is surmounted by pinnacles 20 ft. high. The tower is finished with an open parapet with foliated arches, and the pinnacles have carved crockets. The belfry windows are in pairs on each face of the tower, and are two-light windows with traceried heads. The structure is built of Pennant stone, with dressings of Box Ground stone. It will have two faces, and will be provided with Cambridge chimes, which will strike the quarters; the hours will be struck on a 10 cwt. bell. The four quarter bells, and the hour bell together weigh about 32 cwt., and were cast by Mr. J. Barwell, of Birmingham.

## BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The usual monthly meeting of this society was held at Twerton-on-Avon on Monday, September 3rd. The ringing included 336 Grandsire Triples. S. James, 1; G. Temple, 2; G. Hill, 3; W. Lanham, 4; F. King, 5; J. Melhuish, 6; H. Wotton (conductor), 7; V. Wake, 8. And 504 Grandsire Triples. W. Simmonds, 1; G. Hill (conductor), 2; J. Smith-Flower, 3; C. Goodenough, 4; F. King, 5; C. Langdon, 6; J. Fussell, 7; W. Gulle, 8. Also 336 Grandsire Triples. R. Lewis, 1; G. Temple, 2; W. Lanham, 3; F. King, 4; H. Wotton (conductor), 5; C. Langdon, 6; J. Fussell, 7; G. Crisp, 8. The vicar (the Rev. Prebendary Stokes Shaw), very kindly provided tea for the members. A hearty vote of thanks to the vicar brought a very successful meeting to a close.

## A DISSERTATION ON FOREIGN BELLS.

The first belfry towers owed their origin entirely to a utilitarian want, while the first minaret seems to have been a happy, spontaneous expression of strong artistic feeling. The invention of bells is attributed by some of the best foreign campanologists to the Egyptians, who are credited with having made use of such percussion instruments to announce the sacred fetes of Osiris. In China they are said to have been known nearly 3000 years before the birth of Christ. The Greeks and the Romans, it is said, never used bells of a large size. Yet the hour of bathing and the opening of the market-places were advertised daily by ringing bells, and it appears to me that small ones would scarcely have answered the purpose. In the time of Thucydides, 400 B.C., the patrols who went the midnight rounds in garrisons and camps had a handbell or codon, by which the sentinels were kept wide awake in their sentry-boxes. You may read, too, in Theocritus, how the priests of Cybele, the delirious Corybantes or Galli, always jingled bells during the wild celebrations of their festivities: and also that the priests of Cabiri did the same whilst performing their obscene rites. Tydeus, one of the seven chiefs of the army of Adrastus, put bells on the handle of his shield; and Rhesus, a King of Thrace, and a warrior of "difficult and ravaging hand," used them to decorate the harness of his swift and noted horses. . . . As we have seen, India and China had very large bells long before the rest of the world. Two Arabs who journeyed through China in the ninth century have delivered down to us an interesting account of the great popular justice bells, then in use throughout the whole of that country. In each town there was a bell of a large size fixed to the wall above the head of the Prince or Governor, and to it was attached a rope a mile or so in length, and laid so temptingly along the main thoroughfare that the humblest sufferer from injustice seldom hesitated to tug at it without fear. As soon as the bell sounded the Governor sent for the petitioner, and "serious business, craving quick despatch," met with instant and honest recognition. And even above the head of the Emperor himself there was such a noisy friend to the people—but he who rang it without sufficient cause—and his Celestial Majesty was often difficult to please in this particular—was switched in a very lively manner. As for the celebrated quartette of monster bells at Nankin, one is nearly twelve English feet high, with a diameter of seven and a half, and a circumference of twenty-three; its metal about the edges is seven inches thick, its weight is computed at 50,000 pounds, and its shape, but for a bulging in the middle, would be cylindrical. Father Le Comte adds there are seven others in Pekin, cast in the time of Joula, and weighing 120,000 pounds each; but being struck with wooden clappers their tone is feeble.—W. Shaw-Sparrow in "The Magazine of Art" for August,

## THE PEAL RANG AT WALWORTH.

This peal was rung in honour of the wedding of the late Master of the Waterloo Society, Mr. George William Wild, to Miss Agnes Bateman, of Kenninghall, Norfolk, which was celebrated at the adjoining church of St. John by the Rector, the Rev. A. W. Jephson, M.A. (late rector of St. John's, Waterloo). Mrs. Jephson very kindly presided at the organ, and accompanied the Hymns which were sung. The bride, who was attired in suitable costume, which the masculine mind of the writer will not attempt to describe, was given away by the conductor of the peal. After the ceremony, the Rector, in a short address, gave some excellent advice to his married bearers. The happy couple left the church to the tune of the "Wedding March" amidst a shower of rice. The ringers, not only those who took part in the performance, but all those who know the bridegroom, join with the writer in wishing Mr. and Mrs. George Wild "Long life, prosperity, and happiness." M.O.P.E.

## Ringers' Outings.

THE HOLY TRINITY SOCIETY, DARLINGTON.—On Saturday, August 25th, the members of this Society had their second annual outing, the place chosen being Helmsley, Yorks. On alighting at Helmsley station we were just in time to hear the bells going merrily for a wedding; and after we had partaken of a substantial breakfast at the Royal Oak we made our way to the belfry, the local ringers kindly giving way for us to ring the bride and bridegroom to the station, when we succeeded in bringing round two short touches of Grandsire Triples. On leaving the church we found a conveyance waiting to take us to Rievaulx Abbey, a fine view of which is to be had from the terrace above. On descending the hill and getting a nearer view of the old abbey buildings, we were delighted with the grand proportions and the beautiful masonry. Nearly the whole of the chancel and the lofty chancel arch remain intact, with a good part of the transepts and refectory. The painted ceiling in the temple on the terrace above is a sight worth going a long way to see, and well repaid us for the visit. A walk through Duncombe Park was much enjoyed, and we were all in good form for the dinner we found ready for us on our return to The Royal Oak. Dinner over and the cloth removed, the usual loyal and patriotic toasts were duly honoured. The toast of "The Visitors" was responded to by Mr. Awde, who, with Mr. Park, of St. Cuthbert's, had accompanied us. Another visit was paid to the church, and after admiring the many interesting features of the interior we again ascended the belfry steps and rang a few short touches of Grandsire Triples and 360 of Bob Minor. Train time having now arrived we wended our way to the station, and in due time arrived safely home, all having thoroughly enjoyed the outing. The thanks of all are heartily tendered through the medium of this paper to the Rev. C. N. Gray for the use of the bells; to Mr. W. Atkinson for kindly making arrangements; and to the local ringers for their courtesy. G. J. L.

ST. MARY'S PORTSEA.—The third annual outing of this band, accompanied by their wives, took place on Saturday, September 8th, and by the kind invitation of the Hon. Mrs. Denman, Westongate was visited, but unfortunately the clerk of the weather was not consulted, and rain fell in torrents until ten o'clock; but between eleven and twelve o'clock the sun shone out, and a start was made for Chichester by train, which was reached in due time. A visit was made to the Cathedral to see that the arrangements for ringing in the evening on the return journey was complete. Two brakes were waiting to take them the remaining six miles in the country, when the handbells were soon set in motion, and several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles were tapped off. Westongate was reached about four o'clock, and they were received by the Hon. Mrs. Denman and her friends, who hoped the visitors would enjoy themselves during their visit. The ladies kindly acted as guides for their wives, while the Rev. W. Wilberforce, who is a grandson to the hostess, accompanied them from Portsea, and made all the arrangements, was their guide. After a stroll across the lawn, croquet and skittles were indulged in until tea was announced. A race between some of the runners of the party was soon started, which was won by their guide. They soon found themselves comfortably seated under a fine old fir tree enjoying the "cup that cheers but does not inebriate." When justice was done to the good things provided by the hostess, "stand" was called, as several change-courses occurred; but the conductors (who by-the-by were ladies), thought that by a course of choice fruit it would be all right. The handbells were then brought into use, and three 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles were tapped off to the delight of the hostess and the ladies and gentlemen who were with her. The members wives were then shown through the house, while the male members of the band strolled through the well-kept gardens, where fruit and flowers were in abundance. The Hon. Mrs. Denman was thanked for her kindness, and three hearty cheers were given her at the call of the Rev. W. Wilberforce, who said in reply that she was pleased to see them, and hoped that all had thoroughly enjoyed themselves, and that at some future time they would visit her again. A start was made for the return journey, which was

enlivened by some capital songs. Chichester was reached at 7.40. Here Messrs. Spurlock, Walters, and Falconer (2) were soon in attendance, and the Cathedral bells were swinging to the tune of 504 Grandsire Triples. D. H. Falconer, 1; C. Groves, 2; J. Symons, 3; J. Matthews, 4; J. Harper, 5; J. Gould, 6; R. Walters (conductor), 7; J. Dover, 8. And a plain course with the Rev. W. Wilberforce at the treble (first time). Also a 518. J. Harper, 1; J. Symons, 2; C. Groves, 3; D. Falconer, 4; J. Matthews, 5; J. Gould, 6; R. Walters (conductor), 7; W. Spurlock, 8. Then a look around Chichester until the train arrived, and being all comfortably seated, Fratton station was reached at 10.50, all being thoroughly delighted with the outing. The members of the Guild wish through the medium of this paper to thank the Very Rev. the Dean of Chichester for the use of the bells; and Messrs. Spurlock, Walters, Falconer (2) for their kindness in having all things ready for them.

NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.—On Saturday, September 8th, four members of the Ordsall society, together with two from East Retford, had an enjoyable afternoon's outing, the place selected being Tuxford. Starting from Retford by the 2.57 p.m. train, Tuxford was reached shortly after three. We then wended our way to the tower, which contains a nice ring of six, and was heartily welcomed by Mr. G. Featherstone, the steeple-keeper, and a few of his colleagues, and it is needless to say that we found everything in apple-pie order. It was intended to ring Oxford and Kent, but owing to the unavoidable absence of one member, a 720 of Canterbury and other methods were rung instead. G. Swannack, 1; J. C. Whetstone, 2; H. Blagg, 3; H. Lambert, 4; H. Haigh (conductor), 5; J. White, 6. In the meantime, Mr. Crawford, churchwarden of East Markham, was very anxiously listening outside, and on making his appearance in the belfry, after hearty hand-shaking, he was invited to take off his coat for a 720 of Bob Minor which was brought round. H. Haigh, 1; G. Swannack, 2; H. Blagg, 3; H. Lambert, 4; C. Crawford, 5; J. White (conductor), 6. After which a 720 of College Single was rung. C. Crawford, 1; J. C. Whetstone, 2; H. Blagg, 3; H. Lambert, 4; H. Haigh (conductor), 5; J. White, 6. The bells were then lowered in peal, the inner man refreshed, and every one expressed himself well satisfied with the outing. The local ringers had hidden their method of change-ringing, but we were granted the privilege of searching for it. After much hunting and dodging, Mr. Featherstone unveiled four peal tablets, commonly called black-boards, on which were chalked 120 changes of Grandsire, on which bell each ringer had to follow, and hung on a stand placed in position that one eye could follow the ropes, and the other eye the figures. We thought it a one-eyed affair, so did the steeple-keeper and his colleagues, but they were quite happy and contented, and we left them to catch the 7.15 p.m. train for home. The ringers desire through the medium of this paper to thank the vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells; and Mr. Featherstone for having everything in readiness.

## NORTON, DERBYSHIRE.

On Saturday, September 1st, Messrs. Price and Marsden, of the Eckington company visited Norton, and rang with the local men 240 of College Pleasure and 720 Violet, the following taking part. A. Slater, G. Oates, W. Price, G. Marsden, E. James, W. Biggin, J. Allen, and J. Atkin. On Sunday, September 2nd, a visit was made to Hathersage, where 720 of Oxford, and a short touch of Violet was rang for morning service. After a walk of four miles the party reached Hope church, and rang for afternoon service. Two more miles brought the tower of Castleton in sight, where the inhabitants were soon alive to the fact that some strangers were about, for the bells had not been rung for six weeks. A start was made on the back six at 4.15, and kept going until service time. A move was then made for home, which was reached at 9.30, after a pleasant day's ringing.

CENTRAL COUNCIL REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CALLS AND COLLECTION OF PEALS.—Now ready. Price Twopence, post free. Stamps with order to Rev. H. E. BULWER, Stanhoe Rectory, King's Lynn

## CURRENT TOPICS.

The last portrait issued I think the very best. The subject was worthy of portraiture. Mr. Banister is unknown to the present generation of ringers; possibly few are now alive who knew that such a worthy exponent of the science still lived. The Banister family of Woolwich was at one period looked upon a sort of *lusus naturæ* by ringers who knew of their performances and their go-a-headedness. The times in which they flourished produced other remarkable men—Elijah Roberts, who tapped peals upon handbells by himself; the brothers Carr of Waltham; and others. Of the Woolwich family Mr. William Banister was the moving spirit, and the progress made there was mainly due to his efforts. Gentlemen of his equable and courteous temperament hardly fail of success in their undertakings.

One circumstance I should like to mention in connection with Mr. Banister. Perhaps it was forgotten by the Editor when compiling the memoir. Some years ago, a communication came from Mr. Banister to the Secretary of the St. James' Society of London. This communication was read by the Secretary (who by the way at that time was none other than the Editor of this paper) to the meeting assembled. The letter was very well received, and a prominent member of the Society at that time, I think Mr. J. M. Routh, rose to express his great approval of the sentiments therein contained, concluding his remarks by moving a resolution to the effect that such letter should be entered upon the minutes of that Society, which was done. I was a humble member of the Society at that time, and was present on the occasion.

We are told that the first Church Bells ever used in the British Islands are those identical ones now in the tower of Old Croyland Abbey. I would not be thought unfriendly to the restoration scheme of the historical fabric when I say that that statement is somewhat questionable. However that may be, the appeal for assistance towards the fund for saving the interesting old structure from ruin ought to be effective. The suggestion thrown out to ringers to contribute as far as in them lies, is not out of place. The times are bad, it must be admitted; and I don't forget the old adage that charity begins at home. Still there must be many among us who could spare a shilling towards this laudable object. I think if the Rector of Croyland were to start a ringers' fund, stating in this paper that he would do so, acknowledging all sums received in "THE BELL NEWS," he would be likely to get a sum that would help on the scheme.

The letters upon "True and False Authorship" are getting flat, stale, and unprofitable. One of the parties is fond of airing what knowledge he has about a few of the inferior methods. This gentleman appears solicitous to teach not only his opponent, but all the readers of the paper, something he fondly supposes we do not know. We don't generally expect to see the correspondence column used for the figures of a couple of peals week after week. This correspondent's ability is duly appreciated, I have no doubt, but all he says is old. Why did not he correspond with his opponent privately, as invited by him to do? We should have certainly lost the benefit of his research, but then we could have put up with it.

"The bells of St. Margaret's church, Westminster, are admittedly the finest peal in the metropolis." So says the Rev.

W. J. Sommerville, who I suppose is one of the clergy at this well-known church. It is unnecessary to traverse this assertion, the only thing that I am concerned with is the general invitation issued by the rev. gentleman to bell-ringers to come and "ring a peal some Sunday evening." The word "peal" must not be taken literally. What is wanted is that the bells shall be rung on Sunday evenings sometimes. This invitation will certainly be taken advantage of by many who would like a pull at St. Margaret's. My readers will pardon me if I throw out a hint that some care should be taken at these meetings that nothing happens either in or out of the tower to cause the clergy to regret that they had ever issued the invitation. *Verb. sap.*

A writer, who does not send his name or address, the post-mark on the envelope containing his question being "Great Hampton Street, Birmingham," asks, "Can a change-ringer be called an 'Artful Dodger'?" I should be glad to know more of this questioner. Why didn't he sign his name? I hope to again hear of him. Whether a change-ringer may be called an "artful dodger" or not, is purely a matter of taste. The *soubriquet* generally indicates the possession of a compound of faculties which honest people as a rule would not be troubled with. As everybody knows, one of Dickens' great characters earned the distinction, and it is evident that that great author looked upon the title with no respect, to say the least of it. As a matter of fact, however, a good change-ringer is an artful dodger *par excellence*, only the two words must be used in a Pickwickian—or campanological (what a capital word if it was a bit longer) sense. In such a method as Superlative, the ringer, his mind full of his Art, has a great amount of dodging to go through, and therefore it may be said that he dodges artfully, *ergo*—he is for the time being an "artful dodger," not a *la* Mr. Dawkins, though. I think after this lucid explanation, and opinion, the Birmingham correspondent can't do less than send his name and address, "not," as the newspapers say, "for publication, but as a guarantee of good faith."

Another correspondent wishes to know if they are going to ring a peal at the Imperial Institute. My answer is—"I don't know." This enquirer must wait until the Editor returns home again. I am not the answerer-to-questions-in-chief. Perhaps this correspondent wants to call the first peal on the bells. If he ever lives to get permission for such a thing, I would give him a word of advice: To be careful about the composition of the band attempting it. The bells go beautiful, I am told, and no difficulty is to be found in ringing beyond a trifling oscillation of the upper part of the tower, more, in fact, than is usually met with. There is sufficient movement of the building to affect nervous people, one celebrated ringer having recorded his opinion that it would be sure to come down. But I repeat my warning to any one who has in his mind the calling of the first peal here—"Be careful about the selection of the band."

PLAIN SPEAKER.

## ST. LAURENCE'S CHURCH, APPLEBY.

The fine-toned bells of this church are being rehung by Mears and Stainbank, of London, at the expense of the Mayor, Dr. Armstrong. The bells are six in number. They were cast at that well-known foundry some sixty-one years ago, and were provided for by what is known as the Templesowerby Trust, founded by the famous Countess of Pembroke for repairing the church bridge, etc. It has frequently been suggested that two additional bells should be added to complete the octave, and the present affords a favourable opportunity. When the rehanging is complete, it is to be hoped something may be done upon them worth hearing of.

## 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.**—There will be a district meeting of the above on Saturday, September 22nd, at Bishop Stortford. The tower (10 bells) will be open for ringing from 2.0 to 8.0 p.m. Also the tower of Sawbridge-worth, three miles. Tea and business meeting at The Chequers at 5.0 p.m. Members intending to be present must notify the same to Asst., Sec. Rev. H. Eyre, Great Totham, Witham, not later than the previous Monday. There will also be a meeting for six bell ringers in the neighbourhood of Witham, later on in the year. **HENRY T. W. EYRE,**  
*Asst. Sec.*

**The Kent County Association.**—Rochester District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Gravesend, to-day, Saturday, September 15th. Ringing from 3.0 p.m. at St. George's, Gravesend (8), SS. Peter and Paul, Milton (6), and Northfleet (6). Railway fares of members present at 5.0 p.m. will be paid up to but not exceeding 2s. and a tea will be provided at Ashdown's, 3A, Windmill Street, at 5.30 p.m.

23, *Haute des pas,* **FRED. J. O. HELMORE,**  
*Jersey.* *Hon. Sec.*

**The Norwich Diocesan Association.**—Saxmundham District.—The eighteenth quarterly District Meeting will be held at Aldeburgh, to-day, Saturday, September 15th. The tower will be open for ringing from 4 to 9 o'clock. Business meeting in the Parish Room, High Street, at 5.30. The vicar will preside. All friends are heartily welcomed.

**WILLIAM TAYLOR,**  
*Leiston.* *Hon. Dist. Sec.*

**The Heavy Woollen District Association,** Yorkshire.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Tong, to-day, Saturday, September 15th, at 5.0 p.m.

19, *Albert Street,* **GEO. H. SIMON,**  
*Batley Carr.* *Hon. Sec.*

**The Liverpool Diocesan Guild.**—The next meeting of the Guild will be held at Southport, to-day, Saturday, September 15th. Bells ready at 3.0 p.m. Meeting 6.0 p.m.

**REV. W. T. BULPIT,** *Hon.*  
**W. BENTHAM,** *Sects.*

**The North Notts. Association.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Harthill, on Saturday, September 22nd, 1894. The tower will be open for ringing by kind permission of the Rector, at 2.0 p.m. Captains of respective towers in the Association should send number of members intending to be present, to Captain, Harthill Bell Ringers, Harthill, Sheffield, not later than September 17th. Tea one shilling each. **HENRY T. SLODDEN,**  
*Hon. Sec.*

**Norwich Diocesan Association.**—The Annual Meeting will be held at Norwich, on Tuesday, September 25th. Special service at St. Peter Mancroft at 12.45. Preacher, Rev. W. W. C. Baker, Hon. Sec. Beds. Association. Dinner at 1.30, large hall, Conservative Club, St. Giles. Notices of intention to attend to be sent to Hon. Sec. by September 19th, with name of station from which reduced rail fares are desired. **H. EARLE BULWER,** *Hon. Sec.*  
*Stanhoe Rectory, Kings Lynn.*

**The Chester Diocesan Guild.**—Wirral Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held in the Schoolroom, Eastham, on Saturday next, September 22nd. Tea at 6.0 p.m. (free). Tower open from 3.0 p.m. Members who intend to be present are requested to send notice not later than Monday, September 17th, to

**F. R. T. BOLTON,**  
*Braeside, West Kirby.* *Hon. Sec.*

**The Lancashire Association.**—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Helmsore, on September 22nd. Bells ready 3.30. Meeting at 5.30. **J. B. TAYLOR,**  
*7, Church Street, Waterfoot.* *Sec.*

**The South and West Middlesex Association.**—The next monthly meeting of the above Association will be held at Hayes and Harlington, on Saturday, September 22nd, 1894. Ringing will commence at Hayes at 4 o'clock, and Harlington at 6.30. **E. J. WALSON,**  
*Hon. Sec.*

**The Lancashire Association.**—The annual meeting will be held at Bolton, on Saturday, September 29th. Service in Holy Trinity church at 3.30. Particulars by circular.

**J. REDFORD,** *Hon.*  
**A. E. WREAKS,** *Sects.*

**The Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.**—The quarterly meeting in connection with the above Society will be held on Saturday, September 29th, 1894, at the parish church, Bloxwich. Ringing at 2.0 p.m. Tea one shilling per head to those who send in their names before the 24th inst. Reports will be ready for this meeting.

10, *Bull Street,* **S. REEVES,**  
*West Bromwich.* *Hon. Sec.*

**The Old East Derbyshire Association.**—The quarterly meeting will be held at Eckington, on Saturday, September 29th. Important business will be brought before the meeting. Members are requested to attend. Peal of six bells open for members and friends. Business meeting at the White Hart inn, at 5 o'clock.

*Woodseats, Sheffield.* **EDWIN JAMES,**  
*Hon. Sec.*

**The Surrey Association.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Beddington and Carshalton on Saturday, October 13th. Details later. **R. B. BLANCHARD,** *Hon. Sec.*  
*13, Sunnyhill road, Streatham, S.W.*

## 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 coachman or groom. Last place three years good character. Age 22. Can ring Standard Methods. Edward Bray, Rose Cottage, Baldock, Herts.

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## Compositions.

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### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE ROYAL, By ARTHUR SPITTLE, *Dudley.*

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### A DATE TOUCH OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

By WILLIAM CHILD, *Headingley.*

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

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 1894.

THE invitation conveyed in a paragraph on another page by the REV. MAITLAND KELLY, Honorary Secretary of the Devonshire Guild, will, it is hoped, be taken advantage of. The idea that the city of Exeter will be visited by ringers during the period of the Church Congress, is by no means an extravagant one. The ringing Art in the present day permeates every conceivable class of society—literally from the peer to the peasant—so that it is very possible the Congress will be attended by many Churchmen who are practical change-ringers, who will be as likely to leave the neighbourhood without an examination of the Premier peal of ten bells at the Cathedral, and to have a pull on them, as they would refrain from the meetings of the Congress. Therefore MR. KELLY'S invitation arises at a most welcome moment. All those who would like to meet their Devonshire brethren, and give an additional *eclat* to the proceedings of the Congress by a series of skilful peal-ringing in methods calculated to inspire admiration, will communicate with MR. KELLY without delay.

If it be true that the organisers or managers of the Congress have peremptorily refused to entertain the idea of allowing change-ringing in their discussions, perhaps by the means above indicated, a good deal of attention may be directed to the subject, which may eventually



lead to useful, as well as profitable, enquiry. It is the lot of the Ringing Art to proceed occultly, out of the sight of men, and without the means to show any allurements in its favor. It is upon occasions like the gathering of a Congress of Churchmen, that ringers should try by every legitimate means to make themselves heard, to be for the hour an actual and literal body of the Church militant.

### The Metropolis.

#### THE WATERLOO SOCIETY, LONDON. (THE ST. PETER'S SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, September 4, 1894, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER, WALWORTH,

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

TAYLOR'S BOB-AND-SINGLE. Tenor 15 cwt.

WILLIAM F. MEADS .. .. Treble.	ARTHUR R. DAVIS .. .. 5.
FREDERICK G. PERRIN .. .. 2.	EDWARD P. O'MEARA .. .. 6.
HAROLD N. DAVIS .. .. 3.	JAMES E. DAVIS .. .. 7.
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER* .. .. 4.	DANIEL LOVETT .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by EDWARD PERCIVAL O'MEARA.

\*First peal with a bob bell. A reference to this peal will be found on another page.

#### THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, September 8, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW, BETHNAL GREEN,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lbs.

I. GEORGE SHADE .. .. Treble.	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY .. .. 5.
MATTHEW A. WOOD .. .. 2.	GEORGE THOMPSON .. .. 6.
JOHN BONNEY .. .. 3.	FREDERICK W. THORNTON .. .. 7.
JAMES PETTIT .. .. 4.	WALTER PRIME .. .. Tenor.

Composed by the late HENRY HUBBARD, and Conducted by I. GEORGE SHADE.

#### THE WATERLOO SOCIETY, LONDON.

(THE ST. MARGARET'S SOCIETY, WESTMINSTER.)

On Monday, September 10, 1894, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET, WESTMINSTER,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

WILLIAM BARON, SEN. .. Treble.	GEORGE SMITH .. .. 6.
FREDERICK G. PERRIN .. .. 2.	*EDWARD P. O'MEARA .. .. 7.
ARTHUR R. DAVIS .. .. 3.	CHARLES BURDEN .. .. 8.
HAROLD N. DAVIS .. .. 4.	FREDERICK J. PITTS .. .. 9.
DANBYE W. GRIGGS .. .. 5.	WILLIAM F. MEADS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN NELMS and Conducted by FREDERICK J. PITTS.

\*First peal of Caters with a bob bell. This is the first peal by the St. Margaret's Society, which has lately been formed at the above church.

### The Provinces.

#### CODDENHAM, SUFFOLK.

#### DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION AND THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 3, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

#### A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES. Tenor 16 cwt.

CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE .. Treble.	WILLIAM HOLMES .. .. 5.
ROBERT C. HUDSON .. .. 2.	ALFRED F. HILLIER .. .. 6.
ROBERT HAWES .. .. 3.	HUGH D. DALL .. .. 7.
FRANCIS LEES .. .. 4.	FREDK. J. HARRISON .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by FREDK. J. HARRISON.

The above are also members of the St. Mary-le-Tower Society, Ipswich. R. Hawes (of Ipswich) was elected a member of the Durham and Newcastle Association before starting.

#### IPSWICH.—THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION AND THE ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY.

On Monday, September 3, 1894, in Three Hours and Fifty Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 32 cwt.

JAMES MOTTS .. .. Treble.	ROBERT H. BRUNDLE .. .. 7.
ALBERT E. DURRANT .. .. 2.	ALFRED F. HILLIER .. .. 8.
ROBERT C. HUDSON .. .. 3.	FRANCIS LEES .. .. 9.
ISAAC S. ALEXANDER .. .. 4.	EDGAR PEMBERTON .. .. 10.
CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE .. .. 5.	FREDERICK J. HARRISON .. .. 11.
WILLIAM L. CATCHPOLE .. .. 6.	WILLIAM HOLMES .. .. Tenor.

Composed by JAS. MOTTS and Conducted by WILLIAM HOLMES.

First peal on twelve bells by Messrs. Hudson, Routledge, Hillier, Lees, Harrison, and Holmes, who are all members of the Durham and Newcastle Association.

#### NORWICH.

#### DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION AND THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 6, 1894, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER MANCROFT,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 41 cwt.

CHARLES E. BORRETT .. Treble.	GEORGE HOWCHIN .. .. 7.
WILLIAM G. CRICKMER .. .. 2.	EDWARD FRANCIS .. .. 8.
ROBERT C. HUDSON .. .. 3.	FREDK. J. HOWCHIN .. .. 9.
HUGH D. DALL .. .. 4.	FRANCIS LEES .. .. 10.
ALFRED F. HILLIER .. .. 5.	WILLIAM HOLMES .. .. 11.
CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE .. .. 6.	FREDK. J. HARRISON .. .. Tenor.

Composed by ALBERT E. DURRANT of Ipswich, and

Conducted by WILLIAM HOLMES.

Messrs. Howchin (2), Borrett and Francis belong to the St. Peter Mancroft Society, and W. G. Crickmer to Earl Soham, Suffolk. First peal on twelve bells by the Durham and Newcastle Association.

#### BOURNEMOUTH, HANTS

#### THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, September 5, 1894, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

ALFRED GRIST .. .. Treble.	GEORGE H. PLUMMER .. .. 5.
EDWIN T. GREEN .. .. 2.	GEORGE PRESTON .. .. 6.
TOM F. BEST .. .. 3.	JOHN J. BRISTOW .. .. 7.
ELI WATERS .. .. 4.	*CHARLES W. GOODENOUGH Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE PRESTON.

\*First peal, and rung at the first attempt.

#### ERITH, KENT.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 8, 1894, 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 18 cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT .. .. Treble.	GEORGE GROVES .. .. 5.
GEORGE CONYARD .. .. 2.	JOHN GARARD .. .. 6.
WILLIAM I. RKEVE .. .. 3.	CHARLES WILKINS .. .. 7.
ARTHUR NEALE .. .. 4.	ALBERT SAXBY .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES WILKINS.

This is J. Garard's first peal of Stedman, and was rung at the second attempt. Messrs. Grove and Neale hail from Woolwich; J. Garard from Erith; the rest from Crayford.

#### HAWLEY, HANTS.—THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 8, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

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

HUBBARD'S TEN-PART.

SIDNEY RIDDLE* .. .. Treble.	*BARZILLIA HAWKINS .. .. 5.
GEORGE HAWKINS* .. .. 2.	EDGAR COLLINS .. .. 6.
FREDERICK FRANCIS* .. .. 3.	*JAMES BUNCH .. .. 7.
FRANK BENNETT .. .. 4.	*JOHN BUTLER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

\*First peal of Bob Triples. This is the quickest peal on the bells. The ringers wish to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells.

## WEST BROMWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, September 8, 1894, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES.

Tenor 14 cwt. in F sharp.

HARRY FAULKES* .. .. Treble.	ARTHUR SPITTLE .. .. 5.
THOMAS HORTON .. .. 2.	WILLIAM MICKLEWRIGHT .. 6.
SAMUEL REEVES* .. .. 3.	JAMES E. GROVES .. .. 7.
WILLIAM R. SMALL .. .. 4.	REUBEN HALL .. .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER and Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

\*First peal of Bob Major. This peal is in twelve parts, with 4th, 5th, and 6th each sixteen courses before the tenor, and the 2nd and 3rd never there, and is now rung for the first time. Rung in honour of Mr. T. Horton's birthday, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns. H. Faulkes was elected a member of the Stafford Association previous to starting.

## BLETCHLEY, BUCKS.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, September 8, 1894, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES. Tenor 17½ cwt.

ARTHUR JACOB .. .. Treble.	GEORGE SMITH .. .. 5.
BENJAMIN FOSKETT .. .. 2.	NEWLAND ALDERMAN .. .. 6.
PERCY HOWARD .. .. 3.	CHARLES WILLIAM CLARKE .. 7.
GEORGE NEWSON .. .. 4.	HERBERT SHARP .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE NEWSON.

Messrs. Clarke and Sharp were elected members before starting, and it is their first peal in the method, being rung at the first attempt. It is also the first peal in the method on the bells. The ringers desire to thank the Rev. W. Bennett for the use of the bells, and Mr. W. Sear for having everything in readiness. Messrs. Sharp, Howard, and Clarke hail from Bedford; the remainder from London.

ARMLEY, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

On Monday, September 10, 1894, in Two Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes.

IN THE TOWER OF CHRIST CHURCH,

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES.

TOM LOCKWOOD* .. .. 1-2.	HARRY WILLIAMS .. .. 5-6.
JOSEPH THACKRAY .. .. 3-4.	GEORGE BARRACLOUGH .. .. 7-8.

Composed and Conducted by TOM LOCKWOOD.

Referee, Mr. John Thackray. \*First peal in the method on handbells. This peal has the 6th twenty-two times each way in 5-6, and is now rung for the first time. Messrs. Lockwood and Barraclough belong to the Parish Church company, Leeds.

## NORWICH.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION, AND THE SOCIETY OF NORWICH SCHOLARS.

On Monday, September 10, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifteen Minutes.

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. BURTON, 45, OXFORD STREET,

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

J. ARMIGER TROLLOP .. 1-2.	GEORGE P. BURTON .. 5-6.
JOHN E. BURTON .. .. 3-4.	CHARLES E. BORRETT .. 7-8.

Composed by JOHN CARTER and Conducted by CHARLES E. BORRETT.

Umpire, Mr. A. W. Brighton. This is the first peal of Grandsire Major accomplished by the Durham and Newcastle Association, and is also the first peal ever rung by that Association on handbells. The composition contains the 5th and 6th each twenty four times right, and the 5th twelve times, and the 6th eighteen times wrong. The above are also members of the Norwich Diocesan Association, and the Ancient Society of College Youths.

## WRITTLE, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 11, 1894, in Three Hours and Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' TEN-PART, No. 1. Tenor 18½ cwt.

ARTHUR HEAD* .. .. Treble.	*THOMAS LINCOLN .. .. 5.
GEORGE SORRELL .. .. 2.	WILLIAM J. PIPER .. .. 6.
GEORGE HEAD* .. .. 3.	WILLIAM LINCOLN .. .. 7.
JOHN BEAMS* .. .. 4.	EPHRAIM W. HOUGHTON .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM LINCOLN.

\*First peal. Messrs. Beams, Piper, and Houghton hail from Widford; the rest belong to the local company.

## Performances on Five and Six Bells.

## HORBURY, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

On Thursday, September 6, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## 5040 CHANGES IN SEVEN TREBLE BOB METHODS UPON SIX BELLS:

Being 720 each of the following:

Oxford Delight, Woodbine, Duke of York, Kent, New London Pleasure, Violet, and Oxford. Tenor 10½ cwt.

EBENEZER ANDREWS .. Treble.	HERBERT ROWLEY .. .. 4.
ELI BROOKE .. .. 2.	GEORGE F. PICKLES .. .. 5.
GEORGE HUNT .. .. 3.	ROBERT THICKETT .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by H. ROWLEY.

E. Andrews belongs to the Wakefield Cathedral company; the rest are local men.

## Date Touches.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HEADINGLEY (Yorks).—On Friday, September 7th, at St. Chad's church, the following members rang a date touch of Kent Treble Bob Major, in 1 hr. 10 mins. H. Buckle, 1; W. Wood, 2; J. Whittaker, 3; A. Naylor, 4; J. Logan, 5; A. Craven, 6; W. Child, 7; A. Haste, 8. Composed and Conducted by W. Child.

## Miscellaneous.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

BEACONSFIELD (Bucks).—Handbell Ringing.—On Wednesday, August 22nd, four courses of Grandsire Triples. G. Leslie, 1-2; G. Tapping, 3-4; W. E. Yates (conductor), 5-6; R. Buckland, 7-8.

WOOBURN (Bucks).—On Saturday, September 1st, an attempt was made for a peal of Grandsire Triples, but was lost after ringing 1850 changes in 1 hr. 10 mins. W. E. Yates (conductor), 1; W. Wheatley, 2; J. West, 3; W. Truss, 4; T. G. Healey, 5; W. E. Taylor, 6; J. C. Truss, jun., 7; W. House and F. Couzens, 8. W. E. Yates and the brothers Truss hail from Great Marlow; Taylor from Maidenhead; the rest belong to the local band.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

FARNHAM (Surrey).—On Wednesday, August 8th, at the parish church, in honour of the wedding of Mr. Catt and Miss Thorp, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. A. J. Le Clercq, 1; \*F. A. Barnett (conductor), 2; A. Smith, 3; A. White, 4; E. Finden, 5; C. Fry, 6; E. Clapshaw, 7; H. Wright, 8. In the evening 518 Grandsire Triples. A. E. Headey, 1; G. H. Barnett (conductor), 2; A. White, 3; E. Finden, 4; A. J. Le Clercq, 5; C. Fry, 6; F. A. Barnett, 7; E. Clapshaw, 8. \*First quarter-peal as conductor. Also 518 Grandsire Triples. A. E. Headey, 1; G. H. Barnett (conductor), 2; A. White, 3; E. Finden, 4; A. J. Le Clercq, 5; C. Fry, 6; F. A. Barnett, 7; E. Clapshaw, 8. E. Finden belongs to Alton; the rest are the local company.

YATELEY (Hants).—On Sunday evening, September 9th, for Divine Service at St. Peter's church, 560 Bob Major. C. Hilton, 1; S. Riddle, 2; W. Philmore, 3; B. Hawkins, 4; R. Hilton, 5; W. Tice, 6; J. Bunch, 7; H. G. Hawkins (conductor), 8.

WINCHESTER.—On Thursday, August 23rd, at the Cathedral, on the back eight, 504 Grandsire Triples. A. E. Macey, 1; C. J. Chooet, 2; W. J. Sevier, 3; C. J. North, 4; W. C. Lampard, 5; J. Weaver, 6; W. H. George (conductor), 7; D. Froome, 8. On Thursday, August 30th, 504 Grandsire Triples. A. E. Macey, 1; C. J. Chooet, 2; W. J. Sevier, 3; R. Hasted, 4; C. J. North, 5; J. Weaver, 6; W. H. George (conductor), 7; J. Harris, 8. Tenor 32 cwt.

## THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

STREATHAM (Surrey).—On Tuesday, September 4th, for practice at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor in 25 mins. (non-conducted). G. Barrington, 1; R. B. Blanchard, 2; S. Greenwood, 3; D. Springall, 4; G. Pell, 5; A. G. Freeman, 6.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

**RODMERSHAM (Kent).**—On Sunday evening, September 2nd, for Divine Service, 720 Plain Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). G. Coast, 1; E. Day, 2; J. Dixon, M.A., 3; J. G. Grensted, 4; A. Hardy, 5; H. Wood (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, September 4th, for practice, 6-score of Bob Doubles. H. Wood, 1; A. Hardy, 2; E. Allen, 3; J. Dixon, M.A., 4; \*F. Shedd (conductor), 5; J. G. Grensted, 6. \*First time as conductor. And 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). A. Hardy, 1; J. Dixon, M.A. (conductor), 2; E. Allen, 3; J. G. Grensted, 4; F. Shedd, 5; H. Wood, 6. Messrs. Hardy and Allen hail from Borden; the rest belong to the local band.

**BROMLEY (Kent).**—On Wednesday, August 22nd, at the parish church, on the occasion of the marriage of Miss M. Z. Howard and Mr. H. Sharp, of Bromley, a 720 of Bob Minor with 6-8 covering. G. Simpson, 1; R. Humphery, 2; E. Dunn, 3; F. Sanders, 4; G. Durling (conductor), 5; W. James, 6; W. Fright, 7; F. Dunn, 8. On Sunday, September 2nd, for Divine Service in the morning, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 25 mins. J. Town, 1; W. Fright, 2; F. Sanders, 3; E. Dunn, 4; G. Durling (conductor), 5; G. Simpson, 6; T. Groombridge, 7; W. James, 8. This quarter-peal is the composition of H. P. Harman, a member of the local band.

## THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

**BEDFORD.**—On Sunday, June 10th, at St. Paul's church, 336 o Stedman Triples. J. Sharman, 1; C. Chasty, 2; H. Tysoe, 3; F. Keech, 4; I. Hills, 5; H. Sharp, 6; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 7; R. Shimmans, 8. And 224 of Double Norwich Court Bob Major. F. Keech, 1; C. Chasty, 2; H. Tysoe, 3; J. Sharman, 4; I. Hills, 5; W. Shimmans, 6; H. Sharp, 7; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 8. On Sunday, June 17th, a 504 of Grandsire Triples. H. Shimmans, 1; C. Chasty, 2; H. Sharp (conductor), 3; F. Keech, 4; I. Hills, 5; H. Tysoe, 6; J. Sharman, 7; A. Barnes (Sandy), 8. On Sunday, June 24th, a 420 of Stedman Triples. H. Tysoe, 1; C. Chasty, 2; J. Sharman, 3; F. Keech, 4; I. Hills, 5; F. Smith, 6; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 7; R. Shimmans, 8. And a 408 of Stedman Triples. J. Sharman, 1; F. Smith, 2; H. Tysoe, 3; S. J. Cullip, 4; I. Hills, 5; H. Sharp, 6; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 7; W. Shimmans, 8. And 416 Double Norwich. S. J. Cullip, 1; C. Chasty, 2; F. Smith, 3; J. Sharman, 4; I. Hills, 5; W. Shimmans, 6; H. Sharp, 7; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 8. On Sunday, July 1st, a 320 of Double Norwich. F. Keech, 1; C. Chasty, 2; H. Tysoe, 3; S. J. Cullip, 4; J. Sharman, 5; I. Hills, 6; H. Sharp, 7; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 8. On Tuesday, July 3rd, a 504 of Stedman Triples. J. Sharman, 1; C. Chasty, 2; S. J. Cullip, 3; F. Keech, 4; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 5; W. Shimmans, 6; H. Sharp, 7; R. Shimmans, 8. And a 504 of Grandsire Triples. C. W. Clarke (conductor), 1; C. Chasty, 2; H. Sharp, 3; S. J. Cullip, 4; W. Shimmans, 5; F. Keech, 6; J. Sharman, 7; V. Sear (Bletchley), 8. And a 576 Kent Treble Bob Major. F. Keech, 1; C. Chasty, 2; S. J. Cullip, 3; H. Tysoe, 4; J. Sharman, 5; I. Hills, 6; H. Sharp, 7; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 8. And a 336 of Double Norwich. F. Keech, 1; C. Chasty, 2; H. Tysoe, 3; S. J. Cullip, 4; J. Sharman, 5; W. Shimmans, 6; H. Sharp, 7; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 8.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

**LYTHAM (Lancashire).**—On Thursday, September 6th, at St. John's church, in honour of the wedding of the Rev. Canon Hawkins, the respected vicar of St. Cuthbert's, who was married to Miss Edith Threlfall, of Lytham, a 720 of Plain Bob (sixteen bobs and two singles). W. Bamber (conductor), 1; T. H. Mark, 2; A. E. Wilson, 3; J. Salthouse, 4; G. Maries, 5; R. Cookson, 6. And 240 College Single. W. Bamber, 1; T. H. Mark, 2; A. E. Wilson, 3; J. Salthouse, 4; C. H. Kerr, 5; J. Fell (conductor), 6. Also 120 Stedman Doubles. W. Bamber (conductor), 1; T. H. Mark, 2; A. E. Wilson, 3; J. Salthouse, 4; C. H. Kerr, 5; J. Fell, 6. And 120 Grandsire Doubles. W. Bamber, 1; T. H. Mark, 2; J. Fell, 3; J. Salthouse, 4; C. Kerr (conductor), 5; R. Cookson, 6.

**DALTON-IN-FURNESS (Lancashire).**—On Sunday evening, September 9th, for Divine Service, 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles) in 24 mins. J. Spencer, 1; T. Stuart, 2; T. Watson, 3; A. E. Sheppard, 4; T. R. Jackson (conductor), 5; J. Burrows, 6. On Friday, September 7th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor (twenty-two singles) in 26 mins. J. Gibson, 1; T. Stuart, 2; J. Spencer, 3; A. E. Sheppard, 4; C. J. A. Cushing, 5; J. Burrows (conductor), 6. On Sunday evening, September 9th, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor (fourteen singles and four bobs) in 25 mins. J. Gibson, 1; T. P. Jackson, 2; J. Spencer, 3; A. E. Sheppard, 4; T. Stuart, 5; J. Burrows (conductor), 6.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

**BOCKING (Essex).**—On Tuesday, September 4th, for practice at St.

Mary's church, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob. S. Sargent, 1; W. Moore, 2; W. Grimwade, 3; C. Bearman, 4; H. E. Hammond (conductor), 5; E. Carter, 6. And 720 Cambridge Surprise. S. Sargent, 1; W. Moore, 2; W. Grimwade, 3; F. Rudkin, 4; H. E. Hammond (conductor), 5; E. Carter, 6. On Sunday, September 9th, for Divine Service in the afternoon, 720 Double Court Bob. H. Butcher, 1; F. Radley, 2; W. Grimwade, 3; F. Warren, 4; S. Sargent, 5; C. H. Howard (conductor), 6. E. Carter hails from Bermondsey; Messrs. Rudkin, Grimwade, Hammond and Howard from Braintree, the rest belong to the local company. Tenor 18½ cwt.

**BRAINTREE (Essex).**—On Sunday, August 26th, at the parish church for Divine Service in the evening, a 720 College Exercise. T. Watson, 1; F. Calthorpe, 2; W. Grimwade, 3; W. Hammond, 4; F. Rudkin (conductor), 5; H. E. Hammond, 6. On Sunday, September 2nd, for Divine Service in the morning, a 720 New London Pleasure (twenty-one bobs). T. Watson, 1; F. Rudkin, 2; W. Grimwade, 3; W. Hammond, 4; C. H. Howard (conductor), 5; H. E. Hammond, 6. And for evening service a 720 Cambridge Surprise. T. Watson, 1; F. Rudkin, 2; C. H. Howard (conductor), 3; W. Grimwade, 4; W. Hammond, 5; E. Hammond, 6. On Sunday, September 9th, for Divine Service in the morning, a 720 of Woodbine Treble Bob. F. Rudkin, 1; F. Calthorpe, 2; W. Hammond, 3; W. Grimwade, 4; C. H. Howard, 5; H. E. Hammond (conductor), 6. And for evening service a 720 Bocking Treble Bob. H. E. Hammond (conductor), 1; F. Calthorpe, 2; F. Rudkin, 3; W. Grimwade, 4; W. Hammond, 5; C. H. Howard, 6. Tenor 13 cwt.

**KELVEDON (Essex).**—On Saturday, September 8th, for practice at St. Mary's church, 1000 changes were rung, consisting of Grandsire, Old Doubles, Oxford, and Cambridge, each called differently. T. Dale, 1; J. Elliott, 2; J. Frost, 3; H. Elliott, 4; W. Elliott (conductor), 5. On Sunday evening, September 9th, for Divine Service, 1260 changes were rung, consisting of Oxford and Cambridge, Old Doubles, and Grandsire, each called differently in 56 mins. T. Dale, 1; H. Elliott, 2; J. Frost, 3; H. Evers, 4; W. Elliott (conductor), 5. Tenor 21 cwt.

## THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

**BLETCHLEY (Bucks).**—On Sunday, September 9th, at the parish church, a peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major was attempted, but had to be abandoned after ringing 4736 changes in 2 hrs. 55 mins. on account of the fourth bell getting loose on the stock. C. W. Clarke (conductor), 1; H. Sharp, 2; P. Howard, 3; B. Foskett, 4; G. Smith, 5; N. Alderman, 6; G. Newson, 7; A. Jacob, 8.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

**CREWE (Cheshire).**—On Sunday evening, September 9th, for Divine Service at Christ Church, 1064 Grandsire Triples in 38 mins. L. E. Fearn, 1; A. Harding, 2; A. Jarvis, 3; R. Langford, 4; G. Harding, 5; A. Dudley, 6; R. T. Holding (conductor), 7; J. Edwards, 8. Longest touch by Messrs. Fearn and Edwards; also first touch with a bob bell by A. Dudley.

## THE WATERLOO SOCIETY, LONDON.

**LONDON.**—On Saturday, September 1st, at the church of St. Olave, Hart Street, 720 Grandsire Minor in 26 mins. T. H. Taffender, 1; A. K. Davis, 2; W. F. Meads, 3; H. N. Davis, 4; F. J. Pitts, 5; E. P. O'Meara (conductor), 6. On Sunday evening, September 2nd, for Divine Service at St. Margaret's church, Westminster, 953 Grandsire Caters. T. H. Taffender, 1; A. R. Davis, 2; F. J. Pitts (conductor), 3; R. Bevan, 4; F. G. Perrin, 5; D. W. Griggs, 6; G. Smith, 7; H. Heams, 8; E. P. O'Meara, 9; H. N. Davis, 10.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

**CHESTERFIELD (Derbyshire).**—On Saturday, September 8th, eight members attempted Holt's Original peal of Grandsire Triples, but after ringing 3612 changes in 2 hrs. 15 mins. the peal had to be abandoned owing to the bad go of the tenor. A. Craven, 1; D. Farthing, 2; J. W. Thompson (Derby), 3; A. Knights (conductor), 4; A. E. Thompson (Derby), 5; G. Davies, 6; J. Goodwin, 7; G. Mee, 8. On Tuesday, September 4th, for practice, 1008 Bob Major. G. Mee, 1; D. Farthing, 2; G. Topliss, 3; G. Davies, 4; W. J. Thyng, 5; W. E. Tydeman, 6; A. Knights, 7; J. Goodwin, 8. Tenor 24½ cwt.

## STOKE-ON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

**TUNSTALL (Staffordshire).**—On Sunday, June 3rd, at the parish church, for Divine Service, a 720 of New London Pleasure. J. Whitmore, 1; G. A. Smith, 2; J. Foden, 3; W. Rigby, 4; W. Harrold, 5; J. Johnson (conductor), 6. On Sunday, June 24th, a 720 Oxford Treble Bob, standing as before, conducted by W. Harrold. On Sunday, July 1st, a 720 Duke of York. J. Whitmore, 1; G. A.

Smith, 2; W. Rigby, 3; J. Foden, 4; W. Harrott, 5; J. Johnson (conductor), 6. Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. E. Clarke and Miss H. Goodwin, the ringers wishing them much happiness.

#### SOUTH AND WEST MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

**ISLEWORTH (Middlesex).**—On Sunday afternoon, September 2nd, for Men's service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. T. Beadle, 1; L. Copsey, 2; E. J. Walsom, 3; A. H. Taber, 4; F. Goddard, 5; J. Basden (conductor), 6; W. Smith, 7; W. Stanney, 8.

**EALING (Middlesex).**—On Sunday evening, September 9th, for Divine Service at St. Mary's church, 500 Grandsire Triples. W. Wood, 1; E. J. Walsom, 2; L. Copsey, 3; J. Basden (conductor), 4; A. H. Taber, 5; H. Parsons, 6; A. Fryer, 7; H. Stemp, 8.

#### THE NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

**LINCOLN.**—On Saturday, September 8th, at the church of St. Peter-at-Gowts, 348 of Grandsire Minor. W. Weaver, 1; T. Walker, 2; C. R. Lilley, 3; H. Hoyes, 4; H. Palmer, 5; W. Knowles (conductor), 6. Afterwards 280 of Kent Treble Bob. C. R. Lilley, 1; T. Walker, 2; H. Maidens, 3; H. Hoyes, 4; H. Palmer, 5; W. Knowles (conductor), 6. And a 360 of Bob Minor. T. Walker, 1; H. Maidens, 2; C. R. Lilley, 3; H. Hoyes, 4; H. Palmer, 5; W. Knowles (conductor), 6. And a plain course of Bob Minor. C. Lilley, 2; H. Hoyes, 3; W. Panel, 4; the rest standing as before. It is the first touch of Treble Bob and Grandsire by C. Lilley. It is a period of five years since the ringers met together. Messrs. Palmer and Lilley hail from Boston. The ringers wish through the medium of this paper to thank the Rev. J. W. Townroe, vicar, and the churchwardens for the use of the bells, and Mr. W. Knowles and company for having met them.

**BATTLE (Sussex).**—Recently at the parish church, a 350 Grandsire Triples. W. Eastland, 1; W. Thomas, 2; T. Hunnisett (Bexhill), 3; C. Hyland, 4; J. Curtis, 5; W. Franks (conductor), 6; H. Elliott, 7; J. Matthis, 8. And a 360 of Grandsire Minor. W. Eastland, 1; W. Thomas, 2; F. Mathis, 3; \*J. Livermore, 4; W. Franks, 5; †J. Curtis (conductor), 6; T. Hutchings, 7; W. H. Eldridge, 8. \*Longest touch. †Longest touch as conductor. On Sunday, August 19th, a 350 of Grandsire Triples. W. Eastland, 1; C. Hyland, 2; F. Mathis, 3; W. Thomas, 4; J. Curtis, 5; W. Franks (conductor), 6; J. Matthis, 7; W. H. Eldridge, 8. On Sunday, September 2nd, for Divine Service in the morning, a 504 Grandsire Triples. W. Eastfield, 1; W. Thomas, 2; F. Mathis, 3; C. J. Hyland, 4; W. Franks (conductor), 5; J. Curtis, 6; H. Elliott, 7; J. Matthis, 8. And for evening service, a 350 of Grandsire Triples. W. Eastfield, 1; W. Thomas, 2; F. Mathis, 3; C. J. Hyland, 4; J. Curtis, 5; J. Matthis, 6; W. Franks (conductor), 7; W. H. Eldridge, 8. On Tuesday, September 4th, Mr. E. J. Comb, a College Youth, paid us a visit, so we mustered a little earlier in the evening, several touches being rung, amongst them a 350 of Grandsire Triples. W. Eastland, 1; W. Thomas, 2; F. Mathis, 3; E. J. Comb, 4; J. Matthis, 5; S. Saker, 6; W. Franks (conductor), 7; C. J. Hyland, 8. And a 504 of Grandsire Triples. F. Mathis, 1; C. J. Hyland, 2; E. J. Comb, 3; S. Saker, 4; J. Matthis (conductor), 5; J. Curtis, 6; H. Elliott, 7; W. Thomas, 8. Tenor 23 cwt. in F♯.

**BEACONSFIELD (Bucks).**—On Friday, September 7th, at the parish church, the local company rang six touches of Grandsire Doubles without any outside assistance. S. Wade, 1; A. Worley and R. Price, 2; G. Leslie, 3; R. Buckland, 4; G. Tapping (conductor), 5; F. Price, 6.

**DARLINGTON.**—On Tuesday, September 4th, for practice, 720 College Single in 22 mins. W. Kingdon, 1; T. Lungley, 2; R. B. Wilson, 3; G. W. Park, 4; G. J. Lungley, 5; G. A. Overton (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method by all except the conductor, and first on the bells.

**FENNY STRATFORD (Bucks).**—On Sunday, September 9th, at the parish church, for Divine Service in the morning, a 720 Bob Minor in 20 mins. C. W. Clarke, 1; N. Alderman, 2; G. Valentine, sen., 3; H. Sharp, 4; G. Valentine, jun., 5; P. Howard (conductor), 6. N. Alderman hails from London, Messrs. Clarke, Sharp and Howard from Bedford, Messrs. Valentine from Stony Stratford. Tenor 9 cwt.

**LONDON (Norfolk).**—On Thursday, August 30th, at the parish church, an attempt was made for a peal of Grandsire Triples, Holt's Original, but after ringing 1 hr. and 30 mins. it came to grief owing to a change course. J. E. Burton, 1; P. Sadler, 2; J. A. Trollop, 3; A. W. Brighton, 4; G. Howchin, 5; J. E. Davies, 6; F. J. Howchin, 7; C. E. Borrett, 8. J. E. Davies hails from London, the rest from Norwich.

**LYTHAM (Lancashire).**—Recently at St. Cuthbert's church in honour of the wedding of the vicar, Canon Hawkins, a quarter-peal of

Stedman Triples in 45 mins. J. Fisher, 1; J. Allanson, 2; J. Miller (conductor), 3; W. Atkinson, 4; C. Lewis, 5; G. Miller, 6; R. Atkinson, 7; W. Miller, 8. Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qrs. lbs.

**NORTH STONEHAM (Hants).**—On Sunday evening, August 19th, for Divine Service at the church of St. Nicolas, several 120s of Grandsire Doubles. E. Mundy, 1; C. Tribe, 2; W. H. George (conductor), 3; C. J. Chooet, 4; W. Payne, 5; G. Dumper, 6. On Sunday, September 9th, several more 120s. E. Mundy, C. Tribe, W. H. George, C. J. Chooet, W. J. Sevier, W. Payne, and G. Dumper. Messrs. Mundy and Dumper belong to the local band.

**NORWICH (Norfolk).**—On Thursday, August 16th, at the church of St. Lawrence, a 720 of Double Norwich Court Bob Minor. C. H. Willson, 1; A. W. Brighton, 2; F. H. Knights, 3; S. Smith, 4; F. Knights (conductor), 5; G. Smith, 6. On Friday, August 17th, at the church of St. Giles, a 560 of Bob Major. J. Smith, 1; G. Howchin, 2; F. J. Howchin, 3; W. Bales, 4; C. E. Wilson, 5; A. G. Warnes, 6; A. W. Brighton, 7; C. E. Borrett (conductor), 8. Tenor 14 cwt. On Wednesday, August 22nd, at the church of St. Peter Mancroft, a 440 of Kent Treble Bob Royal. E. Ward, 1; S. Smith, 2; J. Smith, 3; E. H. Willson, 4; G. Howchin, 5; C. E. Borrett, 6; F. J. Howchin, 7; W. Bales, 8; G. Smith, 9; F. Knights (conductor), 10. On Thursday, August 23rd, at the church of St. Peter Mancroft, 480 Kent Treble Bob Royal. E. Ward, 1; S. Smith, 2; A. W. Brighton, 3; C. E. Wilson, 4; G. Howchin, 5; C. E. Borrett, 6; F. J. Howchin, 7; W. Bales, 8; G. Smith, 9; F. Knights (conductor), 10. Tenor 41 cwt. C. E. Wilson hails from Walton-on-the-Hill, Lancashire.

**NORTON SUBCOURSE (Norfolk).**—On Wednesday, August 29th, at the parish church, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor. J. Ellett, 1; W. Freeston, 2; J. E. Davis, 3; C. Walpole, 4; J. Jermy, 5; A. W. Brighton (conductor), 6.

**SNATH (Yorks).**—On Sunday morning, September 9th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 216 Bob Minor and 190 College Single. And for evening service 240 Yorkshire Court and 140 College Single. R. Pocklington, 1; G. Holmes, 2; E. Pick, 3; C. Tree, 4; R. Holmes, 5; J. D. Bullock (conductor), 6.

**STANSTEAD (Suffolk).**—On Saturday, August 25th, at the parish church, two 720s of Bob Minor. R. Gowers, 1; A. Clarke, 2; G. Smith, 3; J. Wheeler, 4; R. Theobald, 5; R. Brett (conductor), 6. And two 720s in the same method. A. Clarke, 1; J. Wheeler, 2; G. Smith, 3; R. Theobald, 4; R. Brett, 5; R. Gowers (conductor), 6. On Sunday, August 26th, on handbells, 18-score in the same method. R. Theobald, 1-2; R. Brett, 3-4; J. Wheeler, 5; A. Clarke (conductor), 6. And a course of Bob Royal. R. Theobald, 1-2; R. Brett, 3-4; G. Smith, 5; J. Wheeler, 6; A. Clarke, 7-8; R. Gowers, 9-10. On Sunday, September 9th, a 720 College Single. A. Clarke, 1; G. Smith, 2; A. Symonds (Lavenham), 3; R. Theobald, 4; R. Brett, 5; R. Gowers (conductor), 6. And a course of Bob Royal on handbells. R. Theobald, 1-2; A. Symonds, 3-4; R. Brett, 5-6; S. Slater, 7-8; R. Gowers, 9-10.

**SHIMPLING (Suffolk).**—On Sunday, September 2nd, the ringers of Stanstead visited this place and rang two 6-scores of Bob Doubles. A. Clarke (conductor), 1; R. Brett, 2; G. Smith, 3; R. Theobald, 4; R. Gowers, 5.

**TREETON (Yorks).**—On Sunday morning, August 12th, for Divine Service, 360 College Pleasure. And for evening service 720 in the same method. On Sunday morning, August 19th, 240 Oxford Treble Bob. In the evening 240 Kent Treble Bob. A. Wooffenden, 1; J. H. Brothwell, 2; S. Walker, 3; W. Lambert, 4; W. J. Nicholson, 5; T. Whitworth, 6. On Thursday, August 23rd, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. T. Whitworth, 2; A. J. Plowman, 4; W. Lambert, 5; J. H. Brothwell, 6. Also 720 of Kent with J. H. Brothwell, 5; W. Lambert, 6. And 240 of Violet with W. J. Nicholson, 5; W. Lambert, 6. On Wednesday, August 29th, 720 of Violet. A. Wooffenden, 1; J. H. Brothwell, 2; S. Walker, 3; A. J. Plowman, 4; W. J. Nicholson, 5; W. Lambert, 6. On Sunday morning, September 2nd, 360 Violet with T. Whitworth, 2. On Thursday, September 6th, 720 Duke of York. A. Wooffenden, 1; T. Whitworth, 2; J. H. Brothwell, 3; A. J. Plowman, 4; S. Walker, 5; W. Lambert, 6. And 360 Violet. S. Walker, 3; W. Lambert, 5; J. H. Brothwell, 6.

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

**TRUE AND FALSE AUTHORSHIP.**

SIR,—In reply to Mr. Trollop's letter of last week, my answer is that I do not consider there is any credit due to him for the composition of the two peals published, as he has simply copied them from the peal of Double Oxford I published on July 14th, but it is a very different thing in the case of the peal under discussion. I composed my peal and had sent it for publication in "THE BELL NEWS" eleven weeks before I saw the figures of Mr. Trollop's peal, and I believe it is the first peal of Double Oxford ever published in which the tenors do not dodge together on the lead, so that I think I have quite sufficient ground to claim my peal as an original composition. I should be very pleased indeed to listen to what Mr. John Carter or any other composer would like to say in the matter. If they should be so kind as to send their opinions to "THE BELL NEWS."

H. W. WILDE.

**A CORRECTION.**

SIR,—In last week's issue of "THE BELL NEWS," a report of some ringing done at Southminster, Essex: the writer states a 720 of Bob Minor was rung in 25 mins., which is the first on the bells for twenty years. I beg to say that a 720 was rung in April, 1891, by G. Mansfield, 1; W. Nevard, 2; W. Hazell, 3; Rev. T. L. Papillon, 4; M. Windley, 5; W. Lincoln (conductor), 6. And a 360 Kent Treble Bob, as time would not permit of another 720. A 720 of Oxford was also rung at Tillingham, which was the first on the bells. This was rung at a district meeting of the E.A.C.R. In the report for 1891, the secretary states: "At Southminster, the Association performed one of its most useful functions, breaking fresh ground in a district where change-ringing is as yet almost unknown; the 'Dengie Hundred' having been hitherto inaccessible for an ordinary day's expedition, before the opening of the new railway. Such visits to out of the way places, even if they do not result in immediate addition to our numbers or rapid spread of change-ringing, do good in stimulating curiosity, and in shewing local ringers that there are higher standards of the art than those with which they have been contented."

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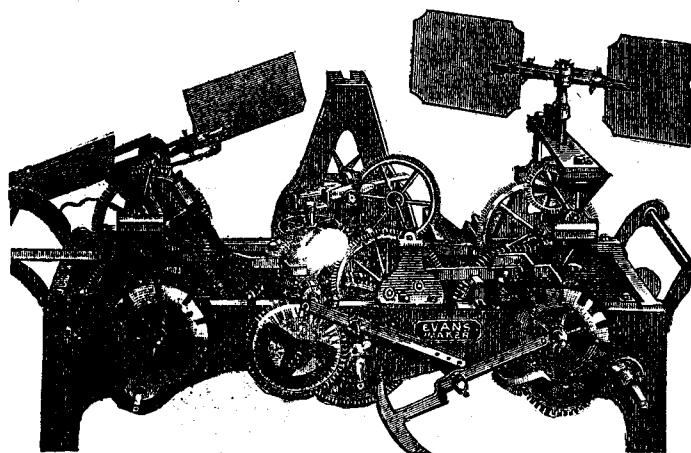
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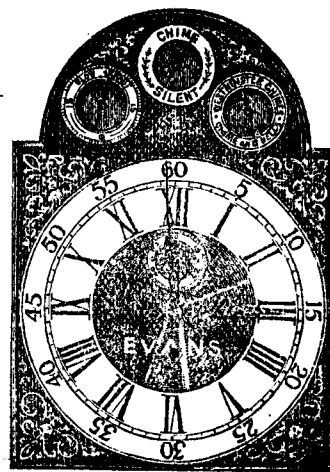
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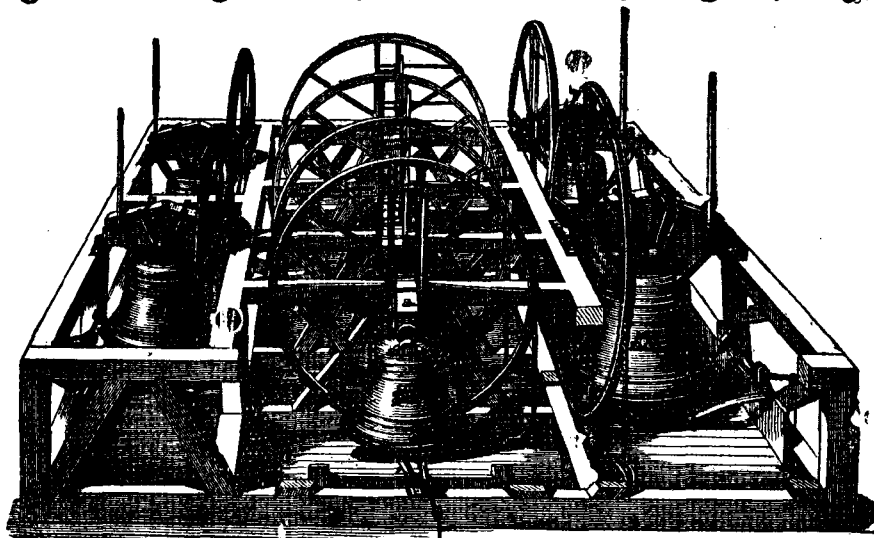
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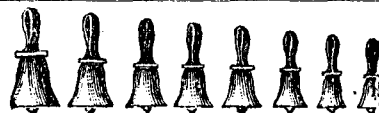
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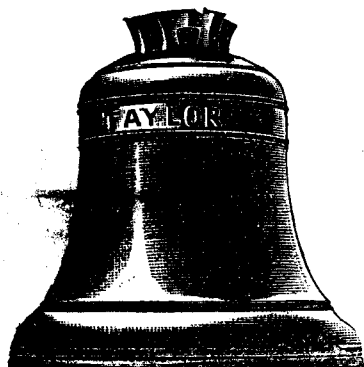
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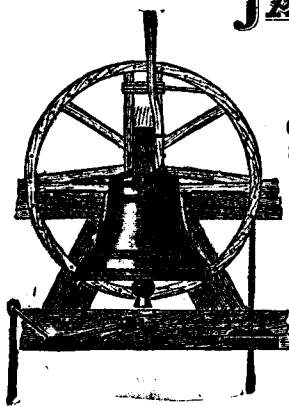
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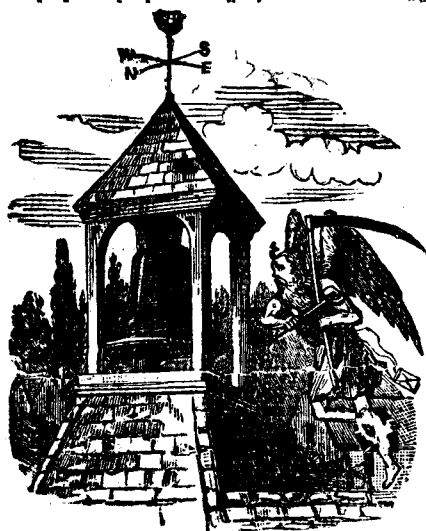
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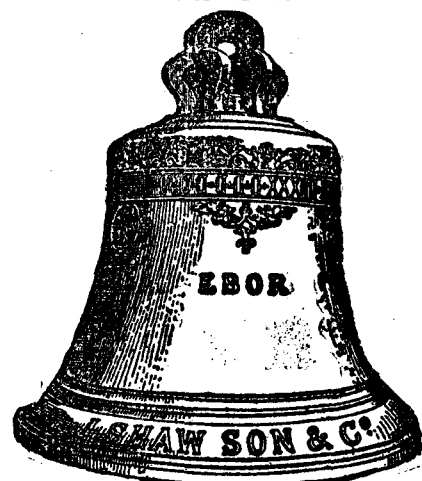
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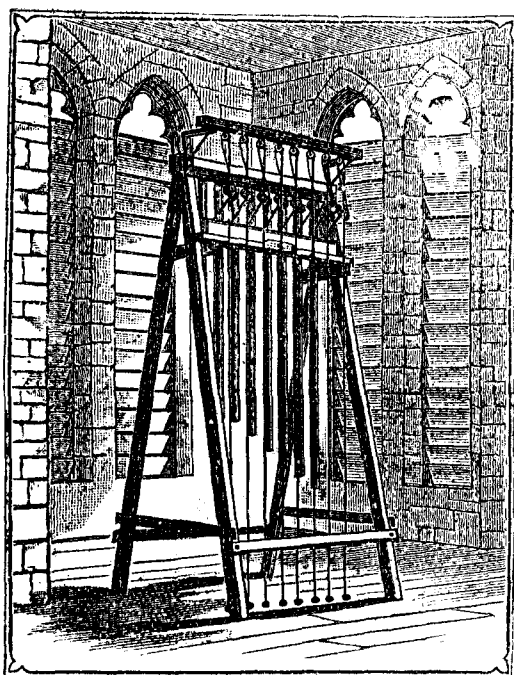
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## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—ROCHESTER DISTRICT.

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Mr. H. G. Bonner (Milton), proposed Cliffe (eight bells) as the place for the next quarterly meeting of the district on December 1st.

On a six-bell tower being brought forward, Mr. W. Harper (Swanscombe), opposed the suggestion, and said he took it that these meetings were for the advancement of ringing generally, as well as for the occasional outings, and, therefore, an eight-bell tower should be selected, as it gave the young six-bell ringers an opportunity of improving their knowledge of the Art. Ultimately Mr. Elliott (Sittingbourne) seconded Mr. Bonner's proposition, and it was carried.

Mr. Harper then spoke about the condition of the Gravesend bells, and the backward condition ringing was in there, and suggested that a letter be written to the rector and means taken to bring the tower within the Union.

The Chairman then detailed a conversation he had had with the rector of Gravesend, who, he said, seemed very anxious to have a band of ringers, but he complained that on the Queen's birthday and Coronation day the late members had declined to ring without being remunerated, but he offered to subscribe to their fund at the end of the year. Now he (the speaker) thought the ringers had acted in a proper spirit. Many of them could not afford to lose a day's pay for the love of the thing, but they gave their services free on the majority of the Sabbath-days in the year.

The Rev. F. J. O. Helmore (Central Hon. Secretary), said he knew this was a vexed question with the majority of his brethren of the cloth, and one in which he entirely disagreed with them, but nevertheless if the subject was placed before them in a proper way, he was sure they would be brought to view the matter in the same light as himself.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the last speaker for his attendance, and to the chairman for presiding, this concluding the business.

The members then separated to meet again at either of the steeples, where Superlative Surprise, Treble Bob Major, and various Minor methods were rung. One and all voted the meeting of '94 to be a complete success.

## CROYLAND ABBEY AND ITS BELLS.

By THE REV. T. H. LEBGUE, RECTOR OF CROYLAND, NEAR PETERBOROUGH.

This venerable abbey was founded in A.D. 716, by Ethelbald, King of Mercia, in memory of his promise to a monk named Guthlac, who had landed on this isolated spot on St. Bartholomew's Day, A.D. 697.

In 870 the Danes, under Osketul, slew Theodore, the fourth Abbot of Croyland, at the high altar, and burnt the Abbey.

In 941 Thurkytel, Athelstan's Chancellor, became the sixth Abbot of Croyland. He rebuilt the Abbey on a majestic scale, and introduced in the monastery the Benedictine Rule.

In 946 Thurkytel gave a great bell, which he named Guthlac; afterwards six others. All of them rung together,—

"Non erat tunc tanta consonantia in tota Anglia."

Elgeric, Thurkytel's nephew, made the six bells named Bartholomew, Betelin, Pega, Bega, Tatwyn, and Thurketyte.

These are said to be the first great peal of bells rung in England, and resounded with melody through the extended plains of South Holland, whence the proverb,—

"As sweet as Croyland bells,"

Ingulphus, the historian, was the fourteenth Abbot of Croyland, and during his abbacy, the abbey was burnt a second time (1091).

Abbot Joffrid, on March 7th, 1113, laid the first stone of the choir, but before the nave could be roofed, the building was much damaged by an earthquake (1118), and in 1170 the abbey was burnt a third time.

During the abbacy of Abbot Lytlington (1464), five of the six bells were sent to London to be recast at a cost of £160. Before they were hung (not as before in the central tower, but in the western tower), they were consecrated by Nicholas, Bishop of Elphin, and Suffragan to John, Bishop of Lincoln. The bells were named Guthlac, Bartholomew, Michael, Mary, and Trinity. As they were raising a great beam to roof the new-built belfry, the tackle suddenly gave way, and in falling, greatly damaged the building below, but, though there were twenty workmen in the tower, not one received any hurt.

At the dissolution of monasteries (1539), the annual income of the abbey amounted to £1217, out of which the Commissioners generously (?) allowed "£10 for serving the cure of Croyland," but even that income has been withdrawn, and Croyland is now a very poor benefice.

In 1688 the nave roof fell, and the north aisle became the parish church.

The present peal consists of only five bells. Bell No. 1. Recast 1464 in London, and bears the following inscription in honour of Abbot John Lytlington:

"In Multis Annis Resonat Campana Iohannis."

also the Royal Arms of France and England quarterly, crowned, and the words "Ihw merci ladi help."

Bell No. 2.—"Thomas Norris made me 1674."

Bells No. 3 and 4.—"Wm. Hickling, Wm. Cooke, Churchwardens. Edward Arnold, Leicester. Fecit. 1788."

Bell No. 5.—"Rev. Moor Sciebo, rector

Wm. Cooke & Charles Ashby, Churchwardens.

E. Arnold, Leicester."

I will add a few notes taken from the *Parish Records of Croyland*, dated July 5th, 1788.

"Took the 3rd and 2nd bells down, and sent them to Leicester to be recast."

"The 2nd bell weighed 6 cwt., with 7½ stone of iron, with nuts, bolts, screws, and 2 clappers."

"The 2nd bell was brought back 16th July, and in the frames the 24th and 25th July 1788."

"In 1797 the 4th bell was recast by Edward Arnold, of Leicester, at a cost of £22 18s. 2½d."

"The cost of carriage from Croyland to Leicester, £1 13s. 6d."

"The 4th bell weighed 9½ cwt."

"Gave the ringers 5 shillings for ringing after the bell was up."

"Paid James Blake for a set of bell ropes, £1 7s. 6d."

"On the 18th October 1798, paid the ringers at Nelson's victory 5 shillings and 2 shillings for powder."

"Dec. 24, 1815, paid the ringers for 3 days' ringing at the Celebration of Peace, £1 10s. 0d."

Now as to our present work. The estimated cost for repairs to the bells, frame, and floor, is £248. The oak frame dates from 1464, and is perfectly decayed. The bells have not been rung for more than seven years. The squinch arches in the bell-chamber, which support the steeple, have been recently rebuilt, and the tower underpinned. Up to August 24th, 1894,

£2276 gs. 9½d. have been received, and £2211 15s. 2½d. paid. The cost for the tower repairs alone was £1700. Therefore the rector of Croyland (the Rev. T. H. Le Bœuf), appeals to the readers of "THE BELL NEWS" for help to enable him to make safe and secure the bell-chamber, bell-frame, and bells of the ancient historic abbey of Croyland, otherwise Crowland.

Contributions received from bell-ringers' associations will be duly announced in "THE BELL NEWS." We hope that the sum of £248 may be speedily raised, to enable the bells to be repaired and used on Advent Sunday, December 2nd, 1894. Pray, reader, help.

#### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The eighteenth quarterly meeting of the members forming the Saxmundham District was held in the parish room at Aldeburgh, on Saturday, September 15th, the vicar, the Rev. H. Thompson, M.A., presiding. The bells of the fine old church of SS. Peter and Paul were kindly placed at the disposal of the members, and were kept going in various methods at frequent intervals. The business meeting was held at 5.30, when the minutes of the last meeting were read, confirmed, and signed by the chairman. The Rev. T. C. Dale, Messrs. W. S. Newson, E. Wigg, and S. J. Spall, all of Leiston, were enrolled as probationary members of the Association, on the proposition of the Hon. Sec., Mr. W. Taylor, seconded by Mr. F. Cooper. It was unanimously resolved to hold the next meeting at Saxmundham, on December 8th, on the proposition of Mr. G. Wilson, seconded by Mr. R. Wells. A cordial vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells and the parish room, and for presiding on the occasion. This concluded the business of the meeting.

#### OLD HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

On Tuesday, September 11th, the inhabitants of this place were surprised to hear the bells of Holy Trinity being fired at mid-day, and turned out in full force to see the real cause, which was to them a little disappointing, the ringers being fully aware that this was the time appointed for the wedding ceremony of their churchwarden, Thomas Cooksey, Esq., to Miss Anne Eliza Bassano, eldest daughter of W. Bassano, Esq., J.P., and fellow-churchwarden, which took place in glorious weather at the church of St. Ethelburga, Ebrington, Gloucestershire. The bride was given away by her father, and the bridegroom was attended by H. F. Bassano, Esq., brother of the bride, as best man. The wedding breakfast was served up at Blackdowns House, Ebrington, the country seat of the bride's father, after which the newly-married pair left by train from Moreton-in-the-Marsh for Shanklin, Isle of Wight. Firing continued for a long time, after which a touch of Grandsire Triples was rung by T. Johnson, W. Foxall, O. Pearson, W. Priest, H. Cartwright, H. Mason (conductor), W. Green, and G. Bird. Also 720 Grandsire Minor (60 calls). T. Johnson, 1; W. Priest, 2; H. Cartwright, 3; W. Foxall, 4; H. Mason (conductor), 5; W. Green, 6. A peal of Major was intended to have been attempted, but owing to the indisposition of one of the band, this could not be, but it is hoped to be achieved later on. Several other touches of Triples and Minor were attempted during the day. The ringers take this opportunity of wishing the newly-married pair every happiness.

#### THE HEAVY WOOLLEN DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

A contest in connection with the above took place at Sandal upon six bells, when the Association's cup and other prizes were awarded for the best 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, the local company kindly giving the extra prizes. The following companies competed: Dewsbury, Batley, Batley Carr, Kirkheaton, Kirkburton, Shelley, Thornhill, Armitage Bridge, Almondbury, and Horbury. The following were successful: 1st.—Batley Carr, cup and silver medals, 240 faults; 2nd.—Almondbury, six half-dozen knives and forks, 289 faults; 3rd.—Shelley, six time-keepers, 437 faults; 4.—Kirkheaton, six walking sticks, 487 faults. Mr. John Cordingley (Calverley), and Mr. Charles Hollings (Barnsley), were the judges, who gave every satisfaction.

#### THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN BRANCH.—The usual monthly meeting was held at St. Peter's church, Woolton, on Saturday, September 1st. The towers represented were Warrington, Prescott, Garston, and also the local company. The tower was open for ringing at 3 o'clock. The business meeting was held in the schoolroom, at which Mr. Ball, of Woolton, was voted to the chair. The minutes of the previous meeting held at Hale were read and confirmed. Mr. Ball then said he was very sorry to see such a poor meeting, and as he had nothing particular to say, but to get the business done, and go into the tower for a ring, it was proposed by Mr. Byron, seconded by Mr. Hislop, that Mr. R. S. Mann be elected committee-man for the next two years, which was carried unanimously. It was proposed by Mr. Hislop, and seconded by Mr. Byron, that the next meeting be held at St. Paul's church, Warrington, on October 6th, which was carried unanimously. A vote of thanks passed to the rector and churchwardens for the use of the bells, and to the local company for having everything in readiness terminated the meeting.

#### A FORTNIGHT'S HOLIDAY IN SUFFOLK.

A very pleasant and agreeable time was spent by Mr. C. Herbert and Sons, of Woburn, Beds, accompanied at various times by other members of the Essex Association. Starting on Monday, the 27th ult., various touches were rung both on church bells as well as handbells, full reports of which will be found in their proper place. Best thanks are due to Mr. C. Sillitoe, the conductor of the Sudbury Company, for making the preliminary arrangements, etc. Also to Mr. S. Slater, of Glemsford, for so kindly conducting the visitors through the interesting Cocoa Mat Factory in full swing at Glemsford.

#### DEATH OF AN OLD RINGER AT THE ANTIPODES.

*Extract from the Saturday Globe, Utica, U.S.A., August 25th, 1894.*

Josiah Newey, an old resident of Oneida county, was born in Birmingham, England, on July 13th, 1813, and died on Wednesday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. M. A. Pease, 306, N. Jay Street. He had been reading a newspaper, and arose to go into another room, when he fell to the floor, and before medical aid could be summoned he had expired. Last winter deceased and his wife celebrated their sixtieth wedding anniversary. Deceased was the son of a bell-ringer, and in England followed that calling. As a bell-ringer in a church at Birmingham, he announced to the people of that city the death of King George IV. in 1830, and he also rang at the coronation of Queen Victoria. He leaves a widow and four children to mourn his loss.

W. H. S.

#### A SERIOUS LOSS.

Mr. John Mitchell, of 25, Childebert road, Balham, writes as follows:

"SIR,—The whole of my "BELL NEWS" of Vol. XI. have been destroyed, and as I have them all bound from Vol. IV. inclusive (Vol. XII. being now in the binder's hands) I want to replace them. The volume is from March 1892 to March 1893 and the publisher tells me that 1892 Nos. are out of print. What am I to do? Can you help me in any way? I should be extremely sorry to have to miss a volume, and shall be extremely obliged to you if you can and will assist me to obtain the Numbers."

We have thought it best to insert our correspondent's letter in full. There may possibly be some of our readers who have the numbers to dispose of.

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## CURRENT TOPICS.

Nothing do we read of in the paper but festivity, all births and marriages; no deaths. This sentence must be construed metaphorically, of course. What I really mean is that we have plenty of cheerful and enlivening news, nothing despondent. There is a presentation or two to worthy brethren of the craft, peals rang in honour of ringers' weddings, bell restorations, and all the rest of it. The times are good, my masters.

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Speaking of ringers' marriages, on a second consideration I am afraid we cannot all compliment ourselves from a ringer's point of view, upon the results which sometimes follow these ceremonies. We hear a question sometimes asked like this: "Have you seen Tom——lately?" And then the answer: "Oh no! he's married, and given up ringing; never comes near the tower now." "Ah!" says someone near: "That's just how we lose young promising ringers; their wives have a lot to answer for." I suppose I shall be thought some brusque ungallant old bachelor if I say that those who leave off ringing through taking wives to themselves must be very "soft" people indeed. They evidently are unacquainted with the manner in which the fair sex should be managed.

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A very good idea of the Rev. Maitland Kelly's, *re* the next Church Congress at Exeter. The tone of the "leader" last week upon this matter was just right. And that being so, I need not refer any more to it.

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Fifteen peals: two of Double Norwich, and the same number of Treble Bob Maximus! A friend of mine looking through the list of peals last Saturday said: "The hounds are out." When I desired an explanation, I got it to the effect that a good company was upon a ringing tour. And so it proved. The Durham and Newcastle chaps (so my friend termed them) were doing the heavy at Norwich and Ipswich, and at Coddendam, in Suffolk. The peal of Double Norwich at Coddendam, and the peal of Treble Twelve at Ipswich were rung in one day, six of the former band (all gentlemen from the North) taking part in the latter also. It is not so very many years ago that the "Durham and Newcastle" was looked upon as a "slow" kind of body, as far as ringing was concerned. But what a change within a few years. There is no Association that can produce better companies nowadays. And as bob-callers: why they have men who can—as the Iron Duke once said of his soldiers: "go anywhere and do anything." I suppose the usual account of this tour will appear in due course.

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A reverend gentleman has sent a note to the Editor wherein he says that "'Plain Speaker' writes some very good paragraphs," but is sometimes ungrammatical, as in the following phrase: "The bells go beautiful." I plead guilty to the soft impeachment. I ought to have put these four words between inverted commas, then they would have done. I confess to making slips like this sometimes, but I don't profess to be anything but a "plain," unvarnished—aye, ungrammatical, if you like, sort of a fellow. Then, to use a homely saying: "What can you expect from a pig but a grunt?" I thank the rev. gentleman, and take courage.

PLAIN SPEAKER.

## Correspondence.

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

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

TRUE AND FALSE AUTHORSHIP.

SIR,—As Mr. Wilde has altogether missed the point of my argument, I shall not pursue the subject further, but would merely ask him to read carefully the chapter on transposition in Snowdon's *Treble Bob*. I am sorry I have incurred the displeasure of our old friend "Plain Speaker," but I must say I think his attack on me unwarranted. Because I tried to substantiate by facts my assertions, I am accused of airing my little knowledge of the simple methods, and trying to teach everybody what everybody knows and knew years ago. Unfortunately everybody does not know, or at least does not recognise these things, else there would have been no necessity for the present correspondence. It is not so very long ago that your contributor informed us "that he wrote as one altogether ignorant of the composer's art," yet he rarely misses an opportunity of snubbing those who would carry on a discussion on anything connected with composition in your pages. His statement that I have used the correspondence column for the figures of a couple of peals week after week, is,—well is an hyperbole. Does he mean to insinuate that my aim was to get compositions published without paying the customary fee? If so, he may set his mind easy on that score. I do not, and I think I made this sufficiently clear, lay any claim to the two peals at the foot of my last letter, but simply used them as illustrations. On the other hand I think I have played the part of the Good Samaritan in bringing into greater prominence my opponent's peals. J. A. TROLLOP.

Norwich.

CROYLAND ABBEY BELLS.

SIR,—"Plain Speaker" is quite right in doubting whether the present peal of five at Croyland is composed of the identical bells which formed the first peal in England. The tenor is indeed ancient (a fifteenth century bell), with black-letter inscription: *In multis annis resonet campana Johannis.* But it is certainly not old enough to be one of the original ring, which is said to have been put up in the tenth century. The other four bells are quite modern. The second, third, and fourth were cast by Arnold of Leicester in 1788 and 1797 respectively, and the treble by Thomas Morris, of Stamford, in 1654. J. R. JERRAM.

The Close, Salisbury.

ST. MARGARET'S, WESTMINSTER.

SIR,—This church has for years been most unfortunate in her ringers and ringing. Society after society has been formed, and for a little while flourishes, then pined and died; then another one sprang into existence only in its turn to languish and ultimately to meet the same fate. It seems inexplicable, but the fact remains that it is so. A splendid peal of bells, kept in good order at considerable expense; a glorious old church of great antiquity and historical interest; a rector, one of the finest preachers and scholars of the day; one would think ought to combine to keep a body of ringers together so that the sweet sounds of the bells might be heard calling the parishioners to prayer on Sunday evenings. Alas! it is not so. Something is radically wrong somewhere; the ringers have complained that there is a want of sympathy for them and their work shewn by the clergy; perhaps it may be so, any way the complaint is of many years' standing, and every influence brought to bear his factor to eradicate the feeling. On the other side the clergy and churchwardens assert, and not untruly—that the ringers only care for their weekly or fortnightly practice, and have no regard for the ringing for Sunday evening service, and it seems that it must be right, for week after week the bells remain silent. I myself, can speak from experience, as for about three years I was secretary of the society, and even by dint of hard work was hardly ever enabled to get a band together on two consecutive Sunday evenings, and at last getting disheartened, gave up trying. I frequently went down to the church on the practice-nights, and only found a few members there, not sufficient to ring. Good hard-working members, of whom there were a few turned up regularly, while others (if they came at all, which was seldom), turned up too late to be of any use, so the early, constant ones were disappointed of their pull, and went home disgusted. The failure is, I believe, as much owing to the want of interest in the work shown by the members themselves as from any other cause. The society (formed out of the remains of the old one) some months ago, seems as little likely to survive as any of the previous ones, its existence is only spasmodic, and has very little of the true vitality necessary to make a ringing society successful. If my friend, the Rev. W. J. Sommerville, can only bring this about, I am sure he will get a very large modicum of praise from the parishioners, and obtain a great amount of satisfaction from himself, for St. Margaret's bells ought to be heard, and the ringing ought to be done decently and in order. W. E. HARLAND-OSLEY.

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## AMONGST BELLS AND RINGING IN EAST ANGLIA.

[BY ONE OF THE ROAMERS.]

The programme issued to eight members of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association by the President, Mr. Story, for an eight-day trip in the Eastern Counties was a most inviting one, carefully prepared in every detail, and with the kindly help and forethought of local ringers was carried out to a "hair's breadth," so to speak, as the following faithful account will show. A severe accident however had placed Mr. Story *hors de combat*, and he had perforce to exercise a masterly inactivity during that week in a little Northumbrian village, much to our chagrin and his. The journey to Ipswich on Saturday, September 1st, needs little comment, as railway travelling at the best is not too interesting; the only thing of note was a 720 of Bob Minor, on handbells, brought into rounds at Spalding Station. Messrs. Alexander, Catchpole and Pemberton were waiting for us at our destination, and after the usual hearty greetings took us to our quarters, most comfortable ones by the way, The Halbert hotel, where a goodly company of "the Tower" Society awaited us. After refreshing ourselves with a good knife and fork tea, the handbells were brought out, and we had the honour and pleasure of ringing a course of Caters with the father of the company, Mr. Meadows, who has now entered on his 82nd year. We were all sorry to see Mr. W. Motts so poorly, but hope soon to see his name in the peal columns of our paper, and back to his old form. Next morning was Sunday, and broke bright and pleasant. An early walk gave us a sharp appetite for breakfast, after which we turned into the far-famed tower of St. Mary's, the scene of many a good peal lost and won. Here we were greeted by the famous "Jemmy" Motts, the conductor of the long peal at Debenham, and rare company he proved to be. Greetings were also exchanged with Mr. Howell (whom we were glad to find was just recovering from his late severe accident), and with Messrs. Hawes, Reeve, Saul, Durrant, etc., a course of Maximus was rung, and considering the amount of raw material in the band was fairly done. Accompanied by most of our new found friends we had a walk round the outskirts of the town, where a good view could be had of it and its many fine buildings. We were taken round the embankment and docks, and among other places of interest were shown The Great White Horse hotel, in one of the rooms of which was the scene of Mr. Pickwick's adventure with the old lady. After dinner two boats were hired, and accompanied by Messrs. Motts, Durrant and another, a pleasant row was enjoyed on the Orwell. For evening service at St. Mary's we assisted in 768 of Treble Twelve and a course of Stedman Cinques. While some went to meet Messrs. Lees and Harrison, who were expected from the north about eight o'clock, others retired to The Halbert to attempt a peal on handbells, but this was lost in the fifth course—Treble Bob it was—through two bells changing course. The same band also rang a course of Double Norwich Court Bob Major. C. L. Routledge, 1-2; W. Holmes, 3-4; J. Motts (conductor), 5-6; A. E. Durrant, 7-8. Also courses of Stedman Caters and Triples by the combined companies. After this a convivial evening was spent, our two companions having arrived both in the best of form. Next morning we were roused by the stentorian voice of "Freddy the tenor-man" calling us to arms, and after performing our ablutions—by the way our only "Alf" seemed determined to drown himself in a bucket at a jump every morning in his endeavours to get a "decent" wash, as he put it—we breakfasted and prepared for the journey to Coddendam. Host Flory provided us with two traps and horses to match, and off we set with "Bob" Hawes steering one, and "Billy" Motts the other. The road and drive was most interesting and pleasant, Coddendam being reached about 11 a.m. After a glance over the fine old church under the guidance of a lady from the vicarage, the bells, a musical peal, tenor 16 cwt.—were soon set tapping along to the tune of Double Norwich, a good peal being rung in 2 hrs. 58 mins. The ropes were all new, but the bells went well, and everything was most comfortable. The belfry contains several very old peal-boards, as far back as 1741, the name of that enthusiast of the 18th century, Theodore Eccleston, appearing on them. This gentleman was the donor of these bells. We were met at the bottom of the stairs with congratulations and a pocket full of fresh pulled nuts, from Mr.

Motts and a local ringer. Back again was the next turn, and 5.45 p.m. saw us mustered in St. Mary-le-Tower, stripping to another peal, one of Treble Twelve, which was pulled off in 3 hrs. 50 mins., little Billy Holmes being planted at the tenor, calling the bobs, a performance he is mightily proud of, and justly so. We were all enrolled members of the Norwich Diocesan Association before starting. The band was made up of six of each company, and the striking was favourably commented on outside by such men as Saul, Reeve, Howell and Meadows. We were afterwards all made members of the St. Mary-le-Tower Society. After spending a pleasant evening together, campanological conversation being rife, we bid our good Ipswich friends good-bye, and made tracks for bed. On the Tuesday morning we made for Framlingham by the 7.10 train, and turned in at The Crown hotel for breakfast. While this latter was being prepared, our two heavy bell men entertained the company by playing a hundred-up at billiards, while two of our number sought the church and found a friend in need in Mr. A. E. Reed, who helped to raise the bells. The Vicar, the Rev. J. H. Pilkington, we were informed was away, a fact which we all regretted. The church was a magnificent one in point of architecture, especially what we saw in the nave, which is in course of reparation. Touches of 336 Stedman Triples and 576 Kent Treble Bob Major were rung, Mr. Reed taking the 3rd; but alas for the striking; such a thing as good striking is an utter impossibility, the tremendous draught of rope causing the light bells to dance about like teetotums. Friend Crickmer, of Earl Soham, joined us here and kindly threw in his lot with us for two days. He kindly carted our luggage over to Debenham, the next place of resting, while we tramped it, some nine miles. On arrival at the village of Debenham we put up at host Sage's, The King's Head, where we found most comfortable quarters and an obliging landlady. Mr. Grimes, the courteous master of the ringers here, had kindly arranged all this for us beforehand with Mr. Crickmer. The tower and bells were quite to our liking, and we could have rung a 5000 here most comfortably, but we were tired out, hands sore, and generally in bad form, so we did not cry when the Superlative Surprise came to a stand at the sixth course-end, about 1400 being rung. R. C. Hudson, 1; H. Dali, 2; C. L. Routledge (conductor), 3; W. Holmes, 4; F. Lees, 5; A. F. Hillier, 6; W. G. Crickmer, 7; F. J. Harrison, 8. Tenor 20 cwt. Some Stedman Triples and Double Norwich were then rung, Mr. Grimes taking a bell. After tea we had some interesting reminiscences of the long peal rung here, in which by the way our friend Crickmer rung the 3rd. We were introduced to another local ringer, Mr. Brady, who is almost blind and yet rings remarkably well by ear alone. He has rung several peals of Major and Triples at Debenham. A 720 of Bob Minor was rung on handbells by R. C. Hudson, 1-2; C. L. Routledge, 3-4; W. Grimes (first in hand), 5-6. A game at quoits followed breakfast next morning (Wednesday) three a side, Holmes' team beating Hillier's team by five points. Then we tramped it on to Eye, about eight miles, arriving there about 2 p.m. At the church we met our old friend Robert Alcock, of Middlesborough. The Vicar came out to speak to us, and did not prove very courteous or obliging; in fact he seemed to take us as a nuisance, as he was going to migrate from the vicarage while the peal was going on; he could not stand the noise of his own bells, he said. However we started for a peal on as fine a ring of bells, and in as handsome a tower as ever we have had the pleasure of ringing. Being afraid the daylight would not last we set up after ringing three courses of Superlative, and started for a peal of Stedman instead, but this collapsed after an hour's ringing. Mr. Fred Day, who kindly rang the tenor behind for us, was elected a member of our Association before starting. At The Eight Bells a good tea was provided, and then a most entertaining evening was spent with the Eye ringers, with handbells and conversation as usual. While four of our number slept at the inn, the other four went to Bell Cottage, and were hospitably received and entertained by Mrs. Fred Day. Thursday morning saw us *en route* for Norwich, regretting the necessity of leaving so charming a spot and such kindly people. A course of Caters was rung at Mellis Junction on the platform while waiting for the train. On arrival at Norwich we were met by Mr. George Howchin, who led the way to The Great Eastern hotel, where we were billeted for the time being. Making onwards we fell across Mr. A. W. Brighton, and

these two gentlemen helped us to do the lions of the town. From Castle Hill we saw all the towers, and of course were pointed out those of importance to ringers, such as St. Miles, St. Peter's, St. Andrew's, the Cathedral, etc., etc., *ad lib.* In fact the amount of information our good guides tried to pack into our small brains in about five minutes was enough to drive us all into a lunatic asylum; but fortunately we survived it and made our way to St. Peter Mancroft, on which we gazed with the reverence and awe due to so historical a place. A peal of Maximus was arranged for 12.45, and then we had the pleasure of meeting most of our Norwich brethren, among others being the Master, Mr. F. Knights, Messrs. Francis, Fred Howchin, and all the young "tappers" who are now making Norwich famous by their extraordinary performances on handbells. The peal here was Treble Twelve again, knocked off in 3 hrs. and 40 mins., quick time for these bells they say, but our heavy men seemed inclined to drive the peal, and the lighter bells taking the hint a very decent peal was got through, at least so said our Norwich friends outside. To relate what we saw in the tower, would be repeating Snowden's historical writings, to say nothing of other historians, so we will pass on to another attempt for a peal, one on the handbells at the parish rooms. It is worthy of note that the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association enrolled eight life members that day out of Norwich. Bob Major was the method, but it would not go for some reason or another, so we tried Treble Bob Major, but it cracked up at the third course-end. Then we enjoyed a treat, ringing a course of Cinques and three leads of Treble Twelve such as we had never rung before. J. A. Trollop, 1-2; C. L. Routledge, 3-4; J. E. Burton, 5-6; G. P. Burton, 7-8; W. Holmes, 9-10; A. W. Brighton, 11-12. Afterwards, at the ringers' meeting house, we were shown a lot of ancient records, and had the handbells out again, and altogether put in a very pleasant evening. We got to bed in good time, and rose early the next morning to catch the train to Fakenham. Mr. Waterson met us at the station with three of our fellows, who had gone on before, and found everything comfortably arranged, the aforesaid gentleman doing the needful among the bells to perfection. As usual we found a splendid tower and a nice ring of bells (in fact we were beginning to think that all towers and bells in East Anglia must be first-class) tenor about 18 cwt. A peal of Stedman Triples was started for, but about two-thirds of the peal saw the end of it, an unaccountable change in the nature of the sixes cracking it up. W. Holmes, 1; R. Alcock, 2; C. L. Routledge, 3; A. W. Brighton, 4; H. Dall, 5; A. Hillier, 6; F. Lees (conductor), 7; F. Harrison, 8. The Rev. H. Earle Bulwer met us at The Bell inn, and with his assistance we discussed a hearty dinner, and tried the peal again, but alas! all our efforts were fruitless, and it was abandoned in time to catch the 4.5 train to Lynn. We parted with Mr. Bulwer here, and all regretted our acquaintanceship should have been so short, but hope to have a longer one at some future date. Mr. Sedgley met us at Lynn, and straightway put us into a comfortable hotel, where we had tea and settled ourselves. At 7 p.m. the tower was the word, and off we set to explore. The peal of ten at St. Margaret's is well worth a visit from any company of ringers, they run well, though here and there a trifle false, and are of splendid tone, and satisfy the most critical ear at once. The tenor is a fine bell, about 30 cwt., a nice handful for a heavy bell ringer. We were introduced to Messrs. W. G. Cross, C.C., Bacon, Holland, etc., and then buckled to for a touch of Kent Treble Bob Royal, an 880 being struck off creditably. W. G. Cross, 1; R. C. Hudson, 2; C. L. Routledge, 3; R. Alcock, 4; W. Sedgley, 5; H. Dall, 6; F. F. Lees, 7; A. Hillier, 8; W. Holmes (conductor), 9; F. Harrison, 10. Also some Double Norwich and Superlative, but nothing brought round in either of these methods. By kind permission of the Vicar we were allowed to start for the peal of Treble Ten on Saturday morning at nine o'clock. Messrs. Howchin (2) and Brighton kindly came through from Norwich to help, and Robert Alcock kindly stood out to make room for them in the band. Some of the finest striking of the tour was done here, scarcely a hitch or false blow taking place till the fatal one. This was the result of a misunderstanding between composer and conductor, and it was a bitter disappointment for all to have to set the bells after ringing 3 hrs. 38 mins., having only half-a-course to run. F. Lees, 1; A. W. Brighton, 2; R. C. Hudson, 3; H. Dall, 4; C. L. Routledge, 5; F. J. Howchin,

6; G. Howchin, 7; A. F. Hillier, 8; W. Holmes (composer), 9; F. Harrison (conductor), 10. After this all was hurry and scurry to catch trains to the north. Hasty good-byes were said, and with "better luck next time" ringing in our ears, we steamed out of Lynn station bound for York. We left Harrison behind us to return to Norwich for the Sunday. We thought it dangerous to take him with us, he had such a blood-thirsty look in his eyes, produced, we suppose by the loss of so fine a peal. Getting on the Great Northern at Peterborough, we landed in York rather late, but easily found our "diggings," as recommended us by Mr. Howard. We of course made down to the headquarters of the ringers, The Lowther hotel, after supper, and received a hearty welcome from Mr. Breed, the genial landlord, and Mr. Wm. Morrell. The evening was passed very agreeably in the billiard room, Messrs. W. H. Howard and J. Cundill joining us. The handbells, too, played a prominent part in the proceedings in Treble Bob and Grandsire. I forgot to mention that by this time our numbers were reduced to five, Lees having going on to Glossop, and Alcock back to Middlesbrough. Sunday morning saw us up, breakfasted, and at the Minster by nine a.m., gazing at the beautiful proportions of the fine-toned tenor (54 cwt.) as she was raised by the stalwart Yorkshiremen below. Four of us took part in a touch of Treble Twelve; it was a rare treat to see so heavy a bell rung single-handed by George Breed, and smartly rung too. With Messrs. Neale, Cundall, Morrell, and Breed, we made up to the cricket field, and had refreshments, and then had a pleasant walk by the banks of the river and up to the barracks, where we had a look round the handsome parade ground and quarters, sacred to Tommy Atkins. After dinner boating was the order for the afternoon; Morrell and Neale joining the party, we went a mile or two on the river. At Coney Street church, after this, we found Mr. Howard had everything in readiness, and a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung in 42 mins. G. Breed, 1; A. N. Other, 2; C. L. Routledge, 3; W. Holmes, 4; T. Neale, 5; A. F. Hillier, 6; T. Haigh (conductor), 7; W. H. Howard, 8. Tenor 14 cwt. Messrs. Dall and Hudson of our party left by the 5.50 train for the north; but we three left determined to stay with our good friends till the midnight mail, Mr. and Mrs. Breed kindly entertaining us at their house. Mr. Howard joined us there, and a merry evening was passed, several courses being rung on the handbells. We were set off on the journey home by our hospitable friends, and parted with pressing invitations to come back again and bring some more. These were heartily reciprocated, and we hope our York friends will give us a turn and an exhibition of their skill in Newcastle at an early date. We arrived in "canny Newcassel" about 2 a.m. on Monday, September 10th, and this ended a most pleasant, but not over successful, holiday. In tendering our most sincere and warmest thanks to all those gentlemen we met and who assisted to make the tour so pleasant and enjoyable, it would be impossible to individualize, as every one seemed so thoroughly interested and to vie with each other in showing every kindness, and in making us comfortable. We also owe a debt of gratitude to the vicars and churchwardens of the various churches at which we rang, for granting us the use of their bells; also to the Rev. H. E. Bulwer, Messrs. Alexander, Day, and Borrett for their assistance to Mr. Story in making out the programme. All we can do to repay such kindness, is to offer a hearty welcome to the north, where we can offer a charming selection of peals of bells, and a variety of methods; and we will guarantee to offer the right hand of good fellowship and what hospitality we can afford to any one of our brother-strings from East Anglia, or anywhere else for that matter. Another word of praise is due to one of our own, Mr. "Billy" Holmes, who carried out the duties of Chancellor of the Exchequer very well indeed, and spared no trouble in making the arrangements fit as drafted out for us.

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

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 1894.

On another page will be found a short historical account of the present ring of bells at Croyland Abbey, supplied by the reverend gentleman who has worked so hard for a long time to get them and the ancient fabric into a secure and solid condition. Such a consummation of his labours is devoutly to be wished, and fondly looked for. All legends concerning the bells in the Abbey tower, or the date of the erection of the ring now there, need not enter into the calculations of those who are thinking of giving a subscription to the restoration fund. The statement that the old Abbey was the depository of the first ring of bells ever erected in Britain is, we believe, placed beyond doubt, and that fact alone ought to be sufficient to interest every ringer, and all lovers of church bells who are not ringers, and antiquarians of every description, in such a commendable and praiseworthy movement as the full and complete restoration of the building and every one of its appurtenances.

We offer no apology to our readers for bringing this subject again before them. To us it appears that the preservation from entire ruin of such an historical fane as the one under consideration, possessing special features worthy of the most profound consideration by all ringers, is what we should all make some effort for. The Rector of Croyland desires us to make it known that he is glad

to accept the suggestion of our contributor, "Plain Speaker," and that any sums he may receive from ringers, no matter how small they may be, shall form what is to be termed "The Ringers' Fund" in aid of the object. We fervently hope this last appeal may be liberally and extensively responded to.

### The Metropolis.

#### THE WATERLOO SOCIETY AND ST. PETER'S SOCIETY, WALWORTH.

On Monday, September 17, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER, WALWORTH,

#### A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt.

WILLIAM F. MEADS .. .. Treble.	*WILLIAM BROOK .. .. 5.
FREDERICK G. PERRIN .. .. 2.	GEORGE THOMPSON .. .. 6.
HAROLD N. DAVIS .. .. 3.	JAMES E. DAVIS .. .. 7.
BENJAMIN FOSKETT .. .. 4.	*EDWARD P. O'MEARA .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, of London, and Conducted by  
JAMES EDWARD DAVIS.

\*First peal of Treble Bob. A reference to this peal will be found on another page.

### The Provinces.

#### PENDLEBURY, LANCASHIRE.

#### THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 8, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,  
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

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

JOHN BOOTH* .. .. Treble.	THOMAS LINGARD .. .. 5.
WILLIAM COTTRILL .. .. 2.	*JOHN CHAPMAN .. .. 6.
JAMES HINDLEY .. .. 3.	JOHN BRISCO .. .. 7.
WILLIAM PYLE .. .. 4.	THOMAS RUSHTON .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS LINGARD.

\*First peal. Also the first peal by the local company. And first peal by T. Lingard as conductor.

#### CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.-THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 11, 1894, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

#### A PEAL OF NEW CUMBERLAND SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES. Tenor 13½ cwt. in F.

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

Composed by HENRY DAINS and Conducted by JAMES PARKER.

This peal has the 6th the extent in 5-6, and is now rung for the first time. It is also the first peal in the method yet rung in the southern counties, and by the Association, and by all the band.

#### OSWESTRY, SHROPSHIRE.

(THE OSWESTRY SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, September 12, 1894, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

#### A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES.

Tenor 16 cwt.

ROBERT EVANS .. .. Treble.	ED. JONES .. .. 5.
HARRY JARMAN* .. .. 2.	RICHARD EDWARDS .. .. 6.
WM. MORRIS† .. .. 3.	W. H. JONES .. .. 7.
RICHARD MARTIN .. .. 4.	J. S. WILDE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by the late W. HARRISON and Conducted by J. S. WILDE.

\*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. It is also the first peal of Major and in the method by all except J. S. Wilde, who hails from Hyde. There is no record of any previous peal of Major on these bells.

#### BASINGSTOKE, HANTS.

#### THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, September 12, 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.

HARRY LAWES .. .. Treble.	FREDERICK WILSON .. .. 5.
JOHN BALLARD .. .. 2.	HENRY WHITE .. .. 6.
CHARLES GILES .. .. 3.	FRANK HOPGOOD .. .. 7.
CHARLES F. HANSFORD .. 4.	ARTHUR KNIGHT .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by FRANK HOPGOOD.

#### ELLESMERE, SALOP.

#### THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 15, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 21 cwt.

ARTHUR DUDLEY* .. Treble.	RICHARD LANGFORD .. .. 5.
GEORGE WRIGHT .. .. 2.	JOHN GIBSON .. .. 6.
ARTHUR JARVIS .. .. 3.	RICHARD T. HOLDING .. 7.
GEORGE HARDING .. .. 4.	SAMUEL MEADOWS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by RICHARD THOMAS HOLDING.

\*First peal away from the tenor. Messrs. Dudley, Jarvis, Harding, Langford, and Holding hail from Crewe; Wright and Gibson from Whitchurch; Meadows belongs to the local band. Further reference to this peal will be found on another page.

#### TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 15, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

WILLIAM BEDWELL .. Treble.	JAMES GEORGE .. .. 5.
THOMAS DURLING .. .. 2.	WALTER INGHAM .. .. 6.
HAROLD N. DAVIS .. .. 3.	WILLIAM LATTER .. .. 7.
HARRY WARNETT .. .. 4.	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS and Conducted by WILLIAM BEDWELL.

First peal in the method by Messrs. Durling and Latter, also the first peal in the method on the bells. This composition has the 6th the extent in 5-6, and the 2nd never in 6th place at a course-end, and is now rung this way of calling for the first time.

#### IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

#### THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 15, 1894, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

JAMES HOUGHTON, SEN. Treble.	WILLIAM J. GILBERT .. 5.
CHARLES W. CLARKE .. .. 2.	JOHN SHARMAN .. .. 6.
CHARLES CHASTY .. .. 3.	HERBERT SHARP .. .. 7.
GEORGE BURTON .. .. 4.	PERCY HOWARD .. .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN THORPE and Conducted by PERCY HOWARD.

This is the first peal in the method by Messrs. Houghton, Chasty, Gilbert, and Sharmam, and is also Percy Howard's first peal as conductor, and was rung at the first attempt. This peal has the 6th the extent at home at nine course-ends.

#### WOMBOURN, STAFFORDSHIRE.

#### THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION AND THE ST. PAUL'S SOCIETY, BURTON-ON-TRENT.

On Saturday, September 15, 1894, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

HARRY WAKLEY .. Treble.	EDWARD I. STONE .. .. 5.
GEORGE PITT* .. .. 2.	ROWLAND CARTWRIGHT .. 6.
ARTHUR WAKLEY .. .. 3.	LEONARD BULLOCK .. .. 7.
GEORGE ROBINSON .. .. 4.	WILLIAM WAKLEY .. .. Tenor.

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW and Conducted by WILLIAM WAKLEY.

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

COLN ST. ALDWYN, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.  
GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
On Sunday, September 16, 1894, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,  
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 8½ cwt.  
FRANK W. BOND† .. .. Treble. | JOHN AUSTIN .. .. 5.  
ERNEST P. HARMER\* .. 2. | \*GEORGE W. LAIT .. .. 6.  
THOMAS RICKETTS .. .. 3. | JAMES KITCHENER .. .. 7.  
THOMAS WITCHELL\* .. 4. | \*THOMAS SMITH .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

\*First peal. †First peal of Triples. Messrs. Bond and Harmer hail from Cirencester; Lait from Watermoor; Ricketts from Swindon; Wittchell from Fairford; Kitchener from Coln St. Aldwyn; Smith from Hatherop; and Austin from Gloucester.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.

On Monday, September 17, 1894, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,  
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;  
IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor about 10 cwt.

THOMAS TAYLOR .. .. Treble. | JAMES WOOD .. .. 5.  
JOHN HOPWOOD .. .. 2. | SAMUEL WOOD .. .. 6.  
WILLIAM SMITH .. .. 3. | SAMUEL BOOTH .. .. 7.  
JAMES ADAMS .. .. 4. | THOMAS WILDE .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by SAMUEL WOOD.

The above is the first peal in the Oxford Variation ever rung in Ashton although so much Treble Bob has been rung in the town. Rung on the front eight.

CRAYFORD, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 17, 1894, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,  
A PEAL OF UNION TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
CARTER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN TURNER .. .. Treble. | \*ARTHUR PEILL .. .. 5.  
JAMES SAXBY .. .. 2. | GEORGE CONYARD .. .. 6.  
WILLIAM I. REEVE .. 3. | EDWIN BARNETT .. .. 7.  
CHARLES WILKINS .. 4. | †JOHN LOWREY .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by ARTHUR PEILL.

\*First peal as conductor and first in the method. †First peal.

TOWN MALLING, KENT.—KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 18, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,  
A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
HUBBARD'S TEN-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

W. SMITH\* .. .. Treble. | R. W. HARDEN .. .. 5.  
D. HALL .. .. 2. | E. BONNER .. .. 6.  
J. WORSLEY .. .. 3. | J. W. LEONARD .. .. 7.  
REV. A. L. BRINE .. 4. | P. BROOK .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by J. W. LEONARD.

\*First peal. This was rung as a farewell peal to Rev. A. L. Brine, who has accepted the curacy of Bearsted. Brook hails from Snodland; the rest belong to the local company.

SUNDERLAND.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 19, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL, BISHOPWEARMOUTH,  
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 11½ cwt.

ROBERT C. HUDSON .. Treble. | FREDK. J. HARRISON .. 5.  
WILLIAM T. ROBSON\* .. 2. | THOMAS HUDSON, JUN. .. 6.  
THOMAS HUDSON, SEN. .. 3. | ALFRED F. HILLIER .. 7.  
FRANCIS LEES .. .. 4. | WILLIAM HOLMES .. .. Tenor.

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL and  
Conducted by ROBERT CHALLIS HUDSON.

Rung after the dedication of the two new trebles which have been added to make a peal of eight, by Messrs. Warner and Sons, London, and is the first 5000 rung in the tower. This is also Mr. R. C. Hudson's first peal of Major as conductor. \*First peal as conductor.

## Performances on Five and Six Bells.

LEICESTER.—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 15, 1894, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

SEVEN 720S OF MINOR:

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

Tenor 12 cwt.

GEORGE BURROWS .. Treble. | JOHN H. SWINFELD .. 4.  
JOHN BUTTERTY .. .. 2. | WILLIAM H. INGLESANT .. 5.  
ARTHUR R. ALDHAM .. 3. | WILLIAM WILLSON .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM WILLSON.

This is the first 5040 on the bells, which were hung in 1857. It is also the first in seven methods by all, also in the county of Leicester, and first by the Association.

## Miscellaneous.

THE RAUNDS, WELLINGBOROUGH, AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH (Northants).—On Monday, September 3rd, for practice, 336 Grandsire Triples. C. Newman, 1; J. Houghton, jun., 2; J. Seemark, 3; W. Pettitt, 4; G. Burton, 5; A. Tyler, 6; H. Sharpe (conductor), 7; J. Tompkins, 8. And 210 Grandsire Triples. C. Newman, 1; W. Pettitt, 2; J. Seemark, 3; H. Sharpe (conductor), 4; J. Garratt, 5; A. Tyler, 6; J. Houghton, jun., 7; J. Tompkins, 8. On Saturday, September 8th, 720 Bob Minor. J. Horner, 1; J. Houghton, jun., 2; C. Newman, 3; J. B. Martin, 4; W. Pettitt, 5; A. Tyler (conductor), 6. Also 672 Bob Major. C. Newman, 1; J. Houghton, sen., 2; W. Pettitt, 3; H. Gilam, 4; J. Garratt, 5; A. Tyler, 6; J. B. Martin, 7; J. Houghton, jun. (conductor), 8. H. Gilam hails from Northampton. On Sunday, September 9th, for evening service, 672 Bob Major. J. Horner, 1; C. Newman, 2; A. Perkins, 3; A. H. Martin, 4; J. Garratt, 5; H. J. Sutton, 6; A. Tyler, 7; J. Houghton, jun. (conductor), 8. H. Sutton hails from Eynesbury, Hunts. On Monday, September 10th, 784 Bob Major. J. Horner, 1; C. Newman, 2; A. Perkins, 3; W. Pettitt, 4; J. Garratt, 5; A. Tyler, 6; J. Houghton, sen., 7; J. Houghton, jun. (conductor), 8. And 504 Grandsire Triples. E. J. Watson, 1; W. Pettitt, 2; H. J. Sutton, 3; A. Tyler, 4; G. Burton, 5; H. Sharpe (conductor), 6; J. Houghton, jun., 7; J. Garratt, 8. And 126 Grandsire Triples. H. Sharpe (conductor), 1; W. Pettitt, 2; J. Houghton, sen., 3; G. Burton, 4; A. Tyler, 5; E. J. Sutton, 6; J. Houghton, jun., 7; E. J. Watson, 8.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS.—On Friday, September 14th, for practice, 720 Grandsire Minor (forty-four bobs and four singles) in 25 mins. R. W. Burrows, 1; A. E. Sheppard (conductor), 2; T. Watson, 3; C. J. A. Cushing, 4; T. R. Jackson, 5; T. Stuart, 6. Also 720 Oxford Single Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles) in 25 mins. T. R. Jackson (conductor), 1; T. P. Jackson, 2; T. Watson, 3; A. E. Sheppard, 4; T. Stuart, 5; J. Burrows, 6. First in the method by all, and first in the method on the bells.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BATH.—On Thursday, August 30th, at St. Saviour's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 46 mins. J. Smith-Flower, 1; W. Chew, 2; C. Goodenough, 3; W. Lanham, 4; H. Wotton, 5; J. Fussell, 6; C. W. Bell (conductor), 7; W. Gulley, 8. W. Chew hails from London. Also at St. Andrew's church, 672 Grandsire Triples. W. Simmonds, 1; T. Gray, 2; P. Charles, 3; W. Chew, 4; W. Lanham, 5; H. Wotton, 6; C. W. Bell (conductor), 7; W. Gulley, 8.

NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LINCOLN.—On Wednesday, September 12th, for practice at the church of St. Peter-at-Gowts, 1008 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. J. Harris, 1; J. B. Fenton, 2; R. E. Clarke, 3; R. Dawson, 4; G. Lindoff (conductor), 5; J. W. Watson, 6; G. Chester, 7; C. W. P. Clifton, 8. On Sunday evening, September 16th, at the church of St. Peter-at-Arches, for Divine Service, 504 Grandsire Triples. C. Flintham, 1; J. B. Fenton, 2; W. A. Hodson, 3; R. Dawson (conductor), 4; C. Wells, 5; J. W. Watson, 6; C. W. P. Clifton, 7; W. Wells, 8. This is the longest length in the method by Messrs. Flintham and Wells. First touch by R. Dawson as conductor.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

TOWN MALLING (Kent).—On Sunday evening, September 9th, for

Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor. W. Smith, 1; J. Worsley, 2; Rev. A. L. Brine, 3; D. Hall, 4; E. Bonner, 5; J. W. Leonard (conductor), 6.

**TUNBRIDGE WELLS (Kent).**—On Sunday, September 2nd, for morning service, 504 Stedman Triples. R. Burfield, 1; E. Mankelow, 2; H. Porter, 3; G. Smithers, 4; S. Perkins, 5; P. Brooker, 6; W. Latter (conductor), 7; J. Muggridge, 8. On Sunday, September 9th, 504 Stedman Triples. R. Burfield, 1; S. Perkins, 2; H. Porter, 3; G. Smithers, 4; E. Mankelow, 5; W. Latter, 6; W. Porter (conductor), 7; J. Muggridge, 8. A 576 Bob Major. J. Muggridge, 1; P. Brooker, 2; H. Porter, 3; E. Mankelow, 4; S. Perkins, 5; G. Smithers, 6; W. Porter, 7; W. Latter (conductor), 8. On Thursday, September 13th, for practice, 720 Treble Bob Minor. G. Smithers, 1; S. Perkins, 2; P. Brooker, 3; H. Porter, 4; W. Porter, 5; W. Latter (conductor), 6. And 210 Oxford Bob Triples. R. Burfield, 1; W. Latter, 2; W. Porter, 3; H. Porter, 4; J. Muggridge, 5; P. Brooker, 6; S. Perkins (conductor), 7; H. Wood, 8. A 210 Grandsire Triples. F. Burr, 1; W. Latter, 2; R. Burfield, 3; G. Smithers, 4; H. Porter, 5; W. Porter (conductor), 6; S. Perkins, 7; H. Wood, 8. W. Porter hails from Darlington.

#### THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

**BEDFORD.**—On Tuesday, July 3rd, at the parish church, a 336 Bob Major. F. Hull, 1; S. J. Cullip, 2; C. Chasty, 3; F. Keech, 4; H. Sharp, 5; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 6; J. Sharman, 7; I. Hills, 8. And 216 Stedman Triples. S. J. Cullip, 1; C. Chasty, 2; J. Sharman, 3; F. Keech, 4; H. Sharp, 5; W. Shimmans, 6; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 7; R. Shimmans, 8. On Sunday, July 8th, a 434 of Grandsire Triples. H. Shimmans, 1; C. Chasty, 2; H. Sharp (conductor), 3; H. Tysoe, 4; F. Smith, 5; J. Sharman, 6; F. Keech, 7; D. Thompson, 8. On Sunday, July 15th, a 336 Double Norwich. J. Sharman, 1; C. Chasty, 2; H. Tysoe, 3; F. Smith, 4; I. Hills, 5; W. Shimmans, 6; H. Sharp, 7; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 8. And 216 of Stedman Triples. C. W. Clarke, 1; C. Chasty, 2; H. Tysoe, 3; J. Sharman, 4; I. Hills, 5; W. Shimmans, 6; H. Sharp (conductor), 7; R. Shimmans, 8. On Sunday, July 22nd, a 504 Stedman Triples. F. Keech, 1; F. Smith, 2; J. Sharman, 3; W. Shimmans, 4; I. Hills, 5; H. Tysoe (first 500 in the method), 6; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 7; R. Shimmans, 8. And 528 of Double Norwich. F. Keech, 1; C. Chasty, 2; S. J. Cullip, 3; J. Sharman, 4; I. Hills, 5; H. Tysoe, 6; C. W. Clarke, 7; G. Newson (conductor), 8. And 216 of Stedman Triples. C. Chasty, 1; G. Newson, 2; S. J. Cullip, 3; F. Keech, 4; I. Hills, 5; F. Smith, 6; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 7; F. Hull, 8. On Sunday, July 29th, a 503 Grandsire Triples. H. Shimmans, 1; C. Chasty, 2; J. Sharman, 3; F. Smith, 4; I. Hills, 5; H. Tysoe, 6; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 7; R. Shimmans, 8.

**BIDDENHAM (Beds).**—On Sunday, July 29th, at the parish church, a 720 of Bob Minor. T. Harpin, 1; A. Ingram, 2; W. West, 3; H. King, 4; W. Davison, 5; C. West (conductor), 6.

#### LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—ROSSENDALE BRANCH.

**BACUP (Lancashire).**—On Thursday, July 19th, at Christ church, a 720 of Duke of York. L. Holt, 1; J. Smith, 2; G. Shottin, 3; John H. Smith, 4; J. S. Lomas, 5; E. J. Cockroft (conductor), 6. And the same evening a 720 Woodbine, standing and conducted as before. On Monday, July 22nd, a 720 Duke of York. L. Holt, 1; J. Smith, 2; E. J. Cockroft, 3; John H. Smith, 4; J. S. Lomas, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. And the same afternoon a 720 Kent in 26 mins. John H. Smith, 1; T. Robertshaw, 2; J. Armstrong, 3; G. Shottin, 4; J. Smith, 5; E. J. Cockroft (conductor), 6. Messrs. Robertshaw and Armstrong hail from Heptonstall, Yorkshire. And same afternoon, a 720 Violet. Z. Lord, 1; J. Smith, 2; E. J. Cockroft, 3; John H. Smith, 4; J. S. Lomas, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. And in the evening, a 720 Woodbine in 25 mins. L. Holt, 1; J. Smith, 2; G. Shottin, 3; John H. Smith, 4; E. J. Cockroft, 5; W. Smith (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, July 23rd, a 720 Oxford Treble Bob. L. Holt, 1; J. Smith, 2; E. J. Cockroft, 3; Z. Lord, 4; J. S. Lomas, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. And in the same evening a 720 Primrose Treble Bob. L. Holt, 1; Z. Lord, 2; G. Shottin, 3; E. J. Cockroft, 4; J. S. Lomas, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. On Sunday, July 29th, a 720 of Kent. L. Holt, 1; J. Smith, 2; G. Shottin, 3; Z. Lord, 4; W. Smith, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. On Sunday, August 5th, 720 Violet Treble Bob. L. Holt, 1; J. Smith, 2; G. Shottin, 3; J. H. Smith, 4; Z. Lord, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. And 720 Oxford Treble Bob. L. Holt, 1; J. Smith, 2; G. Shottin, 3; J. H. Smith, 4; W. Smith, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, August 7th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. L. Holt, 1; J. Smith, 2; Z. Lord, 3; W. Smith, 4; E. J. Cockroft, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. This was rung as a birthday compliment to E. J. Cockroft, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns. On Sunday, August 12th, 720 Bob Minor (thirty singles six bobs). L. Holt, 1; J. Smith, 2; G. Shottin, 3; J. H. Smith, 4; J. S. Lomas, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor),

6. And the same afternoon, 720 Duke of York. W. Ormerod, 1; J. Smith, 2; G. Shottin, 3; J. H. Barnes, 4; J. S. Lomas, 5; E. J. Cockroft (conductor), 6. Also 720 Kent. W. Ormerod, 1; G. Shottin, 2; J. Smith, 3; J. H. Barnes, 4; J. S. Lomas, 5; E. J. Cockroft (conductor), 6. And the same night, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. Z. Lord, 1; J. Smith, 2; G. Shottin, 3; J. H. Smith, 4; J. S. Lomas, 5; E. J. Cockroft (conductor), 6. On Friday, August 17th, 720 New London Pleasure. L. Holt, 1; J. Smith, 2; G. Shottin, 3; J. H. Smith, 4; J. S. Lomas, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. On Sunday, August 19th, 720 Violet Treble Bob. L. Holt, 1; J. Smith, 2; G. Shottin, 3; J. H. Smith, 4; J. S. Lomas, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. And the same afternoon, 720 Duke of York, standing and conducted as before. And at night, 720 Tulip Treble Bob. E. J. Cockroft, 1; J. Smith, 2; G. Shottin, 3; J. H. Smith, 4; J. S. Lomas, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6.

#### THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

**STANSTED (Essex).**—On Sunday, September 2nd, at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, for Divine Service in the morning, 720 Oxford Treble Bob (fifteen bobs), in 25 mins. J. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. On Sunday, September 9th, for morning service, 720 Durham Surprise in 25 mins. J. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; T. J. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; J. Luckey, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. And for afternoon service, 720 College Single. T. Jordan, 1; G. Jordan, 2; I. Hammond, 3; G. Gray, 4; W. Watts, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. On Sunday, September 16th, for morning service, 720 Plain Bob Minor. J. Cavill, 1; T. Jordan, 2; G. Jordan, 3; G. Gray, 4; I. Hammond, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. And for afternoon service, 720 Oxford Bob. T. Jordan, 1; G. Jordan, 2; I. Hammond, 3; G. Gray, 4; W. Watts, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. Tenor 13 cwt.

#### THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

**ORDSALL (Notts).**—On Sunday morning, August 25th, for Divine Service, 360 Canterbury Pleasure Minor. H. Merrills, 1; J. B. Joynes, 2; W. H. Johnson, 3; H. Lambert, 4; J. C. Whetstone (conductor), 5; J. White, 6. On Tuesday evening, August 28th, for practice, 360 College Single Minor. H. Merrills, 1; J. C. Whetstone, 2; W. H. Johnson, 3; H. Lambert, 4; H. Blagg (conductor), 5; J. White, 6. On Sunday morning, September 8th, for Divine Service, 720 Plain Bob Minor. J. Briggs, 1; W. Preston, 2; W. H. Johnson, 3; H. Lambert, 4; J. C. Whetstone (conductor), 5; J. White, 6. First 720 on the bells by J. Briggs. W. Preston hails from Worksop.

#### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

**EAST DEREHAM (Norfolk).**—On Sunday, August 19th, at the parish church, for Divine Service in the evening, 756 Bob Triples. A. Crisp, 1; J. W. Marjoram, 2; F. G. Burleigh, 3; T. M. Aldis, 4; J. Wells, 5; W. Leggatt, 6; S. F. Burleigh (conductor), 7.

**WELLS (Norfolk).**—On Saturday, September 8th, at the parish church, an attempt was made for a peal of Bob Major, but after ringing 40 mins., it failed, and time would not permit to pull off again. A. Crisp, 1; F. G. Burleigh, 2; J. W. Marjoram, 3; Rev. H. E. Bulwer, 4; J. Skinner, 5; J. Wells, 6; F. M. Aldis, 7; S. F. Burleigh (conductor), 8. Afterwards, touches of Oxford Treble Bob Major and Bob Major were rung. And a quarter-peal of Bob Triples (1260 changes), in 44 mins. A. Crisp, 1; F. M. Aldis, 2; J. Skinner, 3; J. W. Marjoram, 4; F. G. Burleigh (conductor), 5; J. Wells, 6; S. F. Burleigh, 7; C. Alderton, 8. This is the longest touch on the new bells since they have been hung, and the ringers wish to take this opportunity of thanking the vicar for their use, and Mr. J. Skinner for having everything in readiness. Messrs. Crisp, Marjoram, S. F. Burleigh, F. G. Burleigh, and J. Wells hail from Dereham, Rev. H. E. Bulwer from Stanhoe, F. M. Aldis from Norwich, the rest are local men. Tenor 18 cwt.

#### THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

**BURFORD (Oxon).**—On Sunday evening, September 16th, for Divine Service, 630 Grandsire Triples. C. Packer, 1; E. Large, 2; T. Bond, 3; W. Launchbury, 4; W. Shirley, 5; H. Smith, jun., 6; W. Large (conductor), 7; H. Humphise, 8. Also 168, with J. Faulkner, 8; the rest as before.

#### THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

**BAGSHOT.**—On Saturday, August 11th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. T. Gould, 1; B. Hawkins, 2; G. Hawkins (first 720 in the method), 3; H. Stapleton, 4; F. Francis, 5; E. Collins, 6. The brothers Hawkins hail from Yateley. On Thursday, August 30th, 720 Kent Treble Bob (fifteen bobs). On Friday morning, August 31st, 720 Plain Bob. And in the evening, 720 Kent Treble Bob. J. Corbett, 1; T. Gould, 2; E. Collins, 3; F. Francis, 4; H. Stapleton, 5; C. Spooner (conductor),

6. On Sunday evening, September 2nd, for service, 720 Plain Bob. E. Spooner, 1; H. Stapleton, 2; J. Corbett, 3; F. Francis, 4; T. Gould, 5; E. Collins (conductor), 6. Tenor 21 cwt.

#### THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

OTTERY ST. MARY (Devon).—On Wednesday, September 12th, at the parish church, on the occasion of the visit of Mr. G. Langdon, of the College Youths, the first part of Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples, 1008 changes, in 40 mins. G. Godfrey, 1; S. Godfrey (conductor), 2; J. Baker, 3; Rev. M. Kelly, 4; G. Langdon, 5; G. White, 6; J. Godfrey, 7; A. Pike, 8. On Thursday, September 13th, on the return from a visit to Kenn, several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles were rung.

EXETER.—On Thursday, September 13th, at St. David's church, 504 Grandsire Triples. G. Godfrey, 1; F. Davey (St. Sidwell's, Exeter, conductor), 2; J. Baker, 3; Rev. M. Kelly, 4; S. Godfrey, 5; G. White, 6; A. Pike, 7; E. Townsend (St. Edmund's, Exeter), 8.

#### THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

SHADWELL (Middlesex).—On Tuesday, September 11th, at St. Paul's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original in 42 mins. C. Dempsey, 1; W. Burkin, 2; C. Relton, 3; H. Springall (conductor), 4; Y. Green, 5; S. Joyce, 6; E. Hall, 7; G. Barrell, 8. Rung on the fifty-second birthday of C. Dempsey, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

#### THE CUMBERLAND ASSOCIATION.

CLEATOR MOOR (Cumberland).—On Tuesday evening, September 18th, for practice at St. John's church, 720 Plain Bob Minor in 28 mins. J. Fisher (first 720), 1; J. Joyce, 2; B. Joyce (first 720 with a bob bell), 3; W. Jackson, 4; W. Noble, 5; J. D. Baxter (conductor), 6.

BATTLE (Sussex).—On Sunday morning, September 9th, for Divine Service, 504 Grandsire Triples in 17½ mins. W. Eastland, 1; H. Franks, 2; W. Franks (conductor), 3; C. Hyland, 4; J. Curtis, 5; J. Mathis, 6; H. Elliott, 7; W. H. Eldridge, 8. For evening service 350 Grandsire Triples. W. Eastland, 1; W. Thomas, 2; F. Mathis, 3; W. Franks (conductor), 4; H. Franks, 5; J. Curtis, 6; J. Mathis, 7; W. H. Eldridge, 8. On Tuesday, September 11th, for practice, 350 Grandsire Triples. W. Eastland, 1; J. Mathis, 2; F. Mathis, 3; J. Livermore, 4; C. Hyland, 5; S. Saker (conductor), 6; H. Elliott, 7; W. Thomas, 8. \*First touch as conductor.

BURES (Suffolk).—On Thursday, August 30th, at St. Mary's church, 720 Bob Minor. Cyril Herbert, 1; E. Herbert, 2; J. Campin, 3; W. Howell, sen., 4; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 5; H. Harper, 6. A 6-score of Grandsire Doubles. C. Sillitoe (conductor), 1; E. Herbert, 2; J. Campin, 3; W. Howell, sen., 4; H. Harper, 5; Cyril Herbert, 6. Tenor 22 cwt. Also a course of Grandsire Caters. J. Campin, 1-2; Cyril Herbert, 3-4; W. Howell, 5-6; C. Sillitoe, 7-8; H. Harper, 9-10.

CARDIFF (South Wales).—On Wednesday, September 16th, on the occasion of the birthday of Lord Bute, 1302 Grandsire Triples with 8-10 covering. A. Hatton, 2; A. Rowley, 3; E. Stenner, 4; E. Cook (conductor), 5; J. Richards, 6; G. Hardage, 7; J. Cook, jun., 8; W. Burkinshaw, 9; C. Winfield, 10. Composed by N. Spindlow, of Ducklington. Also two 504s of Grandsire. J. Richards, 3; A. Rowley, 6; the rest as before.

CAVENDISH (Suffolk).—On Saturday, September 1st, at St. Mary's church, 720 Bob Minor. S. Slater, 1; E. Herbert, 2; Chas. Herbert, 3; H. Thompson, 4; Cyril Herbert, 5; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 6. Tenor 12 cwt.

EASTBOURNE (Sussex).—On the occasion of Hospital Sunday, at St. Saviour's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. W. Ticehurst, 1; W. Lawrence, 2; E. Baber, 3; A. Midmore, 4; B. Hobbs, 5; J. H. Fisher, 6; E. Willoughby, 7; J. Parks and J. Holter, 8. Conducted by B. Hobbs. On Monday, September 10th, at the parish church, 504 Grandsire Triples. W. Lawrence, jun., 1; T. Willoughby, 2; E. Lewis, 3; A. Midmore, 4; H. Vernon, 5; E. Willoughby, 6; W. Lawrence, 7; J. Newman, 8. Conducted by E. Willoughby. W. Lawrence, jun. hails from Aldbourne, Wiltshire.

GLEMSFORD (Suffolk).—On Saturday, September 1st, at St. Mary's church, 720 Bob Minor. S. Slater, 1; Chas. Herbert, 2; E. Herbert, 3; O. Garwood, 4; C. Sillitoe, 5; Cyril Herbert (conductor), 6. Tenor 16 cwt.

GREAT WALDINGFIELD (Suffolk).—On Friday, September 6th, at St. Laurence's church, 360 Bob Minor. Chas. Herbert, 1; E. Herbert, 2; J. Campin, 3; Cyril Herbert, 4; H. Harper, 5; C. Sillitoe, 6. Another 360 in the same method. E. Herbert, 1; C. Sillitoe, 2; J. Campin, 3; Cyril Herbert, 4; H. Harper, 5; H. Diggins, 6. Tenor

14 cwt. Both conducted by C. Sillitoe. On Saturday, September 7th, a course of Bob Major. C. Sillitoe, 1-2-3-4; Cyril Herbert, 5-6; E. Herbert, 7-8. A course of Grandsire Triples. E. Herbert, 1-2; C. Sillitoe, 3-4-5-6; Cyril Herbert, 7-8.

LONDON.—On Sunday, September 16th, at St. Margaret's church, Westminster, for Divine Service in the morning, two touches of Stedman Caters, and a course of Oxford Treble Bob. F. G. Newman, 1; J. N. Oxborrow, 2; H. R. Newton, 3; G. Langford, 4; W. Sorrell, 5; J. M. Hayes, 6; H. S. Ellis, 7; S. Andrews, 8; C. F. Winney, 9; W. Ward, 10.

LYNN (Norfolk).—On Friday, September 7th, at St. Margaret's church, on the occasion of the visit of members of the Durham and Newcastle Association, 880 Kent Treble Bob Royal. W. G. Cross, 1; R. C. Hudson, 2; C. L. Routledge, 3; R. Alcock, 4; J. W. Sedgley, 5; H. Dall, 6; A. Hillier, 7; F. Lees, 8; W. Holmes (conductor), 9; F. J. Harrison, 10. Tenor 30 cwt. in C.

MATHERNE (Monmouthshire).—On Wednesday, September 12th, at St. Tewdric's church, for the Harvest Festival, 240 Grandsire Doubles. T. Collison (conductor), 1; P. Huntley, 2; H. Newman, 3; W. Newman, 4; A. Couldrick, 5; C. Barnes, 6. After service, 240, with W. Buckland, 3; T. Huntley, 6. On Sunday, September 16th, for morning service, 360 Grandsire Doubles. L. Baynham, 1; P. Huntley, 2; H. Newman, 3; T. Collinson (conductor), 4; A. Couldrick, 5; C. Barnes, 6. L. Baynham hails from Bristol.

NORTON (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, August 5th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob in 26 mins. A. Ryles, 1; J. H. Naylor, 2; E. Wheelodon (conductor, Bucknall), 3; J. Gibson, 4; E. Glover, 5; J. Brindley, 6. On Friday, August 17th, 720 Bob Minor (twenty-six bobs twelve singles), in 27 mins. A. Ryles, 1; W. Scragg, 2; J. Naylor, 3; T. Johnson, 4; J. Brindley, 5; E. Glover (conductor), 6. On Sunday, August 26th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob in 26 mins. A. Ryles, 1; J. H. Naylor, 2; E. Johnson, 3; J. Gibson, 4; T. Johnson, 5; E. Glover (conductor), 6. And for evening service, 720 Kent Treble Bob in 26 mins. A. Ryles, 1; J. H. Naylor, 2; J. Gibson, 3; T. Holdcroft (first 720 Treble Bob), 4; E. Glover (conductor), 5; J. Brindley, 6. On Friday, September 14th, a touch of Woodbine Treble Bob in 28 mins. A. Ryles, 1; J. H. Naylor, 2; J. Gibson, 3; T. Johnson, 4; E. Glover (conductor), 5; J. Brindley, 6. First in the method by all except the conductor. On Sunday, September 16th, 720 Kent Treble Bob in 26 mins. A. Ryles, 1; J. Gibson, 2; E. Johnson, 3; J. H. Naylor, 4; T. Johnson, 5; E. Glover (conductor), 6. And for evening service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob in 27 mins., standing and conducted as before.

SUDBURY (Suffolk).—On Tuesday, August 28th, at St. Peter's church, 560 Bob Major. F. Tolliday, 1; W. Bacon, 2; E. Herbert, 3; J. Campin, 4; H. Brackett, 5; W. Howell, sen., 6; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 7; Cyril Herbert, 8. Tenor 23 cwt. On handbells, a course of Bob Royal. E. Herbert, 1-2; Cyril Herbert, 3-4; J. Campin, 5-6; W. Howell, sen., 7-8; C. Sillitoe, 9-10. On Saturday, September 1st, 288 Kent Treble Bob Major. F. Tolliday, 1; E. Herbert, 2; J. Campin, 3; M. Sylvester, 4; Cyril Herbert, 5; W. Bacon, 6; H. Harper, 7; C. Sillitoe and W. Howell, jun., 8. Also a course of Double Norwich Court Bob Major. H. Harper, 1; W. Howell, jun., 2; J. Campin, 3; M. Sylvester, 4; Cyril Herbert, 5; W. Bacon, 6; C. Sillitoe, 7; W. Howell, sen., and F. Tolliday, 8. A 480 Stedman Triples. W. Howell, sen., 1; W. Howell, jun., 2; J. Campin, 3; M. Sylvester, 4; W. Bacon, 5; H. Harper, 6; C. Sillitoe and F. Tolliday, 7; Cyril and E. Herbert, 8. Tenor 28 cwt. On handbells, a course of Grandsire Cinques. W. Howell, jun., 1-2; C. Sillitoe, 3-4; Cyril Herbert, 5-6; F. Tolliday, 7; H. Harper, 8; W. Howell, sen., 9-10; J. Campin, 11-12. On Sunday, September 2nd, at St. Peter's church, 720 Bob Major. F. Tolliday, 1; W. Howell, jun., 2; E. Herbert, 3; M. Sylvester, 4; Cyril Herbert, 5; W. Howell, sen., 6; H. Harper, 7; C. Sillitoe, 8. A 420 Stedman Triples. C. Sillitoe, 1; W. Howell, jun., 2; J. Campin, 3; M. Sylvester, 4; Cyril Herbert, 5; W. Howell, sen., 6; H. Harper, 7; H. Brackett, 8. On Wednesday, September 5th, at St. Gregory's church, 480 Kent Treble Bob Major. F. Tolliday, 1; E. Herbert, 2; W. Howell, jun., 3; J. Campin, 4; C. Sillitoe, 5; Cyril Herbert, 6; A. Scott, 7; H. Harper, 8. A course of Double Norwich Court Bob Major. F. Tolliday, 1; W. Howell, jun., 2; C. Sillitoe, 3; J. Campin, 4; W. Howell, sen., 5; Cyril Herbert, 6; H. Harper, 7; A. Scott, 8. Also on handbells, a course of Grandsire Cinques. W. Howell, jun., 1-2; A. Scott, 3-4; C. Sillitoe, 5-6; Cyril Herbert, 7-8; W. Howell, sen., 9-10; J. Campin, 11-12. All conducted by C. Sillitoe.

WELLINGTON (Salop).—On Thursday, September 13th, at the church of All Saints, for practice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 42 mins. J. Evason, 1; H. Steveston, 2; R. Nichols, 3; B. Shaw, 4; R. Rowley, 5; T. Burd (conductor), 6; T. Pritchard, 7; G. Moore, 8.



## 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.**—There will be a district meeting of the above to-day, Saturday, September 22nd, at Bishop Stortford. The tower (10 bells) will be open for ringing from 2.0 to 8.0 p.m. Also the tower of Sawbridge-worth, three miles. Tea and business meeting at The Chequers at 5.0 p.m. There will also be a meeting for six bell ringers in the neighbourhood of Witham, later on in the year.

HENRY T. W. EYRE, *Asst. Sec.*

**The North Notts. Association.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Harthill, to-day, Saturday, September 22nd, 1894. The tower will be open for ringing by kind permission of the Rector, at 2.0 p.m. Tea one shilling each.

HENRY T. SLODDEN,  
*Hon. Sec.*

**Norwich Diocesan Association.**—The Annual Meeting will be held at Norwich, on Tuesday, September 25th. Special service at St. Peter Mancroft at 12.45. Preacher, Rev. W. W. C. Baker, Hon. Sec. Beds. Association. Dinner at 1.30, large hall, Conservative Club, St. Giles.

H. EARLE BULWER, *Hon. Sec.*  
Stanhoe Rectory, Kings Lynn.

**The Chester Diocesan Guild.**—Wirral Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held in the Schoolroom, Eastham, to-day, Saturday, September 22nd. Tea at 6.0 p.m. (free). Tower open from 3.0 p.m.

F. R. T. BOLTON,  
*Hon. Sec.*  
Braeside, West Kirby.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Helmsshore, to-day, Saturday, September 22nd. Bells ready 3.30. Meeting at 5.30.

J. B. TAYLOR, *Sec.*  
7, Church Street, Waterfoot.

**The South and West Middlesex Association.**—The next monthly meeting of the above Association will be held at Hayes and Harlington, to-day, Saturday, September 22nd, 1894. Ringing will commence at Hayes at 4 o'clock, and Harlington at 6.30.

E. J. WALSON,  
*Hon. Sec.*

**The Lancashire Association.**—The annual meeting will be held at Bolton, on Saturday, September 29th. Service in Holy Trinity church at 3.30. Particulars by circular.

J. REDFORD, } *Hon.*  
A. E. WREAKS, } *Secs.*

**The Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.**—The quarterly meeting in connection with the above Society will be held on Saturday, September 29th, 1894, at the parish church, Bloxwich. Ringing at 2.0 p.m. Tea one shilling per head to those who send in their names before the 24th inst. Reports will be ready for this meeting.

10, Bull Street,  
West Bromwich.

S. REEVES,  
*Hon. Sec.*

**The Old East Derbyshire Association.**—The quarterly meeting will be held at Eckington, on Saturday, September 29th. Important business will be brought before the meeting. Members are requested to attend. Peal of six bells open for members and friends. Business meeting at the White Hart inn, at 5 o'clock.

Woodseats, Sheffield.

EDWIN JAMES,  
*Hon. Sec.*

**United Counties' Association.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at the parish church, Ashton-under-Lyne, on Saturday, September 29th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5.30, 1s. each for number sent in not later than Thursday morning, September 27th, to Mrs. Braddock, Old Church inn, Ashton-under-Lyne. Business meeting immediately after tea.

JOSEPH RADCLIFFE, *Sec.*

**The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.**—The next monthly ringing meeting of the above society will be held at Horbury, on Saturday, September 29th. Bells (six), open all day. Meeting house, The King's Arms hotel. Members and other ringing friends are cordially invited.

R. BINNS,  
3, Dame Street, Hogg's Field, Holbeck.

**The Kent County Association.**—Ashford District.—The Annual meeting of this district will be held at Folkestone, on Saturday afternoon, September 29th. Committee meeting at 5.30. Allowances, two shillings for full members, and one shilling for probationers, will be paid at 5 p.m. Members not present at that hour will forfeit their claim to payment.

C. WILFRID BLAXLAND, *District Sec.*

Hythe.

**Sussex County Association.**—Western Division.—Meeting at Billingshurst, on Saturday, September 29th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Tea and meeting 5.30.

J. W. G. LODER-COTHER, *Hon. Sec.*  
Yapton Vicarage.

**The Surrey Association.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Beddington and Carshalton on Saturday, October 13th. Details later.

R. B. BLANCHARD, *Hon. Sec.*  
13, Sunnyhill road, Streatham, S.W.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Liverpool Diocesan Branch.—The usual monthly meeting will be held at St. Paul's church, Warrington, on October 6th, 1894. Tower open for ringing at 2.30. Tea provided free in the schoolroom at 5 o'clock. Business meeting to be held after tea.

J. J. M. MOORE,  
9, Mill Street, Warrington.

**The Yorkshire Association.**—The nineteenth Annual meeting will be held at Shipley, on Saturday, October 6th. Service in St. Paul's church at 4 p.m., tea in the schools at 5, business meeting after. Bells of St. Paul's (eight), and Saltaire Congregational church (six), at disposal all day. Bands desirous of ringing previous to one o'clock should communicate with the local Hon. Sec., Mr. Fred London, 55, Alexandra road, Shipley.

B. T. COPLEY, *Hon. Sec.*

**The St. Peter's Society, Leeds.**—Change of Head-quarters.—This Society's Head-quarters will in future be The Crown and Fleece hotel, near the Corn Exchange, Leeds.

TOM LOCKWOOD, *President.*  
G. BARRACLOUGH, *Hon. Sec.*

## ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

**BAYNHAM.**—To the publisher, please.

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## NOTES TO PEALS.

**THE PEAL AT ELLESMERE, SALOP.**—After the peal the ringers were kindly entertained by Mr. S. Meadows and a few friends to tea at his house, and the ringers take this opportunity of thanking the vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells, and our friends for their kindness in meeting us, and catering for the wants of the inner man. It is 164 years since a peal was rung on these bells, the last, according to a tablet in the belfry, being one of Grandsire Triples in the year 1730.

**THE PEAL AT WALWORTH.**—It is many years since a peal of Treble Bob was rung on these bells, and is the first peal in the method by the St. Peter's society. W. Brook hails from Birmingham; who with George Thompson, late of Kelsale, Suffolk, were elected members previous to starting. The composition was first rang at Tunbridge Wells, on Saturday, September 15th, 1894.

## 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.

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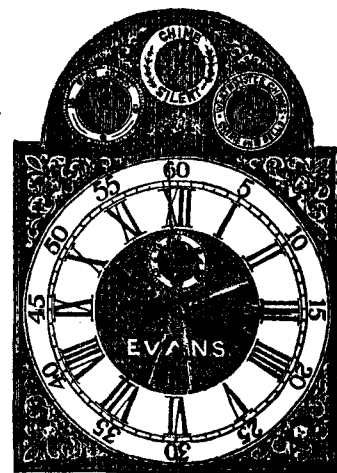
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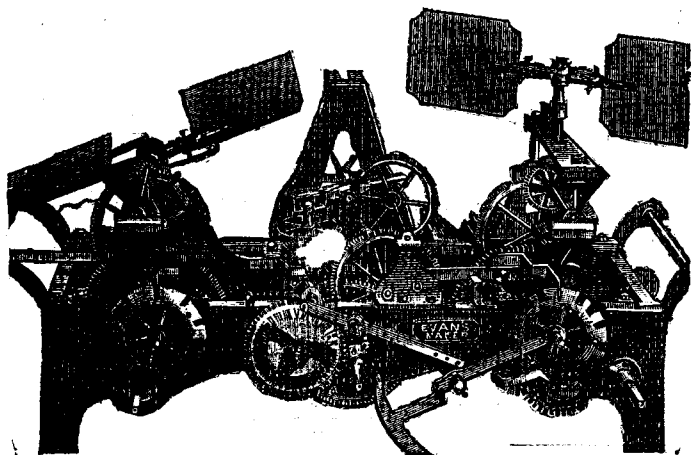
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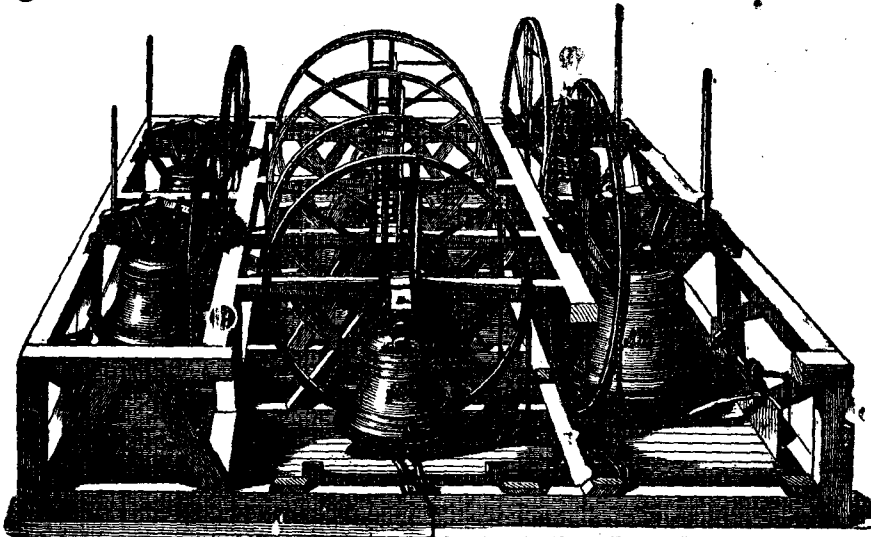


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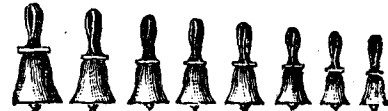
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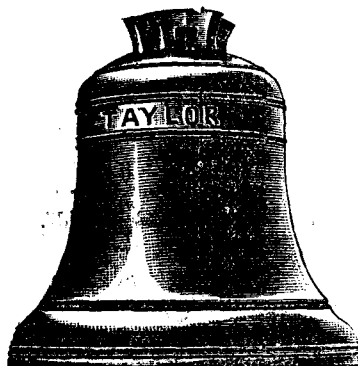
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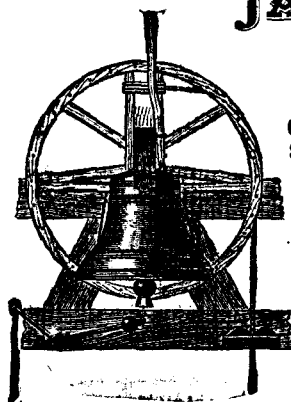
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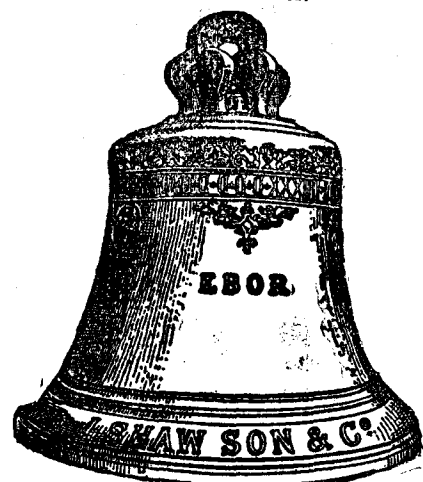
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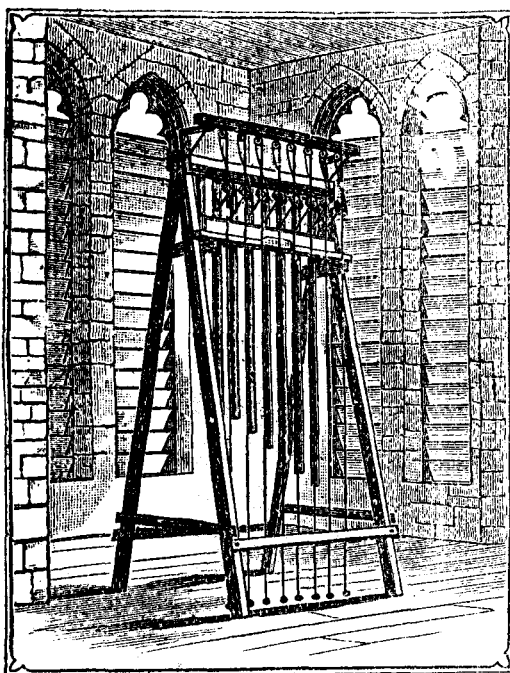
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## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly district meeting of this Association was held at Bishops Stortford on Saturday, September 22nd. This town stands in Hertfordshire, just over the Essex border, and is easily accessible from several Essex towers, most of its ringers being members of the Essex Association. Forty-three members were present from Barking, Bishops Stortford, Cambridge, Coggeshall, Great Totham, Harlow, Ipswich, London, Saffron Walden, Sawbridgeworth, Springfield, Stansted, and Writtle. The tower of St. Michael's church was thrown open, and touches were rung during the day in the following methods: Darlaston Bob Triples, Stedman Triples, Kent Treble Bob Royal and Major, Grandsire Caters, Double Norwich Court Bob Major, and Plain Bob Major, conducted by H. J. Tucker (Bishop Stortford), N. W. Tarling (Sawbridgeworth), and N. J. Pitstow (Saffron Walden). In the course of the afternoon the Rev. H. T. Lane, Vicar of Bishop Stortford, unveiled a tablet in the belfry erected by the St. Michael's Society in commemoration of two peals of Darlaston Bob Triples recently rung by members of that Society; at the same time welcoming the members of the Essex Association to Bishops Stortford. At five o'clock the company adjourned for a meat tea at The Chequers hotel. The chair was taken by the Rev. T. L. Papillon, Vicar of Writtle, supported by the Rev. H. T. W. Eyre, Vicar of Great Totham, and the Rev. C. L. White, curate of Bishops Stortford. A vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens of St. Michael's for the use of the bells was passed, on the motion of the Chairman, and the Rev. C. L. White responded. In the evening several of the members again repaired to St. Michael's tower, while others paid a visit to Great St. Mary's, Sawbridgeworth. During the day Wm. Lawrence, of Little Munden, Herts., was elected a non-resident ringing member.

A meeting for six-bell ringers will be held in the Witham and Maldon district towards the end of October or early in November. Members are reminded that the present term of subscription expires on December 31, and that subscriptions for the year 1895 become due on January 1st, in accordance with the rules of the Association as revised at the last annual meeting. All payments should be made to the Assistant Secretary, the Rev. H. T. W. Eyre, Great Totham, Witham.

## THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

The usual quarterly meeting of this Association was held at Harthill, on Saturday, September 22nd. There was a fair representation of ringers present from Sbiroaks, Workop, Anston, Ordsall, Retford, Harthill, and also Mr. E. James, Secretary of the Old East Derbyshire Association. The bells were, by the kind permission of the Rev. B. Darley, at the disposal of ringers from 2 p.m. until 9 in the evening, and it is gratifying to record four well-struck 720s in the methods of Oxford, Kent, Violet and Merchant's Return, considering the bad go of the 3rd and tenor, which require the strength of an horse to pull, in addition to the peal being sadly out of tune. In the early part of the afternoon the sexton very courteously showed the ringers through the splendid old church, the interior of which contains some very peculiar antiquities, and is full of historical interest. Beneath the church floor in a large vault lies about thirty coffins containing the remains of the Duke of Leeds' family, dating back from the sixteenth century, and some of which are in a handsome state of preservation, cased with lead, covered with plush, and also studded with brass all round. The inscriptions on most coffins were very visible, and the ringers were amply repaid, and their curiosity gratified by the sexton, to whom they owe their warmest thanks. The Rev. B. Darley also had the kindness to show all round his beautiful gardens and pleasure ground. At 4.30 p.m. upwards of thirty sat down in the reading room to do justice to a substantial meat tea, presided over by the Rev. B. Darley, and also assisted by the Honorary Secretary, the Rev. H. T. Slodden. After the cravings of the inner man had been satisfied, "stand" was called, and the business meeting followed. Nine performing members, together with the Rev. F. W. Keene as honorary member from Misson, were duly elected, as also were three others.

The Rev. B. Darley next addressed the meeting, and in the

course of his remarks said how pleased he was to welcome the ringers to Harthill. What with new towers and additional ringers joining the Association it would probably be two years before Harthill would be reviewed again. However, in the meantime, he hoped, by dint of assiduous perseverance, to have the bells recast if funds would permit, and made into a handy ring of eight to complete the octave. If successful it would afford the members much more pleasure when they paid their return visit.

The Rev. F. W. Keene, in a letter, gave the members a very welcome invitation to hold the next quarterly meeting at Misson, but it was pointed out that it would be more preferable on Easter Monday, inasmuch as the next meeting would be held in the cold month of December, and two-and-a-half miles walk from Bawtry Station would not guarantee a good attendance. It was therefore decided to hold the next meeting at Shireoaks, on Saturday, December 15th. Votes of thanks to the chairman for presiding and the use of the bells, and to the Hon. Secretary, brought the meeting to a close, and the bells were soon in motion to the tune of Treble Bob, which was indulged in until late in the evening.

## THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

A meeting of this Guild was held at Southport, on Saturday, September 15th, when fifty members attended from Anghton, Ormskirk, Crosby, Crossens, Croston, Halsall, Hindley, Bootle, Sefton, Tue Brook, West Derby, Upholland and Wigan, besides the local company. Ringing commenced about 3 p.m., and several touches of Grandsire Triples and Bob Major were rung until 5 p.m., when the members adjourned to the Albion Restaurant, where an excellent dinner was provided, to which ample justice was done. The business meeting was afterwards held, at which the Rev. W. T. Bulpit presided, being supported by Messrs. Martin, James, Short, etc.

The chairman said he was very glad to see so good a muster, and in the course of an excellent address explained the aims and objects of the Guild, which was greatly appreciated by the ringers present.

Mr. Martin read the statement of accounts, which were in a satisfactory condition, and dwelt at some length on the benevolent fund, and said he was very glad to see that it was being greatly appreciated, and he hoped before long it would be in a still more healthier condition.

Mr. Short then gave a few practical hints as regards new methods being learned, and suggested the use of the handbells in learning them before practising the same on the tower bells.

It was proposed by W. Benthams, seconded by Mr. Hargreaves that two from each tower in rotation make up to try for a few peals, so that each member may have a try for a peal, which was duly carried. One performing member was elected, and the usual votes of thanks brought a pleasant meeting to a close.

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All being now determined to succeed, St. Stephen's bells at Bristol were secured for the 22nd, and the ringers arrived safely home, much pleased with their success in this the most musical of Cater methods.

A lead of the method and the figures of the peal rung, will appear next week.

E. B. J.

## A FEW DAYS' RINGING IN HANTS.

As surely as autumn comes round so surely does Mr. G. Williams, of Brighton, visit his native county, Hants, for peal-ringing, and so surely does he assemble the right men for the work. This year Messrs. Weston and Hart, of Brighton, Shade of Greenwich, and Gatland of Steyning joined him, and were met by Messrs. Blackbourn and Gifford of Salisbury, Mr. Sevier of Eastleigh, Mr. Whiting of Fareham, Mr. White of Basingstoke, and the Rev. F. E. Robinson, of Drayton, eventually completing the party. The meeting place was Fareham, where they were most kindly entertained by Mr. Whiting, and there on September 15th, a good peal of Double Norwich was rung. Netley, where there is a light eight by Warner, in G, was next visited, and on Sunday, September 16th, another good peal of Double Norwich was tapped off. Monday morning found the band at work early, and before 11 o'clock a capital peal of Stedman Triples was completed at Netley. A move was then made across the Itchen Ferry to Southampton, and in due course Holt's ten-part was under weigh and successfully carried through at St. Michael's church, the first peal on the bells, each of the three previous peals being the first in the method in the towers. Leave had been given to ring a peal at Holyrood, but as this tower is very near St. Michael's it was thought best not to inflict another three hours' ringing on the inhabitants. Accordingly, after a hasty meal, the station was reached and tickets taken to Bishops Waltham, where carriages were ready to take the band to Soberton. A peal of Superlative being on the programme for Tuesday the 18th, Mr. Williams put his men through three courses of this method by way of practice on their arrival at Soberton. A good peal of Superlative, the first on the bells, was rung early on the 18th, followed by a peal of Double Norwich in the afternoon. There being time for a third peal in the evening, our old friend Thurstans was attempted, and success seemed a certainty, when in the 39th course the seventh rope succumbed and sought rest on the belfry floor. An active day was contemplated on Wednesday, September 19th, and at 6.45 the band set forth from their snug quarters at The White Lion, Soberton, for East Meon. The drive along the picturesque Meon valley in the early morning was much enjoyed, but ominous sounds issued from the ancient Norman tower at East Meon on arrival there, it being the custom to ring the tenor at 8 a.m. when a funeral is to take place and to refrain from peal-ringing during the day. After a few moments' consultation it was determined to make for Privett, four miles distant, and to essay a peal on the very musical ring there. The genial Vicar of Privett, the Rev. W. Maul, gladly gave consent, and after the seventh and tenor ropes had been spliced, "odd thirds first" and odd sixths last" were again in vogue, and another peal of Superlative, again the first on the bells, was accomplished. After partaking of the Vicar's hospitality a start was made for Petersfield, *en route* for Havant, where a peal was projected in the evening, but disappointment was in store for the visitors, as owing to a service in the evening no ringing could be done. A visit to Havant means for ringers a seat at Mr. Staple's hospitable table, where an excellent tea was prepared which served to solace the disappointed. As no ringing could be done the band quickly dispersed, not however before Mrs. G. Williams had given them the pleasure of seeing her ring 1-2 in a touch of Grandsire Triples, which she did admirably. Thus in this very successful little tour only one peal out of eight was lost, and that by the breaking of a rope, while six of the seven peals rung were record peals. Thanks are due to the organizers of the outing, to the clergy for the use of their bells, and last but not least to the very efficient conductor.

F. E. R.

## THE HEAVY WOOLLEN DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

The last monthly meeting of the above was held at Tong, on Saturday, September 15th. Members were present from Low Moor, Birstall, Batley Carr, Tong, and other places. The business meeting was presided over by Mr. Geo. Bolland. Very little business was done, the greater part of the day being spent in ringing. The next monthly meeting will be held at Dewsbury.

## BISHOPWEARMOUTH, DURHAM.

After the harvest festival service at the parish church on a recent Wednesday evening, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hudson invited a number of the clergy, the churchwardens, and church officers, to meet the ringers at supper at their residence near the church gates, Bishopwearmouth. Mr. Thomas Hudson, one of the principal ringers, presided, and among those present were the rector of Bishopwearmouth, the Ven. Archdeacon Long, the churchwardens, Mr. Walter Scott and Mr. J. L. Browne, the latter of whom very kindly gave the two new bells to complete the octave in the tower of the parish church; Rev. W. Budgen, curate; Mr. R. Duncan, Mr. R. S. Story, Whitley, president of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association; Mr. W. Reed, North Shields; Mr. Wm. Hudson, Mr. G. Hinde, clerk; Mr. Wilkinson, verger; and the ringers. After supper, the rector said he was very anxious to say how very grateful he felt towards all who had made that day one of the happiest to him since he had been rector of the parish, now eleven years. He begged to thank Mr. and Mrs. Hudson for their kind and hospitable entertainment of them that night. He was only expressing what they would all wish to do, to express their cordial thanks for the great trouble they had taken. He thanked the churchwardens for the trouble they had taken to bring to a successful issue the work they had had in hand for the past two years. With regard to Mr. J. L. Browne, his name would be treasured in connection with the church, for the very handsome gift of the bells. Bishop Sandford spoke to him of the great interest he had taken in the service, and he was happy that the dedication had come round upon that, their harvest thanksgiving festival day, and they gave thanks to the Giver of all, and they gave thanks to all who had assisted to make the occasion such a happy and successful one. Mr. Hudson acknowledged the honour they felt in the presence of the rector and churchwardens, and they hoped the harmony in the belfry would continue to go on as heretofore. Mr. Story, Whitley, said they were all very well satisfied indeed with the bells, in which there had been such an improvement, and such a valuable addition. He could assure Mr. Hudson of the assistance, at any time, of himself and other members of the Association. Great credit was due to the churchwarden (Mr. Browne) who had given the bells, and his name would not be forgotten amongst them for his gift. A couple of touches were then rung on the handbells.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

WIRRAL BRANCH.—The members of this branch held their monthly meeting on Saturday, September 22nd, at Eastham. There were twenty-three ringing members from the following towers: Bebington, Bidston, Bromborough Eastham, Rock Ferry, and Woodchurch. Previous to the meeting a substantial tea was kindly provided by W. H. Cochrane, Esq., to whom a most hearty vote of thanks was passed for his generous hospitality. Votes of thanks were also accorded to the Rev. W. E. Torr for the use of the bells, and to the Rev. A. Charlesworth for presiding in the unavoidable absence of the Rector. Mr. J. Dillon, in supporting the votes of thanks, remarked that the interest which had lately been shown by the clergy and others in this branch towards the ringers was much appreciated by them, and was encouraging them to persevere in their work. The Chairman, in some well-chosen words, responded to the vote of thanks. The following touches were very well struck during the afternoon and evening. A 720 of Kent Treble Bob. E. S. Hough, 1; W. Wilcox (conductor), 2; W. Smith, 3; J. Griffiths, 4; J. Martin, 5; J. Dillon, 6. First 720 in the method by E. S. Hough. Also 720 of Canterbury Pleasure. J. Pickin, 1; E. Breeze, 2; J. Rowlands, 3; J. Cliffe, 4; W. Wilcox, 5; J. Dillon (conductor), 6. First in the method on the bells. Also 720 of Oxford Single. F. Jones, 1; E. Breeze, 2; J. Cliffe, 3; J. Martin, 4; E. Hough, 5; J. Dillon (conductor), 6. And 360 of Plain Bob. J. Martin, 1; E. Breeze, 2; W. Smith, 3; F. Jones, 4; J. Dillon, 5; E. S. Hough (conductor), 6. Messrs. Dillon, Jones, Martin, and Pickin hail from Bromborough; Breeze, Hough, and Cliffe from Bebington; Wilcox and Griffiths from Bidston; J. Rowlands and W. Smith are local men.

## Ringers' Outings.

**ST. MARY'S SOCIETY, SWANSEA.**—The ringers of this church held their annual outing on Saturday, September 15th, the place chosen being Llanstephan, in the county of Carmarthen. Accompanied by Mr. Jones, parish clerk, they left Swansea at 9.30 a.m., and arrived at Ferryside about 11.0 a.m. After waiting some time, they embarked in the ferry boat and arrived at their destination at 12 o'clock, where they were met by Mr. Palmer, the organist, who kindly showed the way to the tower, and while some slight defects were being rectified, they adjourned to the Union Hall hotel to dinner. After dinner was over, a move was made for the tower, where the bells were raised in peal, and a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was attempted, but was unfortunately lost just over half-way. Various forms of amusements were indulged in till tea time came at 5 o'clock. After doing full justice to the good things provided, they again visited the tower, where a capital touch of 559 Grandsire Triples was brought round. C. Hoare, 1; G. Searle, 2; E. Searle, 3; J. Hoare, 4; R. Yeo, 5; W. Green, 6; W. Lightfoot (conductor), 7; H. West, 8. The bells were then lowered in peal, good-byes were said, and they were soon on their way home, which was safely reached about 11.0 p.m. Their best thanks are due to the vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells, and to Mr. Palmer for making arrangements.

**THE NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—On Saturday, September 22nd, the members of the Gainsborough branch of the above Association had their third annual outing, the places selected being Corringham and Blyton. A start was made by waggonette for Corringham, under the careful driving of Mr. W. D. Tinker, the conductor of the society, which was reached about 3.15 p.m. On arriving there the bells were raised and set rolling to the tune of Grandsire Doubles. After ringing two 6-scores (separately), a well-struck 720 of Grandsire Minor was brought round. H. W. Kirton, 1; J. T. Ladd, 2; W. W. Bust, 3; G. Wilson, 4; F. S. W. Butler, 5; W. D. Tinker (conductor), 6. The ringers then adjourned to the house of Mr. Smithson, churchwarden, where a capital tea had been provided, and to which ample justice was done. After tea Mr. Butler proposed a vote of thanks to the vicar for the use of the bells; also to Mr. and Mrs. Smithson for the grand tea provided for them. This was seconded by Mr. Ladd, after which tunes were rung on the handbells by the party. The tower was again visited, and time being short, the bells were lowered and a start made for Blyton, where they were met by Mr. Gleadell, captain of the local band, who had everything in readiness. After the bells were raised, several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles were rang by Messrs. Tinker, Bust, Ladd, Kirton, Wilson, Wheeler, and Butler, W. D. Tinker and F. S. W. Butler acting as conductors. Thanks are due to R. S. Lakin, another of the Gainsborough ringers, who so kindly rang the tenor for them in the Doubles at Corringham. A start was then made for home, which was reached about ten o'clock, all having thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

**THE BLACKBURN PARISH CHURCH SOCIETY.**—The members of this society had their annual outing on Thursday, September 6th, the places selected being Lancaster, Morecambe, and Silverdale. They left Blackburn by the 6.25 a.m. train for Preston where breakfast was provided for them. They left Preston by the 8.10 train for Lancaster, which was reached at 9 a.m., and after having a look round the church (which is a very historical edifice, they arranged to meet the ringers at 7 p.m. for a 500. They then visited the Castle, which is also an old historical one. Next was a drive to Morecambe, arriving at the West View hotel at 12 noon, where dinner was in readiness, to which all did ample justice to the good things provided. A drive to Silverdale church, which is about twelve miles from Morecambe, was the next item, where short touches of Grandsire and Plain Bob Minor were rung on the grand peal of six. Returning to West View hotel, Morecambe, which was reached at 5.15 p.m., they partook of tea, which was served in Mr. Longmore's best style. They left Morecambe for Lancaster at 6.30 p.m., arriving there at 6.55 p.m., where they rung 500 of Grandsire Triples, and after thanking the ringers for their kindness, they left by the 8.18 p.m. train for Blackburn, which was reached at 10 p.m., all being highly pleased with their day's outing.

**QUEDGLEY, GLOUCESTER.**—On Monday, August 10th, the members of the above band had an outing, Bath being the place selected. Starting from home soon after 7 a.m., Bath was reached about 10.30. At the station we were kindly met by two local men, Mr. C. Goodenough and Mr. H. Wotton, who took us over the abbey, and pointed out the special objects of interest, the fine view from the top of the tower being greatly admired. Just before twelve o'clock we arrived at Christ Church, being very kindly met there by Mr. G. Kingman, and three touches of Grandsire Triples were brought round. The next item on the programme was dinner, which was thoroughly enjoyed at Mr. Findley's dining room, after which we made a start for Twerton-on-Avon by bus. Here we found a very beautiful little ring of eight, but owing to a rather long draught, we did not succeed so well in ringing, our draught at home being particularly short, but nevertheless, 504 Grandsire Triples was brought round. Getting back to Bath, and having some tea, and a look round, station time soon arrived, where we had the pleasure of seeing Mr. J. Fussell, who had so kindly arranged for the local men to meet us. Leaving Bath at 6.35 p.m., Gloucester station was reached about 9 o'clock, and a start was made for home, where we arrived safely, one and all having spent a most enjoyable day. This is the first outing we have ever had, but we hope by persevering to make it an annual affair. The hearty thanks of all are tendered through "THE BELL NEWS" to the Vicar of Christ Church and the Vicar of Twerton-on-Avon for the use of the bells; to Mr. J. Fussell, Mr. C. Goodenough, and Mr. H. Wotton for so kindly helping us; and to Messrs. G. Kingman and G. Temple, the steeple-keepers of Twerton and Christ Church respectively. F. K.

## Correspondence.

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

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

TRUE AND FALSE AUTHORSHIP.

SIR,—I am afraid that the readers of "THE BELL NEWS" are getting tired of this correspondence, but I hope I shall not be trespassing too far upon the space of your valuable paper by writing this, my last letter. Mr. Trollop is altogether wrong in saying that I have missed the point of his argument. I thank him for the advice he gives me in his last letter, but it is like the advice he has given me in some of his previous letters, it is rather old. I have had in my possession for five or six years a copy of Snowden's *Treatise on Treble Bob*, and have carefully studied the chapter on the transposition of peals, long before I commenced composing peals. There is nothing in that book which can help to settle our discussion, as it is not a question as to whether the two peals are alike. I have never said that they are not alike, but what I have said I will repeat. I sent my peal for publication in "THE BELL NEWS" eleven weeks before I saw the figures of Mr. Trollop's peal. If my peal had been published in "THE BELL NEWS" for Saturday, April 7th (as it ought to have been), it would then have settled all dispute as to who was the composer. If Mr. Trollop thinks that I go rushing peals into print without taking the trouble to see whether they are variations of peals that have already been published, and without knowing anything about the transposition of peals, as he says in his last letter I do not, he is very much mistaken. Anyone who has seen the figures of the peals under discussion, whether they are composers or not, will know perfectly well that they are alike, but my argument is this; that as I had composed and sent my peal for publication long before I saw the figures of Mr. Trollop's peal, I fail to see how he can still say that it is a variation of his peal. When I sent my peal for publication I knew perfectly well that it was a new peal, and not a variation of any that had already been published by some other composer. As far as I can make out, it is the first peal of its kind ever published, so that with all due respect to Mr. Trollop, I consider I have sufficient ground to still claim my peal as an original composition. H. W. WILDE.

Derwent Bridge, Duffield.

SIR,—Some years ago Mr. Prentice, of Ipswich, published a peal of Bob Major, 5040 changes, in "THE BELL NEWS," in three parts, with the fewest omits possible, and rang at Helmingham, conducted by W. Dye, and at Stonham Aspell, in December, 1888, conducted by F. Mee. In looking through the Society of Union Scholars' book, I find the same peal was rang at St. Martin-in-the-Fields, on December 9th, 1748, conducted by John Holt. W. G. CRICKMER.

Earl Soham.

## Notices.

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

**The Lancashire Association.**—The annual meeting will be held at Bolton, to-day, Saturday, September 29th. Service in Holy Trinity church at 3.30. Particulars by circular.

J. REDFORD, } Hon.  
A. E. WREAKS, } Secs.

**The Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.**—The quarterly meeting in connection with the above Society will be held to-day, Saturday, September 29th, 1894, at the parish church, Bloxwich. Ringing at 2.0 p.m. Reports will be ready for this meeting.

10, Bull Street, } S. REEVES,  
West Bromwich. } Hon. Sec.

**The Old East Derbyshire Association.**—The quarterly meeting will be held at Eckington, to-day, Saturday, September 29th. Important business will be brought before the meeting. Members are requested to attend. Peal of six bells open for members and friends. Business meeting at the White Hart inn, at 5 o'clock.

Woodseats, Sheffield. } EDWIN JAMES,  
Hon. Sec.

**United Counties' Association.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at the parish church, Ashton-under-Lyne, to-day, Saturday, September 29th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5.30. Business meeting immediately after tea.

JOSEPH RADCLIFFE, Sec.

**The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.**—The next monthly ringing meeting of the above society will be held at Horbury, to-day, Saturday, September 29th. Bells (six), open all day. Meeting house, The King's Arms hotel. Members and other ringing friends are cordially invited.

3, Dame Street, Hogg's Field, Holbeck.

**The Kent County Association.**—Ashford District.—The Annual meeting of this district will be held at Folkestone, this Saturday afternoon, September 29th. Committee meeting at 5.30. Allowances, two shillings for full members, and one shilling for probationers, will be paid at 5 p.m. Members not present at that hour will forfeit their claim to payment.

C. WILFRID BLAXLAND, District Sec.  
Hythe.

**Sussex County Association.**—Western Division.—Meeting at Billingshurst, to-day, Saturday, September 29th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Tea and meeting 5.30.

J. W. G. LODGE-COTTER, Hon. Sec.  
Yapton Vicarage.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Liverpool Diocesan Branch.—The usual monthly meeting will be held at St. Paul's church, Warrington, on October 6th, 1894. Tower open for ringing at 2.30. Tea provided free in the schoolroom at 5 o'clock. Business meeting to be held after tea.

J. J. M. MOORE.  
9, Mill Street, Warrington.

**The Yorkshire Association.**—The nineteenth Annual meeting will be held at Shipley, on Saturday, October 6th. Service in St. Paul's church at 4 p.m., tea in the schools at 5, business meeting after. Bells of St. Paul's (eight), and Saltaire Congregational church (six), at disposal all day. Bands desirous of

ringing previous to one o'clock should communicate with the local Hon. Sec., Mr. Fred London, 55, Alexandra road, Shipley.

B. T. COPLEY, Hon. Sec.

**The Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.**—Next quarterly meeting, Tetbury, Saturday, October 6th. Dinner at 1.30 (on arrival of train), at The White Hart, 2s. 6d. per head. 1s. 6d. allowed to members who send 1s. postal order to me, on or before Monday, October 1st, as an intimation of intention of being present. Business meeting after dinner. Short service in parish church at 2.45, address by Rev. T. G. Horwood, Vicar. Spire re-built, bells rehung.

REV. PITT EYKYN, Hon. Sec.

St. Augustine's Vicarage, Bristol.

**The Surrey Association.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Beddington and Carshalton, on Saturday, October 13th. By kind permission, the towers of St. Mary (ten bells), and All Saints (eight bells) will be open for ringing from 2 p.m. Tea (free to annual subscribers) at The Plough inn at 6 p.m. Representatives please send the number of members who intend to be present at tea to Mr. J. Trappitt, Church lane, Beddington, not later than Thursday, October 12th.

R. B. BLANCHARD, Hon. Sec.

13, Sunnyhill Road, Streatham, S.W.

**The Bedfordshire Association.**—The quarterly meeting will be held at Toddington, on Saturday, October 6th.

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

**The Stoke Archidiaconal Association.**—The next meeting will be held at Stone, on Saturday next, October 6th. Members intending to be present are requested to give notice to Mr. W. Hodson, 13, Old Road, Stone.

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

**Kent County Association.**—Lewisham District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Bromley, on Saturday, October 13th. The tower will be open for ringing from 3 p.m. Railway fares of members present at 5 p.m. will be paid up to, but not exceeding 2s., and a tea will be provided at 5.30 for those whose names are sent to the District Sec., not later than Wednesday, October 10th. The meeting for business will be immediately after tea.

T. E. TEIGNMOUTH SHORE, Hon. Sec.  
25, Thornford road, Lewisham, S.E.

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## 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.

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**SITUATION WANTED** by respectable young man, age 26. Outside, with slight knowledge of inside. Willing and sober. Three and a half years' experience. Good character, also a ringer. S. Schofield, Minley Mauor, Peatmore, near Farnborough, Hampshire.

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## CURRENT TOPICS.

The report of the Durham contingent in the Eastern Counties' has found vent in print, as I expected it would. This account is evidently from the pen of that writer who invariably "does" these matters for the paper. I think I referred to his lucubrations on a previous occasion, the result being the receipt of a courteous letter from him. In the report of this tour, I do not see any reference to that individual whose "Sunday name is 'Jupiter Pluvius,'" so that it may be taken for granted that the weather kept good for our friends of the North. And there is no doubt that they enjoyed the tour, the unsuccessful attempts for peals notwithstanding. The closing lines of this report is just what I should have expected. "We," the report says, "owe a debt of gratitude to the vicars and churchwardens of the various churches at which we rang, for granting us the use of their bells; also to the Rev. H. E. Bulwer, Messrs. Alexander, Day, and Borrett for their assistance to Mr. Story in making out the programme. All we can do to repay such kindness, is to offer a hearty welcome to the north, where we can offer a charming selection of peals of bells, and a variety of methods; and we will guarantee to offer the right hand of good fellowship and what hospitality we can afford to any one of our brother-strings from East Anglia, or anywhere else for that matter." I am determined to accept such a general invitation before long.

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Mr. J. Armiger Trollop, I am afraid, is incensed against me on account of what I said about the correspondence headed "True and False Authorship." "Let difference of opinion," etcetera, etcetera. I never insinuate, friend Armiger, never; I speak plainly. May be I am often wrong, but then I am amenable to correction and reproof. But a truce to this topic; let's have something else. I have often been struck with the peculiarity of our friend's patronymic. Perhaps he himself has also often wondered concerning its derivation. I have it in a very interesting book—"Memoirs of Earl Malmesbury." Here it is:—

"Sidney Herbert told us a funny story about the origin of the name of Trollope. A son of Mrs. Trollope, the authoress, who was with him at Harrow, first told it of his own accord, but used to be made to repeat it by sufficient punchings on the head, as follows:—'Tallyhosier the Norman came over to England with William the Conqueror, and being out hunting one day with his Majesty in the New Forest, happened to kill three wolves, and "*trdis*" being French for "three," "*loup*," French for "wolves," he was called "*trouisloup*," which with many changes and corruptions during countless centuries became "Trollope."'"

There, friend Trollop, what say you to this? Of course I am in the dark altogether about "Armiger."

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What a melancholy history does the letter *re* St. Margaret's, Westminster, pourtray. It would hardly seem possible that such a tower, with its splendid bells, could ever be so lightly appreciated as Mr. Harland-Oxley tells us it has. A peal of ten bells, too. In many parts of the country it would have been different. I should like to know, if the above-named gentleman would be kind enough to impart the information, what amount of fees, if any, is or has been paid by the authorities of St. Margaret's for ringing. Another question I may ask. While there was a regularly-constituted society at St. Margaret's—I mean a body recognised by the Church—was that body called upon to ring upon extraordinary occasions, or was a miscellaneous collection, summoned from any place between Westminster and Limehouse, allowed to officiate?

If the advertisements from "Ringers Wanting Situations," are any criterion, trade must be in a bad way, generally. The labour supply is beyond the demand, we shall be told, I suppose, by those who affect to know. Taking a synopsis of these advertisements at present appearing, the idea presents itself that surely such tradesmen are wanted somewhere. Then why on earth can't they get an engagement through their ringing brethren? Simply, I expect, because the latter, or those of them who could do some good in getting work for their less fortunate brethren, won't take the trouble. Apathy and unconcern even in this.

PLAIN SPEAKER.

## RINGER'S WEDDING.

On Wednesday, September 19th, at All Saints' Church, Maidstone, an event took place which will be of interest to many ringers, especially in the county of Kent. This was the marriage of Mr. Alfred Palmer, of Maidstone, to Miss Helen Norah Barker, of Tovil. The morning was very dull and foggy, but before the wedding party arrived at the church, the sun shone out gloriously, and the day proved to be one of the brightest of the year. Mr. Palmer, of course, had to have a ringer for his best man, and Mr. Edgar Pope, of Staplehurst, performed the arduous duties of that office with the greatest tact and judgment. This however was not enough, and another ringer, the Rev. E. W. Carpenter, Vicar of Milton-next-Sittingbourne, was present to perform the service. The happy couple left the church after the ceremony amid a shower of rice to the sound of the bells rung out from the tower of the grand old church, and drove to Tovil for the wedding breakfast, and the inevitable photographer: subsequently leaving for Brighton, where the honeymoon will be spent, amidst the congratulations and good wishes of all. If Mr. Palmer makes as good a husband as he is a ringer (of which we have no doubt), the bride may be congratulated upon her very happy choice. The presents made a quite imposing display, and included one from the St. Michael's ringers.

## INKBERROW, WORCESTERSHIRE.

On Saturday, September 22nd, by the kind invitation of the vicar, the Rev. T. N. Leeke, Messrs. Page and Johnson, of Worcester, with Messrs. Buffery (Smethwick), Bastable, Bryant, and Westwood (Birmingham), paid a visit to the parish church to have a ring on the bells, which are a peal of six, tenor 12 cwt. and which have lately been rehung by Messrs. Carr, of Smethwick, Birmingham, the "go" of them being all that could be desired. The bells being raised, a touch of Bob Minor, conducted by W. Page, was brought round, and before starting again, the vicar invited the ringers across to his house to partake of a substantial meat tea, being rather more than the ordinary plain course, and which, with the aid of the vicar, each one seemed to thoroughly enjoy. Time getting short, the ringers again adjourned to the belfry and rang a 720 of Grandsire Minor, conducted by W. Page; also two 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, conducted by W. Bryant. The bells were then lowered in peal, after which a hearty vote of thanks to the vicar for his kindness, and a shake of the hands and usual good-byes, brought a pleasant evening's outing to a close. The ringers changed course, Johnson and Page going by road to Worcester; Bastable, Bryant, and Westwood by train to Birmingham; and J. Buffery to Tamworth.

## THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Friday, September 14th, at head-quarters, the following were elected officers for the ensuing year. *Master*, Mr. B. Foskett; *Treasurer*, Mr. W. Baron; *Secretary*, Mr. A. Jacob. The foregoing were re-elected. *Stewards*, Mr. W. Meads, and Mr. G. Turl, jun. *A. JACOB, Hon. Sec.*

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

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 1891.

THE achievement of a peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Caters calls to mind the operations of the Birmingham St. Martin's Society at the period when the late chief of that body may be said to have been in his intellectual and corporeal prime. At the period we are alluding to, though the Exercise had not the benefit of any organ in the press beyond that sporting paper which is now defunct, yet a perusal of the brief and infrequent records therein, would often cause readers to notice, in their own peculiar vernacular, the "new departures" of the Birmingham chief, and the enterprise of his followers in the successful attempt, not in an entirely new method perhaps, but in a novel treatment of one already known. We may instance the peals of Treble Bob Caters and Stedman Major and Royal, all rung by the Birmingham company under the auspices of the late Mr. JOHNSON.

A "new departure" has now been made by ten of the members of that body known as the "St. Michael's Juniors," of Gloucester, in the performance of a peal of Double Norwich on an odd number of bells. Efforts of this kind require no small amount of intrepidity and confidence, and the executants will receive their due meed of praise for it. "Double Norwich Caters" it may be said, seems somewhat heterodox, but yet not more so than Stedman Major or Royal, or Treble Bob Caters.

The fact is, the adoption of such methods on a number of bells hitherto looked upon as foreign, is a novelty, and novelties do not always find favor, even with experts. But it may be taken for granted that such peals are not to become frequent. We apprehend that even the St. Michael's Juniors would prefer to ring a peal of Royal in this method to ringing another one of Caters. The achievement however, stamps the company as one of no ordinary ability. A lead of the method with the figures of the composition rung on the 22nd instant will appear next week. This will no doubt be interesting to our readers, who will be enabled to form their opinions upon its propriety as an odd-bell method.

#### STOWMARKET CHURCH BELLS.

The bells of the parish church of Stowmarket are being rung in a new English frame, with new fittings. These bells are a grand ring of eight, the tenor weighing about 25 cwt., and cast by the famous Miles Graye, who cast the fine tenor at Lavenham. Several other improvements are also to be made in the ringing-room, etc.

#### The Metropolis.

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

On Wednesday, September 19, 1894, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN, PUTNEY,

##### A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 16 cwt.

EDWARD H. ADAMS .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM E. GARRARD .. 5.
CHALLIS F. WINNY .. .. 2.	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY .. 6.
JOHN N. OXBORROW .. .. 3.	WILLIAM T. COCKERILL .. 7.
HENRY R. NEWTON .. .. 4.	FREDERICK G. NEWMAN .. Tenor.

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

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

On Saturday, September 22, 1894, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN, WESTMINSTER,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 25 cwt.

JOHN N. OXBORROW .. .. Treble.	HENRY S. ELLIS .. .. 5.
WALTER J. SORRELL .. .. 2.	JAMES GEORGE .. .. 6.
WILLIAM E. GARRARD .. .. 3.	WILLIAM T. COCKERILL .. 7.
FRANK BUCK .. .. 4.	HENRY R. NEWTON .. .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS and Conducted by HENRY R. NEWTON.

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

On Saturday, September 22, 1894, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW, BETHNAL GREEN,

##### A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

JAMES PETTIT .. .. Treble.	MATTHEW A. WOOD .. .. 5.
WILLIAM COOTER .. .. 2.	SAMUEL E. JOYCE .. .. 6.
ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. 3.	RICHARD FRENCH .. .. 7.
JOHN BONNEY .. .. 4.	WALTER PRIME .. .. Tenor.

Composed by CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY and

Conducted by JAMES PETTIT.

This peal has the 5th and 6th their extent in 5-6. Rung as a compliment to M. A. Wood, who attained his sixty-eighth birthday on the above date, the band wishing him many happy returns.

#### GREENWICH, KENT.

##### THE ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY, LONDON.

On Saturday, September 22, 1894, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALPHEGE,

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

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 25 cwt.

WILLIAM FOREMAN .. .. Treble.	JOSEPH WAGHORN, JUN. .. 5.
WILLIAM PEAD .. .. 2.	THOMAS GWYNNE .. .. 6.
JOHN J. LAMB .. .. 3.	EDWARD E. RICHARDS .. 7.
HARRY HOSKINS .. .. 4.	*WILLIAM BERRY .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by EDWARD E. RICHARDS.

\*First peal. Rung in honour of the Vicar's birthday, the Rev. Brooke Lambert M.A., B.C.L.

#### The Provinces.

##### MICHELDEAN, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

##### GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 15, 1894, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

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

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt.

JOHN HARPER, JUN.* .. Treble.	WALTER T. BENNETT .. 5.
WILLIAM C. JONES .. .. 2.	GEORGE L. BRUNSDON .. 6.
JOHN AUSTIN .. .. 3.	REV. H. LAW JAMES .. 7.
ALFRED T. BRUNSDON .. 4.	*WILLIAM J. BENNETT .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

\*First peal.

#### SLOUGH, BUCKS.

On Saturday, September 15, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

W. H. FUSSELL .. .. Treble.	F. BIGGS .. .. 5.
A. C. FUSSELL .. .. 2.	SYDNEY GOODCHILD .. 6.
F. BOREHAM .. .. 3.	R. BIGGS .. .. 7.
W. TRUSS .. .. 4.	J. C. TRUSS, JUN. .. Tenor.

Conducted by J. C. TRUSS, JUN.

Messrs. Fussell hail from Slough; F. Boreham, F. Biggs, Goodchild, and R. Biggs from Hughenden; W. Truss and J. C. Truss from Great Marlow. It is now nearly twelve months since a peal was rung on these bells.

#### FAREHAM, HANTS.

##### THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 15, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

##### A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F sharp.

JOHN W. WHITING .. .. Treble.	THOMAS BLACKBOURN .. 5.
ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. 2.	KEITH HART .. .. 6.
WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. 3.	GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. 7.
HARRY WESTON .. .. 4.	WILLIAM J. SEVIER .. .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

This is the first peal of Double Norwich on the bells. This peal has the 6th eighteen course-ends wrong, and twenty-four course-ends at home, and the 2nd never in 6th place at a course-end.

#### NETLEY ABBEY, HANTS.

##### THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, September 16, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,

##### A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 8½ cwt. in A flat.

JOHN W. WHITING .. .. Treble.	HARRY WESTON .. .. 5.
ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. 2.	THOMAS BLACKBOURN .. 6.
WILLIAM J. SEVIER .. .. 3.	KEITH HART .. .. 7.
WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. 4.	GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

This is the first peal of Double Norwich on the bells. This peal has the 6th twelve times wrong and the extent at home, and the 2nd and 3rd never in 6th place at a course-end.

## NETLEY ABBEY, HANTS.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, September 17, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 8½ cwt. in Ab.

GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM J. SEVIER .. .. 5.
ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. 2.	THOMAS BLACKBOURN .. .. 6.
KEITH HART .. .. 3.	JOHN W. WHITING .. .. 7.
WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. .. 4.	HARRY WESTON .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

This is the first peal of Stedman on the bells.

## SOUTHAMPTON, HANTS.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, September 17, 1894, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 16 cwt. in D.

GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. Treble.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. .. 5.
JOHN W. WHITING .. .. 2.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. .. 6.
JAMES ELCOMBE .. .. 3.	WILLIAM J. SEVIER .. .. 7.
KEITH HART .. .. 4.	HARRY WESTON .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

This is the first peal on the bells, which were augmented from six to eight in 1878.

## SOBERTON, HANTS.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, September 18, 1894, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,  
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 14 cwt. in G.

JOHN W. WHITING* .. .. Treble.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. .. 5.
ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. 2.	KEITH HART .. .. 6.
HARRY WESTON .. .. 3.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. .. 7.
THOMAS BLACKBOURN .. .. 4.	GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. Tenor.

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

\*First peal of Superlative. This is the first peal of Superlative rung in Hampshire.

## SOBERTON, HANTS.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, September 18, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,  
5008 CHANGES. Tenor 14 cwt. in G.

JOHN W. WHITING .. .. Treble.	GEORGE GATLAND .. .. 5.
GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. 2.	HENRY WHITE .. .. 6.
ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. 3.	KEITH HART .. .. 7.
HARRY WESTON .. .. 4.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

This is the first peal of Double Norwich on the bells.

## PRIVETT, HANTS.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, September 19, 1894, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,  
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 12½ cwt.

HENRY WHITE* .. .. Treble.	KEITH HART .. .. 5.
ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. 2.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. .. 6.
HARRY WESTON .. .. 3.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. .. 7.
THOMAS BLACKBOURN .. .. 4.	GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. Tenor.

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

\*First peal of Superlative. This is the first peal of Superlative on the bells.

## WEST BROMWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Tuesday, September 18, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

JAMES CULWICK .. .. Treble.	JOHN R. FRISBY .. .. 5.
REUBEN HALL* .. .. 2.	JAMES HALL .. .. 6.
JAMES HARES .. .. 3.	SAMUEL REEVES .. .. 7.
JOSEPH WALKER .. .. 4.	CHARLES WOODHALL .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by REUBEN HALL.

\*First peal as conductor.

## NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

(NUNEATON BRANCH.)

On Thursday, September 20, 1894, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 14½ cwt. in E.

WILLIAM ADLER .. .. Treble.	JAMES GEORGE .. .. 5.
WALTER STONE .. .. 2.	THOMAS W. CHAPMAN .. .. 6.
JOHN H. PAULSON .. .. 3.	HARRY ARGYLE .. .. 7.
HARRY HORWOOD .. .. 4.	WILLIAM JOHNSON .. .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER and Conducted by JAMES GEORGE.

This is the second and tenor men's first peal, and great credit is due to them for the manner in which they handled their bells, as they have only recently commenced to learn change-ringing.

## CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 20, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,  
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 13½ cwt.

ROBERT JORDAN .. .. Treble.	FREDERICK DENCH .. .. 5.
JOHN RICE .. .. 2.	HARRY WESTON .. .. 6.
FREDERICK W. RICE .. .. 3.	JAMES PARKER .. .. 7.
ALFRED D. MILLS .. .. 4.	FREDERICK CRIPPS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY and Conducted by JAMES PARKER.

This peal has the 4th and 6th their extent in 5-6 with the 6th at home at the last ten courses, and the 2nd never in 6th place at a course-end. Rung in honour of the marriage of the Rev. A. Bridge and Miss Goddard.

## BRISTOL.

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

## AND THE ST. MICHAEL'S JUNIORS, GLOUCESTER.

On Saturday, September 22, 1894, in Three Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB CATERS,  
5093 CHANGES. Tenor 20 cwt.

FREDERICK MUSTY .. .. Treble.	ADOLPHUS ROBERTS .. .. 6.
FRANCIS E. HART .. .. 2.	WALTER T. BENNETT .. .. 7.
E. BANKES JAMES .. .. 3.	HARRY ROBERTS .. .. 8.
JOHN AUSTIN .. .. 4.	REV. H. LAW JAMES .. .. 9.
FRANCIS E. WARD .. .. 5.	ERNEST DAVIS .. .. Tenor.

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

Reference to this peal will be found elsewhere, and the figures will appear next week.

## HORSHAM, SUSSEX.-THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 22, 1894, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,  
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 23½ cwt. in E.

ALFRED D. MILLS .. .. Treble.	FREDERICK DENCH .. .. 5.
JOHN RICE .. .. 2.	FREDERICK W. RICE .. .. 6.
EDWIN JORDAN .. .. 3.	JAMES PARKER .. .. 7.
HARRY WESTON .. .. 4.	FREDERICK W. CRIPPS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by J. S. WILDE and Conducted by JAMES PARKER.

This peal has the 5th and 6th their extent in 5-6 with the 6th at home the last eleven courses, and the 2nd never in 6th place at a course-end. The ringers wish to thank the vicar for the use of the bells.

## TILEHURST, BERKS. 004

On Saturday, September 22, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 20 cwt.

HARRY TUCKER .. .. .	Treble.	CHARLES GILES.. .. .	5.
HENRY WHITE .. .. .	2.	JOHN DAY .. .. .	6.
FRANK HOPGOOD .. .. .	3.	HARRY GOODGER .. .. .	7.
ALFRED WATMORE .. .. .	4.	CHARLES CHAPMAN .. .. .	Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY WHITE.

## NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 24, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

FRANCIS LEES .. .. .	Treble.	ROBERT C. HUDSON.. .. .	5.
JAMES E. R. KEEN .. .. .	2.	EMMETT W. J. LINCOLN .. .. .	6.
WILLIAM HOLMES .. .. .	3.	ALFRED F. HILLIER.. .. .	7.
JAMES W. ROPER .. .. .	4.	FREDK. J. HARRISON .. .. .	Tenor.

Composed by JOHN THORP and Conducted by WILLIAM HOLMES.

This peal is in fourteen courses, with 5-6 the extent right and wrong, and will be found in Banister's work, page 111. Keen hails from North Shields; Hudson from Sunderland. Rung as a wedding compliment to J. W. Roper.

## EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 25, 1894, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BIDDLESTONE'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

WALTER LAWRENCE* .. .. .	Treble.	ALFRED J. TURNER .. .. .	5.
WILLIAM J. FISHER .. .. .	2.	JOHN S. GOLDSMITH.. .. .	6.
WILLIAM LAWRENCE .. .. .	3.	BENJAMIN HOBBS .. .. .	7.
JAMES H. HUNNISETT .. .. .	4.	THOMAS H. DEADMAN .. .. .	Tenor.

Conducted by ALFRED J. TURNER.

\*First peal and first attempt. Messrs. Turner and Goldsmith hail from Lewes; Walter Lawrence from Aldbourne.

## BASINGSTOKE, HANTS.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, September 25, 1894, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

FREDERICK WILSON .. .. .	Treble.	THOMAS CURTIS .. .. .	5.
JOHN BALLARD .. .. .	2.	HARRY E. WITHERS .. .. .	6.
HENRY WHITE .. .. .	3.	GEORGE GASSON .. .. .	7.
CHARLES F. HANSFORD .. .. .	4.	ARTHUR KNIGHT .. .. .	Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY WHITE.

Messrs. Withers and Gasson hail from Alton. Rung with the bells deeply muffled as a last token of respect to the late Rev. Canon Millard, D.D., Vicar of Basingstoke 1864-1890, who was interred that afternoon at Oxford.

## Date Touches.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

KELVEDON (Essex).—On Sunday evening, September 16th, for Divine Service at St. Mary's church, a date touch of 1894 changes in the following methods; Oxford, Cambridge, Old Doubles, Grandsire and Nightingale, each called differently, in 1 hr. 15 mins. F. Dale, 1; H. Elliott, 2; J. Frost, 3; H. Evers, 4; W. Elliott (conductor), 6. Tenor 21 cwt. Rung as a farewell to F. Dale.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

FLIXTON (Lancashire).—On Tuesday evening, September 18th, at St. Michael's church, a date touch of 1894 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 13 mins. J. Royle, 1; J. M. Ridehalgh, 2; J. Hunter, 3; J. Gratrix, 4; S. Collier, 5; J. Eachus, 6; G. W. Shaw, 7; T. Harpin, 8. Com-

posed by J. Carter, and conducted by J. M. Ridehalgh. Messrs. Gratrix and Eachus hail from Swinton and Manchester respectively, the rest are the local band. Tenor 15½ cwt.

## Miscellaneous.

## LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—ROSSENDALE BRANCH.

BACUP (Lancashire).—On Sunday, August 19th, at Christ Church, 720 Woodbine. W. Ormerod, 1; W. Smith, 2; G. Shottin, 3; Z. Lord, 4; J. S. Lomas, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. On Monday, August 20th, 720 New London Pleasure. E. J. Cockroft, 1; J. Smith, 2; G. Shottin, 3; J. H. Smith, 4; J. S. Lomas, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, August 21st, 720 Duke of York. L. Holt, 1; Z. Lord, 2; G. Shottin, 3; J. H. Smith, 4; \*J. W. Cockroft, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. \*J. W. Cockroft hails from Shaw, near Oldham, and this is his first 720 in the method, and was rung at the first attempt. On Monday, September 3rd, 720 Bob Minor (twenty-one bobs twelve singles). L. Holt, 1; J. Smith, 2; Z. Lord, 3; E. J. Cockroft, 4; J. S. Lomas, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. On Friday, September 7th, 720 College Single (eighteen bobs two singles). L. Holt, 1; J. Smith, 2; J. H. Smith, 3; E. J. Cockroft, 4; J. S. Lomas, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. And same night, 720 Oxford Single, standing and conducted as before. On Sunday, September 9th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure (eighteen bobs two singles). L. Holt, 1; Z. Lord, 2; E. J. Cockroft, 3; J. H. Smith, 4; J. S. Lomas, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. Also same night, 720 Oxford Treble Bob (fifteen bobs), standing and conducted as before. On Monday, September 18th, 720 Duke of York. L. Holt, 1; J. Smith, 2; G. Shottin, 3; E. J. Cockroft, 4; J. S. Lomas, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. And same night, 720 Woodbine, standing and conducted as before. Also 720 Kent. L. Holt, 1; J. Smith, 2; Z. Lord, 3; E. J. Cockroft, 4; J. S. Lomas, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6.

CHIPPING (Lancashire).—On Saturday, August 25th, at the parish church, 720 Duke of York. L. Holt, 1; E. J. Cockroft, 2; G. Shottin, 3; J. H. Smith, 4; J. S. Lomas, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. First 720 on the bells. And 720 Kent. W. Ormerod, 1; J. Hardman, 2; G. Shottin, 3; Z. Lord, 4; J. S. Lomas, 5; W. Smith (conductor), 6.

WADDINGTON (Lancashire).—On Sunday, August 26th, at the parish church, 720 Woodbine. L. Holt, 1; E. J. Cockroft, 2; G. Shottin, 3; J. H. Smith, 4; J. S. Lomas, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

DARESBUURY (Cheshire).—At the parish church, on Saturday, September 15th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure. J. Mainwaring, 1; F. T. Spence, 1; T. Burrows, 3; S. Horsfall, 4; C. R. Greenall, 5; J. R. Booth (conductor), 6. Also 720 Bob Minor, conducted by J. Mainwaring. A 360 College Single, conducted by T. Houghton, who rang the tenor, the rest as before. T. Houghton belongs to the local band; the rest hail from Grappenhall.

GRAPPENHALL (Cheshire).—At the parish church for Divine Service, on Sunday evening, September 16th, 720 College Single (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 25 mins. J. Mainwaring, 1; F. T. Spence, 2; T. Burrows, 3; S. Horsfall, 4; C. R. Greenall, 5; J. W. Booth (conductor), 6. Tenor 10½ cwt. First 720 by all in the method.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

RODMERSHAM (Kent).—On Tuesday, September 18th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure in 27 mins. G. Coast, 1; A. Hardy, 2; H. E. Simpson, 3; J. G. Grensted, 4; H. C. Wood, 5; G. A. Ransom (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method by all except the conductor. And a 720 of Grandsire (thirty-eight bobs and two singles), standing as before. First in the method by Messrs. Simpson and Grensted.

## EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

CLAY CROSS (Derbyshire).—On Tuesday, September 18th, for practice at St. Bartholomew's church, two 720s of Bob Minor in 50 mins., one containing twenty-six singles and four bobs; the other fourteen singles and four bobs. J. Green, 1; J. Maycock, 2; T. Allibone (North Wingfield), 3; T. Millington (conductor), 4; F. Marshall, 5; T. Clough, 6. Tenor 9½ cwt.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

ALDEBURGH (Suffolk).—On Saturday, September 16th, at the church of SS. Peter and Paul, 720 Bob Minor. C. T. Gauntlett (first 720), 1; S. Wolfe, 2; W. Taylor, 3; C. Smith, 4; R. Wells (conductor), 5; J. Button, 6. And 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. G. Cooper, 1; C. Sampson, 2; F. Cooper, 3; R. Wells, 4; J. Button, 5;



G. Wilson (conductor), 6. The above formed part of the ringing that took place upon the occasion of the District Meeting of the Association held at Aldeburgh on that day.

#### THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

**HENFIELD (Sussex).**—On Sunday evening, July 22nd, 504 Stedman Triples was rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of the late Rev. Divie Robertson, formerly vicar of Henfield. L. Payne, 1; A. Groves, 2; C. Tyler, 3; W. J. Alliss, 4; G. Payne, 5; W. Hillman, 6; A. W. Groves (conductor), 7; A. Heasman, 8. On Sunday, July 29th, 504 Stedman. C. Tyler, 1; W. J. Alliss, 2; G. Holder, 3; J. Boniface, 4; G. Payne, 5; L. Payne, 6; A. W. Groves (conductor), 7; A. Hodges, 8. On Sunday, August 5th, 504 Stedman. W. Hillman, 1; G. Payne, 2; L. Payne, 3; G. Holder, 4; W. J. Alliss, 5; C. Tyler, 6; A. W. Groves (conductor), 7; H. Tugwell, 8. On Sunday, August 19th, 504 Stedman. L. Payne, 1; W. J. Alliss, 2; C. Tyler, 3; G. Holder, 4; G. Payne, 5; W. Hillman, 6; A. W. Groves (conductor), 7; H. Chandler, 8. On Tuesday, August 21st, 504 Stedman. W. Hillman, 1; W. J. Alliss, 2; J. Boniface, 3; C. Tyler, 4; G. Payne, 5; L. Payne, 6; A. W. Groves (conductor), 7; A. Hodges, 8. On Sunday, August 26th, 634 Stedman. G. Payne, 1; L. Payne, 2; A. Groves, 3; G. Holder, 4; W. J. Alliss, 5; C. Tyler, 6; A. W. Groves (conductor), 7; A. Heasman, 8. On Sunday, September 2nd, 1260 Stedman. W. Hillman, 1; A. Groves, 2; C. Tyler, 3; G. Holder, 4; W. J. Alliss, 5; G. Payne, 6; L. Payne (conductor), 7; A. Heasman, 8. On Tuesday, September 4th, 504 Grandsire. W. Hillman, 1; G. Payne, 2; W. J. Alliss, 3; A. Groves, 4; C. Tyler, 5; L. Payne, 6; H. Chandler (conductor), 7; A. W. Groves, 8. On Sunday, September 16th, 504 Stedman. C. Tyler, 1; A. Groves, 2; G. Holder, 3; J. Boniface, 4; L. Payne, 5; W. J. Alliss, 6; G. Payne (conductor), 7; A. W. Groves, 8. And a touch in the same method. W. J. Alliss, 1; A. Groves, 2; C. Tyler, 3; G. Holder, 4; L. Payne, 5; G. Payne, 6; A. W. Groves (conductor), 7; A. Heasman, 8. On Tuesday, September 18th, 504 Stedman. G. Payne, 1; C. Tyler, 2; G. Holder, 3; J. Boniface, 4; L. Payne, 5; A. W. Groves (conductor), 6; W. Hillman, 7; A. Heasman, 8.

**BATTLE (Sussex).**—On Sunday, September 16th, for morning service at St. Mary's church, 360 Grandsire Minor. W. Eastland, 1; W. Thomas, 2; C. Hyland, 3; H. Elliott, 4; J. Curtis, 5; J. Mathis (conductor), 6; W. Eldridge, 7; C. Carter, 8. On Monday, September 17th, for practice, 720 Grandsire Minor, in 24 mins. W. Eastland, 1; W. Thomas, 2; H. Elliott, 3; C. Hyland, 4; J. Curtis, 5; W. Franks (conductor), 6; T. Hutchings, 7; W. Eldridge, 8.

#### THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

**ROMSEY (Hants).**—On Sunday, July 15th, for evening service at the Abbey, a quarter-peal of Bob Triples, in 49 mins. On Sunday, September 2nd, for morning service, 336 Bob Triples. For evening service 588 Bob Triples. On Tuesday, September 18th, for practice, a half-peal of Bob Triples, in 1 hr. 42 mins. C. Cole, 1; T. Cole, 2; G. Newman, 3; A. Newman, 4; J. Walker, 5; F. A. Russen, 6; J. Elcombe (conductor), 7; G. Saint, 8. The half-peal is the longest touch by all as a local band. On Tuesday, September 18th, 308 Grandsire Triples. A. E. Macey, 1; W. J. Sevier, 2; J. Elcomb, 3; \*A. Newman, 4; C. J. Chooet, 5; T. Cole, 6; W. H. George (conductor), 7; W. Payne, 8. And a 308. A. E. Macey, 1; W. J. Sevier, 2; J. Elcomb, 3; C. J. Chooet, 4; \*J. Walker, 5; T. Cole, 6; W. H. George (conductor), 7; G. Saint, 8. Also 504 Bob Triples. A. E. Macey, 1; C. J. Chooet, 2; J. Elcomb, 3; A. Newman, 4; J. Walker, 5; T. Cole, 6; W. H. George (conductor), 7; W. Payne, 8. Tenor 25 cwt. \*Longest length in the method away from the treble.

**CIRENCESTER (Gloucestershire).**—On Monday, September 17th, at the parish church, 672 Grandsire Triples. F. W. Bond, A. C. Harmer, A. E. Edwards, F. Gardner, C. Bartlett, C. Sparks (Birmingham), H. C. Bond (conductor), H. Midwinter, H. P. Gardner.

**GREAT BENTLEY (Essex).**—On Tuesday, September 18th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor. A. Humm, 1; J. Taylor, 2; H. E. Bowers, 3; W. J. Nevard, 4; G. Humm, 5; W. Hazell (conductor), 6. And two 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, each called differently. J. Taylor, 1; H. E. Bowers, 2; W. Hazell, 3; W. J. Nevard (conductor), 4; G. Humm, 5; Rev. F. P. H. Powell, 6.

**IRTHLINGBOROUGH (Northants).**—On Sunday, September 16th, for Divine Service in the evening, 504 Bob Triples. G. Warner, 1; C. Newman, 2; A. Perkins, 3; W. Pettitt, 4; J. Garratt, 5; A. Tyler, 6; J. Houghton, jun. (conductor), 7; L. Horner, 8. On Monday, September 17th, 252 Grandsire Triples. C. Newman, 1; J. Seemark, 2; H. Sharpe (conductor), 3; W. Pettitt, 4; J. Garratt, 5; A. Tyler, 6; J. Houghton, jun., A. Perkins, 8.

**MATHERNE, [NEAR] CHEPSTOW (Monmouthshire).**—On Sunday, September 16th, on the occasion of the harvest festival at the parish church, three 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles were rung for Divine Service in the morning. First 6-score. M. L. Baynham, 1; P. Huntley, 2; H. Newman, 3; W. Newman, 4; T. Pollison (conductor), 5; A. Couldrick, 6. Second 6-score. H. Newman, 1; P. Huntley, 2; W. Buckland, 3; W. Newman, 4; A. Couldrick (conductor), 5; C. Barnes, 6. Third 6-score. M. L. Baynham (conductor), 1; P. Huntley, 2; H. Newman, 3; T. Pollison, 4; A. Couldrick, 5; T. Huntley, 6. After evening service several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles were rung. M. L. Baynham (conductor), 1; P. Huntley, 2; W. Buckland, 3; W. Newman, 4; J. Morley, 5; M. Close, 6. This is the first local company that has ever been known to ring Grandsire Doubles. They have only a few weeks since given up ringing call-changes. J. Morley and M. Close hail from Chepstow; M. L. Baynham from Bristol.

**OSWESTRY (Salop).**—On Saturday, September 15th, for practice at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor. G. Davies, 1; G. Whitfield, 2; W. Morris, 3; W. H. Jones, 4; R. Evans, 5; J. S. Wilde (conductor), 6. Longest touch by G. Davies. On Sunday, September 16th, for morning service, 560 Bob Major. R. Evans, 1; H. Jarman, 2; W. Morris, 3; G. Whitfield, 4; E. Jones (conductor), 5; R. Edwards, 6; W. H. Jones, 7; J. S. Wilde, 8. And for afternoon service, 720 Bob Minor. H. Jarman, 1; E. Jones (conductor), 2; R. Martin, 3; R. Edwards, 4; W. H. Jones, 5; J. S. Wilde, 6. And for evening service, 560 Bob Major. J. S. Wilde, 1; H. Jarman, 2; W. Morris, 3; R. Martin, 4; E. Jones (conductor), 5; R. Edwards, 6; W. H. Jones, 7; R. Evans, 8.

**PENDLEBURY (Lancashire).**—On Tuesday, September 18th, for practice at Christ Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. W. Hall, 1; W. Cottrill, 2; J. Booth (longest touch with a bob bell), 3; W. Pyle (conductor), 4; T. Lingard, 5; J. Chapman, 6; J. Briscoe, 7; T. Rushton, 8. Taken from "THE BELL NEWS" of September 8th. [Our correspondent will oblige by sending in future direct to the office, instead of the publisher.—Ed.]

**RUSHDEN (Northants).**—On Sunday, September 2nd, at the parish church for morning service, 360 Plain Bob Minor. H. Clayton, 1; G. Burton, 2; W. A. Hall, 3; C. Green, 4; F. Clayton, 5; J. B. Martin (conductor), 6. On Monday, September 3rd, for practice, 720 Oxford Bob (eighteen bobs two singles). J. Bailey, 1; G. Heath, 2; C. West, 3; C. Green, 4; W. A. Hall (conductor), 5; F. Clayton, 6. On Monday, September 10th, 360 College Little. H. Clayton, 1; G. Heath, 2; C. Green, 3; W. A. Hall (conductor), 4; C. West, 5; F. Clayton, 6. Also 360 Bob Minor. H. Clayton, 1; G. Heath, 2; C. Chasty, 3; C. Green, 4; J. Bailey, 5; C. West (conductor), 6. J. B. Martin hails from Higham Ferrers.

**TREETON (Yorks).**—On Sunday morning, September 16th, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). J. H. Brothwell, 1; T. Whitworth, 2; S. Walker, 3; A. J. Plowman, 4; R. Whitworth, 5; W. Lambert, jun. (first 720 in the method as conductor), 6. For evening service a 720 Bob Minor (twenty-two singles and two bobs). W. Lambert, jun., 2; T. Whitworth (conductor), 6; the rest as above. And 360 Violet Treble Bob. A. Woofenden, 1; T. Whitworth, 2; S. Walker, 3; A. J. Plowman, 4; W. Lambert, jun., 5; J. H. Brothwell (conductor), 6. R. Whitworth hails from Rawmarsh, Yorks.; the rest belong to the local company.

**WELSHPOOL (Montgomeryshire).**—On Friday, September 7th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. H. Jarman (Oswestry), 1; T. J. Bratton (Welshpool, conductor), 2; T. Bradley (Hyde), 3; J. S. Wilde (Hyde), 4; T. Jones (Welshpool), 5; T. Wilde (Hyde), 6; R. Evans (Oswestry), 7; T. Barnes (Welshpool), 8. On Saturday, September 15th, an attempt was made for Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples, but it came to grief by reason of the 2nd and 3rd changing course, the result of a misunderstanding, in consequence of which the conductor called stand at the end of the sixth part. J. Lloyd (Welshpool), 1; W. Maddox (Welshpool), 2; D. Williams (Welshpool), 3; F. Davies (Llangollen), 4; J. W. Davies (Llangollen), 5; T. Barnes, 6; J. S. Wilde (conductor), 7; A. Grice (Welshpool), 8. Also several courses of Stedman Triples, with T. J. Bratton, 6; T. Barnes, 8; the rest as before.

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**GUERNSEY.—DEDICATION OF THE NEW BELLS AT THE FOREST CHURCH.**

The ceremony of dedicating the new bells of the Forest Church was conducted with due solemnity on a recent Wednesday afternoon. Although the weather was extremely wet the church was well filled with a reverent congregation, including the Sunday school children, who were looking forward to their annual treat which was to follow the service.

The work, which included the recasting of one bell, the quarter-turning and tuning of the others, the entire renewal of wood and iron work, and the fixing of the Ellacombe chiming apparatus, has been most satisfactorily carried out by Mr. H. Stokes, of Woodbury, Devon.

For some time before the hour for commencement, the bells pealed forth a merry chime. The clergy present were the Revs. C. Picot, W. J. Ozanne, rector of St. Martin's; H. Walter Brock, rector of S. Pierre-du-Bois; F. W. Mann, rector of Ste.

Marie-du-Castel: E. F. P. Colman, rector of the parish; and the Very Rev. the Dean.

After shortened evensong in French, the Very Rev. the Dean delivered a most suitable address, and then, in company with the rector, approached the bell-ropes, and laying his hand upon them, said as follows:—

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, we set apart these bells for the use of this House of Prayer and the service of Almighty God. May these bells remain in their place within this church to do their sacred service. May those by whose skill they are rung, in their vocation and in this ministry, glorify God. May they express the joy and happiness of lives that God shall bless. May their notes come as warning to a heedless world, when a soul passes away to Paradise. Thus may they do the work of Him unto whose glory we now consecrate this offering; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The musical portion of the ceremony was well carried out under the management of Mr. E. N. de la Mare, the organist.

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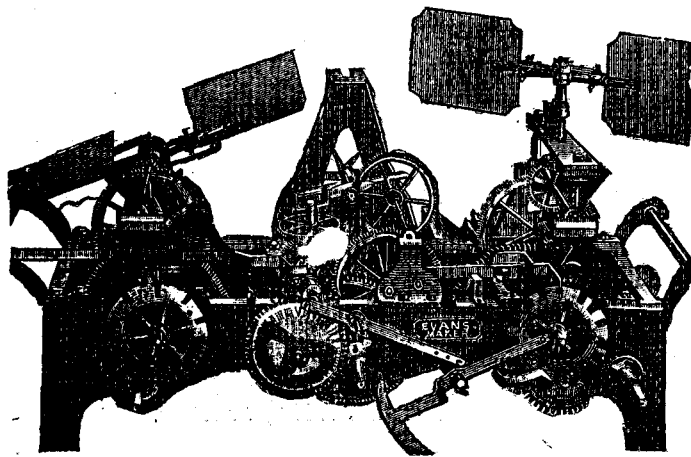
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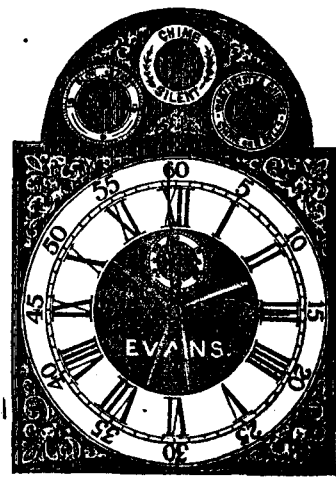
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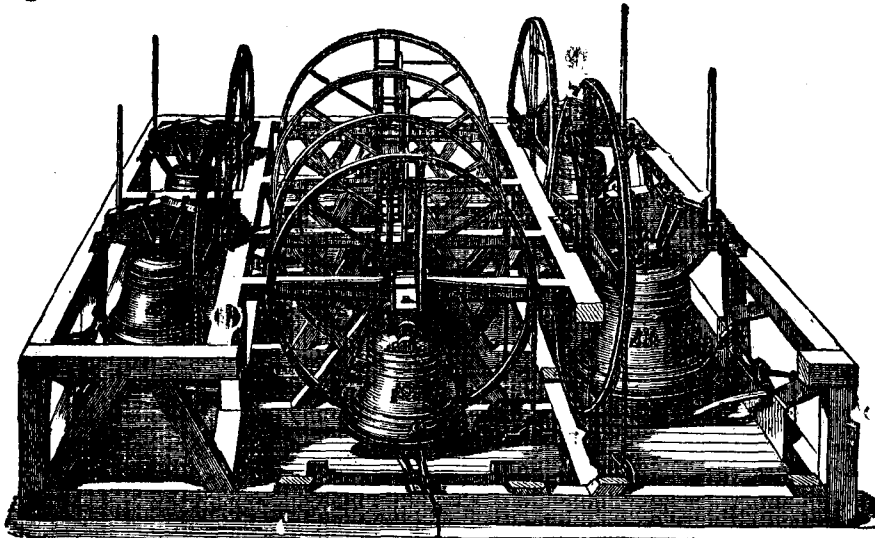
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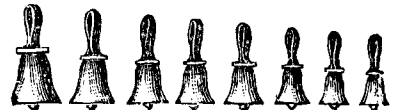
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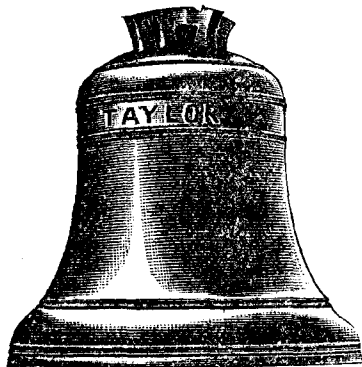
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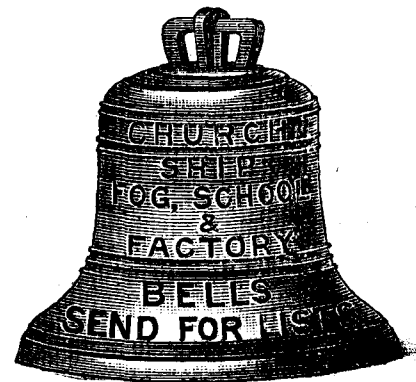
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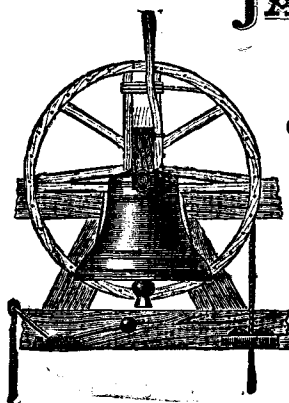
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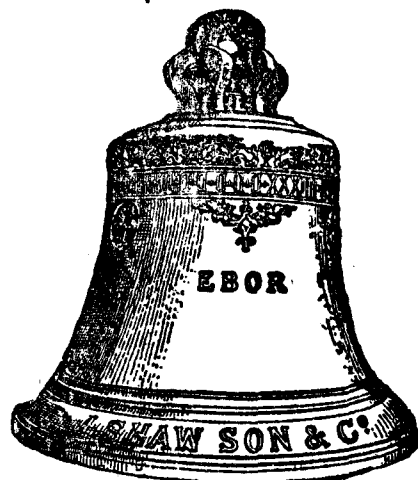
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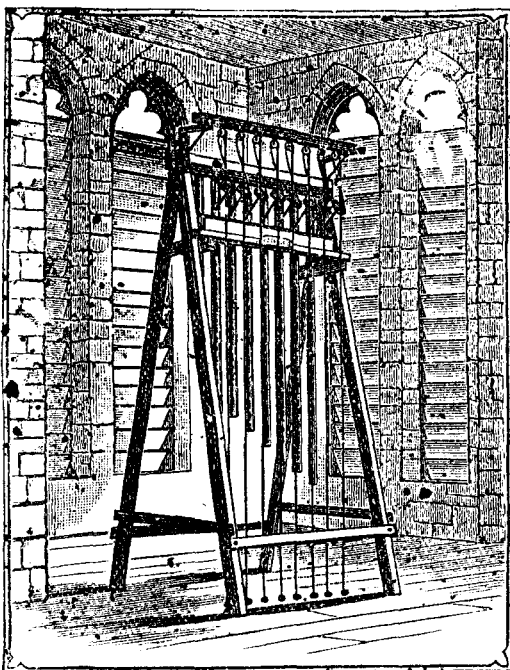
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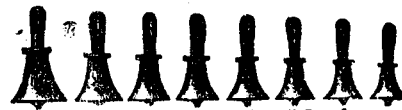
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## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—ANNUAL MEETING.

An unusually large attendance of members marked the annual meeting of this Association at Norwich on Tuesday, September 25th, upwards of 200 from all quarters of the diocese being present during the day; the list of towers represented is in fact too long to be given in detail. The bells of nine of the city churches were kindly placed at the disposal of the visitors, and were kept merrily going during the time allotted to ringing. St. Andrew's ten did not, however, appear to be much sought after, owing, no doubt, to prevalent impressions as to their bad-going properties. The centre of attraction was, of course, St. Peter Mancroft, in which tower there was always a good muster anxious for a turn at the ropes. The service held at this church at 12.45 was well attended by ringers, an admirable address being given by the Rev. W. W. C. Baker, rector of Milton Bryant, Beds., and Hon. Secretary of the Bedfordshire Association, from the words "Giving all diligence," ii. St. Peter, 1. 5.

The President, the Rev. Dr. Raven, presided at the subsequent dinner, which was set forth in the hall of the Conservative Club, St. Giles' Street. After the usual loyal toasts, the President offered the thanks of the Association to the preacher for his address, to which Mr. Baker briefly responded.

The toast of "The Association," replied to by the Hon. Secretary (Rev. H. Earle Bulwer), served to introduce the business features of the meeting.

The Secretary, in the course of his remarks, expressed his great obligations to the District Secretaries, and his high appreciation of their services. The progress of some districts was not so great as it should be, in a few, indeed, practically *nil*, while in others rapid and continuous advance was being made. It was very desirable to open up fresh ground in those parts of the diocese, which, mainly in consequence of their inaccessibility, were as yet untouched. Attachment of Church bell-ringers to Church principles was also a matter of growing importance, and the prevalence of a more earnest religious feeling among ringers was greatly to be desired, not only in the interest of the Art, but in that of the ringers themselves. There were signs of impatience among the clergy, who naturally expected any body of church-workers to set an example of good churchmanship to the parish, and also of punctual attendance upon the means of grace. He also touched upon the importance of attracting and training young lads in the Art of change-ringing. Several very young members had been recently enrolled in their ranks, which he considered as a distinctly healthy and cheering sign, and trusted that such adhesions would be fostered and encouraged by the older members with ready goodwill and gladness. He then proceeded to read the Annual Report, which showed that the society in point of numbers and towers represented, had passed all previous records; the number on the residents list being 786, and of towers in union 91. The record of performances had also been passed; since the last Annual Meeting no fewer than 77 peals having been duly recorded to the credit of the Association. It was however, a matter for regret that so few of these were in the higher methods, in which so many kindred societies were now achieving marked successes. The financial position of the society was declared to be sound. A new peal-book volume had been procured, and a gift of a beautifully designed title-page both to this and the previous volume, had been made by the illuminator, Mr. W. R. Weyer.

The adoption of the Report was moved by the President, seconded by Dr. Meadows, of Otley, and carried. Also a vote of thanks to Mr. Weyer for his gift.

The President and Secretary then formally resigned office, and were re-appointed with acclamation. The Rev. A. G. Blyth, vicar of St. Philip's, Heigham, was added to the Committee in the room of the late Canon Hutt.

The President then proposed certain alterations in the Rules designed to meet the wishes of the Bishop of the Diocese, and to enable his Lordship to accept the position of Patron, about which there had been previously some difficulty, which it is hoped is now removed by the adoption of the alterations proposed.

A vote of thanks to the Norwich clergy for the use of their bells, the election of twenty-three new members and proba-

tioners, and the adoption of Diss, Grundisburgh, and Swaffham, as the places for quarterly meetings in the ensuing year brought the business to a close, and members dispersed again to the various towers till the time of train departures arrived. A more successful meeting, or one more numerous attended, has not been held within the history of the Association. The officers were well supported by more honorary members than usual, those present being besides the President and Secretary, the Revs. T. H. Marsh, C. B. Mayhew, C. F. Blyth, W. Morley Smith, J. C. Garnett, A. T. J. Thackeray, E. S. Hopper, E. B. Pearse, J. H. Pilkington, and Dr. Meadows, of Otley, with Mr. J. W. Spratt, of Norwich; and the following District Secretaries: Mr. H. Hopson, Mr. Fred. Day, Mr. J. Larter, Mr. W. Grimes, Mr. W. Ireland, and Mr. J. Fosdike, besides many other prominent exponents of the Art in the two counties of Norfolk and Suffolk.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—ANNUAL MEETING AT BOLTON.

The Annual Meeting of the above Association was again held in Bolton on Saturday, September 29th. There was a very large attendance of members from all parts of the county, and owing to the excellent arrangements made for their reception, particularly at Holy Trinity church and schools, where the meeting was held, the gatherings proved of a most successful character. By permission of the authorities the members indulged in change-ringing in the belfries of the various churches in the town, commencing about two o'clock, and at 3.30 a special service was held in Holy Trinity church, conducted by the Rev. T. Taylor-Evans, B.A. (vicar), assisted by the Rev. T. E. Floyd (curate), the Rev. H. S. Patterson, and the Rev. H. J. Elsee, M.A., the service being also attended by the Revs. T. Loxham, M.A., C. Myers, D. W. Mountfield, and C. S. Parker. The sermon was preached by the Rev. T. Taylor-Evans, who took as his text Galatians iii. 11, and Hebrews. x. 38 and 39:—"But that no man is justified by the law in the sight of God, it is evident; for the just shall live by faith:" and "Now the just shall live by faith; but if any man draw back my soul shall have no pleasure in him. But we are not of them who draw back unto perdition; but of them that believe to the saving of the soul."

After the service the members adjourned to the school, where an excellent tea had been prepared by the local committee. At the close of the tea, on the motion of the President, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the vicar of Holy Trinity for his excellent sermon, and also to the organist (Mr. F. W. Pacey) and the members of the choir for their assistance at the service.

The annual business meeting was held in the same room at 6.30. The chair was taken by the Rev. H. J. Elsee (president), who was supported by the Revs. T. Taylor-Evans, B.A., T. E. Floyd, and Messrs. J. Redford (corresponding secretary), and H. H. Nutter (vice-president). A large number of letters apologising for non-attendance was read from the local clergy, including the two Rural Deans.

The Rev. H. J. Elsee said it was close upon six years since he attended his first meeting of the Lancashire Association in that room, and a comparison between the condition of the organisation then and now was very interesting. In 1888 the number of ringing members was 227, and the number of honorary members forty-three, making a total of 270. This year the ringing members numbered 730, and the general total was 848—a very remarkable increase in the membership within a comparatively short time. The working of the organisation had also been characterised by greater efficiency. Six years ago there were three branches; Manchester, Rossendale, and Rochdale; to-day there were seven, viz., Manchester, Rochdale, Rossendale, Liverpool, Preston, Blackburn, and the Fylde. The balance in hand six years ago was £17 7s., to-day it was £74 4s. 3d. All these were signs of progress in the life of the Association. On the other hand there were indications that in one or two ways the smaller Association of six years ago was more vigorous than it was to-day. The number of peals rung this year was thirty-six, last year it was thirty, and the year before only twenty-four, so that he was glad to say the number was again on the increase. but six years ago, with less than a third of the present membership, the number of peals rung was thirty-nine. And though

their meeting to-day was a good and a representative one, gathered from all parts of the county, still the attendance was not so large in proportion to the membership of to-day as it was at the annual meeting of 1888. The President therefore appealed to members not to let their interest in the success of their own branch in any way lessen their interest in the vigour of the central association, observing that it would be a great pity if there were any danger of putting the branches in front of the central body. Speaking finally of the work of the Central Council, on which he was at present the only Lancashire representative, the President expressed the hope that the Lancashire Association, as one of the largest ringing Associations in the country, would be represented by the full number of four representatives at the next year's meeting of the Council in Sheffield.

The Secretary (Mr. J. Redford), submitted the Committee's report, which showed that the Association now includes fifty-eight honorary life members, thirty honorary members, twenty-one life performing members, 709 performing members, and thirty non-resident members, making a total of 848. During the year 134 new members had been elected, whilst thirty-eight names had been removed from the books. The performing members were distributed as follows:—Manchester, 208, Liverpool, 154, Preston, 93, Rossendale, 90, Blackburn, 73, Rochdale, 72, and the Fylde, 40. The balance-sheet showed an income of £42, and an expenditure of £34, the balance in hand now being £74.

The Rev. H. J. Elsee was unanimously re-elected president; Mr. Redford, secretary; and Mr. H. W. Jackson, treasurer; and the four vacant places on the Committee were filled as follows: Rev. C. A. Clements (Rossendale), and Messrs. W. Slater (Blackburn), R. S. Mann (Liverpool), and J. Mather (Preston).

On the proposition of the Rev. T. Taylor Evans, the Rev. T. E. Floyd was elected an honorary member, as was also the Rev. P. A. Derry, vicar of Rawtenstall. Several ringing members were also elected.

The following alteration was made to Rule 7:—"Half-yearly meeting of the Association shall also be held on or about the last Saturday in April," thereby dispensing with the quarterly meetings in January and July. The Rev. C. A. Clements, and Messrs. A. E. Wreaks and J. Eachus were appointed additional representatives to the Central Council. Wigan was appointed for the next annual meeting of the Association.

Cordial votes of thanks were passed to the secretary and treasurer, to the vicar and church officers of Holy Trinity, to the local Committee, and to the ladies who had assisted at tea.

The members then proceeded to various belfries in the town, where ringing in different methods was indulged in until a late hour.

#### THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A divisional meeting was held at Billingshurst, on Saturday, September 29th, when the following towers were represented: Angmering, Arundel, Billingshurst, Capel, Chichester, Horsham, and Midhurst. The bells were started at 2 p.m., and were kept going until 9 o'clock with an interval for tea. Various touches of Kent and Oxford were brought round, and also Bob Minor and Grandsire; the various conductors during the day being Messrs. A. Bennett, T. Chantler, C. Hills, and W. Wadey. The most noticeable touch was a 720 of Oxford rung just before tea, the striking being especially good, and the more remarkable because of the six who stood in; one had been a constant ringer for fifty-five years, and another for fifty-one years, viz., Mr. W. Chantler, of Billingshurst, and Mr. H. Burstow, of Horsham. At the business meeting various interesting topics were discussed, and a cordial vote of thanks was tendered by the Hon. Secretary of the Association (Rev. J. W. G. Loder-Cotter), to the vicar of Billingshurst (Rev. A. H. Barron), for the kindly welcome which the ringers had received. This was heartily responded to, and further invitation given. The next meeting of the Association will be held at Ringmer in the Eastern Division.

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A successful ringing meeting of the Macclesfield branch of the above Guild was held at Prestbury on Saturday, September 15th, when twenty-eight members attended from five out of the six towers which comprise the branch. Ringing commenced about 3.30 on the beautiful peal of eight, tenor 18½ cwt. in F. At six o'clock the members adjourned to partake of a first-class tea, one half of the expenses being kindly defrayed by the clergy of the churches represented. The tower was soon afterwards revisited, and a little more ringing indulged in. During the afternoon and evening a touch of Grandsire Minor, touches of Grandsire Triples, were rung by various mixed bands, and a touch of Bob Major by seven of the Macclesfield men, assisted by J. Gratrix, of Swinton. A convivial hour was then spent in an adjacent house, where songs, social intercourse, courses of Grandsire Triples and Major on the handbells, and five tunes by the Macclesfield men who had kindly brought their handbells with them ended a pleasant and enjoyable meeting.

#### DOUBLE NORWICH CATERS.

Below will be found a lead of this method, together with the making of a bob and single, and the figures of the peal recorded last week.

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

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## WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—ROMSEY ABBEY.

On Monday, September 24th, the ringers of the Abbey made a journey to Ringwood to attempt a peal. The start was made at 8.30 a.m., the party driving in a brake across the New Forest, and a very pleasant drive it was. A short time was spent at The Compton Arms, from which some of the party went to view the celebrated Rufus Stone. Ringwood was reached at 12.30. The Vicar, with ten ringers, made for the church at 1 o'clock, and a start was made at once for a peal of Bob Triples, which, alas, came to a close after an hour's ringing. The men went for a stroll, and on returning there was a touch of Churchyard Bob for the benefit of the old members, Mr. George Newman, sen., and Mr. James Elcombe, sen. At 4.30 a capital tea was partaken of by the kindness of the Vicar, to whom the ringers desire to express their best thanks. Mr. James Dawkins, the Parish Clerk of Ringwood, received the party of ringers, and shewed them every attention. The peal is one of eight, and is in good going order. The start home was made at 5.30, after a very pleasant, if not a very successful day. Better luck next time.

## HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, BATLEY CARR, YORKS.

On Thursday evening, September 27th, the local ringers of the above church, through being winners of the Heavy Districts Association's cup and medals, were entertained to a most substantial dinner at the house of Mr. Alfred Milnes, through the kind hospitality of Mr. Smith Ward, late warden at the above church. After the cloth was removed, the cup was brought into use, and with some very appropriate remarks, Mr. Ward proposed the health of the ringers. Mr. Jno. Blackburn responded in a very able manner. Several other toasts were proposed, and during the evening the handbells were rung at intervals. Songs were rendered by Messrs. Blackburn, Day, Scott, and the worthy host. A vote of thanks to Mr. Ward for his efforts to show his appreciation of bells and ringers by entertaining them ended the evening's enjoyment.

## SOUTH KIRBY CHURCH, NEAR WAKEFIELD.

The inhabitants of this ancient and large mining village, having decided at a public meeting held for the purpose, and presided over by the vicar, the Rev. H. M. Wellington, to have a new clock placed in the fine square tower of their parish church, which forms a landmark to passengers travelling on the G.N.R. between Wakefield and Doncaster, the work has been placed with Messrs. Potts and Sons, Clock Manufacturers, of Leeds and Newcastle-on-Tyne, and they have just completed the same. The clock is constructed generally on the lines laid down by Lord Grimthorpe, and has got all the latest improvements inserted. The time is shewn upon two large external dials, and strikes the hours upon the fine tenor bell. The sermon at the dedication service held this week at the opening was preached by the Lord Bishop of Wakefield.

A correspondent in a former number of the *Newcastle Journal*, wrote:—*Apropos* of bells, there can be no doubt of their having been adopted to the service of the church in the seventh century, for our own historian, the Venerable Bede, in the 23rd chapter of the fourth book of his Ecclesiastical History, describes a circumstance connected with the tolling bell so exquisitely simple that it fails not to bring before the reader the nun engaged in her pious avocations. Perhaps the first bell that ever came into the north, of which we have any record, was one that Prior Turgot brought from London to Durham Cathedral between the years 1087-1100. It was cast in London, and was so heavy that it taxed the ingenuity of the wrights to make a waine or sled substantial enough to bear it. Twenty-two oxen were yoked to the sled, which went right enough on level ground, but the drivers had none of the modern appliances in going down a hill, and we are told that—

All the drivers were agaste  
That the sled suld ga' our faste.

PONTEFRAC (Yorks).—On Sunday evening, September 23rd, for Divine Service at All Saints' church, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob. W. Pease, 1; T. Watkinson, 2; R. Brook, 3; B. Watkinson, 4; F. Lee, 5; W. Pearson (first 720 in the method), 6.

## Obituary.

## REV. FRANCIS PETER DU SAUTOY.

Not with an actual ringer this time does our obituary notice deal. The Rev. Francis Peter Du Sautoy, who had been rector of Ockley since 1865, died on Sunday last, at the age of 66 years. Deceased was formerly Fellow and Dean of Clare College, Cambridge, where he graduated as seventh wrangler in 1851, and proceeded to the degree of B.D. in 1865. The *Times* states that the rector was the representative of an ancient and noble French family, the archives of which are in the *Bibliothèque Imperiale*. The founder of the English line of Du Sautoys threw in his fortunes with Prince Charles Edward and joined the army at Inverness. He was taken prisoner, released, and ultimately married Miss Abbot, grand-daughter of the Archbishop. The rector was Honorary Member of the Winchester Diocesan Guild, also Honorary Member and Chaplain of the Ancient Order of Foresters, Court Pride of Ockley. The funeral took place on Friday, September 28th, at the home of his wife's relatives, in Bedfordshire, where he died. At the church of St. Margaret, Ockley, a service was held at 2.0 p.m. (being the hour of the funeral); it was well attended by the parishioners, who came to show their last respects to their late pastor. The Rev. L. S. Kennedy, of Newdigate, conducted the service. The ringers of St. Margaret's church rang before and after service touches of Bob Minor and Grandsire Doubles, with the bells deeply muffled, except the tenor muffled on one side, as a mark of respect to their late rector, who took great interest in and encouraged the ringers, and though knowing nothing of the art, he greatly enjoyed the company of and conversation with the local band. Great sympathy is felt for Mrs. Du Sautoy, who mourns the loss of a fond husband, and also for her son. In this feeling of sympathy we are sure all those who have been in their society will heartily join. The names of the ringers were R. Sayers, W. Bishop, G. Cox, J. Taylor, W. Mills, F. Barton, C. Taylor.

## JOHN MCKINNELL.

The above-named ringer died of consumption on Tuesday, September 18th, at the early age of nineteen. The deceased, along with his father, Wilitam McKinnell (oftener called Kenny), were regular ringers at the parish church, Macclesfield. There the deceased learned to handle a bell about four years ago. He rang his first peal on the 7th of January, 1893, being a peal of Grandsire Triples, which was followed by another in the same method in the following month, his third and last peal being a 5024 of Bob Major in the following August. It was about two years ago when the deceased was first noticed to be ailing, and commenced to gradually grow weaker, having almost ceased ringing by the end of the last year. His presence has, and will be missed in the belfry, as he was a sure and steady ringer, and respected by all. He was also a tenor singer in the choir, and a regular communicant, and as the Vicar said when preaching on the Sunday morning following, he was a "Faithful Servant." When in his coffin, he had a beautiful silk handkerchief over the foot of it, which was covered with bells and ringing mottoes, with the appropriate words "The Sabbath bells are ringing" in a good type in the centre of it, all woven in by his father, who is a silk weaver by trade. His brother ringers rang the tower bells for one hour, deeply muffled on the Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights, and also for an hour prior to the funeral, which took place on the Sunday, at the Macclesfield Cemetery. The funeral cortege was headed by the Macclesfield Borough Reed Band (of which deceased was a member), who played the funeral march, by Beethoven. Next to the band was his brother ringers, each carrying a wreath, as did also two ringers each from Gawsworth, Prestbury and Poynton. Then came the choir, and his class-mates from the Sunday school, the latter wearing beautiful white asters for button-holes, as did the four young ringers, about his own age, who bore him to his last resting place. Then came a great many friends, altogether amounting to close upon a hundred, independent of the bereaved family and relations. Despite the heavy rain which fell, the route to the cemetery was lined with some thousands of people. The funeral service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. S. A. Boyd, and at the conclusion the hymn, "For ever with the Lord," was sung round the grave, and then a course of Grandsire Triples was rung double-handed over the deceased, who was a member of the Chester Diocesan Guild. On the coffin was a cross which covered three fourths of the lid, also two handbells and a clarionette similar to what he had played with in the band. On the return the band played two sacred marches, first, "Creation" by Wadsey, and then "Restal" by Hewitt. The tower bells were then rung half-muffled up to the evening service. There were many letters of condolence, among which was one from his Sunday school teachers and scholars, and one from the ringers, who also sent a beautiful china wreath, as a token of respect to one whom they loved and respected.



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## THE FOLLOWING ARE TWO PEALS IN THE METHOD.

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BY THE REV. H. EARLE BULWER.

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Twice repeated.

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BY HENRY DAINS.

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Twice repeated.

GILLINGHAM (Kent).—On Thursday, September 20th, for practice, and as a farewell touch to Mr. Webb, who is leaving the district and the county, 504 Grandsire Triples. W. Kings, 1; W. Haigh, 2; W. Hunt, 3; W. Hobbs, 4; W. Easter (conductor), 5; J. Baker, 6; W. Bate, 7; C. E. Webb, 8.

TIVERTON (Devon).—On Thursday, September 27th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 48 mins. E. Munday, 1; R. Gratix, jun., 2; W. Gratix, 3; J. Grater, 4; Rev. H. C. Courtney, 5; T. Harvey, 6; J. Babbage (conductor), 7; J. Hart, 8; Tenor 28 cwt. Rev. H. C. Courtney hails from Minehead.

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3 Yorkshire Association....	20	1	9	2	3	35	—	18	6	—	—	5	—	2	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	592						
4 Midland Counties Assn...	17	5	6	1	3	32	—	1	—	3	—	9	1	1	1	—	1	3	3	—	—	3	—	3	531						
5 Oxford Diocesan Guild..	18	7	1	2	2	30	—	—	—	1	—	12	—	—	—	—	3	1	—	1	—	3	—	—	638						
6 Sussex County Assn.....	11	7	5	1	4	28	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	2	1	—	1	2	—	1	3	6	—	8	812						
7 Lancashire Association..	21	1	2	—	4	28	—	3	1	—	—	19	—	—	—	—	3	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	300						
8 Anc. Soc. Coll. Youths..	16	3	4	1	—	24	—	1	4	—	—	4	—	2	—	—	2	1	—	—	—	1	2	1	6	564					
9 Durham & New'cle Assn...	6	6	3	2	2	19	—	—	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	4	440						
10 Gloucstr. & Bristol Assn...	10	3	2	—	4	19	—	1	—	1	—	10	—	—	—	—	1	2	—	—	1	2	—	1	294						
11 Winchester Dio. Guild..	7	7	2	—	1	17	—	—	—	1	—	12	—	—	—	—	2	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	178						
12 Soc. Archdny. of Staff...	10	3	3	—	1	17	—	—	—	2	3	7	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	190						
13 Surrey Association .....	5	5	2	—	1	13	—	3	—	1	—	6	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	1	154						
14 Worstr. & Dists. Assn...	2	4	3	1	2	12	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	2	2	—	1	—	—	2	2	—	—	1	312						
15 Royal Cumberland Yths...	9	2	—	—	—	12	1	1	—	3	—	2	—	1	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	182						
16 Salisbury Dio. Guild ....	6	2	1	2	1	12	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	184						
17 Essex Association.....	6	—	2	—	1	9	—	1	1	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	1	1	—	1	2	—	—	—	206						
18 Bedford Association.....	7	1	—	1	—	9	—	—	2	—	—	1	—	4	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	132						
19 North Lincs. Assocn.....	2	1	2	—	1	6	—	—	3	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	72						
20 Raunds Wellnboro' Assn..	5	—	—	1	—	6	—	—	—	—	—	5	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	52						
21 Hertford Association....	4	1	—	—	—	5	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	48						
22 Waterloo Society Lond...	3	1	—	—	1	5	—	—	—	1	—	2	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	62						
23 Chester Diocsn. Guild...	—	—	1	1	1	3	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	30						
24 Bath and Wells Assn....	1	1	—	—	1	3	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	24						
25 St. Martin's Soc. Birm...	3	2	—	—	—	3	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	64						
26 Hereford Dio. Guild....	1	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	48						
27 United Counties' Assn...	1	—	1	—	—	2	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	36						
28 Stoke Archdcl. Assn...	2	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	32						
29 Middlesex Association...	1	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	16						
30 South Lincs. Assocn...	1	1	1	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	12						
31 Sth. & Wst. Middlx. Assn..	—	—	—	—	2	2	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	16						
32 Liverpool Dio. Guild....	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	8						
33 Old East Derby Assn...	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6						
34 Heavy Wlln Dist. Assn...	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	28						
35 Llandaff Dio. Assocn.....	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	8						
36 S. James' Soc., Lond...	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	10						
Independent Societies....	21	6	3	5	—	35	—	—	3	—	4	—	—	—	20	—	2	2	—	3	1	—	—	—	364						
Totals .. ..	273	81	66	26	45	491	2	3	75	10	3	24	1	3	159	9	17	17	1	1	50	23	10	2	7	23	1	3	6	41	7792

The peals of Triples, Major and Royal comprised:—Bob Triples 10; Bob Major 45; Bob Royal 1; Oxford Bob Triples 9; Union Triples 2; Darlaston Bob Triples 2; Canterbury Pleasure Triples, 1; Canterbury Pleasure Major, 4. The 35 peals by Independent Societies were rung as follows:—In Lancashire 9; Worcestershire, 5; Suffolk, 3; Gloucestershire 2; Shropshire 2; Staffordshire 2; Middlesex, 2; Berkshire 1; Cheshire 1; Cambridgeshire 1; Essex, 1; Somersetshire 1; Surrey 1; Sussex, 1; North Wales, 1; Wiltshire, 1; Yorkshire, 1.

1892—January ..	79	1893—January ..	77	1894—January ..	65
February ..	63	February ..	90	February ..	59
March ..	72	March ..	44	March ..	80
April ..	62	April ..	82	April ..	69
May ..	54	May ..	48	May ..	81
June ..	39	June ..	38	June ..	66
July ..	34	July ..	29	July ..	26
August ..	48	August ..	29	August ..	45
	451		437		491

Increase on the corresponding eight months of 1893:—54.

\*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, Dunfield Major, 3 points; Stedman Triples, 4 points; Superlative or New Cumberland Surprise Major, 5 points; Cambridge Surprise Major, 6 points; London Surprise Major 8 points. On six bells: in one, two or three plain methods, 1 point; in four, five or six plain methods, 1½ points; in seven plain methods, 2 points; in seven Treble Bob or seven Double Minor methods, 4 points; in seven Surprise methods, 6 points.

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6, 1894.

**ST. ALPHEGE, CANTERBURY.—DEDICATION OF  
THREE NEW BELLS.**

On Wednesday evening, September 26th, the Harvest Thanksgiving service was held in this church, the Rev. C. De Carteret, of Holy Trinity, Tulse Hill, being the preacher. The most interesting feature of the service, from the ringer's point of view, was the dedication of the three smaller bells, at the conclusion of the sermon.

A year or two ago a new treble was added to the old three, and the frame was prepared for six, the cost of which was defrayed by subscriptions. This year the rector (Rev. T. G. Crosse, and the hon. curate (Rev. H. Heward), kindly offered to give two trebles, if the parishioners would make themselves responsible for the hanging. The scheme was readily adopted; and now St. Alphege rejoices in the possession of a little ring of six, rather a mixed lot, indeed, but a striking (or struck?) testimony to the spirit of co-operation between clergy and people, which has been so marked a characteristic in the happy revival of Church life in the parish. Only a few years ago St. Alphege was in a most pitiable state of dilapidation and decay, in its fabric, its congregation, and its parochial machinery. Now the church has been restored, hearty and well-attended services are held in it, the spiritual and temporal interests of the parish are properly cared for, and, as one outward manifestation of the improved order of things, the bells are rung by a young and enthusiastic band of change-ringers, members of the Kent County Association, ably led by their energetic foreman, Mr. P. H. Pierce.

The dedication of the bells formed the concluding part of the service. A portion of the usual office was read by the rector, standing with the choir on the floor below the ringing-chamber: and after the prayers, a plain course of Stedman Doubles was rung by the following members of the Kent County Association. M. W. Pierce, 1; H. G. Fairbrass, 2; Rev. F. J. O. Helmore,

3; P. H. Pierce, 4; G. Sayer, 5; A. Saxby, 6. Before the service a touch of Bob Minor and a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles were rung, and while the congregation dispersed after the service, a 720 of Bob Minor M. W. Pierce, 1; F. Constant, 2; Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, 3; H. G. Fairbrass, 4; G. Sayer, 5; P. H. Pierce (conductor), 6.

### CHURCH CONGRESS AT EXETER.

Scientific change-ringing will take place at St. Edmund's Exeter, on Monday, October 8th; at St. Sidwell's, Exeter, on Tuesday, October 9th; at St. David's, Exeter, on Wednesday, October 10th. Each night at 7.30 p.m. On Thursday, October 11th, a social and ringing meeting of the Devon Guild of Ringers will be held in Exeter, and there will be ringing at the above-mentioned towers during the afternoon and evening. Tea at St. Sidwell's institute at 5 p.m. All visitors not belonging to Devonshire and Cornwall will be heartily invited to the tea, and the Secretary will be obliged if they will write and inform him if they intend to be present, and also if they wish to ring during the week. On Friday evening the cathedral bells will be rung by the kind permission of the Dean and Chapter at 7.30 p.m.  
Ottery St. Mary. MAITLAND KELLY, Hon. Sec.

### The Provinces.

#### SUTTERTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

#### THE NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(THE ST. PETER-AT-ARCHES AND CATHEDRAL SOCIETIES, LINCOLN.)

On Saturday, September 22, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

J. CARTER'S VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

JOSEPH W. ASH .. .. Treble.	COOK WELLS .. .. 5.
GABRIEL LINDOFF .. .. 2.	ISAAC VICKERS .. .. 6.
HENRY MAIDENS .. .. 3.	GEORGE CHESTER .. .. 7.
FREDERICK W. WALKER .. 4.	CHARLES W. P. CLIFTON Tenor

Conducted by G. LINDOFF.

This peal is now rung for the first time, it is also supposed to be the first peal on the bells, which originally were five, cast in 1720, by Penn of Peterborough, and augmented to six by the addition of a treble, cast by Osborn, of Downham Market, in 1784. The octave was completed by the addition of two trebles, cast by Bryant, of Hertford, and hung by John Cabourn, a local bellhanger.

#### HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.

#### THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, September 24, 1894, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

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

THURSTANS' ORIGINAL.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL .. Treble.	RALPH H. BIGGS .. .. 5.
WILLIAM TRUSS* .. .. 2.	*HAROLD N. DAVIS .. .. 6.
WILLIAM E. TAYLOR .. .. 3.	JOHN C. TRUSS, JUN. .. 7.
JOHN EVANS .. .. 4.	FRANK BIGGS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by HAROLD N. DAVIS.

\*First peal of Stedman Triples. The above was J. C. Truss, jun's. fifteth peal.

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

On Tuesday, September 25, 1894, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, BOYNE HILL,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

JAMES W. WILKINS* .. Treble.	ALFRED C. FUSSELL .. .. 5.
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL .. 2.	HAROLD N. DAVIS .. .. 6.
JOHN EVANS* .. .. 3.	*RALPH H. BIGGS .. .. 7.
FREDERICK G. BIGGS* .. 4.	†JOHN C. TRUSS, JUN. .. Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS and Conducted by JOHN C. TRUSS, JUN.

\*First peal in the method. †First peal in the method as conductor and first attempt. This is also the first peal in the method on the bells, and was rung as a birthday compliment to A. C. Fussell, his brother-strings wishing him many happy returns of the day. The above is the same composition as rang at Tunbridge Wells, September 15th, 1894.

#### BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.

#### THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, September 26, 1894, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 22 cwt.

FREDERICK G. BIGGS .. Treble.	WILLIAM E. TAYLOR .. 5.
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL .. 2.	JOHN EVANS .. .. 6.
WILLIAM TRUSS .. .. 3.	JAMES W. WILKINS .. 7.
HAROLD N. DAVIS .. .. 4.	RALPH H. BIGGS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF and Conducted by HAROLD N. DAVIS,

First peal in the method on the bells. This composition contains the full combination of 4-5-6 with the 2nd never in 5-6 and the 3rd never in 6ths.

#### ALDENHAM, HERTS.

#### THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 26, 1894, in Two Hours and Forty-four 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.

THOMAS WALLER .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM HEWITT .. .. 5.
WILLIAM E. OAKLEY .. 2.	EDWARD P. DEBENHAM .. 6.
W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM .. 3.	ERNEST E. HUNTLEY .. 7.
FREDERICK EDWARDS .. 4.	WILLIAM I. OAKLEY .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by ERNEST E. HUNTLEY.

The above was rung as a compliment to Mr. G. W. Cartmel, Assistant Hon. Sec. of the Herts. Association, on the occasion of his marriage. It was intended to have rung Major, but meeting one short, Mr. Oakley kindly took the tenor.

#### TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 26, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

ROBERT BURFIELD* .. Treble.	WILLIAM LATTER .. .. 5.
HERBERT PORTER .. .. 2.	GEORGE H. STONESTREET 6.
JAMES MUGGRIDGE .. .. 3.	†STEPHEN PERKINS .. .. 7.
PERCIVAL J. BROOKER .. 4.	GEORGE SMITHERS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by the late HENRY JOHNSON and Conducted by

STEPHEN PERKINS.

\*First peal. †First peal as conductor. This is the first peal in the method on the bells, and by all the ringers except the 6th and tenor men.

#### SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.

On Wednesday, September 26, 1894, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

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

THURSTANS' ORIGINAL.

Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qrs. 27 lbs. in F.

JOHN S. GOLDSMITH .. Treble.	KEITH HART .. .. 5.
ROBERT J. DAWE .. .. 2.	ALFRED J. TURNER .. .. 6.
GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. 3.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. 7.
ARTHUR A. FULLER .. 4.	JAMES N. FROSELL .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

All except Mr. Gifford, who hails from Salisbury, are members of the Sussex County Association.

#### LINCOLN.

#### THE NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 26, 1894, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

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

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

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION.

Tenor 20 cwt.

GABRIEL LINDOFF .. Treble.	COOK WELLS .. .. 5.
JOSEPH B. FENTON .. .. 2.	JOHN W. WATSON .. .. 6.
GEORGE CHESTER .. .. 3.	JAMES S. HARRIS .. .. 7.
RICHARD DAWSON .. .. 4.	CHARLES W. P. CLIFTON Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

First peal in this variation by all except the ringers of the treble and seventh. It is also the first in the variation by the Association, and is supposed to be the first peal of Oxford in the County.

## CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

On Thursday, September 27, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,**  
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 13½ cwt. in F.

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

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW and Conducted by JAMES PARKER.

\*First peal of Major. This peal was arranged for Mr. Gifford, who hails from Salisbury. All are members of the Sussex County Association, except W. Gifford, who, unfortunately, could not be elected a member until the next meeting of the Association.

## WOLSTANTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## THE STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 29, 1894, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

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

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

GEORGE SIDDONS* .. .. Treble.	THOMAS MILLER .. .. 5.
JOHN E. WHEELDON* .. .. 2.	CHARLES OLLIER .. .. 6.
ARTHUR ARCHER* .. .. 3.	WILLIAM MILLER .. .. 7.
SAMUEL J. HOLDEN† .. .. 4.	JOHN JOHNSON .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES OLLIER.

\*First peal of Triples. †First peal with a bob bell. ‡First peal as conductor. Siddons and Archer hail from Kidsgrove; Wheelton from Bucknall; Johnson from Tunstall; the rest belong to the local band.

## CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 29, 1894, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 11 cwt.

GEORGE BARTLETT* .. .. Treble.	ARTHUR BARTLETT .. .. 5.
EDWARD BURDOCK† .. .. 2.	THOMAS W. BURDOCK .. .. 6.
THOMAS ATTWELL .. .. 3.	FRANK BENNETT .. .. 7.
ARTHUR ASHDOWN .. .. 4.	WILLIAM MITCHELL .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

\*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. The ringers (with the exception of the conductor, who hails from Guildford), are all local men.

## DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 29, 1894, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;**

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 20 cwt.

DAVID G. WIGHTMAN .. .. Treble.	ARTHUR SYMONDS .. .. 5.
EDGAR WIGHTMAN .. .. 2.	STEPHEN WIGHTMAN, SEN. 6.
JAMES DURRANT .. .. 3.	STEPHEN WIGHTMAN, JUN. 7.
ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN .. .. 4.	GEORGE WIGHTMAN .. .. Tenor.

Composed by JAMES S. WILDE and Conducted by DAVID G. WIGHTMAN.

Symonds hails from Lavenham, and the rest from Cretingham.

## IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

## THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 29, 1894, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lbs.

HERBERT SHARP† .. .. Treble.	JAMES GARRATT* .. .. 5.
CLIFTON NEWMAN* .. .. 2.	PERCY HOWARD .. .. 6.
CHARLES WM. CLARKE .. .. 3.	JAMES HOUGHTON, SEN.† .. 7.
WILLIAM PETTITT* .. .. 4.	JAMES HOUGHTON, JUN. .. Tenor.

Composed by C. W. CLARKE and Conducted by HERBERT SHARP.

\*First peal. †First peal in the method as conductor. ‡First peal with a bob bell. This peal has the 5th eleven times and the 4th ten times in 6th place, and the 6th her extent at home in the last twenty-four courses.

## GREAT MARLOW, BUCKS.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 29, 1894, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.**

Tenor 16 cwt.

JOHN C. TRUSS, SEN.* .. Treble.	JOHN EVANS .. .. 5.
WILLIAM TRUSS .. .. 2.	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL .. 6.
JOHN C. TRUSS, JUN. .. 3.	HAROLD N. DAVIS .. .. 7.
ALFRED C. FUSSELL .. .. 4.	EDWARD P. O'MEARA .. Tenor.

Composed by H. J. TUCKER and Conducted by JOHN C. TRUSS, JUN.

\*First peal of Major. †First peal in the method. This is the first peal of Major on the bells. Great credit is due to Mr. J. C. Truss, sen., for the way in which he rang the treble, he never having attempted Major before, kindly taking the vacant rope upon meeting one short. This was a variation of the original peal published in "The Bell News," March 30th, 1889, by commencing with the calling of the 4th course. E. P. O'Meara was elected a member of the above Guild previous to starting, and hails from London.

## IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

## THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, September 30, 1894, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lbs.

JAMES HOUGHTON, SEN. .. Treble.	JAMES GARRATT .. .. 5.
HERBERT SHARP .. .. 2.	ANDERSON YORK TYLER* 6.
ALPHEUS PERKINS* .. .. 3.	JAMES HOUGHTON, JUN. .. 7.
PERCY HOWARD .. .. 4.	CHARLES WM. CLARKE .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by C. W. CLARKE.

\*First peal.

## HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, October 1, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM TRUSS* .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL .. 5.
JOHN EVANS .. .. 2.	RALPH H. BIGGS .. .. 6.
FREDERICK G. BIGGS .. 3.	HAROLD N. DAVIS .. .. 7.
ALFRED C. FUSSELL .. .. 4.	JOHN C. TRUSS, JUN. .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS and Conducted by JOHN C. TRUSS, JUN.

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

## NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 1, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,**  
5152 CHANGES. Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

WILLIAM HOLMES .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM STORY .. .. 5.
CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE .. 2.	ARTHUR E. HIND .. .. 6.
HENRY H. LINDSEY .. .. 3.	FRANCIS LEES .. .. 7.
ALFRED F. HILLIER .. .. 4.	FREDK. J. HARRISON .. Tenor.

Composed by YORK GREEN and Conducted by

CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE.

This is Mr. Hind's first peal with the Durham and Newcastle Association, and was rung as a farewell to Mr. Routledge, who is leaving the district for some time.

## BOLSTERSTONE, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 1, 1894, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 13 cwt. in F sharp.

JOHN DYSON .. .. Treble.	JAMES SHAW .. .. 5.
REGINALD DYSON .. .. 2.	JOSEPH HATTERSLEY .. 6.
JAMES ASPINALL .. .. 3.	GEORGE JACKSON .. .. 7.
WILLIAM STEEL .. .. 4.	DAVID BREARLEY .. .. Tenor.

Composed by H. HUBBARD and conducted by D. BREARLEY.

\*First peal of Major as conductor. The above peal was rung on the anniversary of the opening of the bells, which was done by the Sheffield Parish Church Society by ringing a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, on October 1st, 1892. The above peal is the first by an entirely local band, and is the first by all except the conductor. Great credit is due to the ringers of the 4th, 1st and 2nd, whose are respectively sixteen seventeen and eighteen years.



## CHELTENHAM.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
(CHELTENHAM AND DISTRICT GUILD.)

On Tuesday, October 2, 1894, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5187 CHANGES.

Tenor 22½ cwt.

ALBERT W. HUMPHRIS .. Treble.	CHARLES POCKOTTS .. .. 6.
GEORGE H. PHILLOTT .. 2.	WILLIAM DYER .. .. 7.
SAMUEL GREENWOOD .. 3.	FRANCIS E. WARD .. .. 8.
W. T. PATES .. .. 4.	HENRY ROBERTS .. .. 9.
FREDERICK W. TOWNSEND 5.	FREDERICK MUSTY .. .. Tenor.

Composed by W. T. PATES and Conducted by HENRY ROBERTS.

Samuel Greenwood hails from Streatham, Surrey.

PEAL CORRECTIONS.—The peal of Bob Major rung at Slough reported in our last number, was short of the following particulars. It was composed by Mr. N. J. Pitstow and was rung as a birthday compliment to W. H. Fussell, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns. It was the first peal in the method with a bob bll by William Truss.—The peal rung at Tilehurst and published in our last issue should have been placed under the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

## Miscellaneous.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

WYLAM-ON-TYNE.—On Friday, September 21st, at St. Oswin's church, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles) in 30 mins. G. Wright, 1; J. Bean (first 720), 2; F. Lees (conductor), 3; A. Figg, 4; H. Wilkinson, 5; E. Weightman, 6. On Thursday, September 27th, the same 720 in 29 mins., and a 360 of Bob Minor (six bobs and six singles). W. Story, 2; A. Dodd, 3. Tenor 22 cwt.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

BURFORD (Oxon).—On Tuesday, September 18th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 47 mins. E. Large, 1; H. Bond, jun., 2; T. Bond, 3; W. Launchbury, jun., 4; W. Shirley, 5; H. Smith, jun., 6; W. Large (conductor), 7; H. Humphries, 8. On Tuesday, September 25th, 630 Grandsire Triples. C. Packer, 1; E. Large, 2; the rest as before.

BEACONSFIELD (Bucks).—On Wednesday, September 19th, the local ringers, with the assistance of W. E. Yates, rang four touches of Grandsire Triples on the tower bells, and four touches on the handbells. T. Tapping, 1; W. E. Ball, 2; W. E. Yates (conductor), 3; R. Price, 4; G. Leslie, 5; R. Buckland, 6; G. Tapping, 7; F. Price, 8.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

AYLESFORD (Kent).—On Sunday, September 23rd, for Divine Service in the evening, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, from Holt's Original, in 42 mins. H. Grice, 1; J. Humphrey, 2; W. Wilson, 3; J. Wood, 4; T. May, 5; A. Tucker, 6; W. French (conductor), 7; P. Brook, 8.

ISLE OF THANET (Kent).—On Sunday evening, September 23rd, for Divine Service at St. Peter's church, 360 Grandsire Doubles. J. Belsey, 1; B. Oliver, 2; A. J. Hiscock (conductor), 3; J. Warner, 4; W. Marsh, 5; G. Wood, 6; R. Hills, 7; G. Ovenden, 8. This is the longest touch by the local band.

OSPRINGE (Kent).—On Monday, September 24th, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles) with the tenor covering, in 26 mins. W. Willis, 1; G. Foster (first 720 away from the treble), 2; H. Foster, 3; A. Biggs, jun., 4; C. H. Drake, 5; H. Burling (conductor), 6; J. Austin, 8.

HAYES (Kent).—On Sunday evening, August 19th, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor (twelve singles and nine bobs). F. Lacy, 1; H. Reader (conductor), 2; A. Killick, 3; G. Harwood, 4; E. Stone, 5; J. Hack, 6. On Sunday evening, September 30th, for Divine Service, 720 Canterbury Pleasure (fourteen singles and four bobs). F. Lacy, 1; H. Brown, 2; A. Killick, 3; H. Reader, 4; E. Stone, 5; J. Hack (conductor), 6. This is the first time a 720 of Canterbury Pleasure has been rung by the local band.

UPCHURCH (Kent).—On Tuesday evening, September 18th, 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; G. Cape-ling, 4; G. Dennis, 5; W. Seamer (conductor), 6. This 720 was rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mrs.

Woodruff, who was interred in Upchurch churchyard on Monday afternoon, when a large number of people witnessed the funeral. Her husband was one of the former vicars, being six years curate and thirty-four years vicar of the same parish. She had always been a great friend to the parish, from year to year giving gifts for different purposes, most of her young days being spent at Upchurch.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

EASTHAM (Cheshire).—On Sunday, September 23rd, at St. Mary's church, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, 720 Bob Minor (thirty bobs and two singles) in 26 mins. J. Hasprey, 1; J. Woods, 2; W. Smith (conductor), 3; J. Smith, 4; J. Parr, 5; J. Rowlands, 6.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

MIDHURST (Sussex).—On Sunday, September 9th, 720 Plain Bob Minor. F. R. Rump, 1; T. E. Ellis, 2; J. Ballard, 3; F. Willson, 4; A. B. Bennett (conductor), 5; J. Lee, 6. Messrs. Ballard and Wilson hail from Basingstoke. On Sunday, September 23rd, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, 720 Plain Bob Minor. G. Boswell, 1; T. E. Ellis, 2; F. R. Rump, 3; C. Tribe, 4; A. B. Bennett (conductor), 5; J. Lee, 6.

BRIGHTON (Sussex).—Handbell Ringing.—On Saturday, August 18th, at the residence of Mr. Williams, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, from Holt's Original, in 38 mins. Mrs. G. Williams, 1-2; W. H. L. Buckingham (conductor), 3-4; G. Williams, 5-6; K. Hart, 7-8. On Sunday, September 23rd, 1134 Grandsire Triples. Mrs. G. Williams, 1-2; G. Williams (conductor), 3-4; W. W. Gifford, 5-6; K. Hart, 7-8. On Tuesday, the same band attempted a peal of Grandsire Triples, but it was lost by a change-course after ringing 1624 changes in 50 mins. On Sunday, for Divine Service in the evening at St. Peter's church, a 448 of London Surprise and 384 of Superlative. W. W. Gifford, 1; G. Smart, 2; A. A. Fuller, 3; E. C. Merritt, 4; G. Baker, 5; J. N. Frossell, 6; K. Hart, 7; G. Williams (conductor), 8.

## WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

DUDLEY (Worcestershire).—On Wednesday, September 5th, at the parish church, in honour of the wedding of Miss Florence Bagott to Mr. W. M. Cox, 1259 Grandsire Caters. E. Cashmore, 1; E. Goodreds, 2; J. Fellows, 3; F. Fellows, 4; J. Mills, 5; S. Spittle, 6; E. Fellows, 7; W. Micklewright (composer), 8; J. Goodman (conductor), 9; H. Faulkes, 10. Also 840 Grandsire Royal by the same band; conducted by S. Spittle. E. Cashmore hails from West Bromwich, E. Goodreds from Tipton.

## BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BATH.—On Sunday, September 23rd, for Divine Service at Christ Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 40 mins. H. Wotton, 1; W. Lanham, 2; P. Charles, 3; C. W. Bell, 4; J. Grabham, 5; W. Wells, 6; W. W. Thorne (conductor), 7; J. Melhuish, 8. Messrs. Grabham and Thorne hail from Dunster.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

WINCHESTER.—On Thursday, September 13th, at the Cathedral, 360 Grandsire Gaters. W. J. Sevier, 1; C. J. North, 2; C. J. Chooet, 3; W. C. Lampard, 4; R. White, 5; R. Hasted, 6; W. C. Hasted, 7; J. Weaver, 8; W. H. George (conductor), 9; J. Harris, 10. And 280 Grandsire Triples. \*F. Smith, 1; C. J. Chooet, 2; W. J. Sevier, 3; W. C. Lampard, 4; C. J. North, 5; J. Weaver, 6; W. H. George (conductor), 7; J. Harris, 8. \*Longest touch with the treble. W. C. Hasted hails from London. And on Thursday, September 30th, 502 Grandsire Caters. W. J. Sevier, 1; C. J. North, 2; C. J. Chooet, 3; G. Smith, 4; W. C. Lampard, 5; G. Gatland, 6; R. Hasted, 7; J. Weaver, 8; W. H. George (composer and conductor), 9; D. Froome, 10. Also 308 Grandsire Triples. C. J. Chooet, 1; W. J. Sevier, 2; R. Hasted, 3; G. Gatland, 4; W. C. Lampard, 5; J. Weaver, 6; W. H. George (conductor), 7; D. Froome, 8. G. Gatland hails from Steyning. Tenor 32 cwt.

GUILDFORD (Surrey).—On Sunday, August 26th, for Divine Service in the morning at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. A. Adsell (first quarter-peal), 1; A. Brown (first quarter-peal), 2; W. Freakes, 3; J. Heathorn, 4; J. J. Jones, 5; C. Eades, 6; F. Bennett (conductor), 7; E. Heather (first quarter-peal), 8. On Sunday, September 9th, a 630 and 405 in the method. C. Eades, 1; T. Attwell, 2; J. Heathorn, 3; H. J. Fisher, 4; J. J. Jones, 5; T. Blackburn, 6; F. Bennett (conductor), 7; E. Heather, 8. On Sunday, September 16th, for Divine Service in the morning, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 49 mins. W. Page (first quarter-peal), 1; A. Brown, 2; W. Freakes, 3; J. Heathorn, 4; J. J. Jones, 5; C. Eades, 6; F. Bennett (conductor), 7; E. Heather, 8. Composed by J. George and published in "THE BELL NEWS" of September 8th. On Sun-

day, September 23rd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 48 mins. A. Adsell, 1; A. Brown, 2; J. Heathorn, 3; W. Freakes, 4; F. Baker, 5; C. Eades, 6; F. Bennett (conductor), 7; J. J. Jones, 8.

#### NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

GAINSBOROUGH (Lincolnshire).—On Sunday morning, September 23rd, for Divine Service, 504 Plain Bob Triples. A. H. Wheeler, 1; W. D. Tinker (conductor), 2; W. W. Bust, 3; J. C. Tinker, 4; G. Wilson, 5; H. W. Kirtton, 6; F. T. W. Butler, 7; R. S. Lakin, 8. First 504 in the method by all.

#### STOKE-ON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

CHEDDLETON.—On Sunday, September 2nd, for Divine Service, 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-four bobs and two singles) in 26 mins. \*H. Shuker, 1; H. Birch, 2; H. James, 3; \*G. Sheldon (conductor), 4; F. Clowes, 5; E. Spooner, 6. \*First 720 of Grandsire. On Wednesday, September 5th, 720 Bob Minor (nine bobs and six singles) in 27 mins. \*J. Bullen, 1; G. Sheldon, 2; J. Gilbert, 3; H. Shuker, 4; H. Birch (conductor), 5; E. Spooner, 6. \*First 720. On Sunday, September 23rd, for Divine Service, 720 Duke of York (nine bobs) in 27 mins. \*H. Shuker, 1; H. Birch, 2; G. Sheldon, 3; H. James, 4; F. Clowes (conductor), 5; E. Spooner, 6. \*First 720 of Treble Bob. This is the first in the method by all and first on the bells.

#### GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

HENBURY (Gloucestershire).—On Saturday, September 15th, at St. Mary's church, a 720 of Grandsire Minor in 27 mins. C. H. Gordon, 1; H. Pring, 2; G. H. Colston, 3; R. Devenish, 4; C. Tompkins (conductor), 5; J. Gould, 6. First 720 on the bells in the method. And two 6-scores of Stedman Doubles. C. H. Gordon, 1; H. Pring (conductor), 2; G. H. Colston, 3; C. Tompkins, 4; J. Gould, 5; R. Devenish, 6. First 6-scores in the method on the bells.

WESTBURY (Gloucestershire).—Recently at the church of The Holy Trinity, a 360 of Grandsire Minor, and a few 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles was rung by the above band.

#### THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

ANSTON (Notts).—On Sunday, September 2nd, at St. James church, a 720 of Merchant's Return (twenty-one bobs). J. Foulds, 1; H. Turner, 2; H. Stenton, 3; R. Smith, 4; S. Smith, 5; C. Fowler (conductor), 6. And 360 and 240 of Oxford with J. Marshall at the 4th. On Sunday, September 9th, a 720 Duke of York in 25 mins. standing as before. On Friday, September 14th, a 720 of Woodbine and 240 Merchant's Return. First 720 of Woodbine by H. Turner, H. Stenton and R. Smith. On Sunday, September 16th, 720 of Kent. standing as before. And 456 of Oxford with J. Marshall at the 4th. On Sunday, September 23rd, a 720 of Kent (fifteen bobs), with J. Marshall 4.

EAST RETFORD (Notts).—On Sunday, September 23rd, a 360 of Bob Minor for the Children's Service. G. M. Farr, 1; T. H. Denman, 2; G. Swannack, 3; W. Skelton, 4; T. Spurr, 5; H. Haigh (conductor), 6. And for evening service a 665 of Grandsire Caters. H. Warburton, 1; G. Swannack, 2; T. Spurr, 3; J. T. Bottomley, 4; G. E. Sharpe, 5; T. H. Denman, 6; W. Skelton, 7; H. Haigh (conductor), 8; J. B. Joynes, 9; J. Swannack, 10.

HARTHILL (Notts).—On Saturday, September 22nd, at the quarterly meeting of the Association a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob. H. Haigh, 1; R. Smith, 2; J. Guest, 3; H. Lambert, 4; F. Hargreaves, 5; W. Newbury (conductor), 6.

BOURNEMOUTH (Hants).—On Sunday morning, September 23rd, for Divine Service at St. Peter's church, 518 Grandsire Triples in 20 mins. A. Grist, 1; J. G. Bennett, 2; A. Turley (Bloxwich, Staffordshire), 3; E. T. Green (conductor), 4; G. H. Plummer, 5; S. Merrett, 6; J. J. Bristow, 7; C. W. Goodenough, 8.

CLENT (Worcestershire).—On Monday, August 20th, for practice at the parish church, a 720 of Bob Minor in 25 mins. G. Workman, 1; T. Barber, 2; W. Shillock, 3; C. Boughton, 4; W. H. Barber 5; J. Barber (conductor), 6. On Sunday, August 26th, a 360 of Bob Minor. C. Boughton, 1; W. Huxley, 2; W. Shillock, 3; W. Short, 4; W. H. Barber, 5; J. Barber (conductor), 6. On Sunday, September 2nd, a 360 of Grandsire. C. Boughton, 1; W. H. Barber, 2; W. Shillock, 3; N. Holyoake, 4; W. Short, 5; J. Barber (conductor), 6.

EASTBOURNE (Sussex).—On Monday, September 24th, at the parish church of St. Mary, 504 Grandsire Triples. W. Lawrence, jun., 1; A. Midmore, 2; J. Billings, 3; J. Newman, 4; H. Vernon, 5; E. Willoughby, 6; T. Lewis (conductor), 7; J. Rawlinson, 8. Also 420 Grandsire Triples. W. Lawrence, jun., 1; T. Willoughby, 2; J. Billings, 3; H. Vernon, 4; H. Batt, 5; J. Lewis, 6; T. Lewis (conductor), 7; J. Rawlinson, 8.

HAGLEY (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, September 18th, a 720 of Bob Minor. J. Davis, 1; T. Barber, 2; W. Shillock, 3; H. Morris, 4; W. H. Barber, 5; C. Boughton (conductor), 6. Messrs. Barber, Shillock and Boughton hail from Clent.

HARTHILL (Notts).—On Saturday, September 22nd, 360 of Oxford. — White (Ordsall), 1; J. Russon (Shireoaks), 2; G. Barrowcliffe (Workshop), 3; T. Smith (conductor, Harthill), 4; F. Hargreaves (Shireoaks), 5; W. Newbury (Harthill), 6. And 720 Violet. D. Russon (Shireoaks), 1; A. Slater (Norton), 2; G. Barrowcliffe (Workshop), 3; E. James (Norton), 4; B. Hall (Shireoaks), 5; C. Fowler (conductor, Anston), 6. And 720 of Kent. J. Bilham (Harthill), 1; S. Smith (Anston), 2; H. Stenton (Anston), 3; T. Smith (Harthill), 4; W. Newbury (conductor, Anston), 5; T. Lakin (Anston), 6. And 360 Oxford. H. Haigh (East Retford), 1; R. Smith (South Anston), 2; J. Guest (Harthill), 3; H. Lambert (Ordsall), 4; F. Hargreaves (Shireoaks), 5; W. Newbury (conductor, Harthill), 6. And a 720 Merchant's Return. F. Hargreaves (Shireoaks), 1; D. Russon (Shireoaks), 2; H. Stenton (Anston), 3; B. Hall (Shireoaks), 4; S. Smith (conductor, Anston), 5; C. Fowler (Anston), 6.

LEWISHAM (Kent).—On Sunday evening, September 23rd, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original, in 40 mins. C. Bedwell, 1; A. Pheasant, 2; W. Turner, 3; A. C. Bedwell, 4; G. Daynes, 5; H. Warnett (conductor), 6; H. Barrett, 7; T. Chandler, 8.

### Correspondence.

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

#### ST. MARGARET'S, WESTMINSTER.

SIR,—I have little inclination and less intention of taking part in a war of words. My desire in my letter was to merely bring the facts before the ringing world as to the difficulty that has always been experienced in keeping the bells going at St. Margaret's, Westminster. With reference to the questions asked by "Plain Speaker" in this week's number of the paper, it is but necessary to point out the exceptional position of the parish. Really St. Margaret's parish is only a parish of palatial flats and offices, the first tenanted by people who only live there because it suits them to do so, and the latter occupying offices, because the locality is a good one for their purpose, the majority of both classes caring but little for the work that goes on in their midst. Although outwardly respectable and apparently rich, the funds for parish work really come from without and not from within, therefore the offertories of the Church—from which all expenses have to be met—have to be carefully husbanded by the churchwardens, so perhaps the ringing may not have been so much as in parishes more happily placed, but so far as my memory serves me, and I have only that to rely upon at the present moment, all days connected with Royalty, Easter Day, Christmas, Churchwardens' Day, Harvest Festival, and some others, are always paid for, and of course there are other occasions, such as weddings, when fees find their way to the ringers' pockets. With regard to the second point raised, it will only be necessary to remind ringers that when orders are given to ring, the notice given is generally short and peremptory, and the steeplekeeper, upon whom the work devolves, must do the best he can under the circumstances. The late Mr. Smith, I know, invariably gave the preference to those ringers who were members of the Church Society, and the same plan is adopted, I believe, by his successor, Mr. Ward. But what is a man to do, when as was the case often here, he has to deal with men who can but won't ring? There is only one course open, he must fall back upon any he can get, "from Westminster to Limehouse" if you will, as the bells must be rung. Be it also remembered that a large number of the "old scroof" are or were mechanics who only have to throw down their tools and give up their 8d. and 9d. per hour, for the time absent, while many of the Church Society, as established here, were clerks and others holding positions whose absence could not be easily obtained; the former were gainers by leaving the work for awhile, while if the latter class attempted such a course, their situations would be quickly declared vacant. Where practicable, the members of the society were always preferred if it suited their purpose, or if business allowed them to take a rope. I have been accused of sneering at the professional ringers, and being against their presence in this tower. Not so, indeed! when they turn up either week-day or Sunday, I for one feel they are doing a kindly action, and one which the clergy and and laity appreciate most fully, and I am sure the welcome extended to them is as warm and hearty as that given to them elsewhere.

W. E. HARLAND-OXLEY.

## Notices.

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**The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Diocesan Branch.**—The usual monthly meeting will be held at St. Paul's church, Warrington, to-day, Saturday, October 6th, 1894. Tower open for ringing at 2.30. Tea provided free in the schoolroom at 5 o'clock. Business meeting to be held after tea.

J. J. M. MOORE.

9, Mill Street, Warrington.

**The Yorkshire Association.**—The nineteenth Annual meeting will be held at Shipley, to-day, Saturday, October 6th. Service in St. Paul's church at 4 p.m., tea in the schools at 5, business meeting after. Bells of St. Paul's (eight), and Saltaire Congregational church (six), at disposal all day. Bands desirous of ringing previous to one o'clock should communicate with the local Hon. Sec., Mr. Fred London, 55, Alexandra road, Shipley.

B. T. COPLEY, Hon. Sec.

**The Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.**—Next quarterly meeting, Tetbury, to-day, Saturday, October 6th. Dinner at 1.30 (on arrival of train), at The White Hart, 2s. 6d. per head. Business meeting after dinner. Short service in parish church at 2.45, address by Rev. T. G. Horwood, Vicar. Spire re-built, bells rehung.

REV. PITT EYKYN, Hon. Sec.

St. Augustine's Vicarage, Bristol.

**The Surrey Association.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Beddington and Carshalton, on Saturday, October 13th. By kind permission, the towers of St. Mary (ten bells), and All Saints (eight bells) will be open for ringing from 2 p.m. Tea (free to annual subscribers) at The Plough inn at 6 p.m. Representatives please send the number of members who intend to be present at tea to Mr. J. Trappitt, Church lane, Beddington, not later than Thursday, October 11th.

R. B. BLANCHARD, Hon. Sec.

13, Sunnyhill Road, Streatham, S.W.

**The Bedfordshire Association.**—The quarterly meeting will be held at Toddington, to-day, Saturday, October 6th.

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

**Kent County Association.**—Lewisham District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Bromley, on Saturday, October 13th. The tower will be open for ringing from 3 p.m. Railway fares of members present at 5 p.m. will be paid up to, but not exceeding 2s., and a tea will be provided at 5.30 for those whose names are sent to the District Sec., not later than Wednesday, October 10th. The meeting for business will be immediately after tea.

T. E. TEIGNMOUTH SHORE, Hon. Sec.

25, Thornford road, Lewisham, S.E.

**The Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.**—Bristol.—The next meeting for practice will be held at the Temple Church, city (8), on Tuesday evening, October 9th inst. at 7.30 p.m.

C. H. GORDON, Local Sec.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Manchester Branch.—The next monthly ringing meeting will be held at the parish church, Flixton,

on Saturday, October 13th. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Business meeting in the Schoolroom 7 p.m.

WALTER BROWN, Branch Sec.

54, Wenlock Street, Hulme, Manchester.

**St. James' Society, Hull.**—The bells of St. James' church will be at liberty to any company of ringers visiting Hull, on Saturday, October 13th (Hull Fair week). Communications to be addressed to J. W. STICKNEY, 20½, Campbell Street.

**St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.**—The usual quarterly meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 16th, at The Tamworth Arms, Moor Street, Birmingham. The books will be open at 8.30 p.m.

W. H. GODDEN,

61, Roland Road, Handsworth. Hon. Sec.

**The Oxford Diocesan Guild.**—The autumn quarterly meeting will be held at Newbury, on Saturday, October 20th. Evensong at 5 o'clock, at the parish church of St. Nicolas, preacher, the Rev. F. A. Hill. Tea in the parish room, at 6 o'clock, at 9d. per head. Tickets should be taken before the 16th. Methods to be practised—Grandsire, Stedman, Treble Bob, &c. The tower will be open for ringing at 2 p.m. Return tickets will be issued at any station from which eight or more members travel, at 1½ fare, but notice must be sent to me without delay.

J. HUSSEY,

The Willows, Newbury.

Organising Sec.

**The Midland Counties' Association.**—The second quarterly meeting of the year will be held at Long Eaton, on Saturday, October 20th. Long Eaton (8 bells), and Sawley (6 bells) open for ringing from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. Committee meeting at 4.30 p.m. Tea, followed by general meeting at 5 p.m. both in the National School. Parties of eight or more can obtain fare and a quarter tickets by giving three days' notice at any station. By the kindness of the Long Eaton branch, a free tea will be given to all visiting members who have paid their subscriptions for the current year, and send their names to Mr. Hexter, 6, Upper Wellington Street, Long Eaton, not later than Saturday, the 13th inst. Members who do not send in their names by the date mentioned, or whose subscriptions are overdue, will be charged 1s. each as usual.

J. O. LANCASHIRE,

22, St. Peter's Road, Leicester. Hon. Sec.

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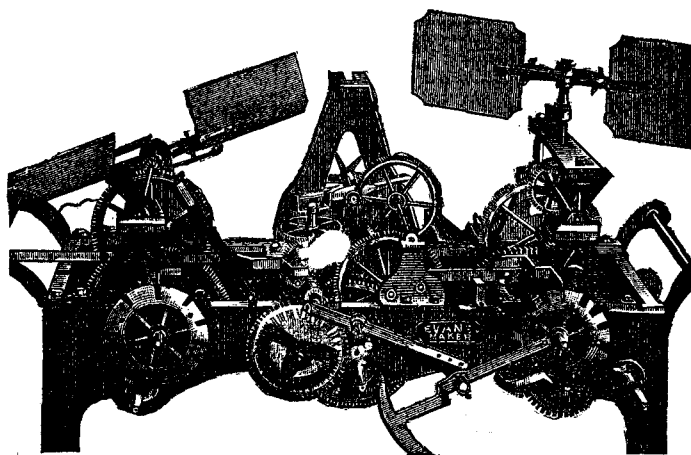
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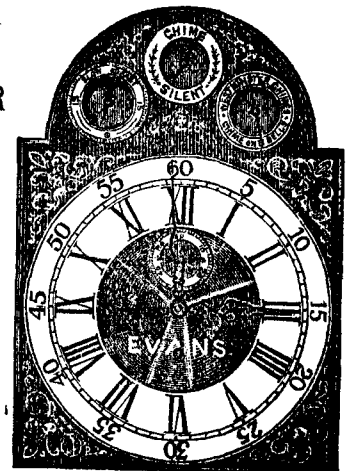
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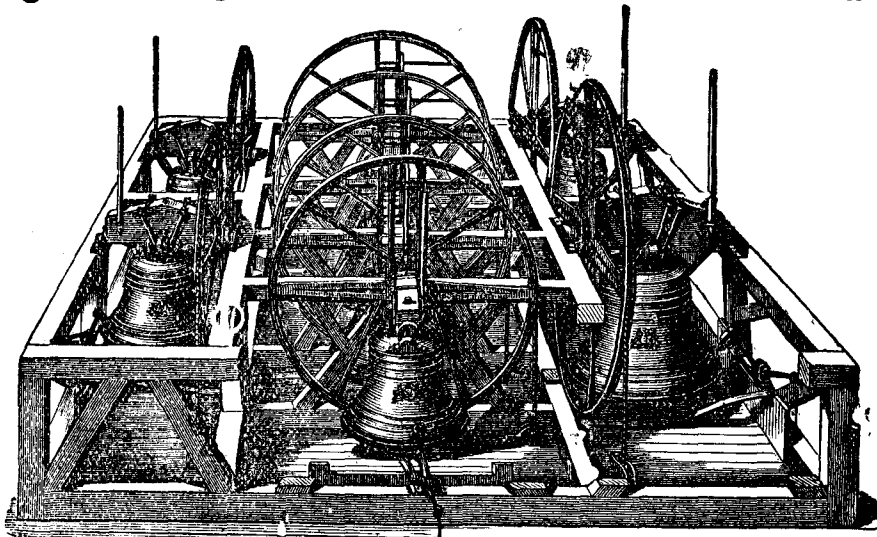
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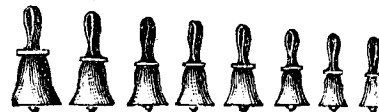
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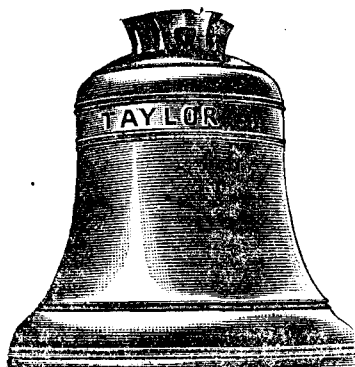
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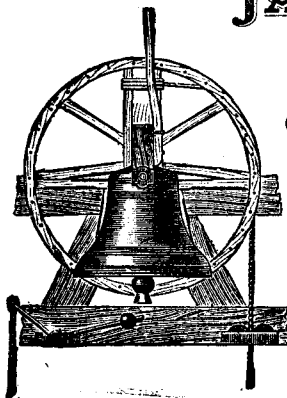
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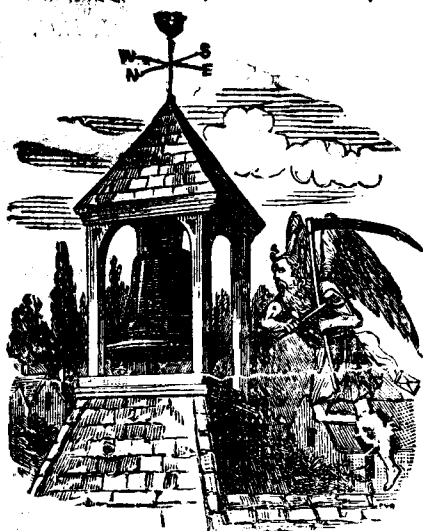
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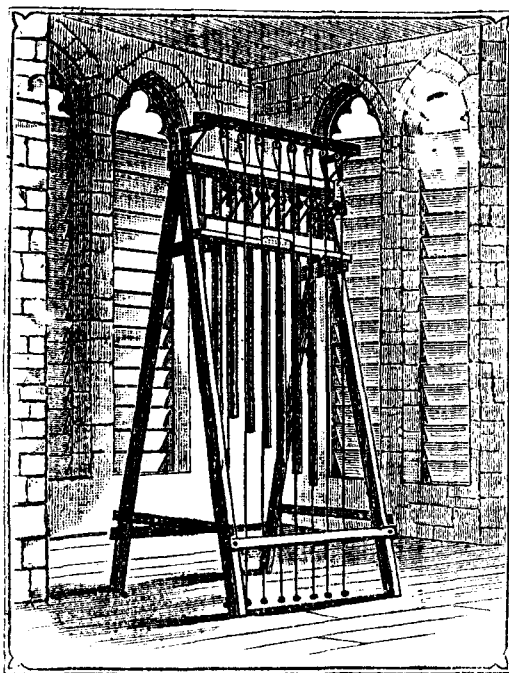
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## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

After a lapse of ten years, this Association gathered together on Saturday last in the thriving and energetic village of Shipley. I say "village" because as yet a charter of incorporation has not been granted to confer upon it the honour and dignity of a borough with full-fledged Mayor and Corporation directing its affairs. That, however, is but a matter of time; for doubtless ere long the bells of the parish church will be pealing in honour of the election of first Mayor and Town Council, which the granting of such charter will entail. I went there on Saturday last, Mr. Editor, with joyful feelings, which, however, were not unmingled with regret. I called to mind the first gathering there in 1878, when we were entertained to tea in the gymnasium of the Saltaire Institute, and afterwards to an excellent musical entertainment in the Victoria Hall, for which the then celebrated Shelley handbell ringers had been engaged, and we were right royally treated. And then came before my mental vision the events of ten years ago, when we received another hearty welcome. But my regret on journeying thither on Saturday last was that so many of those who so cordially greeted us on those two occasions, are now sleeping peacefully—

"Life's fitful fever o'er."

Wilkinson, Ives, Crabtree, Kendall, Sandiforth, Wilks, Palliser, Lightfoot, Lilley, names honoured, and their memories revered, now belong to the past. Few bands have suffered from the hand of death like the one at Shipley during recent years. But yet I know that they who at the present are continuing the work, would extend to the association no less hearty a welcome to their visitors, and prove themselves true to the traditions of that well-known spot on the banks of the Aire; and my regrets were considerably modified by the thought. Nor was I disappointed. I found on arrival that the invitation given to the Association to hold its Annual Meeting there had been taken up with considerable spirit by all the good folk thereabouts, even by many who did not consider themselves as connected with the Church. The worthy vicar had entered heartily into the project; and his spirit seemed to have been infused throughout. Everything that appeared likely to tend towards promoting the comfort and pleasure of their visitors had been done, and in no stinted manner either. The old complaint of a long fall of rope from the high ceiling of the belfry, had been met by the erection of a most substantial oak framework known locally as "sallie poles," under the vicar's personal supervision. Mr. Nicholls, the honorary choir-master, whose zeal for the choral portion of the church's services is a household word in Shipley, had been carefully training the choir for some time back for the special service. The members of the congregation, as well as others outside, had freely contributed the necessary funds to cover all expenses. At Saltaire, the Rev. J. A. Hamilton, pastor, and the deacons of the Congregational Church, had put their bells and belfry in order, and extended the most ample and hearty invitations for the visitors to make unlimited use of the handy ring of six. Indeed, there seemed to have been a spirit abroad amongst all classes to vie with each other in the cordiality of their welcome.

On arrival in the forenoon, I found the local committee actively engaged in their work of preparation for the day's proceedings. The bells had been raised; at the "Sun" and the "Star and Garter" rooms had been reserved so that the members might make themselves at home. In the schoolroom ladies were busily engaged laying tables for the afternoon tea. Indeed, it was quite a treat to witness the enthusiasm which abounded on all sides.

About half-past ten the President was received at the station by a deputation, and conducted to the schoolroom, when in company with Messrs. J. A. Ross and F. London, the annual audit was soon in active progress. Shortly after the hour of noon, by invitation, I sat down to dinner at the "Star and Garter" in company with the officers and local committee. From that time each succeeding train brought its contingent of visitors, who came from all parts of the county. The ring of eight at the parish church, and the smaller one of six at Saltaire, were in active operation, and with the favourable weather which prevailed, all seemed to tend towards a successful meeting.

At four o'clock we assembled in the church—a handsome

structure both without and within—whose carefully appointed chancel, fine organ, beautiful stained windows, and other characteristics, bore evidence of the attachment towards it on the part of the Church's faithful people. The service commenced with the hymn "Praise the Lord, ye heavens adore Him;" then followed the shortened form of Evening Prayer with the anthem "Behold how good and joyful;" after which we sung the venerable Old Hundredth, while the Rev. A. W. Cribb, vicar, ascended the pulpit, and preached, taking for his text 1 Chronicles ix. 13. [The sermon will be sent for insertion in our paper next week.]

The service concluded with the hymn "O God, our help in ages past," very heartily rendered; then we wended our way to the schoolroom, where was spread a tea which would well bear comparison with the best in the whole history of the Association. Presiding at the tables were ladies of the congregation: Mesdames Cribb, E. Pullan, Dawson, Shoesmith, Stevenson, F. London, T. Rhodes and Fairburn, the Misses Lilley, Misses Ives, Lupton, Roberts, and Penistone. Several others likewise assisted, and nothing was wanting to give satisfaction to the guests, who numbered about 300. Between the two "sittings down," a fine peal of twenty-five handbells, sent by Messrs. Shaw, Son, and Co., of Bradford, were produced, and a course of Royal was rung in a most creditable fashion. Before leaving the tables, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the vicar, on the motion of the President, and fittingly responded to.

Tea over, an adjournment was made to another room for the business meeting, which was presided over by Mr. W. Snowdon, who in opening the proceedings referred to the cordiality of the welcome which had been accorded to them that day, considering it a source of much gratification that after ten years' absence, the Association should find at Shipley the same kindly feeling towards it as on previous visits. He then read the minutes of the previous meeting, which were adopted, and announced the re-election of all retiring officers, there being no contest.

Mr. J. A. Ross moved, and Mr. F. London (auditors) seconded the adoption of the report and balance-sheet, which was carried.

Mr. Naylor (Headingley) moved, and Mr. Smith (Keighley) seconded, a cordial vote of thanks to the officers for their services during the past year, which received the warm approval of the meeting.

No invitation for the February meeting being forthcoming, the selection was left with the Committee according to rule.

The President then referred to the Central Council, remarking that although they disagreed on certain points with that body, they were quite in sympathy with its main objects, and hoped the time was not far distant when the points of disagreement would be amicably settled.

Mr. Howard (York) moved, and Mr. George Bolland (Tong) seconded a motion instructing the delegates to press the subject of proxy voting before the Council, which was carried unanimously.

The following definition of a six-bell peal, of which notice had been given, was moved by Mr. W. Snowdon, President, and seconded by Mr. B. T. Copley, Hon. Secretary, on behalf of the Committee.

"That a peal on six bells shall consist of not less than 5040 rung without interval in true 720s, of which no two in the same 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 shall be first rung in its entirety."

After some discussion—all of a favourable character—it was decided to postpone final settlement until next meeting.

On the motion of the President, seconded by Mr. W. H. Howard, a vote of thanks was accorded to the vicar and churchwardens of Shipley, and the Rev. J. H. Hamilton, pastor, and deacons of Saltaire Congregational Church for the use of their bells, and the church and the schools for the meeting.

Mr. T. Lockwood (Leeds) moved, and Mr. T. Maud (Tong) seconded, a hearty vote of thanks to the Shipley branch for their most generous arrangements; to the choir-master, organist, and choir for the excellent musical service; to the ladies for their invaluable assistance, and to the Saltaire branch for its co-operation. I need hardly say that this motion was greeted, as it deserved, with most vociferous applause; and after a well-

deserved compliment had been paid to the chairman, we separated.

The visitors then went—some to the parish church, others to Saltaire, others to have brief social intercourse with long absent friends "for Auld Lang Syne." But the shades of night had fallen fast; too soon we were reminded of the necessity—much against our wish—of turning our faces homewards. But we were compelled to bow to the inevitable; at the same time we did so with the possession of ample food for pleasant future reflection. It had been a great success, and a happy event from first to last; no hitch had occurred to mar our enjoyment or frustrate our business. We returned with hearts warmed to our Shipley friends who had so generously and effectively ministered to our comforts; and made the nineteenth Annual Meeting amongst them one of the brightest in the annals of the Yorkshire Association.

#### RAUNDS, NORTHANTS.

**ST. PETER'S CHURCH AND BELLS.**—A short time ago one of the bells in the tower of this church got out of order, and unfit to be rung, which necessitated its undergoing some repairs. This coming under the notice of the Church Council, the work was immediately put into the hands of Messrs. Taylor and Co., bell founders, of Loughborough. In order to meet this outlay, the Council decided that the offertories on a recent Sunday should be devoted to that purpose, and to the furnishing of a new set of ropes, which are much needed. The total amount collected realised over £7., which will not only meet the outlay on the bells, but form a nucleus of a fund for new ropes. It is to be hoped that the parishioners of Raunds will soon see their way to get the bells completely rehung, and two trebles added. The present frame is very old and unsafe. The ringers of Raunds richly deserve this return from the inhabitants of that enterprising village. It was at Raunds that change-ringing flourished when it had almost died out in other towers in the district; and it was at Raunds (through the energy of the late vicar, the Rev. Hugh Bryan) that the Raunds, Wellingborough and District Association was started ten years ago. The local ringers (despite many drawbacks), keep well to their work, not only from the change-ringer's point of view, but from the church-workers and church officials' point of view also. They are regular in their Sunday chiming for Divine Service, and are well in touch with their vicar and churchwardens. Had it not been for the care taken of the old bell-frame and fittings by that genial lover of bells and ringing, Mr. H. Stubbs, the steeple-keeper, Raunds ringers would have had to "stand" for good long ere this. A recent statement in "THE BELL NEWS" to the effect that there are over twenty men in Raunds who can go through a 720 is proof of the attention the senior ringers give to the training of their probationers.

#### THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 29th, the Quarterly Meeting of the above was held at Eckington, when upwards of forty members sat down to a substantial tea on the invitation of the Rev. H. T. Morgan. The meeting was afterwards held under the presidency of Mr. C. Severn, of Killamarsh. The advisability of forming a Committee with the view of instituting a competition in church bell-ringing was discussed, and it was resolved, on the motion of Mr. J. W. Nicholson, of Treeton, seconded by Mr. W. Worthington, of Staveley, that such a committee be formed, and that a cup be offered for competition. The matter was left over until the next meeting, Mr. Nicholson promising in the meantime to see what can be done towards raising the funds, which will no doubt be the most difficult task.

The next meeting will be held at Killamarsh. The meeting passed a hearty vote of thanks to the rector and Mrs. Morgan for the kind way in which they had entertained the members, and also to Mr. Severn, which concluded the meeting.

After the meeting there was quite a scramble for the ropes, and in future to give all the visitors a chance to have a pull, the ringing will be regulated by the Secretary, as some members, when they once take their coat off, never think that others want a touch, some companies having to return home without a pull. To give all a chance this sort of greed must be put a stop to;

young ringers must be encouraged in the Art; but at the same time when a company attends with a full set and don't get a look in, something must be wrong.

The following ringing was brought round during the day: A 720 of Canterbury Pleasure (eighteen singles and three bobs), by G. Burton, W. Butler, F. Knowles, T. Millington (composer and conductor), J. Butler, and T. Clough. A 360 of Oxford by F. Hancock, W. Price, G. Shaw, E. Allen, G. Marsden (conductor), and J. P. Tarlton. A 720 Duke of York by T. Bettison, F. Fowler, W. Butler, J. P. Tarlton, H. Turton, C. Severn (conductor). And 360 of Violet. F. Hancock, A. Slater, W. Lambert, T. Whitworth, H. Turton, and A. Brearley (conductor).

The following towers were represented at the meeting: Staveley, Clay Cross, Wingfield, Dronfield, Norton, Killamarsh, Treeton, Bradfield, Ecclesfield, South Anston, and Eckington.

#### THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The members of this Association met for their quarterly gathering at Tetbury, on Saturday, October 6th, when representatives arrived from Swindon, Cirencester, Gloucester, Bristol, Stroud, Barnwood, and Thornbury. The members dined together at The White Hart hotel, under the presidency of Mr. E. B. James, Master of the association, who was supported by the Revs. Pitt Eykyn (Bristol), hon. sec.; H. L. James (Stamford), O. W. Layng, Esq. (Swindon), &c. Divine service was held in the parish church during the afternoon, when an address was given by the Rev. T. G. Horwood, the vicar of Tetbury. The newly-built spire was much admired, and the freshly-hung ring of bells were pronounced by all to be perfect as to their "go" and arrangement, and some good work was executed during the afternoon and evening. It was proposed to hold the next quarterly meeting in December, at Wickwar, where there are six bells in the ring, for the benefit of six-bell men especially.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The members of the Milton branch of the above Association journeyed to Rochester, on Saturday evening, September 29th, to meet the local branch and to indulge in an evening's ringing. On arriving at Rochester, they were conducted over the handsomely-decorated church of St. Margaret, and soon after they rung a 720 of Kent Treble Bob in 27 mins. W. H. Royston, 1; B. Spinner, 2; J. Tulett, 3; H. D. Davis, 4; J. Smith, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6. "Go" was then called for a 720 of Plain Bob Minor, which was rung in 27 mins. G. Butler, 1; J. Kidd (Rochester), 2; J. Tulett (Rochester), 3; R. Munn, 4; J. Avis, 5; F. Hayes (conductor), 6. Short touches of Oxford Treble Bob and Grandsire Minor were then rung, and subsequently the ringers adjourned to The Coopers' Arms for conviviality, home being reached shortly before 11 o'clock, after a pleasant and instructive evening had been passed.

#### RINGERS' SUPPER.

On Wednesday evening, October 3rd, by the kind invitation of Mr. J. Fell, the ringers of St. John's church, Lytham, together with a few friends, sat down to an excellent repast at The Railway hotel. After the cloth had been removed, a few words were spoken by several of the company relative to the happy event which had taken place a few weeks previous—the marriage of Mr. Fell. Mr. R. Clitheroe (Blackpool), on behalf of those present, wished Mr. Fell and his "better half" long life, happiness, and prosperity. Mr. A. Pugh also spoke, and Mr. Fell briefly replied. The rest of the evening was spent in a convivial manner, several selections on the handbells being rendered by the members of St. John's belfry.

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## RINGSTEAD, NORTHANTS.

DEATH OF AN OLD RINGER.—On a recent Friday were interred the remains of Mr. William Smith, who died at the age of eighty-one, and had been a ringer upwards of fifty years. Deceased was carried to the grave by the ringers, who afterwards rang 720 London Single, and several touches of Oxford Bob, with the bells muffled as a last token of respect to deceased. The ringers were:—G. Roberts, 1; J. Braybrook, 2; R. Shipley, 3; F. Chapman, 4; E. Mayes, 5; T. Roberts (conductor), 6.

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Messrs. Taylor and Co. have just completed a most excellent job in the church tower of this village with their accustomed neatness and skill. Six months ago the peal of five bells became quite unringable, owing to the rotten condition of the frame, which acted as a double-barrelled battering-ram against the sides of the tower, the spire of which used in consequence to oscillate in a manner terrible to contemplate, for it was easily visible from the outside. So the assistance of Mr. Taylor was solicited, with the result that he has put in one of his all iron H frames, leaving space for a 6th bell, quarter-turned the bells, put in new clappers with new headstocks, pulley-blocks and ropes, and his new patent iron sliders. The bells now go most beautifully, and were formally opened on Thursday, September 27th, ringing for the first time before the evening service of the Harvest Thanksgiving day. The total cost of rehanging the bells, including masons' and carpenters' work, amounted to £188, of which £154 has already been collected. This sum includes £12 8s., which was collected at the Harvest Thanksgiving services and the following Sunday, thus leaving £33 5s. still to be got together before the debt is entirely cleared off. Then the 6th bell and a chiming apparatus will be wanted, which will cost £60, so that really £100 is wanted to complete the work. Contributions towards this sum will be most thankfully received by the Rev. H. Herbert, Hemingford Abbots rectory, St. Ives, Hunts.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

The half yearly meeting of the Grappenhall band was held at Warburton, on Saturday, September 29th, members being present from Grappenhall, Daresbury, and Warburton. The meeting was held in the schoolroom, the Rev. R. Greenall being in the chair, when the minutes were read and passed and various other business was transacted, after which the party found their way to the church, where the bells (a very fine ring of eight), were set going. The Grappenhall band rang a 720 of College Single on the front six and touches of Bob Minor and Oxford. Our correspondent adds: "The rector we supposed thought us a nuisance, for although he had notice in due course he professed to know nothing about it and left us to shift for ourselves, and get tea wherever it was possible. This makes it very easy to see why so fine a ring of bells (tenor 25½ cwt.), are never rung in a proper manner, as the higher powers do not seem to have the slightest interest in the work." A hearty vote of thanks was then passed to the chairman, the Rev. R. Greenall, and the branch secretary, L. Leyland, Esq., for their kindness in finding tea for the visitors.

## Correspondence.

Whilst 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."

DOUBLE NORWICH CATERS.

SIR,—The appearance of the lead of Double Norwich Caters in your last issue was to me a very agreeable surprise. The name suggested phantoms of fourth's and sixth's places, bells lying still for four blows, and other hideous nightmares, all of which I was charmed to find were only nightmares, which the substance itself does not realize. As it is, I have not had time to do much more than glance at it, and therefore my suggestion may be too hurried, and found on closer inspection not to hold water. It seemed to me that the calls were unnecessarily far removed from the lead-end, and that they might be brought a blow closer to it by placing the call before it instead of after it; thus:—

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Closer than this I do not think that it can be brought, and even at this distance it leaves the method open to some criticism on that score. Otherwise it appears most orthodox. Are the marks of the calls (— and s) put four blows before the bob-change on purpose, or merely by a printer's error?

CHARLES D. P. DAVIES.

## INFORMATION WANTED.

SIR,—Will you kindly inform me through the columns of your valuable paper, how many sets of steel bells there are throughout England, and where they are situated.

GEORGE MUNDs.

Lydd.

## AMONGST THE BELLS OF BUCKS.

Just a year ago, while on a visit to Great Marlow, it was resolved by Mr. H. N. Davis and several others, to have a week's holiday in the county of Bucks for ringing purposes only—if possible—for the accomplishment of peals, and a repetition of the enjoyable time then spent. Accordingly, due arrangements were made by Mr. J. C. Truss, jun. and other promoters in the early part of last month, and a preliminary peal was scored at Slough. This performance was a birthday compliment to W. H. Fussell, who at the time was so unwell as to be scarcely able to manage the treble for the last hour. The actual result of the successes were inserted in the peal columns of "THE BELL NEWS" of October 6th, and the failures and doings of the several ringers who took part in the week's work, will, with our Editor's usual kindly assistance, be exposed in print for the interest of all our brother-strings and salies, readers, and friends.

On Saturday, September 22nd, in consequence of information received, the following met at All Saints, Boyne Hill, at 3 o'clock for a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major: Messrs. Wilkins, Fussell (2), Evans, Biggs (2), Davis, and Truss. Several tries produced nothing more than a course, and after ringing some Bob Major and Stedman Triples, the band left thoroughly disheartened with the sample of their first endeavours. The slider was off the treble, and evening prayers put off any further attempt that day. A touch of Grandsire Triples was well struck, in which W. Wilder took part. Our heading does not appear appropriate when one considers that a part of Berkshire was visited; however Boyne Hill was the only exception, and strangely too, the outing began and ended with failures in that tower.

Sunday found the visitors at headquarters, The Two Brewers, Great Marlow, augmented by the arrival of Messrs. G. Smith, D. Bevan, and J. Nixon, of Gospel Oak; and Messrs. W. Taylor and J. Richardson, of Maidenhead. The day was quietly and pleasantly spent, ringing for Divine Service morning and evening at the parish church, and a boating trip up the river to Hurley and back in the afternoon, which was interesting to the strangers, on account of the suspension bridge, the weir, Medmenham Abbey, Temple lock, to be met along the way, and most lovely river scenery, bounded by hills and woods on either side. Needless to add that the safety of the two boats employed was entrusted to Surgeon-Major A. W. Truss. At night a peal of handbells belonging to Mr. Truss, sen., was used, and courses of Grandsire Triples and Caters were rung. On Monday a visit was paid to Hughenden, the premier change-ringing company's tower in Bucks, the usual punctuality of the local men enabling a prompt start for a peal of Stedman Triples to be effected. Here a notable and well-struck peal was scored for the conductor's first in the method. Four of the band had a rough seven-mile hilly walk back to Marlow, the roads in and around Wycombe bearing evidence of the heavy thunder-storm and rain of the previous evening, which flooded many houses and killed several animals in adjoining farm lands. It was intended to attempt Caters at High Wycombe on Tuesday on the only ring of ten bells in the county, but the vicar, the Rev. R. Chilton, could not see his way to permit more than an hour's ringing, which he readily granted. The night was filled up by our Berkshire friend, the vicar of Boyne Hill (the Rev. A. H. Drummond) kindly allowing us to attempt a peal, and Mr. Wilkins having put a new slider on the treble, and well attended to the bells, fortune favoured us, and a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major was brought home. Four of the band afterwards walked five miles home to Marlow.

Wednesday, the biggest day of all, was occupied by attempts at Wooburn at 10 o'clock, by permission of the vicar, the Rev. A. Woodin; and at Beaconsfield at 4 o'clock by permission of the curate-in-charge. At the former place 45 mins. brought us to grief, the 6th and 3rd having changed-course in Thurstans' peal of Stedman Triples. Not daunted by the mishap, nor the heavy going condition of all the bells, a second attempt ended after ringing 2 hrs., a bob having been omitted by the conductor. The following were the band: J. Truss, W. Taylor, W. Truss, F. Biggs, H. Davis, W. Fussell, J. Evans, and R. Biggs. At the latter place a funeral delayed the start, and we may add also a good rump-steak dinner at the White Hart hotel. The peal was begun soon after 5 o'clock, the curate putting off evensong

to oblige the ringers, an act of courtesy which they fully appreciated. Success in our efforts to score a peal of Bob Major gave renewed energy to the band after their hard day's work. Both peals of bells are heavy, and require a good deal of ringing if the striking is to be correct, and the towers are separated by three miles of hilly country. After congratulations from Mr. Tapping, the local man, another good-night was said, and four of the band proceeded on their nine-mile-walk to Marlow. Henley-on-Thames was on the list for Thursday; the vicar could not give permission for a peal owing to complaints about the bells from parishioners near the tower. The band made it a day of rest at the headquarters, Marlow, but not until it was found that a company could not be raised to visit Old Windsor and Wraysbury, although the vicar of the former place (Rev. T. A. Harwood), at a short notice, most kindly consented to receive a band. Mr. Fussell had to leave in the evening to attend a meeting of the Slough Rifle Volunteers, to be presented with the Company Challenge Cup and £5 won by him in a close competition the previous week. Holt's Original peal of Grandsire Triples was attempted in the morning, and a change-course occurred after ringing 800 changes on the handbells. W. Truss, 1-2; W. H. Fussell (conductor), 3-4; J. C. Truss, sen., 5-6; H. N. Davis, 7-8. The day was fine and clear, and Mr. Davis made sundry efforts to catch fish and practise sculling.

Friday found a company at Hughenden for Double Norwich Court Bob Major, which proceeded well for a little over an hour, when the conductor called "stand," having got into a fog with the calling. W. Truss, 1; W. H. Fussell, 2; H. N. Davis, 3; F. Biggs, 4; R. Biggs, 5; S. Goodchild, 6; J. Evans, 7; J. Truss (conductor), 8. Some Treble Eight was rang afterwards for practice, and four of the band made for headquarters, again a seven-miles walk.

Saturday, September 29th, was a home day, Mr. O'Meara coming from London to take part in a peal of Bob Major, which was well struck throughout. The start for this peal was delayed by waiting for one man, the band having at last to call upon Mr. J. C. Truss, sen. to ring the treble, which he readily and efficiently did. The evening service time was slightly trespassed upon, which the vicar (Rev. H. L. F. Whittingstall) kindly forgave. During the evening handbells were brought into use in the big room at the "Two Brewers," courses of Grandsire Caters and Triples, Bob Major and Stedman Triples being brought round. And a 504 of Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's ten-part. W. Truss, 1-2; W. H. Fussell (conductor), 3-4; J. C. Truss, 5-6; H. N. Davis, 7-8. Also a touch with W. Yates, 1-2; J. Truss, sen., 7-8.

Sunday passed happily, the weather proving much finer than the previous Sunday. The river trip to Hurley was again made, Messrs. Langdon and Davis, of London, paying a visit for the day on their cycles.

A double event was prepared for Monday, the last day; a peal being proposed for Hughenden in the morning, which proved successful, and the best rang peal of any. Arrangements for this were made at the last minute by Mr. J. Evans. Five of the band caught the 4 o'clock train to Maidenhead, and with three of the local ringers attempted a peal of Stedman Triples (Brook's Variation), but the conductor called "stand," having missed a bob, after ringing 2 hrs. 40 mins. G. Wilkins, 1; A. C. Fussell, 2; W. Truss, 3; W. H. Fussell, 4; W. Taylor, 5; H. Davis, 6; J. C. Truss, 7; J. Wilkins, 8.

In conclusion we wish to thank A. H. Cocks, Esq., Master of the Marlow belfry, for negotiating with the vicar for the use of the bells; to W. E. Yates for securing us Wooburn and Beaconsfield towers; also to those clergy and ringers who have helped us in our Bucks outing.

W. H. F.

## SOUTH AND WEST MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

The monthly meeting of this Association was held at Hayes, Middlesex, on Saturday, September 22nd, members from Ealing, Hillingdon, Isleworth, Heston, etc. being present; also the Rev. J. Godding, rector of Hayes. Touches of Stedman and Grandsire Doubles, Grandsire Minor, etc., were rung. It was also arranged for a meeting to take place at Haslington, but no reply to applications sent for permission to hold the same being received, several members who went there were much disappointed.

## Notices.

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**The Surrey Association.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Beddington and Carshalton, to-day, Saturday, October 13th. By kind permission, the towers of St. Mary (ten bells), and All Saints (eight bells) will be open for ringing from 2 p.m. Tea (free to annual subscribers) at The Plough inn at 6 p.m.

R. B. BLANCHARD, Hon. Sec.  
13, Sunnyhill Road, Streatham, S.W.

**Kent County Association.**—Lewisham District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Bromley, to-day, Saturday, October 13th. The tower will be open for ringing from 3 p.m. Railway fares of members present at 5 p.m. will be paid up to, but not exceeding 2s. The meeting for business will be immediately after tea.

T. E. TRIGNMOUTH SHORE, Hon. Sec.  
25, Thornford road, Lewisham, S.E.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Manchester Branch.—The next monthly ringing meeting will be held at the parish church, Flixton, to-day, Saturday, October 13th. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Business meeting in the Schoolroom 7 p.m.

WALTER BROWN, Branch Sec.  
54, Wenlock Street, Hulme, Manchester.

**St. James' Society, Hull.**—The bells of St. James' church will be at liberty to any company of ringers visiting Hull, to-day, Saturday, October 13th (Hull Fair week). Communications to be addressed to

20½, Campbell Street. J. W. STICKNEY.

**St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.**—The usual quarterly meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 23rd, at The Tamworth Arms, Moor Street, Birmingham. The books will be open at 8.30 p.m.

W. H. GODDEN, Hon. Sec.  
61, Roland Road, Handsworth.

**The Oxford Diocesan Guild.**—The autumn quarterly meeting will be held at Newbury, on Saturday, October 20th. Evensong at 5 o'clock, at the parish church of St. Nicolas, preacher, the Rev. F. A. Hill. Tea in the parish room, at 6 o'clock, at 9d. per head. Tickets should be taken before the 16th. Methods to be practised—Grandsire, Stedman, Treble Bob, &c. The tower will be open for ringing at 2 p.m. Return tickets will be issued at any station from which eight or more members travel, at 1½ fare, but notice must be sent to me without delay.

J. HUSSEY, Organising Sec.  
The Willows, Newbury.

**The Midland Counties' Association.**—The second quarterly meeting of the year will be held at Long Eaton, on Saturday, October 20th. Long Eaton (8 bells), and Sawley (6 bells) open for ringing from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. Committee meeting at 4.30 p.m. Tea, followed by general meeting at 5 p.m. both in the National School. Parties of eight or more can obtain fare and a quarter tickets by giving three days' notice at any station. By the kindness of the Long Eaton branch, a free tea will be given to all visiting members who have paid their subscriptions for the current year, and send their names to Mr. Hexter, 6, Upper Wellington Street, Long Eaton, not later than to-day, Saturday, the 13th inst. Members who do not send in their names by the date mentioned, or whose subscriptions are overdue, will be charged 1s. each as usual.

J. O. LANCASHIRE, Hon. Sec.  
22, St. Peter's Road, Leicester.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of the above will take place at Shaw, to-day, Saturday, October 13th. The bells to be ready at 3.30, meeting at 6.30.

EDMUND SCHOFIELD.  
134, Edenfield Road, Rochdale.

**The North Lincolnshire Association.**—The October meeting will be held at Barton-on-Humber, to-day, Saturday, October 13th. Evensong at 4.30. Tea at Cocoa House at 5 p.m., business meeting immediately afterwards. The two towers (six and four bells), will be open.

REGINALD BOND, Hon. Sec.  
Church Street, Gainsboro'.

**Lancashire Association.**—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting of the above Branch will be held at Christ Church, Bacup, on Saturday, October 20th. Bells ready at 3 p.m., meeting 5.30. Hoping all will attend.

J. B. TAYLOR, Sec.  
7, Church Street.

**The Chester Diocesan Guild.**—Wirral Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at The Ring o' Bells, Bidston, on Saturday next, October 20th. Tea at 6 p.m., free. Tower open from 3 p.m. Members who intend to be present are requested to send notice not later than Monday, October 15th, to

F. R. T. BOLTON, Hon. Sec.  
Braeside, West Kirby.

**Raunds, Wellingborough, and District Association.**—A quarterly meeting will be held at Northampton, on Saturday, October 20th. By special permission, the bells of the churches of St. Peter (eight), St. Sepulchre (six), and St. Edmund (eight), will be at liberty for ringing from 2 to 4.30 p.m., and 6 to 7.30 p.m. Tea at the Abingdon Square Cafe at 5 o'clock, prompt. Business meeting after tea.

**South and West Middlesex Association.**—By kind permission, the next monthly meeting of the above Association will be held at Twickenham, on Saturday, October 20th, 1894. Ringing will commence at 5 p.m.

E. J. WALSON, Hon. Sec.  
11, Venetia Road, South Ealing.

**The Heavy Woollen District Association, Yorkshire.**—The next meeting of the above will be held at Head-quarters, on Saturday, October 20th, at 5 p.m.

GEO. H. SIMON, Hon. Sec.  
19, Albert Street, Batley Carr.

**The Essex Association.**—There will be a meeting of the above at Braintree, on Saturday, October 27th. The towers of Braintree church (six bells), and Bocking (six bells), will be open for ringing. Tea will be provided at 5 o'clock, to be followed by a business meeting. Members intending to be present should signify the same to the Ass. Sec., not later than the previous Monday.

HENRY T. W. EYRE.  
Great Totham Vicarage, Witham.

**The Hertfordshire Association.**—District meeting at Baldock, on Saturday, October 27th.

E. P. DEBENHAM, Hon. Sec.

**The Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.**—The annual meeting will be held at Newcastle-on-Tyne, on Monday, October 29th. Particulars next week.

THOMAS HUDSON, Hon. Sec.  
314, High Street West, Sunderland.

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

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13, 1894.

THE ringing annals of the year would at the present time be considered vastly incomplete without those arrangements known as "ringing tours." It has become the fashion of late years among many ringers to organise a series of visits to towers beyond their neighbourhood, and make the ringing of peals at the places visited a *sine qua non* of the tour. The programme laid down on these occasions may sometimes be considered extravagant, and no doubt cases have been where the talk of what great things were to be effected were not justified by actual results. But the work of securing a company of ringers for the period required to carry out the programme desired, each member of which shall possess the necessary talents, is not an easy task. This is seen by the make-shifts to which the tourists are sometimes compelled to resort. And though places for ringing have been opened for the purposes of the tour in a legitimate manner, and every arrangement made to obtain a complete measure of success, we do not err in saying that the programme marked out in such affairs has never been fully accomplished.

The glorious uncertainty of peal-ringing is proverbial. Yet we must hold on in spite of the thousand drawbacks which attend all such attempts, and never be dismayed by continuous disaster. The ringing of a peal is a good proof of the value of that saying which teaches us to try again and again for the attainment of our object.

**The Provinces.****BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.***On Wednesday, October 3, 1894, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES.**

Tenor 20½ cwt.

ALFRED TRAPPITT* .. .. Treble.	CHARLES BANCE .. .. 6.
EDGAR BENNETT .. .. 2.	JAMES W. TRAPPITT .. .. 7.
ROBERT SEWELL .. .. 3.	GEORGE WELLING .. .. 8.
ARTHUR B. CARPENTER .. .. 4.	THOMAS KING .. .. 9.
HARRY BROOKER .. .. 5.	WILLIAM GRAY .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by DR. A. B. CARPENTER.

\*First peal of Caters. This peal was rung on the occasion of the marriage of Miss Mabel Lindsay, of "Brandries," Beddington, to Mr. Richard Harvest, of Hampstead. The ringers desire to express their cordial good wishes on the happy event.

**OLD WINDSOR, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Thursday, October 4, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt.

WILLIAM WARE .. .. Treble.	REUBEN FLAXMAN .. .. 5.
ALFRED ANDREWS .. .. 2.	THOMAS GOSLING .. .. 6.
JOSEPH J. PARKER .. .. 3.	JOSEPH GUTTRIDGE .. .. 7.
FREDERICK TINDALL* .. .. 4.	WILLIAM RALPH .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by J. J. PARKER.

\*First peal.

**NORWICH.—THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION AND THE ST. PETER MANCROFT SOCIETY.***On Thursday, October 4, 1894, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

**A PEAL OF CANTERBURY PLEASURE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.**

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qrs. 1lb. in F.

J. ARMIGER TROLLOP .. Treble.	ALBERT G. WARNES .. .. 5.
GEORGE HOWCHIN* .. .. 2.	*FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN .. 6.
JOHN ED. BURTON .. .. 3.	*ALFRED W. BRIGHTON .. 7.
GEORGE P. BURTON .. .. 4.	*CHARLES ED. BORRETT .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by J. ARMIGER TROLLOP.

\*First peal in the method. This is the first peal in the method on tower bells in Norfolk, and the first 5000 on the bells for twelve years. A former attempt for this peal on September 18th, came to an untimely end after two hours, owing to the heavy "go" of the sixth. The composition has the sixth her extent each way in 5-4, and is now rung for the first time.

**NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.****DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Thursday, October 4, 1894, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 19 cwt.

ASA HOLMES .. .. Treble.	EDWARD WALLIS .. .. 5.
WILLIAM HOLMES .. .. 2.	FRANCIS LEES .. .. 6.
ALFRED F. HILLIER .. .. 3.	WILLIAM STORY .. .. 7.
EMMETT W. J. LINCOLN .. 4.	FREDK. J. HARRISON .. Tenor.

Composed by OBADIAH LANG and Conducted by ASA HOLMES.

Mr. Asa Holmes hails from Mirfield, Yorkshire, and this is his first peal as conductor.

**WARNHAM, SUSSEX.—SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, October 6, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF CANTERBURY PLEASURE MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES.**

Tenor 14½ cwt.

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

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

**FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.****THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Thursday, October 4, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES.**

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

STEPHEN WIGHTMAN, JUN. Treble.	DAVID G. WIGHTMAN .. 5.
FREDK. E. W. MEADOWS .. 2.	STEPHEN WIGHTMAN, SEN. 6.
EDGAR WIGHTMAN .. .. 3.	ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN .. 7.
JAMES DURRANT .. .. 4.	GEORGE WIGHTMAN .. .. Tenor.

Composed by FREDERICK E. W. MEADOWS and Conducted by DAVID G. WIGHTMAN.

This is the composer's first peal in the method, who hails from Otley; D. G. Wightman from Brandeston; the rest from Creetingham.

**MILVERTON, SOMERSET.***On Saturday, October 6, 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 20 cwt.

TOM ANDREWS .. .. Treble.	ISHMAEL RICHARDS .. .. 5.
ARCHIBALD ANDREWS .. .. 2.	WILLIAM CHAPMAN .. .. 6.
ROBERT SCOTT .. .. 3.	ROBERT ANDREWS .. .. 7.
WILLIAM ANDREWS .. .. 4.	GEORGE ANDREWS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by ROBERT SCOTT.

First peal of Triples by all, and the second peal on the bells.

**BEDDINGTON, SURREY.****THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, October 6, 1894, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5120 CHANGES;**

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 20½ cwt.

JOHN HARDING .. .. Treble.	CHARLES BANCE .. .. 6.
EDGAR BENNETT .. .. 2.	GEORGE WELLING .. .. 7.
EDWARD TRENDELL* .. .. 3.	*THOMAS KING .. .. 8.
HENRY BROOKER* .. .. 4.	JOSEPH FAYERS .. .. 9.
FRANK HOLDER .. .. 5.	JAMES W. TRAPPITT .. .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON and Conducted by EDGAR BENNETT.

\*First peal of Royal. This peal was rung as a birthday compliment to C. Bance, the steeple-keeper at Beddington, who attained his 38th year on that day, all wishing him many happy returns.

**HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.****THE SOUTH AND WEST MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, October 6, 1894, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

REV. G. H. BIRD .. .. Treble.	THOMAS GOSLING .. .. 5.
JOSEPH J. PARKER .. .. 2.	REUBEN FLAXMAN .. .. 6.
EUSTACE T. HARWOOD .. 3.	JOSEPH GUTTRIDGE .. .. 7.
JOHN J. PRATT .. .. 4.	ALBERT T. DAMPIER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by REUBEN FLAXMAN.

This is the first peal by the Rev. G. H. Bird, who is President of the above Association.

**AUGHTON, LANCASHIRE.****THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, October 6, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,*

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

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

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

C. WITHINGTON .. .. Treble.	T. JENKINSON .. .. 5.
L. GARDNER* .. .. 2.	E. CAUNCE .. .. 6.
G. LARKEY .. .. 3.	J. GARDNER .. .. 7.
C. SHARPLES .. .. 4.	R. RIMMER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by C. SHARPLES.

\*First peal



## EPSOM, SURREY.

## THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 6, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,  
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
VICARS' BOB-AND-SINGLE. Tenor 12 cwt.

JOSEPH AYLING* .. .. Treble.	HARRY G. BEAMS .. .. 5.
STEPHEN WILSON .. .. 2.	†GEORGE CHANTLER .. .. 6.
JOHN WYATT .. .. 3.	WILLIAM CHANTLER .. .. 7.
CHARLES READ .. .. 4.	JAMES S. REID .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE CHANTLER.

\*First peal. †First peal as conductor. Taken from Snowdon's Grandsire, and rung at the first attempt.

## CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.

## THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, October 6, 1864, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,  
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.  
Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

JAMES SEARLE* .. .. Treble.	GEORGE A. KING .. .. 5.
HENRY DAINS* .. .. 2.	*JAMES N. FROSSELL .. .. 6.
ARTHUR A. FULLER .. .. 3.	KEITH HART .. .. 7.
GEORGE BAKER .. .. 4.	GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

\*First peal of London Surprise. This is the first peal of London Surprise by the above Society, and was rung at the second attempt. It is also the first peal in the method on the bells. H. Dains hails from London; J. Searle from Burgess Hill; the rest belong to the St. Peter's Society, Brighton.

## TETBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 6, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 16 cwt.

WILFRED E. BOND* .. Treble.	*FRANK GARDNER .. .. 5.
ALBERT C. HARMER* .. 2.	JOHN AUSTIN .. .. 6.
ALBERT E. EDWARDS* .. 3.	REV. H. LAW JAMES .. 7.
ERNEST P. HARMER .. 4.	HENRY MITCHELL .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

\*First peal. The Rev. H. Law James and J. Austin hail from Gloucester; H. Mitchell from Barnwood; and the rest from Cirencester. Rung on the occasion of the quarterly meeting of the Association. The fact of the 6th instant being also the 59th birthday of H. Mitchell added to the interest of the peal.

## STAVELEY, DERBYSHIRE.

## YORKSHIRE AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.

On Saturday, October 6, 1894, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,  
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES;  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 19 cwt. in F.

HERBERT MADIN .. Treble.	SAMUEL SMEDLEY .. .. 5.
WILLIAM PRICE .. .. 2.	ARTHUR CRAVEN .. .. 6.
JOHN HOLMAN .. .. 3.	DAVID BREARLEY .. .. 7.
ARTHUR WORTHINGTON .. 4.	ARTHUR BREARLEY .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN and Conducted by ARTHUR BREARLEY.

This peal contains the 4th, 5th and 6th their extent in 5ths place, with all the 8-4-7s, 8-5-7s and 8-6-7s, and is the first peal ever rung with these qualities. Messrs. Holman and A. Brearley hail from Sheffield; D. Brearley from Bolsterstone; Price from Eckington; the rest belong to the local company.

HULL, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND  
THE NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 8, 1894, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,	
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.	
G. MARSHALL .. Treble.	T. STOCKDALE .. .. 5.
W. VERITY .. .. 2.	C. JACKSON .. .. 6.
G. MILLER .. .. 3.	J. DIXEY .. .. 7.
H. MERRISON .. .. 4.	J. W. DALE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by J. J. PARKER and Conducted by C. JACKSON.

This peal was rung with the bells muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Vicar, the Rev. J. W. Mills, M.A.

## WEST KIRBY, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WIRRAL BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 6, 1894, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
TAYLOR'S SIX-PART. Tenor 12 cwt.

E. POWNALL* .. Treble.	T. HUGHES .. .. 5.
T. HAMMOND* .. .. 2.	J. DILLON .. .. 6.
F. JONES .. .. 3.	*F. SMITH .. .. 7.
J. POWNALL* .. .. 4.	*C. POWELL .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by J. DILLON.

\*First peal. First peal in the method on the bells. Messrs. J. Dillon, F. Jones and T. Hughes hail from Bromborough; the rest belong to the local band.

## GUILDFORD, SURREY.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, October 8, 1894, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
HOLT'S SIX-PART. Tenor 23 cwt. in E.

W. J. PAGE* .. Treble.	*FREDERICK A. BAKER .. 5.
ALBERT J. BROWN* .. 2.	C. W. EADES .. .. 6.
W. J. FREAKES† .. 3.	F. BENNETT .. .. 7.
JOHN J. JONES .. .. 4.	ARTHUR ADSETT .. Tenor.

Conducted by F. BENNETT.

\*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. This is the first peal by the present local band, and rung at the first attempt. It was rung as a birthday peal to C. W. Eades, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

## WIDFORD, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 9, 1894, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,  
A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
W. J. PIPER'S SIX-PART. Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

ARTHUR HEAD† .. Treble.	WILLIAM LINCOLN .. .. 5.
GEORGE W. SORRELL* .. 2.	WILLIAM J. PIPER .. .. 6.
JOHN BEAMS† .. .. 3.	†ARTHUR EDWARDS .. .. 7.
ALFRED RICHELL† .. .. 4.	EPHRAIM W. HOUGHTON .. Tenor.

Conducted by ARTHUR EDWARDS.

\*First in the method with a bob bell. †First in the method. †First in the method as conductor. Messrs. Head, Lincoln and Sorrell hail from Writtle; Edwards from Broomfield; Richell from Great Baddow; the rest belong to Widford. This peal is believed to be the first ever rung entirely by members of the horticultural profession.

PEAL CORRECTIONS.—The peal of Bob Major rung at Slough, on Saturday, September 15th, was an Oxford Guild peal.—The peal rung at Tunbridge Wells, on September 26th, and reported in our last issue, was Oxford Bob Triples, not Bob Triples.

## Date Touches.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BOLSTERSTONE (Yorks.)—On Monday, September 24th, at the parish church, a date touch of Bob Major, 1894 changes, in 1 hr. 10 mins. J. Dyson, 1; R. Dyson, 2; J. Aspinall, 3; W. Steel, 4; J. Shaw, 5; J. Hattersley, 6; G. Jackson, 7; D. Brearley (conductor), 8. Tenor 13 cwt. in F. sharp.

EXETER.—On Saturday, September 29th, at the church of St. Sidwell, after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1894 changes, in 1 hr. 10 mins. A. Evans (Taunton), 1; W. Drake (Exeter), 2; F. Shepherd (Exeter), 3; S. Radford (Taunton), 4; B. Mundy (Exeter), 5; E. Shepherd (Exeter), 6; T. Radford (conductor, Taunton), 7; J. Fowler (Taunton), 8. Composed by F. S. W. Butler, Gainsborough.

MINEHEAD (Somerset).—On Thursday, September 27th, a date touch of Grandsire Triples in 1 hr. 8 mins. J. G. Buchanan, 1; G. Atkins, 2; J. Lyddon, 3; S. Mason, 4; Rev. H. C. Courtney, 5; H. Moore (composer), 6; J. Pugsley (conductor), 7; W. Lockyer, 8. Buchanan hails from Clun, Salop.

## Miscellaneous.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

DEBENHAM (Suffolk).—On Wednesday evening, August 29th, for practice at the parish church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob, on the back six, in 28 mins. J. Brady, 1; R. H. Hayward (Monewden), 2; G. Sparrow, 3; W. Rumsey, 4; G. Rowe, jun., 5; W. Grimes (conductor), 6. First 720 of Treble Bob by G. Sparrow and W. Rumsey. On Sunday, September 16th, on the occasion of the harvest festival, before Divine Service in the afternoon, 720 Bob Major. J. Hammond, 1; G. Sparrow, 2; J. Brady, 3; F. Allard, 4; W. Rumsey, 5; W. Grimes (conductor), 6; W. Ruffles, 7; G. Rowe, jun., 8. And before Divine Service in the evening, 848 Bob Major. J. Hammond, 1; G. Sparrow, 2; J. Brady, 3; W. Ruffles, 4; F. Ling, 5; G. Rowe, jun., 6; W. J. Crickmer, 7; W. Grimes (conductor), 8. And after service in the evening, 1024 Bob Major. F. Allard, 1; G. Sparrow, 2; J. Brady, 3; W. Rumsey, 4; F. Ling, 5; W. J. Crickmer (conductor), 6; W. Grimes, 7; G. Rowe, jun., 8. F. Ling hails from Bedford; and Crickmer from Earl Soham.

OTLEY (Suffolk).—On Sunday, September 2nd, at St Mary's church, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen singles three bobs), in 26 mins. F. E. W. Meadows (composer and conductor), 1; Dr. G. F. W. Meadows, 2; W. W. Miller, 3; F. Alderton, 4; W. Shipp, 5; A. Hatcher, 6. After service, 144 Oxford and a course of Kent Treble Bob. A. Hatcher, 1; W. W. Miller, 2; F. E. W. Meadows (conductor), 3; J. Durrant, 4; F. Alderton, 5; E. Wightman, 6. F. Alderton hails from Thorndon; E. Wightman and J. Durrant from Cretingham.

MONEDWEN (Suffolk).—On Friday, September 21st, 720 Bob Minor in 22 mins. E. Wightman (conductor), 1; W. W. Miller, 2; F. E. W. Meadows, 3; J. Durrant, 4; S. Wightman, sen., 5; E. Hall, 6. And 720 Oxford Treble Bob. E. Wightman (conductor), 1; A. E. Read, 2; G. Wightman, 3; F. E. W. Meadows, 4; J. Durrant, 5; S. W. Martin, 6. And 720 Kent Treble Bob. G. Wightman (conductor), 1; J. Durrant, 2; E. Wightman, 3; F. E. W. Meadows, 4; S. Wightman, sen., 5; E. Hall, 6. Also 720 Oxford Treble Bob. W. W. Miller, 1; E. Wightman, 2; J. Durrant, 3; F. E. W. Meadows, 4; G. Wightman (conductor), 5; S. W. Martin, 6. And 720 Oxford Treble Bob. A. S. Wightman (conductor), 1; J. Durrant, 2; F. E. W. Meadows, 3; E. Hall, 4; S. Wightman, jun., 5; J. Tarrant, 6. Also 360 Oxford. E. W. Brook, 1; R. H. Hayward, 2; F. E. W. Meadows, 3; W. W. Miller, 4; E. Wightman, 5; A. S. Wightman (conductor), 6. And 360 Bob Minor. S. Wightman, jun., 1; J. Tarrant, 2; E. Wightman, 3; W. W. Miller, 4; J. W. Miller, 5; A. S. Wightman (conductor), 6. And a touch of Cambridge Surprise, and a course each of Woodbine and Double Court. F. E. W. Meadows (first in the method), 1; G. Wightman (conductor), 2; J. Durrant, 3; E. Wightman, 4; H. W. Baldry, 5; S. Wightman, sen., 6. On handbells, a course of Bob Major. F. E. W. Meadows, 1-2; J. Tarrant, 3-4; A. S. Wightman, 5-6; S. W. Martin, 7-8. And a course of Grandsire Triples. F. E. W. Meadows, 1-2; S. Wightman, jun., 3-4; A. S. Wightman, 5-6; S. W. Martin, 7-8.

NORWICH.—Handbell Ringing.—On Saturday, September 29th, at the parish rooms, St. Peter Mancroft, a course of Grandsire Cinques. G. Howchin, 1-2; J. A. Trollop, 3-4; J. E. Burton, 5-6; F. Day, 7-8; G. P. Burton, 9-10; A. W. Brighton, 11-12. Also 528 of Bob Maximus. J. A. Trollop, 1-2; G. P. Burton, 3-4; J. E. Burton, 5-6; A. W. Brighton, 7-8; F. Day, 9-10; E. Francis (conductor), 11-12. Also three leads of Oxford Treble Bob Maximus. A. W. Brighton, 1-2; J. A. Trollop, 3-4; G. P. Burton, 5-6; J. E. Burton, 7-8; F. Day, 9-10; A. G. Warnes, 11-12. Also 450 Grandsire Caters. J. A. Trollop (conductor), 1-2; G. P. Burton, 3-4; J. E. Burton, 5-6; F. Day, 7-8; A. W. Brighton, 9-10. F. Day belongs to Eye, Suffolk. And on Monday, October 1st, at 45, Oxford Street, 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor in 15 mins. J. A. Trollop, 1-2; J. E. Burton, 3-4; G. P. Burton (conductor), 5-6.

TUNSTEAD (Norfolk).—On Sunday, September 30th, for the harvest festival, 704 of Oxford Treble Bob Major. A. W. Brighton (conductor), 1; J. A. Trollop, 2; G. Howchin, 3; F. Day, 4; E. Francis, 5; P. Sadler, 6; F. Howchin, 7; C. E. Borrett, 8. And touches of Bob Major, Grandsire Triples, and 252 of Stedman Triples.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BOCKING (Essex).—On Sunday, September 16th, for Divine Service in the afternoon at St. Mary's church, it being the harvest thanksgiving, 720 New London Pleasure. H. Butcher, 1; W. Moore, 2; W. Grimwade, 3; F. Warren, 4; S. Sargent, 5; C. H. Howard (conductor), 6. And for practice on Friday, September 21st, 720 New London Pleasure. H. Butcher, 1; W. Moore, 2; W. Grimwade, 3; F. Warren, 4; S. Sargent, 5; C. Bearman (conductor), 6. And on Sun-

day, September 23rd, for Divine Service in the morning, 720 of Kent Treble Bob. H. Butcher, 1; F. Radley, 2; W. Moore, 3; F. Warren, 4; S. Sargent, 5; C. Bearman (conductor), 6.

BRAINTREE (Essex).—On Sunday, September 16th, for Divine Service in the morning at St. Michael's church, 720 of Braintree Treble Bob. T. Watson, 1; C. H. Howard, 2; W. Hammond, 3; W. Grimwade, 4; F. Rudkin (conductor), 5; H. E. Hammond, 6. Also on Thursday, September 20th, on the occasion of the harvest festival, 720 of Cambridge Surprise in 22½ mins. H. E. Hammond, 1; F. Calthorpe, 2; W. Hammond, 3; W. Grimwade, 4; F. Rudkin, 5; C. H. Howard (conductor), 6. Also on Sunday, September 23rd, for the morning service, 720 of Oxford Treble Bob. T. Watson, 1; C. Norfolk, 2; W. Grimwade, 3; F. Calthorpe, 4; H. E. Hammond (conductor), 5; C. H. Howard, 6. And for the evening service, 720 of New London Pleasure. T. Watson, 1; W. Moore, 2; W. Grimwade, 3; F. Calthorpe, 4; W. Hammond, 5; H. E. Hammond (conductor), 6. C. Norfolk hails from Coggeshall, and W. Moore from Bocking.

WRITTLE (Essex).—On Tuesday, September 20th, for practice at the parish church, 1260 Oxford Bob Triples. A. Head, 1; G. Sorrell, 2; J. Beams, 3; Rev. T. L. Papillon, 4; A. Richell, 5; W. J. Piper, 6; W. Lincoln (conductor), 7; T. Lincoln, 8. On Sunday, September 30th, for afternoon service, the last 700 of Holt's Original. A. Head, 1; G. Sorrell, 2; E. Davis, 3; G. Head, 4; T. Lincoln, 5; F. Radley, 6; W. Lincoln, 7; F. Edwards, 8.

## THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

LLANDAFF.—On Monday, September 3rd, for practice at the cathedral, 630 of Grandsire Triples, the first half of the Editor's quarter-peal. J. Jones, 1; W. H. Smyth, 2; J. Pitcher, 3; C. Lloyd (conductor), W. Coombes, 5; H. Snell, 6; J. Clutterbuck, 7; R. H. Brothwell, 8. Also 546 in the same method. J. Jones, 1; W. H. Smyth, 2; J. Pitcher, 3; W. B. Biss, 4; C. Lloyd, 5; W. Coombes (conductor), 6; J. Clutterbuck, 7; R. H. Brothwell, 8. Also on Monday, September 24th, for practice, 1540 of Grandsire Triples, being the first three parts of Reeves' ten-part peal, running out at the third part-end. J. Vinnicombe, 1; C. Lloyd (conductor), 2; W. H. Smyth, 3; W. B. Biss, 4; W. Coombes, 5; F. K. Howell, 6; J. Clutterbuck, 7; H. G. White, 8. Also 504 in the same method. J. Vinnicombe, 1; W. H. Smyth, 2; W. B. Biss, 3; C. Lloyd, 4; F. K. Howell, 5; J. Clutterbuck, 6; W. Coombes (conductor), 7; R. H. Brothwell, 8. And a plain course of Grandsire Triples on handbells. W. Coombes, 1-2; F. K. Howell, 3-4; C. Lloyd, 5-6; J. Clutterbuck, 7-8. F. K. Howell hails from Thornbury, Gloucestershire, and it was with much pleasure we welcomed him here and received him a member of our association.

PENARTH (South Wales).—On Sunday, September 23rd, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor in 26 mins. J. Vinnicombe, 1; W. Biss, 2; J. Jones, 3; F. Bartlett, 4; T. Northey, 5; D. Thomas (conductor), 6. Also on Tuesday, September 25th, 720 of Plain Bob Minor. J. Vinnicombe, 1; W. Biss, 2; C. Lloyd, 3; F. K. Howells, 4; T. Northey, 5; D. Thomas (conductor), 6. F. K. Howells hails from Thornbury, Gloucestershire. And on Sunday, September 30th, 720 of Plain Bob Minor. D. Thomas (conductor), 1; F. Bartlett, 2; G. Watkins, 3; J. Vinnicombe, 4; T. Northey, 5; C. Smith, 6.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

CRAYFORD (Kent).—On Sunday, September 30th, for the harvest festival, a 544 of Double Norwich Court Bob Major. A. Saxby, 1; J. Turner, 2; G. Conyard, 3; E. Barnett, 4; A. Peill, 5; T. Saxby, 6; J. Saxby, 7; C. Wilkins (conductor), 8. Also 432 of Stedman Triples. A. Saxby, 1; J. Turner, 2; C. Wilkins, 3; T. Saxby, 4; J. Saxby, 5; A. Peill, 6; E. Barnett (conductor), 7; J. Lowrey, 8. And for service in the evening a 416 of Double Norwich and 216 of Stedman Triples. A. Saxby, 1; J. Turner, 2; G. Conyard, 3; C. Wilkins, 4; T. Saxby, 5; A. Peill, 6; J. Saxby, 7; E. Barnett (conductor), 8.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS (Kent).—On Sunday, September 16th, for Divine Service, 420 Stedman Triples. R. Burfield, 1; P. Brooker, 2; H. Porter, 3; G. Smithers, 4; S. Perkins (conductor), 5; W. Latter, 6; E. Mankelaw, 7; J. Muggridge, 8. Also 446 Bob Major. J. Muggridge, 1; P. Brooker, 2; S. Perkins, 3; H. Porter, 4; E. Mankelaw, 5; G. Smithers, 6; F. Lambert, 7; W. Latter (conductor), 8. On Thursday, September 20th, for practice, 168 Grandsire Triples. F. Burr, 1; W. Latter, 2; P. Brooker, 3; G. Smithers, 4; R. Burfield, 5; H. Porter (conductor), 6; S. Perkins, 7; H. Wood, 8. And 504 Stedman Triples. R. Burfield, 1; P. Brooker, 2; S. Perkins, 3; G. Smithers, 4; H. Porter, 5; G. Stonestreet, 6; W. Latter (conductor), 7; H. Wood, 8. Also 360 Treble Bob Minor. G. Stonestreet, 1; G. Smithers, 2; P. Brooker, 3; H. Porter, 4; S. Perkins, 5; W. Latter (conductor), 6. And a Plain Course of Bob Major. R. Burfield, 1; P. Brooker, 2; G. Stonestreet, 3; H. Porter, 4; S. Perkins, 5; G. Smithers, 6; J. Muggridge, 7; W. Latter, 8. On Sunday, September

23rd, 220 Stedman Triples. R. Burfield, 1; P. Brooker, 2; G. Smithers, 3; H. Porter, 4; W. Latter (conductor), 5; E. Mankelow, 6; S. Perkins, 7; J. Muggridge, 8. Also 504 Grandsire Triples. R. Burfield, 1; G. Smithers, 3; H. Porter, 4; J. Muggridge, 5; W. Latter, 6; S. Perkins, 7; E. Mankelow, 8. No cover bell. And 224 Oxford Bob Triples. R. Burfield, 1; J. Muggridge, 2; E. Mankelow, 3; H. Porter, 4; G. Smithers, 5; S. Perkins (conductor), 6; W. Latter, 7; H. Wood, 8.

#### THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

RANMOOR SHEFFIELD (Yorks).—Recently, for practice, 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor in 30 mins. C. Sawyer, 1; W. Goodwin, 2; F. Allen, 3; J. Mulligan (conductor), 4; G. Plant, 5; O. Dixon, 6. First 720 in the method by all. On Wednesday, September 12th, for practice, 672 Bob Major. C. Sawyer, 1; S. Simkin, 2; W. Goodwin, 3; F. Allen, 4; J. Mulligan (conductor), 5; H. Wooding, 6; J. Dixon, 7; G. O. Dixon, 8. On Thursday, September 13th, on the occasion of the wedding of Mr. C. C. Walker and Miss Blyde, touches of Grandsire Triples of various lengths, and in the afternoon, 672 in the same method. G. O. Dixon, 1; W. Goodwin, 2; S. Simkin, 3; F. Allen, 4; J. Mulligan (conductor), 5; H. Wooding, 6; G. Plant, 7; R. Collier, 8. Tenor 15 cwt. S. Simkin hails from Nottingham.

ARMLEY (Yorks).—On Sunday, September 30th, for morning service at Christ Church, 720 City Delight, and 240 New London. Joe Thackray (conductor), 1; J. Heckingbottom, 2; B. Cowling, 3; Jno. Thackray, 4; M. Broadbent, 5; J. Guy, 6. Tenor 16 cwt.

#### THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

TWERTON-ON-AVON (Somersetshire).—On Sunday, September 30th, at St. Michael's church, for harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins. J. Smith Flower, 1; G. Temple, 2; W. Davis, 3; W. Lanham, 4; J. Blackmore, 5; F. King, 6; C. W. Bell (conductor), 7; J. Melhuish, 8.

#### NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

ORDSALL (Notts).—On Sunday morning, September 30th, on the occasion of the harvest festival, 720 Plain Bob Minor. H. Merrills, 1; G. Swannack, 2; W. H. Johnson, 3; H. Lambert (conductor), 4; J. C. Whetstone, 5; J. White, 6. And in the afternoon, for children's service, 360 Kent Treble Bob Minor. J. White, 1; J. C. Whetstone, 2; H. Blagg, 3; H. Lambert, 4; H. Haigh (conductor), 5; J. B. Joynes, 6. First touch in the method by all except the conductor. Messrs. H. Haigh, J. B. Joynes, and G. Swannack hail from East Retford.

EAST RETFORD (Notts).—On Sunday morning, September 30th, for Divine Service, 647 Grandsire Caters in 25 mins. G. Winter, 1; G. M. Farr, 2; H. Haigh, 3; J. T. Bottomley, 4; G. Swannack, 5; T. H. Denman, Esq., 6; W. Skelton, 7; H. Warburton, 8; J. B. Joynes (conductor), 9; R. Potter, 10. And for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, 1259 changes (thirty-nine bobs two singles), in 47 mins. W. Skelton, 1; G. M. Farr, 2; J. T. Bottomley, 3; H. Warburton, 4; G. E. Sharpe, 5; T. H. Denman, Esq., 6; J. Swannack, 7; H. Haigh (conductor), 8; J. B. Joynes, 9; W. Metcalfe, 10. This is T. H. Denman's first quarter-peal of Caters. Composed by James George.

#### THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

TIPTON (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, September 30th, on the occasion of the harvest festival, several touches in the Grandsire method were rung for the morning service. W. R. Small (conductor), 1; E. Goodreds, A. H. Hill, W. James, J. Nicholas, S. Bowcutt, J. Bell, F. Bywater, and G. James. Also for afternoon service some Grandsire Minor with 7-8 behind. S. Bowcutt, 1; W. R. Small (conductor), 2; W. James, 3; E. Goodreds, 4; H. Mills, 5; A. H. Hill, 6; J. Nicholas, 7; F. Bywater, 8. Also for evening service, a 504 and other short touches of Grandsire Triples. S. Bowcutt, 1; E. Cashmore, 2; W. R. Small (conductor), 3; E. Goodreds, 4; W. James, 5; A. H. Hill, 6; H. Mills, 7; J. Nicholas, 8. And after service a long touch of Grandsire Triples. H. Hipkiss, 1; R. Hall (conductor), 2; T. Horton, 3; E. Goodreds, 4; W. James, 5; H. Mills, 6; J. Hall, 7; F. Bywater, 8. Tenor 12 cwt. 24 lbs.

#### THE EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

CLAY CROSS (Derbyshire).—On Saturday, September 1st, 720 Bob Minor (fourteen singles six bobs), in 25 mins. J. Green, 1; J. Maycock, 2; T. Millington, 3; F. Maycock, 4; F. Marshall, 5; T. Clough, 6. On Thursday, September 27th, two 720s of Canterbury Pleasure Minor in 50 mins. The first had eighteen singles three bobs, and the other eighteen singles four bobs. J. Green, 1; J. Maycock, 2; J. J. Cook, 3; T. Millington (composer), 4; F. Marshall, 5; T. Clough, 6. All conducted by T. Millington.

#### GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SWINDON (Wilts).—On Monday, September 24th, at the parish church, 504 Grandsire Triples. T. Lawrance, 1; A. Lawrance, 2; H. B. Slack, 3; T. Robinson, 4; O. W. Layng, 5; T. Ricketts, 6; R. Richards (conductor), 7; S. Rolfe, 8. On Sunday, September 30th, for early morning service, harvest thanksgiving, 720 Bob Minor. T. Lawrance, 1; A. Lawrance, 2; T. Ricketts, 3; J. H. Shepherd, 4; T. Robinson, 5; R. Richards (conductor), 6. And for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original. T. Lawrance, 1; R. Richards (conductor), 2; A. Lawrance, 3; H. B. Slack, 4; O. W. Layng, 5; T. Ricketts, 6; T. Robinson, 7; G. Grist, 8. And after evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. T. Lawrance, 1; T. Ricketts, 2; A. Lawrance, 3; O. W. Layng, 4; G. Brown, 5; H. B. Slack, 6; R. Richards (conductor), 7; G. Grist, 8. Composed by N. Spindlow.

#### THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

REIGATE (Surrey).—On Saturday, September 29th, at the church of St. Mary Magdalene, an attempt was made to ring Shipway's ten-part peal of Court Bob Triples, but unfortunately came to grief after ringing 2900 changes in 1 hr. 53 mins. P. E. J. Knight, 1; F. T. Hoad, sen. (conductor), 2; F. T. Hoad, jun., 3; E. Kenward, 4; E. Moses, 5; H. Reeves, 6; W. Argent, 7; A. Moseley, 8. On Sunday, September 30th, on the occasion of the harvest festival, for evening service, 209 Grandsire Triples. E. Dewey, 1; F. T. Hoad, sen., 2; F. T. Hoad, jun., 3; P. Knight, 4; H. Reeves, 5; E. Moses (conductor), 6; W. Argent, 7; A. Moseley, 8. And 546 Court Bob Triples. G. Croucher, 1; F. T. Hoad, sen. (conductor), 2; F. Linter, 3; E. Moses, 4; H. Reeves, 5; E. Kenward, 6; W. Argent, 7; A. Moseley, 8. Also 336 Grandsire Triples. H. Reeves, 1; F. Linter, 2; G. Croucher, 3; F. T. Hoad, jun., 4; T. Brown, 5; E. Dewey, 6; E. Moses (conductor), 7; A. Moseley, 8. And 168 Grandsire Triples. G. Croucher, 1; E. Moses, 2; F. T. Hoad, jun., 3; H. Reeves, 4; T. Brown, 5; E. Kenward (conductor), 6; W. Argent, 7; A. Moseley, 8.

#### THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

NORTH WINGFIELD (Derbyshire).—On Sunday, September 30th, being the harvest festival at St. Laurence's church, for evening service, 720 Canterbury Pleasure (twenty-two bobs fourteen singles), composed by T. Millington, of Clay Cross, and now rang for the first time. Also 720 College Single (twenty-two singles). G. Burton, 1; W. Butler, 2; F. Knowles, 3; J. Butler, 4; W. Hopkinson, 5; J. Tarlton (conductor), 6. Tenor 18½ cwt. in F.

#### THE UNITED COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

HYDE (Cheshire).—On Sunday, September 30th, on the occasion of the harvest thanksgiving at St. George's church, for morning service, 640 Kent Treble Bob Major. J. Shaw, 1; W. Wilde, 2; T. Bradley, 3; J. S. Wilde, 4; J. Brierley, 5; S. Bradley, 6; T. Wilde, 7; S. Bennett, 8. And for afternoon service, 416 Bob Major. J. Shaw, 1; W. Wilde, 2; J. S. Wilde, 3; A. Thomas, 4; J. Brierley, 5; S. Bradley, 6; S. Bennett, 7; D. Leigh, 8. And for evening service, 676 of Stedman Triples. J. Shaw, 1; R. Pritchard, 2; T. Bradley, 3; W. Slater, 4; J. A. Fildes, 5; S. Bradley, 6; J. S. Wilde, 7; D. Leigh, 8. Conducted by J. S. Wilde.

#### THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

SOUTHAMPTON.—On Sunday morning, September 16th, for Divine Service at Holy-Rood church, 416 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. J. W. Whiting, 1; H. Weston, 2; I. G. Shade, 3; G. Williams (conductor), 4; W. W. Gifford, 5; T. Blackburn, 6; K. Hart, 7; W. J. Sevier, 8. And 168 Stedman Triples, in which Mr. W. H. George, of Eastleigh, took part. Tenor 15 cwt.

SOBERTON (Hants).—On Monday evening, September 17th, at St. Peter's church, 576 Superlative Surprise Major. J. W. Whiting, 1; I. G. Shade, 2; H. Weston, 3; T. Blackburn, 4; G. Williams (conductor), 5; K. Hart, 6; W. W. Gifford, 7; Rev. F. E. Robinson, 8.

#### DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CHESTER-LE-STREET.—On Sunday, September 9th, for evening service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. G. Siddle, 1; J. Huntley, 2; W. Brown, 3; J. Anderson, 4; A. Meyers, 5; W. Sheraton (conductor), 6. On Monday, September 10th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor. F. Sheraton, 1; G. Curry, 2; W. Brown, 3; G. Ward, 4; W. Sheraton, 5; A. Meyers (conductor), 6. On Sunday, September 16th, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor. A. M. Hall, 1; G. Ward, 2; J. Anderson, 3; J. Huntley, 4; W. Sheraton, 5; A. Meyers (conductor), 6. First 720s by F. Sheraton and A. M. Hall.

HOUGHTON-LE-SPRING.—On Wednesday, September 19th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. G. Siddle, 1; G. Ward, 2; W. Brown, 3;

J. Huntley, 4; A. Meyers, 5; W. Sheraton (conductor), 6. And 720 Kent Treble Bob. G. Siddle, 1; G. Ward, 2; W. Brown, 3; J. Huntley, 4; A. Meyers, 5; W. Sheraton (conductor), 6.

**BIRCH-IN-RUSHOLME (Lancashire).**—On Saturday, September 22nd, eight members of the Lancashire Association met at St. James's church, to attempt Reeves' ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples, when a loud and continued knocking was heard at the door, and after that showers of stones came through the window. The attempt finally stopped after two hours ringing, when it was discovered that the cause was sickness close to the church. J. Eachus, 1; W. E. Ryder (conductor), 2; J. Gratrix, 3; R. Borrowghs, 4; J. Ridehalgh, 5; F. Rider, 6; T. B. Idle, 7; J. Darbyshire, 8. J. Eachus hails from Manchester; Gratrix from Swinton; Ridehalgh from Flixton; and Darbyshire from Barlow Moor; the rest are local men.

**BOLNEY (Sussex).**—On Sunday, September 2nd, for evening service at the parish church, 1092 Grandsire Triples in 38 mins. J. King, 1; W. Gibson, 2; W. Walder, 3; J. Prevett, 4; F. Scutt, 5; F. Parsons, 6; G. Walder, jun. (conductor), 7; A. Scutt, 8. On Monday, September 10th, for practice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 46 mins. J. King, 1; G. Walder, jun. (composer and conductor), 2; G. Walder, sen., 3; J. Prevett, 4; F. Scutt, 5; E. C. Boniface, 6; W. Walder, 7; J. Osborne, 8. Messrs. Gibson and Parsons hail from Cuckfield; and E. C. Boniface from West Grinstead.

**BRAMLEY (Yorks).**—On Tuesday evening, September 25th, at St. Peter's church, 240 each of City Delight, Arnold's Victory, and Tanners Pleasure. E. Redshaw, 1; B. Cowling, 2; Joe Thackray (conductor), 3; Jno. Thackray, 4; M. Broadbent, 5; J. Guy, 6. Also 240 each of Duke of York and Kent. Joe Thackray (conductor), 1; B. Cowling, 2; E. Redshaw, 3; W. T. Howgate, 4; M. Broadbent, 5; J. Guy, 6. Also 240 each of Woodbine and Oxford. F. Blackith, 1; W. T. Howgate, 2; Jno. Thackray (conductor), 3; E. Redshaw, 4; M. Broadbent, 5; J. Guy, 6. And 240 of Tulip. E. Redshaw, 1; B. Cowling, 2; Jno. Thackray (conductor), 3; Joe Thackray, 4; M. Broadbent, 5; J. Guy, 6. Messrs. Redshaw and Howgate belong to the local company, the rest are from Armley.

**CAVENDISH (Suffolk).**—On Sunday afternoon, September 23rd, 720 Kent, and 360 Oxford Treble Bob. C. Honeybell, 1; H. Thompson, 2; A. Symonds, 3; A. Ives, 4; J. Bradman, 5; O. Garwood (conductor), 6. Messrs. Bradman, Honeybell, and Garwood from Glemsford; Symonds from Lavenham; the others are local men.

**CARDIFF (South Wales).**—On Thursday, September 27th, at the church of St. John the Baptist, an attempt was made for Taylor's six-part peal of Grandsire Triples, but was lost after ringing 3850 changes. A. Hatton, 1; J. Richards, 2; E. Stenner, 3; W. Burkinshaw, 4; F. K. Howells, 5; G. Hardage, 6; E. Cook (conductor), 7; J. Cook, jun., 8. Rung in honour of the birthday of Mr. T. H. Stephens, churchwarden of the above church, the ringers wishing him many happy returns. F. K. Howells hails from Thornbury, Gloucestershire.

**CRAWLEY (Sussex).**—On Saturday, September 29th, for practice, 448 and 384 of Superlative Surprise Major. J. Newham, 1; F. W. Rice, 2; A. D. Mills, 3; W. Ward, 4; J. Rice, 5; T. King, 6; J. Parker, 7; F. Dench, 8. Also on Sunday, September 30th, for morning service, 448 in the same method. F. W. Rice, 1; J. Rice, 2; A. D. Mills, 3; T. King, 4; W. Ward, 5; R. Jordan, 6; J. Parker, 7; F. Dench, 8. And for evening service, 448 in the same method. T. King hails from Beddington, for whom these touches were arranged, being his first in the method.

**EASTON NESTON (Northants).**—Recently, for afternoon service, 360 Bob Minor in 15 mins. A. Clarke, 1; A. Gidman, 2; E. Yates, 3; R. W. Valentine, 4; J. Read, 5; G. Valentine, jun. (conductor), 6. And a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles. A. Gidman, 1; R. W. Valentine, 2; G. Valentine, 3; G. Valentine, jun., 4; E. Yates (conductor), 5; W. Benham, 6.

**HEMINGFORD ABBOTS (Hunts).**—Recently, four 6-scores of Bob Doubles, each called differently, and two 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. Rev. P. E. Curtois (Vicar of Hemingford Grey), 1; F. Fear, 2; H. Saunders, 3; J. Toller (conductor), 4; J. Perkins, 5. These were rung to try the "go" of the bells, which have just been rehung by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough.

**HELMINGFORD GREY (Hunts).**—Recently, at St. James' church, 720 Bob Minor (forty-two singles), and 720 in the same method (eighteen bobs two singles). J. Briars, 1; F. Fear, 2; H. Saunders, 3; J. J. Toller (conductor), 4; Jno. Briars, 5; J. Perkins, 6. On Sunday, September 3rd, 720 Bob Minor (twenty-six bobs twelve singles). J. Matthews, 1; J. Toller (conductor), 2; Jno. Briars, 3; H. Saunders, 4; F. Fear, 5; J. Perkins, 6. On Tuesday, September 18th, 720

Oxford Bob (eighteen bobs two singles), in 23 mins. J. Briars, 1; F. Fear, 2; Jno. Briars, 3; J. Toller (conductor), 4; H. Saunders, 5; J. Perkins, 6. Rung at the first attempt.

**LONDON.**—On Sunday evening, September 30th, at All Saints' church, Fulham, for harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, 1259 changes, in 49 mins. A. Ough, 1; J. Green, 2; C. Foxell, 3; R. Chichester, 4; H. Swain, 5; G. Woodiss (conductor), 6; G. Thompson, 7; W. Meaton, 8; W. E. Garrard, 9; W. Bidwell, 10. Composed by John Rogers.

**MINEHEAD (Somerset).**—On Sunday, September 23rd, for evening service at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 1260 changes, in 43 mins. \*J. G. Buchanan, Esq., 1; G. Atkins, 2; J. Lyddon, 3; J. Pugsley (conductor), 4; S. Mason, 5; Rev. H. C. Courtney, 6; H. Moore, 7; J. Parkman, 8. \*Hails from Clun, Shropshire, and is his first touch away from the tenor. Tenor 21 cwt.

**NEWPORT (Mon.)**—On Sunday, September 30th, for evening service at St. Woolo's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, by Shipway. H. Millard, J. W. Smythe, F. Atwell, C. H. Rogers, R. Fry, J. Butler, J. Trowbridge (conductor), A. Longville.

**OCKLEY (Surrey).**—On Sunday, September 30th, at St. Margaret's church, touches of Grandsire and Oxford Bob Doubles were rung by the local band before morning service, with the bells deeply muffled (except the tenor, which was open one side), as a mark of respect to the late Rev. Francis Peter Du Sautoy. R. Sayer, 1; J. Taylor, 2; G. Cox, 3; W. Mills, 4; C. Taylor, 5; F. Barton, 6. And for afternoon service, the Capel band came over to show their last respects to our late rector, by ringing 720 Kent Treble Bob. C. Taylor (Ockley), 1; J. Akehurst, 2; T. Faires, 3; E. Jordan, 4; T. M. Stedman, 5; D. Jordan (conductor), 6.

**OLD CLEEVE (Somerset).**—On Wednesday, September 26th, 720 Plain Bob Minor in 26 mins. H. Tomkins, 1; \*J. G. Buchanan, Esq., 2; S. Mason, 3; J. Pugsley, 4; Rev. H. E. Courtenay, 5; H. Moore (conductor), 6; \*First 720 in the method, and hails from Clun, Shropshire. H. Tomkins belongs to the local band, the rest to the Minehead Guild.

**SITTINGBOURNE (Kent).**—On Sunday evening, September 23rd, at St. Michael's church, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 1260 changes, in 45 mins. H. J. Tidy, jun., 1; T. W. Jarrett, 2; W. Leaver, jun., 3; C. Mulway, 4; E. J. Bottle, 5; F. Shedd, 6; H. E. Simpson (conductor), 7; J. Willson, 8. J. Willson hails from Guildford and was formerly a member of the St. Michael's Society. Tenor 21 cwt.

**STONY STRATFORD (Bucks.).**—On Friday, September 28th, 720 Bob Minor in 25 mins. A. Clarke, 1; G. Valentine, sen., 2; E. Yates, 3; R. W. Valentine, 4; J. Read (first 720 with a bob bell), 5; G. Valentine, jun. (conductor), 6. Tenor 12 cwt. J. Read hails from Wicken.

**STRADISHALL (Suffolk).**—On Sunday, September 23rd, for morning service, three 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. A. Symonds, 1; G. Coe, 2; N. Cutts, 3; G. Cutts, 4; R. Chapman, 5. And for afternoon service, four 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. A. Hammond, 1; G. Coe, 2; N. Cutts, 3; G. Cutts, 4; A. Symonds, 5. All were conducted by R. Chapman. A Hammond hails from Ixworth, Suffolk; and A. Symonds from Lavenham.

**TOWCESTER (Northants.).**—Recently, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor in 27 mins. A. Clarke, 1; A. Gidman, 2; E. Yates, 3; R. W. Valentine, 4; J. Read, 5; G. Valentine, jun. (conductor), 6. And two 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, each called differently. A. Clarke, 1; R. W. Valentine (conductor), 2; G. Valentine, 3; G. Valentine, jun., 4; A. Gidman, 5; W. Benham, 6. Tenor about 17 cwt. in F. J. Read hails from Wicken, the others from Stony Stratford.

**WILBURTON (Cambs.).**—On Sunday, September 30th, on the occasion of the harvest festival at St. Peter's church, 1200 of Treble Bob, in two different methods, being 720 Duke of York, and 480 of Kent Treble Bob in 40 mins. J. Markwell, 1; Henry Markwell, 2; A. Hazel, 3; A. Markwell (conductor), 4; H. Sharp, 5; Herbert Markwell, 6. Also for Divine Service in the evening, a 720 of Woodbine Treble Bob in 24 mins. J. Markwell, 1; H. Sharp, 2; Henry Markwell, 3; A. Hazel, 4; A. Markwell (conductor), 5; Herbert Markwell, 6. And a few short touches of Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

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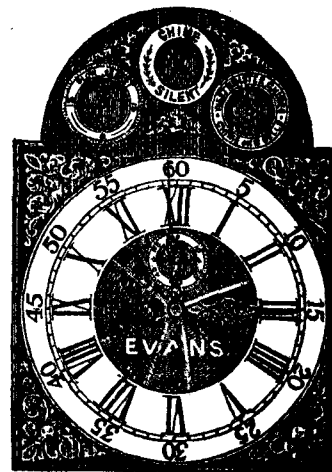
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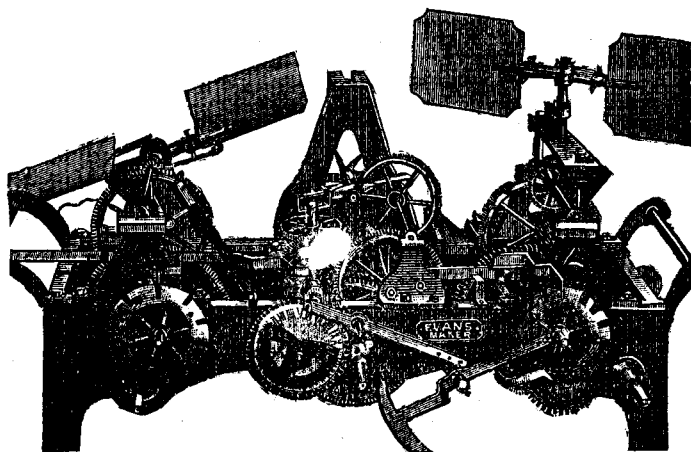
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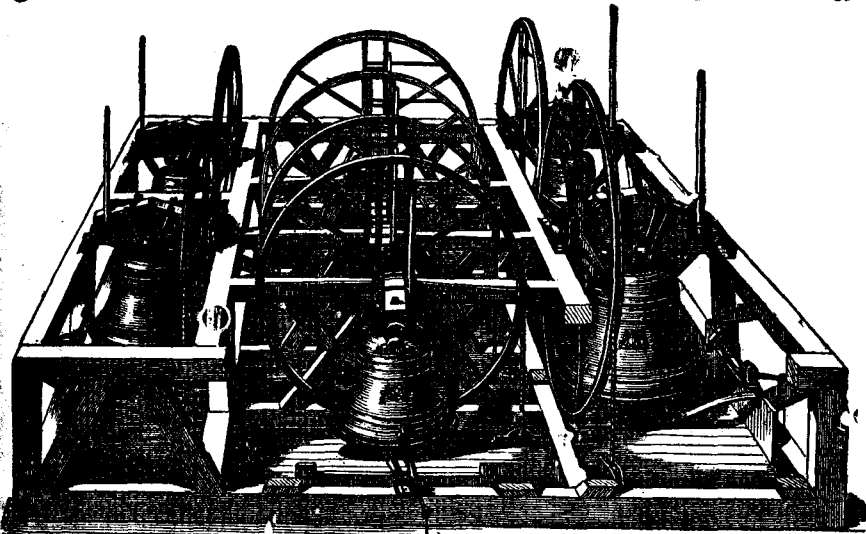
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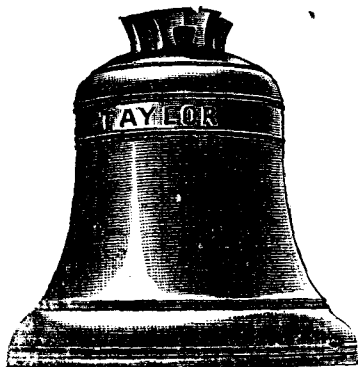
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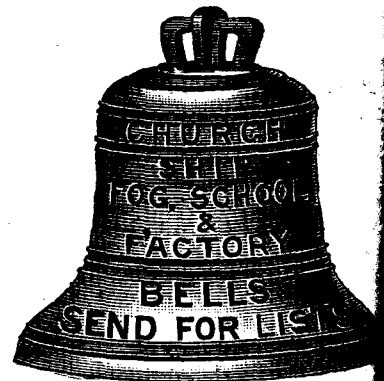
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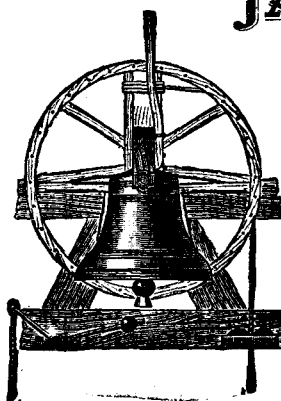
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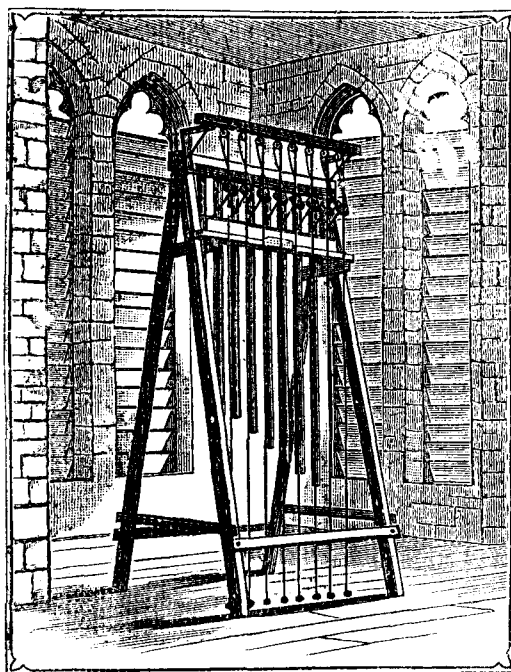
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**DEDICATION SERVICE.**—The work of restoration and renewal which has been carried out at this church is one highly creditable to the vicar (the Rev. E. M. Owen) and his parishioners. The history of the work is as follows:—A parish meeting was summoned on March 8th, and as result a committee of thirteen was formed; and owing in a great measure to the energy of the farmers, the money required was raised much more quickly than was anticipated, for it was only last year that £850 was spent on improvements in the church. The bells for many years have been in a most dilapidated condition. The old peal of five bells were cast in 1704. Of these, two were cracked, and the old framework was so decayed that it was considered unsafe to ring the remaining three bells. The restoration consists of an entirely new oak framework and flooring, the three uncracked bells have been quarter-turned, the two cracked bells have been re-cast, and three new bells added, thereby completing the octave. A chiming apparatus will also be fixed.

The fact that the work has been undertaken so soon has been largely due to the generosity of the vicar's warden, Mr. Woodhouse, of Burghill Court, who promised to double any sum raised locally. Mr. Gordon Woodhouse has made himself responsible for the treble bell. This year also several new gifts have been added to the church, whereby the sanctuary has been made more worthy of the worship of Almighty God. The gifts include a most handsomely embroidered red damask frontal and super-frontal for the altar, an altar cross, brass desk for office book, new hangings for east wall, damask cover for the credence table, pulpit desk and hanging for the same, new kneelers within the altar rails, and five additional lamps, whereby the church has been thoroughly well lighted.

On Saturday afternoon, the festival of St. Michael and All Angels, a special service was held for the purpose of dedicating the bells. The weather was charmingly fine for such a festival, and the sound of the bells must have been listened to with great delight. A large congregation assembled, and the choir were all present. They presented an imposing sight, accompanied as they were by twenty clergymen, who were likewise surpliced. The pilasters of the oak screen had been decorated with flowers and Virginia creeper by parishioners. The service consisted of the Office of the Dedication of the bells—hymn 222, A. and M., "Ten thousand times ten thousand," being followed by the prayers of confession and absolution, the Lord's Prayer, versicles, Psalm cl., Revelation v. from verse 8, Jubilate, and the Creed. The Vicar intoned the prayers, and Prebendary Lambert read the lesson. Singing hymn 166, A. and M., the clergy and choir next proceeded down the central aisle to the western end of the church, and stood in ranks facing one another, and the Dean, standing near the belfry door, read prayers for the dedication of the bells. The belfry door was opened, and the ringers sounded one short touch, after which the clergy and choir returned to the chancel singing the hymn

Now at length our bells have mounted  
To their holy place on high,  
Ever to fulfil their mission,  
Midway 'twixt the earth and sky.

The Dean then ascended the pulpit, and announced as the text of his sermon the words "Glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's" (i. Cor. vi. 20). He said his hearers were met in that beautifully renovated temple of the Lord to praise Him for His goodness, and to dedicate to His service the bells which they had heard ringing—those beautiful eight bells which were to summon the members of the congregation to worship the Most High in His temple. The bells were part of the external means used to attract them to the service of God, and to help them in their worship of Him, but while attending to the material things of outward worship they must be careful to see there was an inward response. The Dean expatiated on the infinite greatness, goodness, and mercy of God, and went on to say that there was a wonderful association in the worship of God. Men who had gone into foreign countries, had there recalled the hymns they used to sing in their village church, and the sounds of those old familiar bells which they had been wont to hear summoning them to church. There was a wonderful association connected with bells, and the singing of old familiar Psalm tunes. Last year he (the

Dean) went across the Atlantic to the great exhibition in Chicago, and one of the most attractive objects in the exhibition was a large bell, which, although cracked, was regarded with affectionate interest. It was the celebrated bell which, in 1776, rang out liberty to the American people. In its long journey to the exhibition it attracted thousands of people all along the route, and soldiers came to touch that bell, and some were seen to kiss it. But our village bells had their own associations, and the people of Burghill parish were fortunate in possessing a most beautiful peal of eight. In this respect they were most fortunate compared with other places, and the Dean went on to speak of London. The famous poet Schiller had written a beautiful poem on the bells, on their influence upon men, from childhood to manhood, from manhood to old age, and even to the grave. And in the prayers which the congregation had just repeated allusion was made to the associations which the bells had with their course of life, from the christening of the babe, to the wedding rejoicings, and the mourning for departed relatives. It was a sign of the interest which was taken in God's holy temple that they met together on various occasions, not only for the dedication of the church, and for the restoration of the church, but also the opening of an organ and the dedication of the bells. It was a happy sign that the Church was alive. Everywhere throughout the land they saw the work of church restoration and church renovation going on. God grant that this internal work which they saw going on in the Church might be a real index to the inward progress of that Church, and that the growth in religion might be in proportion to the outward zeal and liberality. God grant that whilst they glorified Him in their bodies they might not forget to glorify Him in spirit also. The Dean added that he would just say one word to those engaged in bell-ringing. The bells were used to summon the people to worship in God's house, and he would have the ringers consider there was a solemn trust confided to them, that, like the members of the choir, they were doing God's work on their part in summoning God's people to God's house. To all he would say let their worship be sincere, for however seemingly devout they might be it would be useless unless the heart went with the lips. God would not accept such service as was insincere. The one great object of all the building and restoration of churches, and the beautiful music, and fine bells, was simply the worship of God. God was a Spirit, and therefore must be worshipped in the spirit. They could not impose on God by mere outward show of homage. He was not to be mocked by mere outward form.

A collection was made during the singing of hymn 223 towards the fund for the restoration of the bells and tower.

The collect and benediction concluded the service.

After the service, an opening touch of 546 Grandsire Triples was rung, followed by several short touches of Stedman. The bells proved to be a light, pretty peal, and to work easily. They were hung and tuned entirely by W. Greenleaf, of Hereford. The original ring consisted of five bells, of which the second and tenor were cracked, while the framework and fittings were in a most dilapidated condition. The second and tenor were recast by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, of London—who also provided the three new front bells—and the three remaining bells were quarter-turned. An inspection of the bells showed the amount of work that had to be done, and the solidity and excellence of the workmanship. A new main bearing and floor were put in, and the bells hung in a solid oak frame, vertically bolted through every brace from top to bottom with  $\frac{1}{2}$  in. bolts. The wheels are of oak, with elm rings, and the bell stocks of elm.

The chiming apparatus has still to be put in, and two new floors, &c., in the tower.

### BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

**TAUNTON BRANCH.**—A District Meeting of the above branch was held at North Curry, on Saturday, October 6th, and several good touches of Grandsire Triples were rung, including a 518. F. Pearce, 1; F. Millard, 2; J. Joyce, 3; G. Yendall, 4; F. Poole, 5; T. Doble, 6; J. Maddock (conductor), 7; J. Burge, 8. The following towers were represented: St. Mary's, St. James', and Wilton, Taunton, and North Curry. Through the kindness of the Vicar, the Rev. Prebendary W. E. Bullen, the members sat down to an excellent tea at The Angel hotel.



## THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

A social ringing meeting of this Guild was held on Thursday, October 11th, for the purpose of giving any visitors to the Church Congress interested in bell-ringing an opportunity of meeting their brother-ringers. The tea was held at St. Sidwell's Institute, and a goodly number of members were present from Tiverton, Huntsham, Thorverton, Ottery St. Mary, Wythe-combe, St. Sidwell's, St. Edmund's, Exeter, Clyst St. George, Clyst Hydon and Whitstone.

The Honorary Secretary, the Rev. Maitland Kelly, in the absence of the president and vice-presidents, presided, and was supported by the Revs. A. Coope, vice-principal Wells Theological College; T. L. Papillon, Honorary Secretary of the Essex Association; A. D. Hill, Master of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild; A. Drummond, Oxford Diocesan Guild; R. Martin, G. F. Coleridge, G. Molineaux, H. Willett, and Messrs. F. Shepherd, E. Shepherd, B. Munday, E. Munday, H. Payne, R. Grater, H. Davey, etc.

After tea was concluded the Secretary spoke a few words of welcome on behalf of the Guild to the visitors present. He was sure the members were very glad to welcome their brother-ringers from other parts of England. It was a great encouragement to them to have their presence to-day, as it showed how the work which they all had so much at heart, viz., the promotion of change-ringing, was spreading. They had with them representatives from four societies similar to their own, which were doing good work in their respective dioceses. Mr. Papillon, from Essex, had taken up ringing somewhat late in life, and was an example to his brother-clergy as showing that it is possible for a man with a little perseverance to gain an insight into the mysteries of scientific change-ringing, even though he may have passed the meridian of life. Mr. Hill, from Salisbury, was formerly a member of this Guild, but was now the Master of a flourishing society in the adjoining diocese of Salisbury. Mr. Coope was connected with the Bath and Wells Association, and Mr. Drummond hailed from the famous Oxford Guild.

Mr. B. Munday, of the St. Sidwell's band, also spoke, and said how pleased ringers always were to see the clergy among them, and he was sure that the oftener the clergy came into the belfry, even though they might not be practical ringers, the better it would be for all concerned.

The Rev. T. L. Papillon, in responding, said that he thanked them for their hearty reception. It was always a pleasure to him to meet bell-ringers and to have a ring with them. He congratulated them on the large attendance of members that evening, which he hoped was a sign of the interest they took in their Society, which he was sure was doing an excellent work in the Diocese. It had been his privilege for some years to spend his holiday in their beautiful county, and he always made it a practice to visit the neighbouring towers. A few years ago he found method ringing thought very little of, nay, spoken against, but now a change had come over the scene, and he had been able to have some good change-ringing in many belfries, and he hoped that the influence of the Guild would go on spreading.

The Rev. G. F. Coleridge, in an amusing speech, proposed a vote of thanks to the ladies who had provided the tea, and with a vote of thanks to the Secretary a very pleasant and cordial meeting concluded.

After tea the bands adjourned to the various belfries in the city, and some good ringing was accomplished.

## NEWLAND, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

A very fine new clock has just been fixed in the parish church at this place, which strikes the hours, chimes, the quarters, and shews time on a 6-ft. dial. The whole of the work has been carried out by John Smith and Sons, Midland Clock Works, Derby, who made the clock for St. Paul's Cathedral.

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## ALLIANCE MAJOR.

SIR,—The first of the following peals belong to my friend Williams, of Brighton. There is no doubt whatever that we made this peal upon the same date, but as I believe he was first to do so I consider it belongs to him. It is a peal the qualities of which I described to him just before starting for our peal of London Surprise, at Cuckfield, on the 6th instant. I had not then made one, but thought it possible. If I had asked our Editor to favour me with a proof of my last week's contribution I should there and then have put matters right. As it is I take this the first opportunity of so doing, and hope it will prove satisfactory. At the same time I wish to thank those of my friends who have done me the honour of a composition upon "Alliance."

HENRY DAINS.

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Repeated produces—

Twice repeated.

This peal contains the combinations of 4-5-6 in 5-6, the 2nd or 3rd never being in 6th's place at a course-end.

G. WILLIAMS.

Brighton.

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5	4	3	2	6	-	-	-
3	5	4	2	6	-	-	-
4	2	3	5	6	-	-	-
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London.

GEORGE NEWSON.

## Correspondence.

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

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

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SIR,—May I call attention through your columns to an oversight in the binding of some of our current Annual Reports, 1893-4. Of those issued at our recent annual meeting a few are short of the last four pages in which the balance-sheet is given. To meet this a number of sheets have been prepared—ready gummed for insertion—and may be had on application to any of the officers. The interest we take in our Treasurer's balance-sheet (with £200 invested), coupled with the fact that through your columns we can best reach our members, must be our excuse for troubling you.

WILLIAM SNOWDON, President.

Leeds, October 16th, 1894.

## A SUGGESTION.

SIR,—While I am an admirer of the genius of composers, and gladly recognize the benefits which they confer on their less gifted brethren of the Exercise, might I suggest that more care should be taken in ensuring that their compositions are true, and their figures correct, before they are published in our journal? In Vol. XII. alone, there are ten false peals, and five or six other false touches. A few of them only were apologised for, and two or three were re-published with amended figures. Could it not be arranged that no peals should be published unless accompanied by their proofs? A. L. BRINE.

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## Ringers' Outings.

BRISLINGTON (Somersetshire).—The St. Luke's Society had their annual outing on Wednesday, September 25th, the places visited being Abbots Leigh, Portbury, Portishead, and back through Nailsea and Backwell. On arriving at Leigh several 6-scores were rung by W. Bevan, 1; W. Walker, 2; C. H. Tomkins, 3; G. Stowell (conductor), 4; J. Tomkins, 5; C. Hellier, 6. Mr. S. Knight and some of the local men also took part in the ringing. A short drive brought them to Portbury, and after ringing some 6-scores with the local men an adjournment was made to The Priory hotel for lunch, which was much enjoyed by all. Another start was then made for Portishead, and on arriving there dinner was partaken of. Then for the tower, where several 6-scores were rung, one of the local men taking part. A short stroll through the town brought on time for the return journey. A start was made for Nailsea, over Clapton Hill, which we had to climb on shanks' pony. Arriving on the top a grand view of the surrounding country and Bristol Channel was obtained. Not having time to ring at Nailsea we drove on to Backwell, where we had a short ring, the bells here going rather heavy, but we managed to ring some 6-scores with the local men. An adjournment was then made to host Vowle's for refreshment, and after some touches on the handbells and a few songs we started for home, all having spent a most pleasant day. We wish, through the medium of this paper, to thank the vicars and churchwardens of the different churches for the use of the bells, also the local ringers for their courtesy.

THE ST. MARY'S SOCIETY, HARROGATE, YORKSHIRE.—The members of this society had their annual outing, on Saturday, September 15th, the place chosen being Thirsk. Arriving here at 4.20, they were met by J. W. Long, one of the local ringers, who kindly showed them to the residence of Mr. J. W. Wrighton, where they were provided with refreshments. After this a move was made for the tower, where they were met by other ringing members. Raising the bells in peal, a 784 of Bob Major was rung. J. Benson, 1; H. Dickenson, 2; F. Durdy, 3; H. Robinson, 4; J. W. Mann, 5; J. Ireland, 6; H. Brown, 7; W. Turner (conductor), 8. And 464 of Bob Major. J. Benson, 1; F. Durdy, 2; J. H. Dickinson, 3; H. Brown, 4; J. W. Mann, 5; D. Burton (Thirsk), 6; J. W. Long (Thirsk), 7; W. Turner (conductor), 8. The bells were then lowered in peal, and the ringers adjourned to the house of Mr. Wrighton, where a capital tea had been provided, and to which ample justice was done. After tea Mr. Brown proposed a vote of thanks to the vicar for the use of the bells, and to Mr. and Mrs. Wrighton for the good tea provided. This was seconded by Mr. Ireland. After a look round the town, the return journey was made, Harrogate being reached about ten o'clock, all having thoroughly enjoyed the outing.

ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY, NETHERTON.—On Monday, October 1st, the members of this society, accompanied by their wives, had their annual outing, the place chosen being Kinver. Starting from home by brake, the weather being all that could be desired, they had a pleasant drive to Enville (the seat of the Countess of Stamford and Warrington). Here a short stay was made to refresh the inner man, and after a stroll through the village, another start was made, and Kinver reached about 11.45 a.m. Wending our way to the country residence of Mr. H. Golding, churchwarden (who we regretted was prevented through indisposition from going with us, and also his colleague, Mr. Russell, owing to important business), we found Mrs. Golding very busy in making preparations for dinner, which she kindly informed us would be ready at one o'clock prompt. A visit to friends by some of the party took up what little time there was to spare, and then we retraced our steps, to find the good things which had been provided by our kind hostess awaiting us on our arrival. Everything was served in first class style, and full justice was done to the various courses placed upon the table. Dinner being over, the whole of the company now started for a ramble on Kinver Edge, where a splendid view of the surrounding country can be obtained. Here the afternoon was spent, and on our return we found our good lady awaiting us with a

bountiful tea. After this had been partaken of a hearty vote of thanks was moved to our kind hostess for the magnificent manner in which she had catered for us during the day. Mrs. Golding, in replying, said it had been a great pleasure to her to do what she had done, and hoped it would not be the last time she would have the opportunity of meeting us on such an occasion at Kinver. After wishing our kind hostess good night, we started for home, which was safely reached about nine o'clock, everyone expressing themselves highly pleased with their day's outing.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—On Monday, October 1st, a band of ringers comprising members of the Diocesan Guild from Witney, Stanton Harcourt, Burford and North Moor visited several towers in the neighbourhood of Witney. A start was made at 7.15 a.m., and Stanton Harcourt was reached about 8, the Vicar, the Rev. W. P. Walsh, giving a hearty welcome to the band. After one failure, 720 of Grandsire Minor was successfully brought round. A. Mitchell, 1; M. Woodcock, 2; J. Trinder, 3; J. Monk, 4; H. Walter, 5; W. Large (conductor), 6. Going on to North Moor, the same band rang another 720 of Grandsire Minor, conducted by M. Woodcock. Standlake was visited later on, where H. Walter brought round another 720 of Grandsire Minor. Bampton Aston was also visited, Mr. Green, in the absence of the Rector, giving a hearty welcome to the ringers. J. Trinder conducted, and a capital 720 was rung in the same method, in 27 mins., the striking being particularly good. Later in the day the band proceeded to Bampton, where the Rector kindly received the ringers and entertained them hospitably to a substantial tea. Mr. Monk returned thanks on behalf of the visitors. Owing to the weight of the tenor, which went very heavily, nothing was accomplished beyond a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles, conducted by J. Monk. Before the day was over the band visited Brizenorton, the Vicar, the Rev. J. E. Wynch, welcoming the party and remaining in the tower during the completion of the fifth 720 of Grandsire Minor, conducted by W. Large. This brought a very pleasant tour to a close. The ringers wish to thank the several clergy who so kindly placed the belfries at their disposal, and gave them so hearty a welcome.

THE ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY, IPSWICH.—On Saturday, October 6th, the members of this society had their annual outing, Sudbury and Lavenham being the places selected. On arriving at Sudbury they were met by Mr. C. Sillitoe, who kindly piloted them to the tower of St. Gregory, where touches of Oxford Treble Bob Major were rung. The next tower visited was All Saints, a fine peal of eight. Here several touches of Treble Bob Major and Double Norwich Court Bob Major were rung. A move was then made to St. Peter's, where there is another good peal of eight; here several touches of Double Norwich Major and Stedman Triples were rung. The inner man calling for something, an adjournment was made to the cook-shop, where arrangements had been made by Mr. Sillitoe to dine. Here some good touches of knife-and-fork bob were got through. They then took train to Lavenham, where they were met by Mr. Symonds and other members of the local company. Here some touches of Double Norwich Major, Stedman Triples, and a course of Superlative were rung, after which they returned to Sudbury and spent a comfortable half-hour with the local ringers. Time being nearly up for departure, good-bye was said to all. The visitors wish to express their best thanks to Messrs. Sillitoe and Symonds for the arrangements so kindly made by them.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ROCHDALE BRANCH.—The monthly meeting of the above was held at Shaw, on Saturday, October 13th, members being present from Rochdale, Oldham, Lees, and the local company. During the afternoon and evening touches of Kent, Oxford and Violet Treble Bob Minor, and Grandsire and Bob Doubles were rung, also a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob by the following. J. W. Travis, J. Crossley, T. H. Lucas, G. E. Orme, J. W. Cockcroft, and G. Wild. This is the first 720 in the method by J. Crossley, who hails from Rochdale.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN BRANCH.—The usual monthly meeting was held at St. Paul's church, Warrington, on Saturday, October 6th. The towers represented were Farnworth and Garston, also the local company, whilst members of the Chester Diocesan Guild from Grappenhall and Daresbury were also present. Ringing commenced shortly after two o'clock with touches of Kent Treble Bob, College Single, Plain Bob and a 720 of Canterbury Pleasure Minor. At 5 o'clock the members and friends sat down to an excellent tea provided by the Rev. H. V. Pigot, Vicar of St. Paul's, under the able superintendence of Miss Westwell, assisted by Miss Oxley and Mrs. G. Bebbington. Amongst the friends present were the Rev. R. Greenall (Grappenhall), the Rev. A. H. Townsend, Mrs. Pigot and Messrs. Smethurst and Chantry, churchwardens. The business meeting was afterwards held, the Rev. H. V. Pigot presiding. The minutes of the previous meeting held at Wootton having been read and confirmed.

The Chairman, in a few words, welcomed the members of the Association and his friends from Grappenhall and Daresbury. He was sure that change-ringing was the work of a life-time, and as a rule the outside public were not aware of the merit due to ringers in ringing a peal.

It was proposed by G. Bebbington, seconded by A. Oxley, that G. Larkey, of Aughton, become a member of the Association. It was proposed by E. Edwardson, seconded by G. Bebbington, that W. Oxley and J. Pomfret, of Warrington, become members of the Association. It was proposed by G. Bebbington, seconded by E. Edwardson, that Aughton, near Ormskirk, be the next meeting place. This was carried unanimously.

The Chairman said he thought as the Rev. R. Greenall was the Honorary Secretary of the Chester Diocesan Guild it was sufficient to entitle him to say a few words.

The Rev. R. Greenall then said that change-ringing may be considered, first as a scientific amusement, secondly as a means of bringing men together and influencing each other for their mutual benefit; thirdly, as one of the branches of church work, and in his estimation worthy of respect.

Mr. Chantry also addressed the meeting, after which a vote of thanks to the Vicar for his hospitality and for presiding, and to the churchwardens for the use of bells, etc., terminated an enjoyable meeting.

MANCHESTER BRANCH.—A monthly meeting of this branch was held at St. Michael's church, Flixton, on Saturday, October 13th, when members attended from Manchester, Pendleton, Pendlebury, Rusholme, Swinton and Worsley, beside the locals. The bells were set going shortly after 5 p.m. to the tune of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, some very fair touches being brought round. At the business meeting subsequently held in the schoolroom, Mr. Ashton, of Flixton, kindly presided in the absence of the Rector. It was decided to hold the next meeting at St. Thomas's church, Pendleton, on Saturday, November 10th. It was also suggested that the Secretary of the Branch should communicate with the Didsbury ringers and invite them to become members of the Association. The Secretary promised to do so. Votes of thanks were accorded to the Rector and churchwardens for use of bells and schoolroom, and to the local company for having all in readiness. The business over ringing was again indulged in until 9.30 p.m., when members dispersed for home trains.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

NORTHWICH BRANCH.—A meeting of this branch was held at Great Budworth, on Saturday, September 29th. Members attended from the three towers forming the branch, Witton, Davenham, and Great Budworth. Tea was partaken of at The George and Dragon, at the conclusion of which a business meeting of the branch was held, H. Hatt Cooke, Esq. (in the unavoidable absence of Canon Holme, the Vicar), being in the chair. The Rev. — Rackham (curate), apologised for the absence of the Rev. Canon, and gave the visitors a hearty welcome to Budworth. It was unanimously decided that the next meeting should be held at Davenham early next year. Votes of thanks to the chairman closed the meeting.

## SOUTH BRENT, DEVON.

The peal of six bells of the grand old parish church of St. Petrox, has just undergone a thorough restoration. The main beams, floor, and framework, were in such a dilapidated state, that it seemed almost marvellous that there has not been a crash, and the valuable peal of bells injured. The work of the restoration was entrusted to Mr. Harry Stokes, Church Bell Hanger, of Woodbury, near Exeter, who has just put in new massive English oak beams, and oak floor, and made and fixed a new frame of well-seasoned English oak, quarter-turned all the six bells, and hung them with all new fittings. All the ringers that tried the bells on the opening day were highly pleased with the way in which the bells go; and also with the way in which Mr. Stokes has carried out his work.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The following is the sermon preached by the Vicar of Shipley (Rev. A. W. Cribb) to the above Association at their annual meeting. The rev. gentleman took for his text 1 Chronicles, ix. 13.

These words are rarely ever noticed in consequence of their being recorded in a chapter which consists largely of names having no special interest to the majority of Bible readers, and which is therefore seldom read by them; yet they are well worth consideration, especially by all who are called by the name of "Church-workers." They set before us a standard of fitness at which we all ought to aim, and one which is within the reach of the humblest worker. They refer to those priests who returned to Jerusalem under the leadership of Zerubbabel, among the multitude of the Jews whom the edict of Cyrus had set free from their prison-house in Babylon, and who immediately settled in or around that city, with a view to the re-establishment of the worship of God, upon the site where Solomon's magnificent Temple had once stood, according to the ritual which God had given to their nation by Moses. Under the Old Testament dispensation, however, owing to the typical character of the Temple and its services, all the "work of the service of the House of God" devolved upon the priests, and not merely those portions of it which were of a spiritual character. They took charge for instance of the sacred place, and of all the holy things connected with it, such as the furniture and utensils, the fire of the altar, the trimming of the lamp-stand, the replacing of the shewbread, the burning of the incense, and the presentation of victims; and with the assistance of the Levites they discharged many other similar duties such as in our day are performed by laymen specially appointed for the purpose; and the praise which is given to them by the sacred writer in our text, applies as much to their performance of their secular duties as to those which were more strictly religious, whatever the work which was assigned to them in connection with the service of God's House, they proved themselves "very able men." Such a testimony reflects greatly to their credit, and the eulogy is one which in regard to any work that is undertaken by us, any one of us may well strive to deserve. It will be seen therefore that the words of our text have a far wider application than most of us probably, at first sight, supposed. And as they set forth the aptitude of many in regard to the routine of duties largely of a secular character, although pertaining to the Temple service, it cannot be inappropriate if I bring them before you this afternoon as presenting an example worthy of our imitation, and as expressing the object and design of the Association under whose auspices we are met, and whose nineteenth anniversary you are celebrating. For whether the ringing of bells in the Temple (had such existed in those early times) would have devolved upon the priests, or upon the Levites, matters not, the members of the Yorkshire Association of Change-Ringers when engaged in their work are taking part in the service of God's House, equally with those of whom our text speaks; and therefore the high attainments of these latter may well stimulate and encourage all here present to seek to attain to similar proficiency in the work for which they are responsible. Your society, practically, claims by its first rule, to be a body of Church-workers; and that you are really such, none can well dispute. From the fact that peals of bells used for ringing are seldom to be met with except in Church towers, which "form part and parcel of the sacred edifice," as the Bishop of Wakefield reminded you in February of last year, your work is almost necessarily restricted to the Church itself, not only for ringing, but for practice. Besides the principal use to which your Art of change-ringing is applied, viz., to summon the parishioners to Divine worship, and to hear of Him who is the Friend of sinners and the Saviour of mankind, is not only intimately connected with the service of the House of God, but is a most useful adjunct to it. And even when you are employed in ringing "a merrie

peale" as expressive of joy on such occasions as a marriage, on the beginning of a New Year, or as an expression of the loyalty of the parishioners towards the Throne, on Royal birthdays, or visits of Royalty to the locality; as also when your Art is invoked to pay on muffled bells a last tribute of respect to some distinguished personage or some deceased brother-ringer, there is still a religious idea underlying the performance; and those far-reaching notes from the belfry express the joy, prayers, or sympathy, which our Church shares with those who have a more direct interest in the occasion. Your work is therefore Church work, and as the work of the Church is the work of God, it is an honour to be in any way identified with it. Would that we all could realize, my brethren, the exalted character and the dignity of this work in which we all are permitted to have a part! Would that our hearts might all be fired this day with the holy desire to accomplish it! The object of a Church is service: the service of men on behalf of God; and the service of God by sinful men. As has been well said by one, its true and grand idea is that of making men like Christ, earth like heaven, and the kingdoms of the world the kingdom of Christ. To quote the words of Dr. T. Talmage, the Church's mission is "to balk profligacy, to dethrone superstition, to emancipate spiritual bondage, to break in twain the prison bolts, to soothe human pain, and to turn the human race on the high pathway to heaven." My brethren, have you fully grasped the sacred and blessed character of the work in which we are fellow-labourers? I do not say that these are the particular objects of that branch of the Church's work in which your Association is more especially engaged. Of course we all know that such is not the case. Yours is secular work and must necessarily be subordinate to the spiritual; but secular work may greatly contribute to the welfare of that which is spiritual. The Church enlists the services of workers of every description, in her holy undertaking. The minds of men being differently constituted are affected and influenced in various ways; and therefore *all* means are utilized as far as possible for promoting the ends which the Church has in view. There are many branches of work therefore, and many "workers," in the service of the Sanctuary. While "the body is one" there are "many members," and all members have not the same office; neither are all offices of equal importance. But as in the human body one member cannot say to another "I have no need of you," so neither can one worker in the Church of Christ wisely dispense with another. There is room for all, and though all may not be equally necessary, all are useful, and it would be difficult to say that any could be dispensed with. Even those that seem to be less honourable, are necessary. They may not be essential, any more than an eye or an arm is absolutely essential to the life of the human frame, but they are as certainly useful. So change-ringers may not be altogether indispensable to the accomplishment of the object which the Church has in view, but that they are deemed very helpful to it. Does not the music of the bells often help to prepare the heart for the holy exercises of the Sanctuary, as well as invite to them? How many souls have been cheered on their way to God's House and attuned to praise by their sweet melody? How many have been reminded of duty neglected, and led to fulfil it through the concert in the tower, where the minister's voice could not easily reach? How many a preacher's heart has been lifted above the cares which oppressed it—it may be all the week—through the joyful music heard on high, and thereby enabled to cheer the hearts of those to whom he has to minister, and to tell them with greater power the story of redeeming love! Nay, my brethren, we whose work is purely spiritual (or ought to be), will not deny that you have part with us in the work which Christ Jesus has given us to do! We will readily admit the claim of your Association that you are "Church-workers"—for even he who pulls the one bell, too frequently found alone in our Church steeples, or even the hammer that in cases strikes it, need not be denied this honour. But since we admit your claim, suffer me to remind you that Church work is the highest kind of service in which any man can engage; for it is service for God! It confers great honour upon the individual who performs it, for he is a "fellow-worker" with God; and if performed with the desire to promote God's glory thereby, it will result in a blessed reward hereafter. But let me also remind you that the dignity of the work, and of the Master we serve, demands that there be thoroughness in its performance, and that each worker should seek to make himself thoroughly efficient in that part of the work which he undertakes. The "work" of so important a service as that "of the House of God," requires that each of the workers in their several spheres should be "very able men." We may therefore well strive to obtain the encomium which is pronounced upon the priests of whom our text speaks. Fortunately the standard of excellence which they attained is one which may be reached by all of us. Sometimes the standards which friends set before us for imitation, lie far beyond the reach of the majority of men. But that is not the case here; there being nothing in the Hebrew word, translated "very able men," which is unattainable by any. That word has a great breadth of meaning. It denotes primarily "strength" and "valour," especially in war; and is often used to denote moral

strength. It is the word used to express the idea in Pharaoh's mind when he directed Joseph, that, if he knew any "men of activity" among his brethren, he was to make them rulers over his cattle. It is the word which Hobab described the kind of men he recommended Moses to employ as magistrates among the Israelites, rendered in our Bibles "able men," which he immediately explains as "such as fear God, men of truth, hating covetousness." It is the word used by Solomon, as the sense of loyalty, when he promised to spare the life of Adonijah, if he proved himself "a worthy man;" and it is the word translated "virtuous," by which the character of the woman, "whose price is above rubies," is described to us in Proverbs xxxi. 10; as also that which Boaz applied to Ruth, when he said to her "All the city of my people doth know that thou art a virtuous woman." It is not therefore *exceptional* excellence in any one particular qualification that is here referred to—which only few can possess—but general capability for the office which these thus described had to fill, including physical, intellectual, and moral fitness. In our text the word is used as descriptive of nearly 18,000 persons, and therefore cannot denote the possession of extraordinary talent, for, such was not at all likely under the circumstances of the Jewish nation at that period. And yet we are told these were all "very able men for the work of the service of the House of God." The description here given of them therefore simply denotes that they were "capable men," men who were well equipped for their work—a standard of efficiency which, unless there be any actual physical or mental defects, all may attain unto. And this is the kind of men which the work of the Church calls for? We want men who are first of all influenced by a right motive—the love of Christ—we want men who are punctual and conscientious in attendance upon their duties, and reverent in the performance of them; and who are at the same time *thorough*—"very able men." It is on this account that an Association like yours is so valuable to you. Thoroughness in your work requires the study of the laws by which the Art of change-ringing is governed as also dexterity in the manipulation of the bells, which is acquired only by practice; and practice is stimulated and perfected when there is a combination among those who have common interests. Efficient men are always sought for, and appreciated in every craft, or art, or calling. Seek then my brethren through your union with men of kindred tastes and objects, to perfect yourselves in your Art, "considered both in its scientific aspect and as a branch of Church work"—quoting from your first rule. And when you are engaged in your duties as Church workers, strive to fulfil them "as to the Lord and not unto men"; and seek to be spiritually qualified also for "the service of God's House." Let the love of Christ rule in your hearts, and let love for His house be a conspicuous feature in your character. They that call others to God's House and worship, should themselves be diligent attendants there. Remember that God knows your hearts, and observes conduct; and remember also that if you would be "very able men" for the work of His service, in His sight, you must be cleansed from sin in Christ's most precious blood, and be sanctified by the Holy Spirit of God. Your Association has for its object "the lasting interests of change-ringers," as well as the advancement of their Art, and in true religion your lasting interests will be found. That you yourselves recognise this, your assembling in God's House as part of the proceedings of your anniversary, is a pleasing testimony. May God then bless and prosper you. And oh! that all Church-workers would learn a lesson from your change-ringing, when the bell ropes are in the hands of "very able men." Oh that we all would follow the example you set us of looking to our leader, Christ Jesus, and responding instantly to His directions. Oh that we all could pull together, with *plan defined*, and *unity of purpose* against the Church's foes. Oh that we all might, like your bells in action, go on working each in our own sphere, bent only on giving out the sound which our Maker has fitted us to produce, and, though in close contact with one another, never clashing in our work. Oh that we could learn that in the ringing-chamber of God's church, unity need not involve uniformity and monotony; but that harmony may result from variety, and that variety is not necessarily discord. Let us, my brethren, seek to learn these lessons; and above all let us learn that in order to make our work more effective, and far reaching, our hearts must constantly swing from prayer to praise, and from praise to prayer; not with feeble effort as when bells are chimed, but like bells in full swing, with mouth upturned to heaven, speaking as it were first to God, and letting the sound descend to men. Then when we can no longer be workers in the Church on earth, we shall leave behind us a name that shall be enduring; and the testimony of those whom we laboured with, or amongst, together with the testimony of our Master in heaven, will be that of our text, viz., that we were "very able men for the service of the House of God."

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20, 1894.

## The Metropolis.

THE WATERLOO SOCIETY, LONDON.

On Friday, October 12, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER, WALWORTH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE MAJOR, 5023 CHANGES;

WYLDE'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

WILLIAM F. MEADS .. .. Treble.	FREDERICK G. PERRIN .. 5.
HARRY BARTON* .. .. 2.	JAMES E. DAVIS .. .. 6.
ARTHUR R. DAVIS .. .. 3.	HAROLD N. DAVIS .. .. 7.
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER† 4.	EDWARD P. O'MEARA .. Tenor.

Conducted by EDWARD PERCIVAL O'MEARA.

\*First peal with a bob bell. †First peal of Major, and rang at the first attempt; First peal of Grandsire Major on the bells, and first peal of Grandsire Major by all the band.

THE ALL SAINTS' SOCIETY, FULHAM.

On Saturday, October 13, 1894, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, FULHAM,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES.

JOHN G. GREEN .. .. Treble.	GEORGE THOMPSON .. .. 6.
JAMES W. DRIVER .. .. 2.	*ROBERT E. CHICHESTER .. 7.
ERNEST C. FOXELL .. .. 3.	JAMES NICHOLLS .. .. 8.
WILLIAM S. SMITH .. .. 4.	*CORNELIUS CHARGE .. .. 9.
CHARLES HINDES .. .. 5.	SAMUEL HOW .. .. Tenor.

Composed by the late HENRY HUBBARD and Conducted by CORNELIUS CHARGE.

\*First peal of Caters with a bob bell.



## THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, October 13, 1894, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET, WESTMINSTER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5000 CHANGES.

Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

FREDERICK G. NEWMAN .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM BURKIN .. .. 6.
RICHARD FRENCH .. .. 2.	FREDERICK W. THORNTON .. 7.
EDWIN HORREX .. .. 3.	EDWARD P. O'MEARA .. .. 8.
WILLIAM E. GARRARD .. .. 4.	WALTER PRIME .. .. 9.
FRANK M. BUTLER .. .. 5.	WILLIAM H. FREEMAN .. Tenor.

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

This composition has the 6th in seconds place throughout.

## THE ALL SAINTS' SOCIETY, FULHAM.

On Monday, October 15, 1894, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, MORTLAKE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

THOMAS BEADLE .. .. Treble.	CHARLES HINDS .. .. 5.
JOHN G. GREEN .. .. 2.	JAMES W. DRIVER .. .. 6.
ROBERT E. CHICHESTER .. 3.	EDWARD H. ADAMS .. .. 7.
WILLIE T. MEATON .. .. 4.	HORACE ADAMS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by EDWARD H. ADAMS.

This is the conductor's fiftieth peal.

## The Provinces.

## MITCHAM, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 10, 1894, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

ROBERT SEWELL .. .. Treble.	ALBERT CALVER .. .. 5.
JAMES DOUGLAS DREWETT* .. 2.	GEORGE WELLING .. .. 6.
JOSEPH FAYERS .. .. 3.	ABRAHAM G. FREEMAN .. 7.
JOSEPH ALFRED LAMBERT .. 4.	WILLIAM SHIP SMITH .. Tenor.

Conducted by J. D. DREWETT.

This is the first peal since the rehanging of the bells; also the quickest peal on the bells. \*First peal as conductor.

## EWELL, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF UNION TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM CHANTLER* .. Treble.	ALFRED E. BASSET .. .. 5.
HARRY G. BEAMS* .. .. 2.	THOMAS MILES .. .. 6.
STEPHEN WILSON* .. .. 3.	HARRY KENTEN .. .. 7.
GEORGE CHANTLER* .. .. 4.	*JAMES S. REID .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS MILES.

\*First peal in the method; also first in the method on the bells, and was rung at the first attempt. Messrs. Miles, Kenten, and Basset hail from Epsom; the rest belong to the local company. Rung as a birthday compliment to G. Chantler, on his attaining his 21st year, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

## AUGHTON, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 13, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REEVES' VARIATION.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

C. WITHINGTON .. .. Treble.	J. GARDNER .. .. 5.
E. CAUNCE .. .. 2.	T. JENKINSON .. .. 6.
G. LARKEY .. .. 3.	J. WALKER .. .. 7.
C. SHARPLES .. .. 4.	R. RIMMER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by C. SHARPLES.

J. Walker hails from Blackburn; the rest belong to Aughton.

## KELSEALE, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 13, 1894, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION.

Tenor 16 cwt.

ALFRED W. BRIGHTON .. Treble.	FREDERICK PAGE .. .. 5.
WILLIAM DREW .. .. 2.	FENTON THOMPSON .. .. 6.
ALBERT J. LINCOLN .. .. 3.	WILLIAM FISHER .. .. 7.
ROBERT WELLS .. .. 4.	GEORGE HARDY .. .. Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, of Chesterfield, and Conducted by

ALFRED W. BRIGHTON.

This peal was rung on the occasion of the marriage of Miss Isabel Egerton Ashworth, of Lancashire, to the Rev. George H. D. Davies, of Kelsale. The ringers desire to express their cordial good wishes on the happy event. Lincoln hails from Leiston; Wells from Benhall; Brighton from Norwich.

## REDENHALL, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 13, 1894, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 24 cwt.

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 H. DAINS and Conducted by EDWARD SMITH.

Messrs. Smith (2), and Prime hail from Alburgh; Souter from Yendham; Boughton, Borrett, Whiting and Tann from Pulham.

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

On Sunday, October 14, 1894, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 13½ cwt. in F.

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

Composed by HENRY DAINS and Conducted by JAMES PARKER.

\*First peal in the method.

## PENDLEBURY, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(MANCHESTER BRANCH).

On Sunday, October 14, 1894, in Three Hours,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

JOE MORGAN .. .. Treble.	JAMES BARRATT .. .. 5.
THOMAS G. DOWNS .. .. 2.	JAMES GEORGE .. .. 6.
WALTER BROWN .. .. 3.	HERBERT DRANSFIELD .. 7.
JOHN WELSBY .. .. 4.	RICHARD RIDYARD .. .. Tenor.

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL and Conducted by RICHARD RIDYARD.

## DERBY.

On Monday, October 15, 1894, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 28 cwt.

F. BRADLEY .. .. Treble.	R. REDGATE .. .. 5.
J. HOWE .. .. 2.	J. W. THOMPSON .. .. 6.
W. H. POYSER .. .. 3.	A. E. THOMPSON .. .. 7.
J. NEWBOLD .. .. 4.	G. BEESON .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by J. HOWE.

This peal is now rung for the first time.

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

On Tuesday, October 16, 1894, in Three Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5139 CHANGES;

Tenor 36 cwt. in C.

HENRY BASTABLE .. .. Treble.	SAMUEL REEVES .. .. 7.
WALTER BRYANT .. .. 2.	*JAMES GEORGE .. .. 8.
WILLIAM S. PRITCHETT .. 3.	JOHN ASTBURY .. .. 9.
JOHN CARTER .. .. 4.	THOMAS REYNOLDS .. .. 10.
BERNARD WITCHELL .. .. 5.	THOMAS MILLER .. .. 11.
WILLIAM R. SMALL .. .. 6.	REUBEN HALL .. .. Tenor.

Composed by the late HENRY JOHNSON and  
Conducted by HENRY BASTABLE.

This peal, which has not been previously performed, contains the first twenty-four courses in the ordinary titmums position, and the last fifteen courses with the large bells in the handstroke position. \*First peal of Stedman Cinques.

## WRAYSBUURY, BUCKS.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, October 16, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt.

EDWARD WHATMORE* .. Treble.	*ROBERT PARKER .. .. 5.
HENRY SHANKS .. .. 2.	GEORGE WHATMORE .. .. 6.
JOSEPH J. PARKER .. .. 3.	JOSEPH GUTTRIDGE .. .. 7.
JOHN MILLS .. .. 4.	*WILLIAM S. BRADFORD .. Tenor.

Conducted by J. J. PARKER,

\*First peal. This peal was rung on the occasion of the marriage of Miss Julia Ella Buckland and Robert Hares, which took place at Farnham Royal that day, and who are friends of the conductor.

## Date Touches.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

MONK SOHAM (Suffolk).—Recently, at the church of St. Peter, in 1 hr., a date touch (1894 changes), in the following methods; 214 Grand-sire, and 240 each of Plain Double, Old Doubles, April Day, Morning Star, Evening Star, Earl Soham Delight, and Gog Magog. W. Abbott, 1; A. Abbott, 2; W. Abbott, 3; C. F. Ling (conductor), 4; E. Abbott, 5. Tenor 14 cwt.

## Miscellaneous.

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BARNWOOD (Gloucestershire).—On Monday, August 13th, by the local band, for practice at the church of St. Lawrence, 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor (nine bobs six singles), in 27 mins. A. Howley, H. G. Gardner, G. Miles, A. A. Waite, H. Mitchell, R. A. Barrett (conductor). On Thursday, August 30th, 1080 changes in the five following Minor methods, being a 6-score each of Oxford Single Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, and 360 each of Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob, in 43 mins. H. G. Gardner, H. Karn, G. Miles, A. A. Waite, H. Mitchell, R. A. Barrett (conductor). This touch was rung to celebrate the 90th birthday of Mr. Waite's grandfather, the changes denoting the number of calendar months he is old. This touch was arranged by Mr. A. A. Waite's son, aged ten years. The bells were then lowered in peal, and an adjournment was made to the old gentleman's house to have some refreshments. The handbells were then brought into use, and several courses of Grandsire Caters and Triples were rung, which delighted the old gentleman and his wife very much. On Tuesday, September 18th, 720 Oxford Single Bob Minor (fourteen singles four bobs), in 26 mins. A. Howley (first 720 in the method), W. T. Peglar (first 720 in the method), A. A. Waite, H. Karn (first 720 in the method), H. Mitchell (conductor), R. A. Barrett.

ASHLEWORTH (Gloucestershire).—On Sunday afternoon, August 26th, five members of the Barnwood company, and three from Hempstead visited this place on account of its being the annual feast-day, and succeeded in ringing 720 Plain Bob Minor (eighteen bobs two singles), in 24 mins., conducted by H. Mitchell, and 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs), in 26 mins., conducted by A. A. Waite. And several 6-scores of Stedman and Grandsire Doubles, conducted by A. A. Waite. The following took part; H. Mitchell, A. A. Waite, H. G. Gardner, R. A. Barrett, A. Rheam, W. T. Peglar, A. E. Peglar, and

W. Poston. These bells have lately been rehung with all new gear-  
ing, by Mr. J. Barwell, of Birmingham, and the "go" of them is all  
that can be desired.

MAISEMORE (Gloucestershire).—On Sunday afternoon, September 2nd, before evening service, 720 Plain Bob Minor (twenty-two bobs two singles), in 25 mins. W. T. Peglar, H. Mitchell, A. T. Brunsden (conductor), R. A. Barrett, A. E. Peglar, G. Brunsden. And several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. A. T. Brunsden, A. E. Peglar, F. Daniels, W. T. Peglar (conductor), H. Mitchell, and W. Poston.

HEMPSTEAD (Gloucestershire).—On Sunday afternoon, September 30th, after Divine Service, three 720s of Plain Bob Minor, each called differently (with sixteen bobs two singles each), in 1 hr. 12 mins. A. Rheam, A. A. Waite, R. A. Barrett, E. E. Davis, H. Mitchell, W. T. Peglar (conductor). This was rung on the occasion of the harvest festival.

BRISTOL.—On Sunday evening, September 30th, at St. Stephen's church, for service, 504 Stedman Triples. C. H. Gordon, 1; W. J. Hinton (conductor), 2; H. Pring, 3; E. Duckham, 4; S. Cleal (Tewkesbury), 5; J. York, 6; F. Price, 7; W. Colston, 8. Also at the same church, on Tuesday, October 2nd, an attempt was made for a peal of Grandsire Caters, but after ringing twenty-two courses stand was called owing to a change-course. G. Staddon, 1; E. Duckham, 2; C. Millard, 3; J. York, 4; C. H. Gordon, 5; S. Cleal (Tewkesbury), 6; C. H. Tomkins, 7; W. J. Hinton (conductor), 8; F. Price, 9; W. Colston, 10.

KEYNSHAM, NEAR BRISTOL.—On Saturday, October 6th, at the parish church, a band met for a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, but after ringing about 600 changes stand had to be called owing to the bad "go" of the back bells. H. Pring, 1; C. H. Gordon, 2; H. T. Howell, 3; J. Gould, 4; C. E. D. Boutflower, Esq., 5; Rev. H. A. Cockey, 6; C. H. Tomkins (conductor), 7; W. Emery and C. H. Horton, 8.

CIRENCESTER (Gloucestershire).—On Sunday, October 7th, at the church of St. John the Baptist, on the occasion of the christening of the infant daughter (Lady Muriel Olivia), of Earl and Countess Bathurst, 324 Grandsire Caters. F. W. Bond, 1; A. C. Harmer, 2; J. Austin (conductor), 3; E. P. Harmer, 4; F. Gardner, 5; H. Midwinter, 6; C. Bartlett, 7; H. C. Bond, 8; H. T. Gardner, 9; H. Clutterbuck and C. Turpin, 10.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

ASLAGER (Cheshire).—Recently, at the parish church, 720 Grandsire Minor in 25 mins. T. Edwards (first 720), 1; G. Siddons, 2; A. Archer, 3; W. Cartwright (first 720 with a bob bell), 4; G. Baddeley (first 720 with a bob bell), 5; C. Ollier (conductor), 6.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BISHOPS STORTFORD (Herts.).—On Thursday, October 11th, for practice at St. Michael's church, a quarter-peal of Darlston Bob Triples (1260 changes), in 45 mins. G. Prior, 1; W. Prior, 2; T. Newman, 3; H. J. Tucker, 4; G. Charge (longest length with a bob bell), 5; W. W. Tucker, 6; H. Prior (conductor), 7; J. Sampford, 8. Composed by J. Carter.

BOCKING (Essex).—On Sunday, October 7th, for Divine Service in the afternoon, at St. Mary's church, 720 of Woodbine Treble Bob. H. Butcher, 1; F. Radley, 2; W. Moore, 3; F. Warren, 4; S. Sargent, 5; C. H. Howard (conductor), 6. Tenor 18½ cwt.

BRAINTREE (Essex).—On Sunday, September 30th, for Divine Service in the morning, at St. Michael's church, being the dedication festival, 720 Bob Minor. Rev. D. Hamer, 1; W. Hammond, 2; F. Rudkin, 3; W. Grimwade, 4; H. E. Hammond, 5; C. H. Howard (conductor), 6. And on Sunday, October 7th, for the morning service, 720 Morning Exercise. T. Watson, 1; F. Calthorpe, 2; W. Grimwade, 3; C. H. Howard, 4; F. Rudkin (conductor), 5; H. E. Hammond, 6. Also for evening service, 720 Cambridge Surprise. C. H. Howard, 1; F. Calthorpe, 2; W. Grimwade, 3; W. Hammond, 4; F. Rudkin (conductor), 5; H. E. Hammond, 6. Rev. D. Hamer, who was the special morning preacher at the dedication festival, hails from Stisted. Tenor 13 cwt.

STISTED (Essex).—On Sunday, September 23rd, for evening service, at All Saint's church, 720 Bob Minor. Rev. D. Hamer, 1; H. Saunders, 2; E. Chaplin, 3; W. Duncombe, 4; A. Chaplin (conductor), 5; E. Radlin, 6. Also on Sunday, September 30th, after evening service, being harvest festival, 720 Bob Minor. H. Saunders, 1; E. Chaplin, 2; Rev. D. Hamer (first 720 with a bob bell), 3; W. Duncombe, 4; A. Chaplin, 5; C. H. Howard (conductor), 6. Tenor 10 cwt.

SUDBURY (Suffolk).—On Saturday evening, September 22nd, for practice, at Gregory's church, 640 of Double Norwich Court Major. H.

Harper, 1; W. Howell, jun., 2; J. Campin, 3; M. Silvester, 4; A. Scott, 5; W. Bacon, 6; W. Howell, sen., 7; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 8. And on Wednesday, October 3rd, on the occasion of a wedding at St. Gregory's church, several touches of Bob Major were rung during the day, including a touch of 1056 changes. F. Tolliday, 1; W. Bacon, 2; J. Campin, 3; W. Howell, sen., 4; H. Brackett, 5; A. Scott, 6; H. Harper, 7; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 8. Also on Thursday, October 4th, at St. Peter's church, 360 of Kent Treble Bob Minor. F. Tolliday, 1; W. Bacon, 2; J. Campin, 3; A. Scott, 4; H. Harper, 5; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 6. Also a 720 of Bob Minor. F. Tolliday, 1; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 2; J. Campin, 3; A. Scott, 4; W. Howell, sen., 5; H. Harper, 6. Tenor 23 cwt. Also on Sunday evening, October 7th, at St. Gregory's church, for the harvest festival, 672 of Bob Major. F. Tolliday, 1; W. Howell, sen., 2; W. Howell, jun., 3; M. Silvester, 4; H. Brackett, 5; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 6; J. Campin, 7; H. Harper, 8. Tenor 16 cwt.

#### THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

TURVEY (Beds).—On Monday evening, October 8th, for practice, at All Saints church, six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, in 27 mins., each called differently. W. Gardener, 1; W. Hinde, 2; G. Allen, 3; C. Vale, 4; W. Sargent (conductor), 5; T. Hinde, 6. This is the longest touch by the local company. Tenor 20 cwt.

BEDFORD.—On Sunday, August 12th, at St. Paul's church, 336 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. F. Keech, 1; C. Chasty, 2; F. Smith, 3; S. J. Cullip, 4; I. Hills, 5; W. Shimmans, 6; H. Sharp, 7; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 8. And 216 Stedman Triples. C. Chasty, 1; F. Smith, 2; H. Tysoe, 3; S. J. Cullip, 4; I. Hills, 5; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 6; H. Sharp, 7; F. Keech, 8. On Sunday, August 26th, 408 Stedman Triples. C. Chasty, 1; S. J. Cullip, 2; F. Smith, 3; F. Keech, 4; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 5; H. Sharp, 6; J. Sharman, 7; F. Hull, 8. On Tuesday, August 28th, 504 Grandsire Triples. H. Cullip, 1; C. Chasty, 2; H. Tysoe, 3; F. Keech, 4; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 5; W. Shimmans, 6; J. Sharman, 7; R. Shimmans, 8. And 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Spencer, 1; C. Chasty, 2; J. Sharman, 3; W. Shimmans, 4; F. Keech, 5; H. Tysoe, 6; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 7; R. Shimmans, 8. Also 504 Stedman Triples. H. Tysoe, 1; C. Chasty, 2; S. J. Cullip, 3; F. Keech, 4; J. Sharman, 5; W. Shimmans, 6; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 7; R. Shimmans, 8. And on Sunday, September 2nd, 336 Grandsire Triples. A. Barnes, 1; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 2; C. Chasty, 3; S. J. Cullip, 4; J. Sharman, 5; F. Keech, 6; H. Sharp, 7; D. Thompson, 8. And 504 Stedman Triples. H. Tysoe, 1; C. Chasty, 2; S. J. Cullip, 3; F. Keech, 4; H. Sharp, 5; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 6; P. Howard, 7; R. Shimmans, 8. On Thursday, September 13th, 504 Stedman Triples. P. Howard, 1; C. Chasty, 2; J. Sharman, 3; S. J. Cullip, 4; F. Keech, 5; I. Hills, 6; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 7; D. Thompson, 8.

#### DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NORTH SHIELDS.—The following touches have been rung from September 1st to October 7th, at Christ Church. A 504 of Grandsire Triples, conducted by E. Keen, 360 of Bob Minor, conducted by A. Tully, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, conducted by H. Ross, 252 Bob Triples, conducted by T. Teasdale, and a course of Grandsire Triples on handbells. A. Tully, 1-2; R. Morrison, 3-4; E. Keen, 5-6; T. Teasdale, 7-8. Also 720 of Bob Minor, conducted by T. Teasdale, 280 Bob Triples, conducted by T. Teasdale, 504 Bob Triples, conducted by A. Tully, and 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, conducted by E. Keen. The above touches were rung by the following members. G. Dex, T. Teasdale, A. Tully, R. Morrison, H. Ross, J. Rossitter, E. Keen, G. Holmes, and J. Brawell. On Tuesday, September 9th, Mr. J. Fell, of Lytham, Lancashire, paid us a visit and rang a 360 with us and was made a member of our band before leaving.

DARLINGTON.—On Tuesday, July 10th, for practice at St. John's church, 800 Kent Treble Bob Major. A. E. Moncaster, 1; R. Moncaster, 2; F. A. Teasdale, 3; W. D. Lister, 4; H. S. Taylor, 5; W. Porter, 6; G. Park, 7; J. Baxter (conductor), 8. Messrs. Porter and Park belong to St. Cuthbert's belfry, and this is their longest touch in the method. Also on Tuesday, July 31st, for practice, 504 Grandsire Triples. A. E. Moncaster, 1; R. Moncaster, 2; J. Baxter, 3; W. D. Lister, 4; H. S. Taylor, 5; W. Porter (conductor), 6; W. Patton, 7; J. Bolton, 8. Also on Sunday, September 2nd, for Matins, 588 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. Also for Evensong 504 Plain Bob Triples, standing as before. On Sunday, September 9th, for Evensong, 720 of Plain Bob Major. J. Bolton, 1; R. Moncaster, 2; W. Patton, 3; A. E. Moncaster, 4; H. S. Taylor, 5; W. D. Lister, 6; G. Noble, 7; J. Baxter (conductor), 8. G. Noble hails from Leeds, Yorkshire. On Tuesday, September 18th for practice, 560 Plain Bob Major. J. Bolton, 1; A. E. Moncaster, 2; W. D. Lister, 3; R. Mon-

caster, 4; H. S. Taylor, 5; F. A. Teasdale, 6; W. Patton, 7; J. Baxter (conductor), 8. Also 504 Grandsire Triples. C. W. Moncaster, 1; H. S. Taylor, 2; W. Patton, 3; W. D. Lister, 4; J. Baxter (conductor), 5; R. Moncaster, 6; F. A. Teasdale, 7; A. E. Moncaster, 8. On Saturday, September 22nd, an attempt was made for a peal of Plain Bob Major, 5040 changes, but the bells came round after ringing 1792 changes in 1 hr. 2 mins., through a miscall. J. Bolton, 1; R. Moncaster, 2; W. D. Lister, 3; A. E. Moncaster, 4; H. S. Taylor, 5; F. A. Teasdale, 6; W. Patton, 7; J. Baxter (conductor), 8. First attempt for a peal in the method by all. On Sunday, September 23rd, for Evensong, 672 Grandsire Triples. A. E. Moncaster, 1; R. Moncaster, 2; W. D. Lister, 3; J. Baxter (conductor), 4; H. S. Taylor, 5; F. A. Teasdale, 6; W. Patton, 7; J. Bolton, 8. And on Sunday, September 30th, for Evensong, 720 Plain Bob Minor (thirty-four bobs and two singles). C. W. Moncaster, 2; W. Patton, 3; R. Moncaster, 4; H. S. Taylor, 5; F. A. Teasdale, 6; J. Baxter (conductor), 7; A. E. Moncaster, 8.

#### THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

LLANDAFF.—On Sunday, October 7th, at the Cathedral for evening service, it being harvest festival, the first half of Reeves' ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples (2520 changes). J. Pitcher, 1; C. Lloyd (conductor), 2; W. H. Smyth, 3; W. B. Biss, 4; J. Harris, 5; W. Coomber, 6; J. Clutterbuck, 7; R. H. Brothwell, 8. On Monday, October 8th, 504 Bob Triples. J. Clutterbuck, 1; W. H. Smyth, 2; W. B. Biss, 3; C. Lloyd (conductor), 4; J. Harris, 5; T. Northey, 6; J. Vinnicombe, 7; R. H. Brothwell, 8. And 350 Grandsire Triples. R. Hopkins, 1; W. B. Biss, 2; W. H. Smyth, 3; C. Lloyd (conductor), 4; J. Harris, 5; T. Northey, 6; J. Clutterbuck, 7; J. Vinnicombe, 8.

#### THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

RAWMARSH (Yorks).—On Saturday, October 13th, at the parish church, an attempt was made for a peal of Bob Major, but after ringing 3540 changes, the conductor called stand, through a change-course. H. Bunce, 1; J. H. Brothwell, 2; S. Walker, 3; W. Lambert, jun., 4; J. Ensor, 5; W. Hawkins, 6; T. Whitworth (conductor), 7; T. Wild, 8. Messrs. Brothwell, Walker, Lambert, and Whitworth hail from Treeton, Yorks.; the rest to the local company.

#### THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

WICKHAM (Hants).—On Saturday, October 13th, several members of the Winchester Diocesan Guild paid a visit to the above parish church to ring a farewell touch to Mr. W. Cooper, one of the local band, who is leaving that parish, whose services were always efficiently rendered. A 720 of Oxford Bob Minor in 25 mins. G. Downs, 1; W. Cooper, 2; F. Hill, 3; W. J. Sevier, 4; G. E. Chappell, 5; J. W. Whiting (conductor), 6. Also a 720 of Bob Minor in 24 mins. W. F. Churcher, 1; W. Cooper, 2; F. Hill, 3; W. J. Sevier (conductor), 4; G. E. Chappell, 5; J. W. Whiting, 6. Also a 720 of Grandsire Minor in 25 mins. G. Downs, 1; W. Cooper, 2; W. F. Churcher, 3; W. J. Sevier, 4; G. E. Chappell (conductor), 5; J. W. Whiting, 6. And a 6-score of Stedman Doubles. G. E. Chappell, 1; F. Hill, 2; W. J. Sevier, 3; W. Cooper, 4; J. W. Whiting (conductor), 5; W. F. Churcher, 6. Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

YATELEY (Hants).—On Sunday, September 30th, at St. Peter's church, 350 Grandsire Triples. R. Hilton, 1; S. Riddle, 2; W. Filmore, 3; B. Hawkins (conductor), 4; C. Hilton, 5; W. Tice, 6; J. Bunch, 7; H. Yoemans, 8. And for evening service, 560 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. Rung on the occasion of the harvest festival. On Sunday, October 7th, for evening service, 464 Bob Major.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

WESTERHAM (Kent).—On Thursday, October 4th, on the occasion of the wedding of J. W. Board, Esq., of Springfield, which took place in London, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 47 mins. R. Stone, 1; A. V. Selby, 2; E. R. J. Dunk (conductor), 3; G. B. Selby, 4; D. Wright, 5; J. Heath, 6; G. Steer, 7; D. Ashdown, 8. And in the evening an attempt for a peal was made which unfortunately came to grief after ringing 1680 changes standing as before with the exception of H. J. Selby, 4; D. Wright, 3; G. Steer, 5; E. R. J. Dunk (conductor), 7. And on Sunday, October 7th, on the occasion of A. H. Collin's birthday, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. R. Stone, 1; G. B. Selby, 2; E. R. J. Dunk, 3; M. Whatley, 4; D. Wright (composer and conductor), 5; H. J. Selby, 6; J. Heath, 7; A. H. Collins, 8.

BROMLEY (Kent).—On Sunday, September 16th, for evening service, 630 Grandsire Triples. J. Town, 1; R. Humphery, 2; E. Dunn, 3; G. Durling, 4; P. F. Harman, 5; G. Simpson, 6; T. Harford (con-

ductor), 7; W. James, 8. On Sunday, September 23rd, for morning service, 1056 Bob Major in 40 mins. J. Town (longest length in the method), 1; R. Humphery, 2; E. Dunn, 3; P. F. Harman, 4; G. Durling (conductor), 5; W. Jugham, 6; W. Fright, 7; T. Groombridge, 8. And for evening service, 630 Oxford Bob Triples. G. Simpson, 1; E. Dunn, 2; W. Fright, 3; P. F. Harman, 4; G. Durling (conductor), 5; F. Sanders, 6; T. Groombridge, 7; W. James, 8. On Tuesday, September 25th, for practice, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples in 43 mins. J. Town, 1; W. Fright, 2; E. Dunn, 3; R. Humphery, 4; G. Durling (composer and conductor), 5; T. Groombridge, 6; T. Harford, 7; W. James, 8.

#### THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

**TILEHURST (Berks.)**—On Sunday, October 7th, for harvest festival at the parish church, 503 Grandsire Triples. J. Lewington, 1; J. E. Hern, 2; J. F. Tarrant, 3; C. Giles, 4; J. Swain, 5; F. Hopgood (conductor), 6; C. Chapman, 7; G. Finn, 8. And 504 Grandsire Triples. R. Sawyer, 1; C. Giles (conductor), 2; J. F. Tarrant, 3; J. E. Hern, 4; J. Swain, 5; C. Chapman, 6; H. Goodyer, 7; F. Hopgood, 8.

#### LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—BLACKBURN BRANCH.

**BURNLEY (Lancashire)**—On Saturday, September 30th, at Holy Trinity church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. T. Baldwin, 1; D. Heys, 2; H. Heyworth, 3; R. Ashworth, 4; T. Mouncey, 5; T. Redman (conductor), 6. On Sunday, October 7th, for morning service, 640 Kent Treble Bob Major. T. Baldwin, 1; J. Wilkinson, 2; H. Heyworth, 3; D. Heys, 4; N. Townend, 5; R. Ashworth, 6; T. Mouncey, 7; T. Redman (conductor), 8. And for evening service, 576 in the same method. D. Campbell, 1; J. Wilkinson, 2; H. Heyworth, 3; D. Heys, 4; N. Townend, 5; R. Ashworth, 6; T. Mouncey, 7; T. Redman (conductor), 8. On Tuesday, October 9th, for practice, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. T. Baldwin, 1; J. Wilkinson, 2; D. Heys, 3; R. Ashworth, 4; N. Townend, 5; T. Redman (conductor), 6.

#### THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

**LICHFIELD (Staffordshire)**—On Sunday, September 16th, at St. Mary's church, 1344 of Grandsire Triples. C. Davis, 1; F. Sedgwick, 2; E. Gallimore, 3; J. Key, 4; H. Meacham, 5; F. J. Cope (conductor), 6; W. J. Fearneyhough, 7; J. H. Gallimore, 8. And on Sunday, September 23rd, 714 Grandsire Triples. C. Davis, 1; W. Dempster, 2; E. Gallimore, 3; F. Sedgwick, 4; W. Meacham, 5; C. Barrett, 6; W. J. Fearneyhough, 7; F. J. Cope (conductor), 8. Also at St. Michael's church, on Sunday September 30th, on the occasion of the Dedication Festival, 720 of Grandsire Minor. G. Bennett (first 720), 1; C. Davis, 2; W. Dempster, 3; H. Meacham, 4; A. Bowler, 5; F. J. Cope (conductor), 6.

**KINGS BROMLEY (Staffordshire)**—On Saturday, September 22nd, at the parish church, 720 of Grandsire Minor in 26 mins. F. Sedgwick, 1; W. Dempster, 2; F. J. Cope (conductor), 3; H. Meacham, 4; A. Bowler, 5; W. J. Fearneyhough, 6. This is the first 720 on the bells.

**BALCOMBE (Sussex)**—On Thursday, September 27th, for practice, 360 each of Plain Bob, Court Bob, College Single, and College Exercise. On Sunday, September 30th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure. J. Bates, 1; A. Gasson, 2; F. Streeter, 3; R. Streeter, 4; J. Gasson, 5; E. Streeter (conductor), 6. On Sunday, October 7th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. R. Bourn, 1; A. Gasson, 2; E. Streeter, 3; C. Holman, 4; J. Wedge, 5; J. Gasson (conductor), 6. On Thursday, October 11th, 720 Violet Treble Bob. A. Gasson, 1; R. Bourn, 2; E. Streeter, 3; C. Holman, 4; J. Wedge, 5; J. Gasson (conductor), 6. And 720 College Exercise. J. Gasson, 1; R. Bourn, 2; C. Holman, 3; A. Gasson, 4; J. Wedge, 5; E. Streeter (conductor), 6.

**BATTLE (Sussex)**—On Sunday, September 30th, for morning service, at the parish church, 350 Grandsire Triples. W. Eastland, 1; C. Hyland, 2; F. Mathis, 3; W. Franks, 4; W. Thomas (conductor), 5; J. Curtis, 6; J. Mathis, 7; W. Eldridge, 8. Also for evening service, 350 Grandsire Triples. W. Eastland, 1; J. Curtis, 2; F. Mathis, 3; W. Thomas, 4; W. Franks, 5; C. Hyland (conductor), 6; J. Mathis, 7; W. Eldridge, 8. Also for practice, on Tuesday, October 2nd, 350 of Grandsire Triples. W. Eastland, 1; J. Mathis, 2; F. Mathis, 3; W. Franks, 4; J. Curtis (conductor), 5; W. Thomas, 6; H. Elliott, 7; C. Hyland, 8. Also Grandsire Triples. F. Mathis, 1; C. Hyland, 2; J. Mathis, 3; H. Elliott, 4; G. Gramp (Tenterden, Kent), 5; J. Curtis, 6; W. Franks (conductor), 7; T. Hutchings, 8. And on Wednesday, October 3rd, for evening service, being the harvest festival, 504 Grandsire Triples. W. Eastland, 1; W. Thomas, 2; H. Elliott, 3; C. Hyland, 4; J. Curtis, 5; J. Mathis, 6; W. Franks (conductor), 7; T. Hutchings, 8.

**BURY ST. EDMUNDS (Suffolk)**—On Saturday evening, October 6th, touches of Grandsire Triples and Caters were rung on the bells of the Norman Tower, by G. Farrants, A. Symonds, R. Wilding, W. Salisbury, H. Blake, A. Bridges, H. Turner, G. Debenham, R. Moore, and R. Gooch. After descending the tower, an enjoyable evening was spent at the St. James' Society meeting house, The Three Goats inn. The handbells were brought into use, and touches of Treble Bob Minor and Major, Bob Major, and Grandsire Triples were rung. A. Symonds hails from Lavenham; H. Blake and A. Bridges from Farnham St. Martin; G. Debenham and W. Salisbury from Horinger; the rest are local men.

**ECKINGTON (Derbyshire)**—On Sunday, September 30th, for Divine Service, 720 Oxford. F. Hancock, W. Price, E. James, R. Bell, G. Norman (conductor), and G. Marsden. And 720 Violet. F. Hancock, A. Slater (Norton), E. James, R. Bell, G. Norman (conductor) and G. Marsden.

**FARNHAM (Suffolk)**—On Sunday, October 7th, in the afternoon, at St. Martin's church, a 720 of Bob Minor (six bobs and ten singles). A. Bullen, 1; J. Levitt, 2; H. Turner, 3; H. Blake, 4; A. Symonds (conductor), 5; A. Bridges, 6. Levitt and Turner hail from Bury St. Edmunds; Symonds from Lavenham; the rest are local men. A. Symonds wishes through the medium of this paper to thank his brother ringers for meeting him.

**HASTINGS (Sussex)**—On Tuesday evening, September 25th, at Christ Church, Blacklands, on the anniversary of the dedication of the bells, 720 Grandsire Doubles in 27½ mins. (4 three-part and 2 two-parts called differently). F. Lock, 1; P. J. Block, 2; J. Livermore, 3; S. Saker (conductor), 4; A. Tester, 5; W. H. Swain, 6. Longest touch of Doubles by all. On Sunday, October 7th, for evening service, five 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. J. Livermore, 1; H. J. T. Crane (longest touch with a bob bell), 2; T. Lock (longest touch as conductor), 3; P. J. Block, 4; A. Tester, 5; W. H. Swain, 6. Tenor 20½ cwt. in Eb.

**HORINGER (Suffolk)**—On Sunday, October 7th, for morning service, 720 of Bob Minor (fourteen singles six bobs). A. Symonds (conductor), 1; J. Levitt, 2; D. Gooch, 3; W. Salisbury, 4; H. Turner, 5; G. Debenham, 6. A. Symonds hails from Lavenham; Levitt and Turner from Bury; the rest are local men. A. Symonds wishes through the medium of this paper to thank his brother ringers for meeting him.

**KINGS NORTON (Worcestershire)**—On Sunday morning, October 7th, for harvest thanksgiving service at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (composed by H. Reeves), in 44 mins. F. Sumner, 1; H. Sumner, 2; W. Jones, 3; T. Pritchett, 4; J. S. Pritchett, 5; W. S. Pritchett (conductor), 6; W. Palmer, 7; J. Williams, 8. After evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 45 mins. W. Jones, 1; T. Pritchett, 2; W. Palmer, 3; A. Pritchett, 4; W. Cooks, 5; W. S. Pritchett, 6; J. S. Pritchett (conductor), 7; G. Cooper, 8. On Monday evening, October 8th, for harvest thanksgiving service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. J. Betterton, 1; F. Sumner, 2; W. Jones, 3; H. Sumner, 4; W. S. Pritchett, 5; T. Pritchett, 6; W. Palmer (conductor), 7; G. Cooper, 8.

**LYNDHURST (Hants.)**—On Monday, September 24th, 360 Grandsire Doubles. On Sunday, September 30th, for morning service, 360 Grandsire Doubles. H. Gale, 1; T. W. Jennings, 2; W. T. Pink, 3; S. Carpenter, 4; C. W. Tucker, 5; H. Pearce, 6. On Wednesday, October 3rd, for the harvest thanksgiving service, 240 Grandsire Doubles, and after the service, 240 in the same method, with J. Fisher, 6.

**ROMFORD (Essex)**—On Sunday, October 7th, for evening service at St. Edward's church, the last 742 of Holt's Original. S. James, 1; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 2; J. Watson, 3; L. W. Copsey, 4; G. Houghton, 5; G. Pye, 6; E. Pye, 7; H. Vyse, 8.

**UPPER BREEDING (Sussex)**—On Wednesday, September 26th, at the church of St. Peter, 720 Bob Minor. E. Rapley, 1; T. H. Taffender (first 720 in the method), 2; T. Searle, 3; H. Meetens, 4; J. Smart, 5; C. Smart (conductor), 6.

**WEST TARRING (Sussex)**—On Tuesday, September 25th, at the church of St. Andrew, three 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. G. Skinner, 1; W. Jordan, 2; A. Tulett, 3; G. Norris, 4; T. H. Taffender (conductor), 5; G. Goldring, 6.

**PORTRAIT NUMBER.**—Next week will be published the Portrait, with memoir, of MR. JOHN ROGERS, of London.

## Notices.

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The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—The autumn quarterly meeting will be held at Newbury, to-day, Saturday, October 20th. Evensong at 5 o'clock, at the parish church of St. Nicolas, preacher, the Rev. F. A. Hill. Tea in the parish room, at 6 o'clock, at 9d. per head. Methods to be practised—Grandsire, Stedman, Treble Bob, &c. The tower will be open for ringing at 2 p.m. J. HUSSEY, Organising Sec. The Willows, Newbury.

The Midland Counties' Association.—The second quarterly meeting of the year will be held at Long Eaton, to-day, Saturday, October 20th. Long Eaton (8 bells), and Sawley (6 bells) open for ringing from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. Committee meeting at 4.30 p.m. Tea, followed by general meeting at 5 p.m. both in the National School. J. O. LANCASHIRE, Hon. Sec. 22, St. Peter's Road, Leicester.

Lancashire Association.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting of the above Branch will be held at Christ Church, Bacup, to-day, Saturday, October 20th. Bells ready at 3 p.m., meeting 5.30. Hoping all will attend. 7, Church Street. J. B. TAYLOR, Sec.

The Chester Diocesan Guild.—Wirral Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at The Ring o' Bells, Bidston, to-day, Saturday, October 20th. Tea at 6 p.m., free. F. R. T. BOLTON, Hon. Sec. Braeside, West Kirby.

Raunds, Wellingborough, and District Association.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Northampton, to-day, Saturday, October 20th. By special permission, the bells of the churches of St. Peter (eight), St. Sepulchre (six), and St. Edmund (eight), will be at liberty for ringing from 2 to 4.30 p.m., and 6 to 7.30 p.m. Tea at the Abingdon Square Cafe at 5 o'clock, prompt. Business meeting after tea.

South and West Middlesex Association.—By kind permission, the next monthly meeting of the above Association will be held at Twickenham, to-day, Saturday, October 20th, 1894. Ringing will commence at 5 p.m. E. J. WALSON, Hon. Sec. 11, Venetia Road, South Ealing.

The Heavy Woollen District Association, Yorkshire.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Head-quarters, to-day, Saturday, October 20th, at 5 p.m. GEO. H. SIMON, Hon. Sec. 19, Albert Street, Batley Carr.

The Essex Association.—A district meeting of the above will be held at Braintree, on Saturday, October 27th. The towers of Braintree (six bells), Bocking (six bells), and Black Notley (five bells), will be open for ringing. Tea will be provided at The Wheatsheaf hotel at 5 p.m., to be followed by a business meeting. Any members intending to be present must send notice to me not later than the previous Monday. HENRY T. W. EYRE, Great Totham Vicarage, Witham.

The Hertfordshire Association.—A district meeting will be held at Baldock, on Saturday, October 27th. The tower of the parish church

will be open for ringing during the afternoon and evening. Tea at 5.30 at The George and Dragon hotel, business meeting to follow. All intending to be present are particularly requested to communicate with me, by Wednesday, October 24th. St. Albans. E. P. DEBENHAM, Hon. Sec.

St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.—The usual quarterly meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 23rd, at The Tamworth Arms, Moor Street, Birmingham. The books will be open at 8.30 p.m. W. H. GODDEN, 61, Roland Road, Handsworth. Hon. Sec.

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—Next quarterly meeting at Barrow Gurney (1½ miles from Flax Bourton station), Saturday, October 27th. Service, with address by Rev. J. A. Wadmore, at 3 p.m. Business meeting at 3.45 p.m. Meat tea at 4.15 p.m. (rs. each if notice be sent to C. E. D. Boutflower, local secretary, 30, Broad Street, Bristol, before Wednesday, 24th inst.) Hy. W. TOMKINS, Hon. Sec.

The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The usual monthly ringing meeting of this society will be held at Woodlesford, on Saturday, the 27th. A peal will be attempted, commence at 2 p.m. Meeting house. The White Hart inn. Members and any ringers or friends are cordially invited. R. BINNS, Hon. Sec. 3, Dame Street, Hoggs Field, Holbeck.

Sussex County Association.—The next district meeting will be held at Ringmer, Eastern Division, on Saturday, October 27th. Tower open at 3. Tea and meeting at 5. As many of the Eastern bands as possible should attend. J. W. G. LODER COTHER, Hon. Sec. Yapton Vicarage, Arundel.

The Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.—The seventeenth annual meeting will be held at Newcastle-on-Tyne, on Monday, October 29th, 1894. Committee meeting in the vestry of St. John's church at 12 noon. Divine Service in St. John's church at 1 p.m. Dinner at The White Hart hotel, Cloth Market, at 2 p.m. Members 1s. 6d., non-members 2s. 6d. each. Those intending to be present, please notify the same on or before Thursday, October 25th, to THOMAS HUDSON, Hon. Sec. 314, High Street West, Sunderland.

The Middlesex Association.—The annual meeting of this association will be held at Southgate, on Saturday, November 10th. Ringing to commence at 4 o'clock. A tea will be provided, particulars of which will appear in a subsequent notice. PERCY HOWARD, Hon. Sec. South House, Albion Road, Stoke Newington.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.—The 257th Anniversary Dinner will be held on Saturday, November 17th, 1894, at the Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge. Tickets 3s. 6d. each, may be had of the following Committee: Messrs. Dawe, Pettit, Dorrington, Muskett, Langdon, Coles, W. D. Smith, Butler, Horrex, Winney, McLaughlin, F. G. Newman, Garrard, O'Meara, or W. T. COCKERILL, 37, Tradesant Road, South Lambeth, S.W. Hon. Sec.

THANKS.—Mr. J. Mitchell, of Childebert Road, Clapham, desires to express his thanks to those of his brother-ringers who offered to help him in his loss of a volume of this paper. It is impossible to thank each individually. He is pleased to add that he has secured the necessary numbers for the purpose.

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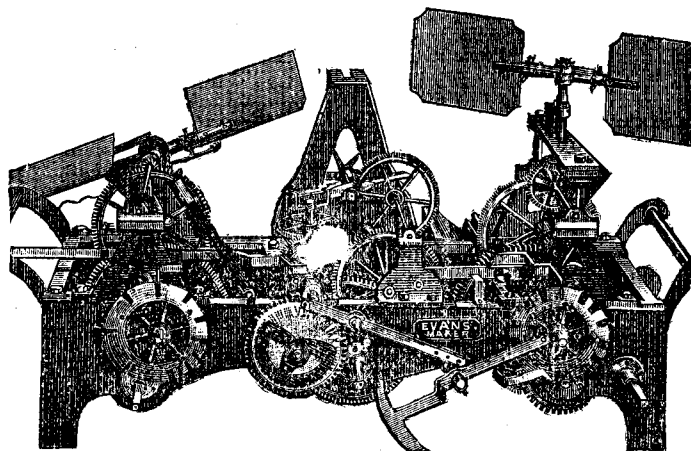
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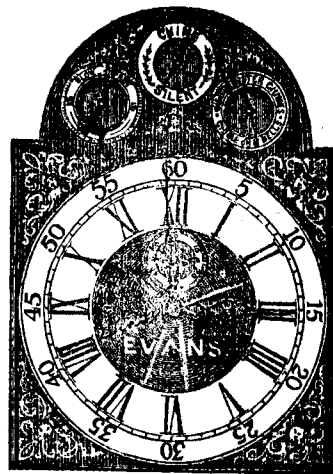
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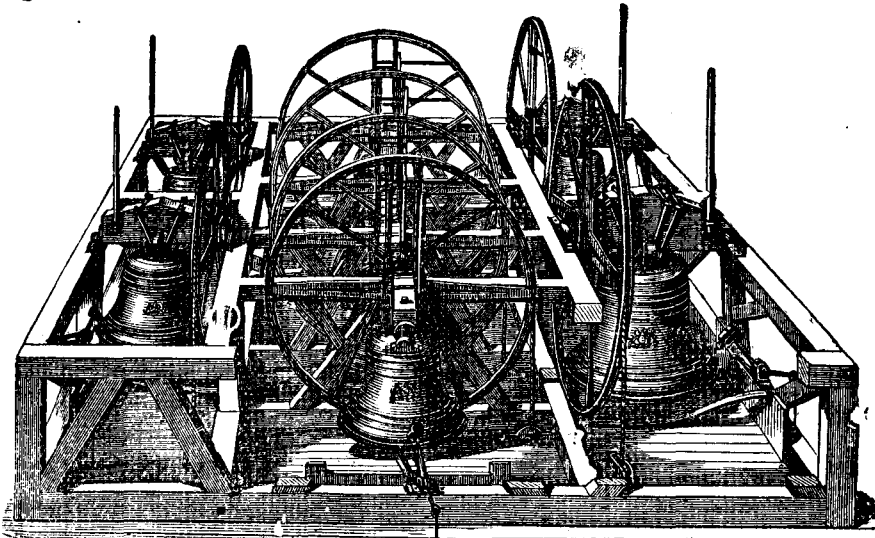
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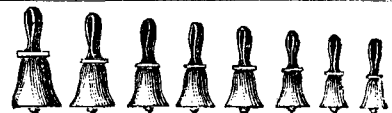
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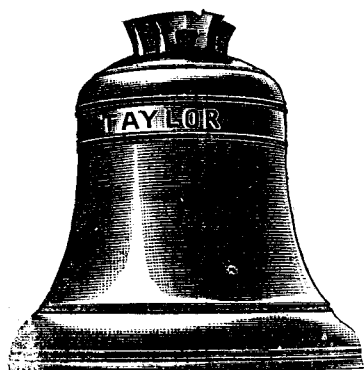
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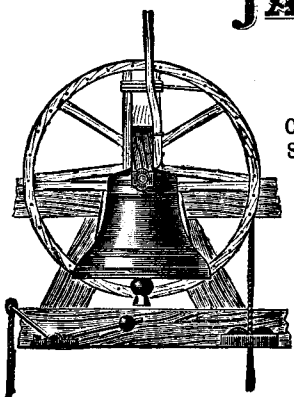
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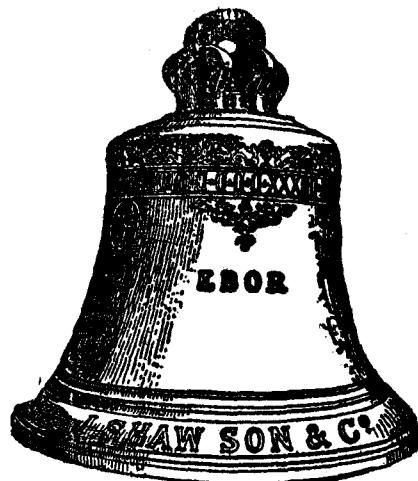
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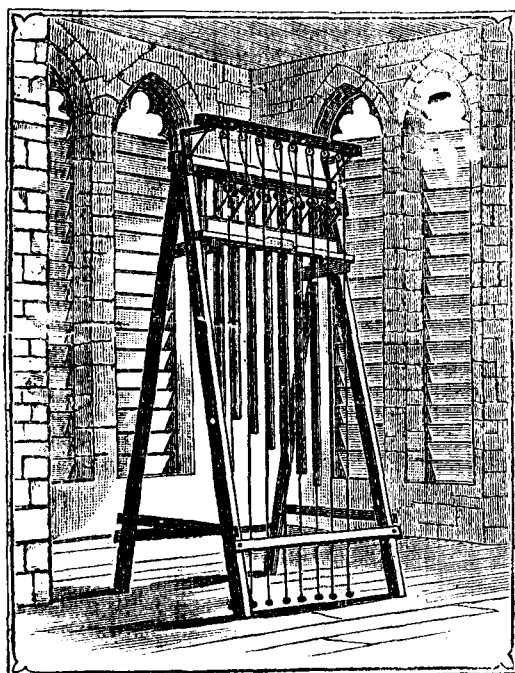
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## MR. JOHN ROGERS, OF LONDON.

[Vide Portrait.]

The ringer whose portrait we have selected for this week's issue, was born in the royal and historic borough of Woodstock, Oxfordshire, on September 17th, 1835. He is a member of the Society of Royal Cumberlands, the London St. James' Society, and the Oxford City Society. His early school days were spent under the supervision of the celebrated divine, the late Dr. Mavor (then rector of Woodstock), author of the Universal Spelling-book, so well-known in every English school at that time, with its pictorial fables of the Wolf and the Lamb, The Fox and the Grapes, The Dog in the Manger, The Old Man and His Ass, etc., the moral lessons of which he has fully absorbed through life. His first experience in a belfry was of a deterring nature, when he was about the age of six years, and the occurrence will for ever be impressed on his memory. His lamented father, a Woodstock ringer, was one evening followed by young John to the ringing-room, and esconcing himself in a window recess, was soon lulled to sleep by the sound of the bells and the oscillation of the tower, and not being noticed by the ringers, awoke some time after they had left. He had to grope his way in total darkness down the spiral stairs, and to the front door, to shout through the key-hole till he was released, in a frightened condition. It is needless to say many years elapsed before he made another visit to a belfry.

In 1844 the ROGERS family migrated to London, the spread of the railway movement having gradually, but surely, destroyed the trade of their native town. At this time there was no railway station near Woodstock, so they were compelled to travel by the overland route (road waggon), leaving Woodstock on Tuesday evening, and arriving in London on the evening of the following Friday. JOHN ROGERS has since frequently done the distance in a little over one hour.

In May, 1856, at the close of the Crimean war, his father was induced to accept the charge of a peal of six bells, recently erected at St. Luke's, Nutford Place, Marylebone, and John, encouraged by his parent, made his first essay in bell-ringing, and was soon seized with a severe attack of bell mania. He first rang in peal on May 29th, Peace Rejoicing Day, and was soon invading other London towers, ringing his first peal before the end of the year on Putney bells. He joined the Royal Cumberlands in September, and such rapid progress did he make in the Exercise, that he had rang peals on eight, ten, and twelve bells before many months had elapsed, and was given a bell in the first peal of Stedman Cinques ever rang by the St. James' society, which was rung on St. Saviour's bells, Southwark. At this time the Cumberlands had among them several good handbell ringers, and JOHN ROGERS availed himself of the opportunity of manipulating a pair of handbells, and rang a few peals on them. He is one of the four or five surviving ringers who have rang a peal of Stedman Caters in hand. He successfully exerted himself in company with other members, in obtaining the important tower of St. Martin-in-the-Fields for the headquarters of the Cumberlands; also that of St. Bride, Fleet Street. About this time he was at the head of a young band at St. Luke's, Marylebone, which included his brother Isaac (one of the best ringers ever connected with the Cumberlands), the late W. Hoverd, the late H. F. Driver, and Mr. H. Swain, followed some years after by Messrs. Baron, Newson, and numerous others; and the effect of this west-end branch of the Royals was soon felt by the Cumberlands, and it can be traced to the present day. He was also for many years Hon. Secretary to the Cumberlands, and frequently accompanied the venerable Leonard Proctor, Esq., senior gentleman ringer of England, on many of his pleasant ringing tours to various provincial places.

In September, 1867, business requirements compelled JOHN ROGERS to take up his residence in the city of Oxford, which place he had visited on previous occasions, and he was enabled to renew his acquaintance with the Oxford members of his society, with whom he rang several peals during the seven years he resided in that city. About this time the University Guild of ringers was in full swing, under the presidency of Colonel Troyte, of Ch. Ch. College, who with his brothers and several of the University members used to practice with the city men, and rung some peals with them. It was no novelty to see one or two noblemen in the belfry at that time, including H.R.H. the late Duke of Albany.

On taking up his residence in Oxford, we also find our friend soon renewing his visits of previous years to that celebrated branch of the Royal Cumberlands, at Appleton, Berks, whom with Mr. Alfred White, of Besselsleigh, and his clever family, were noted for miles around. The Rev. F. E. Robinson, then known as "the Squire," had just augmented the peal to ten, and used frequently to call on the subject of this sketch at his place of business, and drive him over in his phaeton to piece the band out in Stedman Caters. He also regularly attended, with other Oxford men, on their Anniversary Day, March 4th, and joined heartily in the chorus of their Ringing Anthem, sang in the pleasing (?) Berkshire brogue.

Oorar var the Arbledun  
Ringhurs oi zhay  
Az rungh tha zigs thowzn pale  
Margh tha vourth dhay.

During MR. ROGERS' residence in the city of Oxford, he was instrumental in securing the first peals of Stedman Caters and Treble Bob Royal ever rang in that city, both of which peals were rung on the beautiful bells of Magdalen College, by the Cumberlands. He also conducted the last peal on the famous Christ Church bells, previous to their removal from the cathedral tower, and in his opinion they have never sounded the same since. Previous to leaving this beautiful city, he induced the Cumberlands to hold their annual gathering there, and it resulted in the largest and most successful meeting ever held by that Society.

In 1874, MR. ROGERS returned to London, where he has since been located, and taking part in many performances with his Society when required. In 1887, he was selected by the then Master of the Cumberlands, H. S. Thomas, Esq., and also R. A. Daniel, Esq., Captain of the Kensington Guild, to pilot select bands through Jubilee peals on the Royal parish bells of St. Martin-in-the-Fields, and St. Mary Abbots, Kensington, tablets of which performances are erected in their respective belfries. On the formation of the Central Council of bell-ringers, he was elected senior representative on that body for the Cumberlands. The performances on bells by this ringer can easily be traced in the records of the Societies mentioned, and although he has kept no record of the number and cannot be deemed a "peal savage," there is little doubt he has long since passed his 100th peal. As a ringer and striker he is usually considered as good as the best, and while doing full justice to his own bell, can be depended on looking after a weak performer, if necessary. He has by no means relinquished his favourite pastime, and may sometimes be heard of in a piece of good ringing at the Imperial Institute and other places, with his brother Cumberlands. Among the members of that Society in London he enjoys the character of being well-informed, and is looked up to as one of the best spokesmen, perhaps, among them.

As a composer he has confined his attention to Grandsire and Stedman's principle, and many of his compositions will last as long as the Art is in existence, he having endeavoured to secure finality in many of his productions.

By trade, the subject of our sketch is a carriage trimmer, and has served the eminent firm of Holmes and Co., Coach Builders to the Queen, for the last decade, as head of his department at their London House, which firm he also served in 1862-3.



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MR. JOHN ROGERS.  
(OF LONDON.)

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

On Tuesday, October 9th, some members of this Guild met at New Street station, Birmingham, when they chartered a conveyance there in readiness, and journeyed to Tanworth, a small village about thirteen miles distant, to ring on the bells of the parish church, which had undergone a complete restoration at the hands of Messrs. Carr, bellfounders, of Smethwick. The morning was rather misty, but being dry overhead it was accomplished with a certain amount of pleasure. Arriving at the church the bells were raised in peal to the astonishment of the villagers, who had not had the opportunity of hearing them for a long time. During the assembling of a wedding party, which was to take place at 11 o'clock, a 720 of Grandsire Minor was rung. T. Westwood, 1; W. Bryant, 2; S. Reeves, 3; T. Russam, 4; W. G. Pagett, 5; J. Buffery (conductor), 6. After the ceremony the usual cross-changes and firing took place, and an adjournment was then made for dinner. Returning to the tower a 720 of Bob Minor was rung in 25 mins. W. Bryant, 1; T. Westwood, 2; S. Reeves, 3; T. Russam, 4; W. G. Pagett, (conductor), 5; J. Buffery, 6. At the invitation of Lady Moncrieff, the ringers then took the handbells to the vicarage and rung a touch of Grandsire Triples. W. Bryant, 1-2; J. Buffery, 3-4; T. Russam, 5-6; S. Reeves, 7-8. Some favourite airs were also given by Messrs. Bryant and Russam, which were very much appreciated by all present. Lady Moncrieff very kindly thanked the ringers for giving them the opportunity of listening to the bells. Returning to the tower some more touches were rung, and a 360 of Grandsire Minor, after which the bells were lowered in peal. The work reflects in general great credit to the firm who have had it under hand, for the "go" of the bells was everything that could be desired, from the treble to the tenor, and gave every satisfaction to those handling the ropes. After some light refreshment the return journey was started, and Birmingham being reached at about 10 p.m., the party dispersed, very much delighted with their day's outing.

## THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

A Quarterly Meeting of this Association was held at Beddington on Saturday, October 13th, and was in point of numbers a record, there being an attendance of eighty-five members. At the business meeting which followed, a substantial tea was served in good style by the landlord of The Plough inn. Dr. A. B. Carpenter (honorary member) was elected chairman, and he called upon the secretary to read the minutes of the last meeting, which were confirmed. Twelve new members were elected, and one Life Member (Mr. Saker, of Hastings).

The Secretary reported that six peals had been rung since the last meeting, one of Kent Treble Bob Major (6720 changes; the longest length yet rung by the Association), one of Kent Treble Bob Royal, one of Grandsire Caters, two of Grandsire Triples, and one of Union Triples. It was proposed and carried that they be inserted in the peal-book. The election of the place for the next meeting resulted in a large majority for Kingston-on-Thames, to be held early in January, 1895.

Votes of thanks to the chairman for presiding brought the meeting to a close. The towers of Beddington and Carshalton being open, the bells were rung in various methods: Superlative, Double Norwich, Kent Treble Bob, Stedman, Grandsire, etc., amongst those taking part being Dr. A. B. Carpenter (Croydon), Messrs. Parker, Rice, and Dench (Crawley), and a good muster of the Beddington company. The bells were kept going till 9 p.m., and thus terminated a very good meeting.

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

Recently the ringers from All Saints, while on a visit to Ryde, had the honour of ringing 546 of Grandsire Triples, and also a course of Stedman Triples on the fine peal at Ryde parish church, to welcome H.R.H. Princess Beatrice into the town, on the occasion of her opening the Fine Art School on that day. Rev. R. P. Newhouse, 1; J. W. Wilkins (conductor), 2; R. Smith, 3; W. Brown, 4; G. Wilkins, 5; W. Ayres, 6; A. E. Hoskins, 7; J. Todd, 8. F. Bissley and F. Dentry also rang in the Stedman, and J. Garrell and E. Goodall in another 336 of Grandsire, conducted by A. E. Hoskins.

## CONDOVER, SHROPSHIRE.

Sunday, September 30th, was a day which had been long looked forward to in the parish of Condovery. For many months the parish has been deprived of the sound of the church bells; but the work of rehanging has now been successfully performed by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough.

This year the harvest thanksgiving services were made the occasion, not only of returning thanks for the bountiful harvest, safely garnered, but also for the restoration to their places of the familiar bells, and that no accident had occurred to any of those engaged in the dangerous work. The bells through the day rang out their merry peals, and seemed to rejoice as much as the parishioners, who were heartily glad to hear their welcome sound again. The church was beautifully decorated for the occasion. The thanks of the parishioners are always due to Major and Mrs. Cholmondeley for their readiness and great liberality towards the good work.

There was a celebration of the Holy Communion at 9.45 a.m., and morning service at 11, when the Rev. H. Stokes, Rector of Stapleton, was the preacher. The evening service was at 6.30, when the Rev. J. J. Norris, Vicar of St. Alkmund's, Shrewsbury, officiated. The sermons were impressive and well listened to, references were made to our two-fold joy, and the duty of those present to return hearty thanks for the safe rehanging of the bells, as well as for the abundant harvest. Much praise is due to the organist, Mr. Dixon, and to his excellent choir for the effective manner in which the musical portion of the service was rendered. Collections were made at all of the services of the day on behalf of the Salop Infirmary and the Eye and Ear Hospital.

## THE UNITED COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 6th, eight members of the above Association journeyed to Flixton to attempt a birthday peal in honour of James Gratrix, of Swinton, and John T. Dicken, of Greenfield. Six of the party left Saddleworth, Greenfield, and Mossley by the 1.0 p.m. train to Manchester Exchange, where they had to walk across the town to Central station and there take train to Flixton. On arriving at that place they were met by James Gratrix, who welcomed them to the church, which is close by. After a delay of about an hour a start was made at 4.15 for a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, which came to grief after ringing 3776 changes, in 2 hrs. and 15 mins. J. Gratrix (Swinton), 1; J. Radcliffe (Saddleworth), 2; S. H. Cooper (conductor, Mossley), 3; J. Eachus (Manchester), 4; T. B. Dicken (Mossley), 5; James Radcliffe (Saddleworth), 6; J. T. Dicken (Greenfield), 7; E. Wood (Saddleworth), 8. Tenor 15½ cwt. Some friends who were on the outside listening to the ringing expressed their sympathy with the band in their disappointment, and complimented them on their excellent striking. After leaving the tower they adjourned to a public house close by, where a splendid knife and fork tea was provided by the host and hostess. After doing justice to the good things provided, they proceeded to a room below where they drank the health of James Gratrix, John T. Dicken, and another gentleman, at the same time wishing them many happy returns of the day and better luck next time. At 8.30 they wended their way to the station, arriving home all safe about 10.0 o'clock no worse for their outing. They wish to thank the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells.

## THE HEAVY WOOLLEN DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

The October meeting of the above Association was held at the headquarters, Dewsbury, on Saturday, October 20th, when members assembled from Brighouse, Earlsheaton, Batley, Ossett, Batley Carr, Liversedge, Thornhill, and other places. The meeting for business took place at the Wakefield Arms, but as the business was but small, most of the time was spent in ringing. The next meeting will be held at Batley Carr.

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## TANFIELD, DURHAM.—DEDICATION OF TWO NEW BELLS.

On Saturday, October 13th, the Harvest Festival was celebrated here, the church being beautifully decorated, in fact we think it was the prettiest in this district. The choir gave a *cantata* in excellent style, and otherwise rendered the service in a most commendable way. The festival was continued on Sunday, when, at the morning service, the dedication of the two new bells took place. The Rev. Archdeacon Watkins conducted the service under the tower, and dedicated the two bells, using the special service which was prepared by the vicar, the Rev. T. Archdall, on the occasion of the dedication of the original peal of six. A few rounds were rung immediately after the dedication, and the Archdeacon afterwards preached a very eloquent sermon. Immediately after the service, the now complete peal rang out, and the two bells were greatly appreciated by the large congregation. The bells were also rung during the afternoon, touches of Bob Triples and Major being completed by the local ringers, assisted by Messrs. R. S. Story, Harrison, Holmes, and Nicholson, who had attended to assist at this important function, and towards whom the greatest hospitality was extended by the vicar and ringers. In the evening some good ringing was done in the above methods, the bells being instrumental in bringing together a very large congregation, which filled the church in every part. The treble bell was given by the Rev. T. H. Archdall and Mrs. Archdall, in memory of their deceased daughter Ruby, whose name appears on the bell. The second was given by the generous Squire, Mr. Eden, and they form a capital splice. The whole peal has been cast and hung by Messrs. Warner, and the result reflects the greatest credit on them, the "go" being all that could be desired. There is now a good prospect of another peal-ringing band being added to those of the Durham and Newcastle Association, to which the local ringers belong.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

WIRRAL BRANCH.—The monthly meeting of this branch was held at Bidston on Saturday, October 20th. There were twenty members present, representing the following towers: Bebington, Bidston, Bromborough, Rock Ferry, Wallasey and Woodchurch. A most substantial tea was provided through the kindness of the rector, the Rev. J. F. Buckler, who was present, and also the chairman of the branch, the Rev. Canon Blencowe. During the tea the Bidston ringers gave much pleasure to the visitors by ringing several selections and touches on the handbells. A very hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Rev. J. F. Buckler for his hospitality, who in reply said "that the first meeting of this branch was held in his parish some years ago, and since that date it had continued to prosper; he was sure that these monthly gatherings would be of great benefit to the society." The Rev. Canon Blencowe addressed a few words to those present, in which he said "that he hoped the members would not think that it was any want of sympathy with the work of the Guild that had kept him from attending many of the meetings; a portion of the time he had been in Chester, and on some occasions he had not attended, as he thought it was a good thing for the clergyman of the parish where the meeting was held, to have an opportunity of presiding. Several touches were rang before and after tea, the only one worthy of record being a 720 of Oxford Single (eighteen bobs and two singles). T. Hammond, 1; W. Wilcox (conductor), 2; J. Cliffe, 3; G. R. Rogers, 4; F. Jones, 5; J. Dillon, 6.

## "BELL-RINGING" AT A DIOCESAN CONFERENCE.

We are thankful for small mercies, and therefore extract with pleasure the following from *The Guardian*. The paper was read at the Lincoln Diocesan Conference last week:—

"Mr. S. F. Hood read a paper by the Rev. H. J. Cheales (Friskney), who was unable to be present through illness, on the subject of 'Church Bell-ringing and Bell-ringers' Associations.' The following resolution was carried:—

'That the cause of belfry reform has been well sustained by the present Association of Lincolnshire Change-Ringers, and that the association thoroughly deserves the support of all Churchmen, and especially of the clergy of this diocese.'

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

LEWISHAM DISTRICT.—The Annual Meeting was held at Bromley on Saturday, October 13th. Over fifty members were present from Woolwich, Lee, Crayford, Erith, Lewisham, Bromley, Gillingham, Rochester, Tunbridge Wells, and Tottenham. Ringing commenced at an early hour of the afternoon, and the belfry of the parish church was soon crowded to excess. Several well-struck touches in various methods were brought round, till the "witching hour" of tea time caused a temporary cessation. After tea the business meeting took place, with the District Secretary (the Rev. T. E. Teignmouth Shore) in the chair. In reviewing the events of the past year, the Hon. Secretary congratulated the district on the progress which had been made, alluding especially to the rehangings of the peals of eight at Woolwich and Lewisham. The number of members attached to the district might be put in round numbers at 100, and during the twelve months which had elapsed since the last General Meeting, twenty-four peals had been rung in the following methods: Grandsire Triples, 6; Union Triples, 1; Canterbury Pleasure Major, 1; Stedman Triples, 3; Treble Bob Major, 11; Bob Minor, 1; Double Norwich Court Bob Major, 1. The 5040 of Bob Minor (seven 720s) was an encouraging sign of the good work done by the Association in stimulating the interest of local bands in the Art of scientific ringing. The band at Hayes owed its knowledge of the Art entirely to one of the Association's instructors, and had now in addition to numerous shorter touches, accomplished the first 5040 on the bells.

After some discussion it was decided to recommend Faversham to the Central Committee as the locality for the next Annual Meeting of the Association. The Rev. T. E. Teignmouth Shore was re-elected Secretary, and Mr. G. Conyard, District Representative for the ensuing year. A vote of thanks to the vicar and churchwardens concluded the proceedings.

A move was then made to the church, where the bells were soon set going again, while some of the members made their way over to Hayes and indulged in a little six-bell practice. The meeting was certainly one of the most successful held since the formation of the District, and was thoroughly enjoyed by all present.

The bells of All Saints' church, Newcastle, were first rung on October 17th, 1797, by the Union Society, in celebration of Admiral Duncan's victory over the Dutch fleet off Camperdown, nearly a twelve month after the top stone of the spire—restored a few years ago, after an accident,—had been placed in position to mark the completion of the structure. This incident was further illustrated by an old public-house with the sign of The Admiral Duncan, formerly in Cowgate, at the foot of Silver Street, which, like another that still bears, in Akenside Hill, the sign of Napoleon le Grand, gives the approximate date of the first tenancy. St. Ann's church bells are remarkable for being formed of the overthrown statue of James II. that once stood near the Guildhall, given to the churchwardens by the Corporation—in keeping with the stone work of the church built with the stones of the old town wall on the Quay. The old bells of St. Andrew's were taken down in 1726, and replaced by six, cast by Mr. Phelps, of London, and a similar number occupy the old square tower of St. John's. All these old bells are rather the worse for wear—especially the St. Andrew's peal, two of the bells being cracked—and it is to be hoped some pious and generous donors will enable the churchwardens before long to follow the example set by the cathedral church.

At Baschurch, near Shrewsbury, on Friday week, John William Whale, organist of Rayton church, was charged with brawling in church on September 23rd, and Whale also summoned the Vicar, the Rev. W. B. Gowan, for assault. The evidence was to the effect that, contrary to the Vicar's wishes, Whale began playing the organ during service, refused to desist, and finally had to be carried out, and the music-stool with him. He shouted to the congregation, went back to the organ, and continued playing until a policeman came. He was fined £4 13s., including costs, and the summons against the Vicar was dismissed.

## THE NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The autumn quarterly meeting of this Association was held at Barton-on-Humber on Saturday, October 13th. The weather in the morning looked very threatening, but in the afternoon it improved, and there was a very fair attendance of ringers from Grimsby, Gainsborough, and Hull, in addition to the local ringers. Soon after 2 p.m. the bells in St. Peter's church tower were set swinging to Bob Minor and Grandsire. It was noticeable that the best ringing was performed by the local company, which is greatly to their credit, as they have only taken up change-ringing during the last year or two.

At 4.30 p.m. evensong was held in St. Peter's church. Afterwards an excellent tea was provided in the Cocoa House, at which twenty-five sat down. After tea the business meeting was held, the vicar, the Rev. C. Moor, in the chair. The Chairman in giving the visitors a hearty welcome to Barton, alluded to the condition of the towers and bells. The tower at St. Peter's can hardly be surpassed as a Saxon tower in architectural interest, supplying as it does examples of all the features of that period. It contains a nice light ring of six bells.

The other tower (St. Mary's) contains four heavy bells, the tenor weighing probably rather more than 20 cwt. This tone is very rich. Mr. Moor pointed out that there was ample room for four or even six new bells to be added in the tower, and said he hoped that such an addition would some time be made. He then remarked on the somewhat striking coincidence that the three places represented at the meeting were Grimsby, where he was for a time curate; Barton, where he then was vicar; and Gainsboro', to the living of which he was shortly to be instituted. In conclusion he said that he hoped that ringers would learn to love their bells, and from devotion to the towers in which the bells hang, be led on to devotion to the body of the church, and thence be led on to love the chancel and the altar, and so be found regularly as communicants at the altar rails enjoying to the full their privileges as members of the Church.

Three new members were then elected, two as non-resident Life Members, and one efficient member.

Mr. Skinner (Grimsby) proposed, and Mr. Shepherd (Grimsby) seconded, that the next Quarterly Meeting be held at Market Rasen on Wednesday, December 26th.

Mr. Chapman (Grimsby), supported by Mr. Kirton (Gainsboro'), proposed as an amendment, Gainsboro' as the place of meeting.

As a further amendment, Louth was proposed by Mr. Weldon (Grimsby); but this met with no supporter.

On a division being made, the votes were even for Market Rasen and Gainsboro', and the casting vote was given by the chairman in favour of Gainsboro'.

On the motion of Mr. Shepherd, seconded by Mr. Heyhoe (Grimsby), the secretary was requested to write to Mr. Maidens (Lincoln) respecting the proposition he made at the last meeting as to dividing the Association into local centres, which appeared to have fallen through.

Mr. Shepherd proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar for presiding at the meeting, for arranging the service in church, and for the use of the bells, which was carried by acclamation.

As the business meeting was then over, the ringers adjourned to the towers, and some further ringing brought a successful 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."

## ALLIANCE MAJOR.

SIR,—There are one or two interesting features in connection with Mr. Dains' new method, "Alliance Major," which I have already pointed out to Mr. Dains and the Rev. H. E. Bulwer, and now venture to lay before the Exercise generally. Alliance may be said to run in a great measure on the lines of Bob Major, having the same lead-end, course-ends, and bob changes. As long as the tenors are kept together, the dodging changes do not produce any liability to false-ness in composition. Hence the calling of any peal of Bob Major, containing bobs only, in which the tenors are kept together, answers

for a peal of Alliance, the length being increased in the proportion of 3 to 2. Thus any such 5040 of Bob Major is a peal of 7560 in Alliance. I am not aware if a 6720 of Bob Major has been obtained by bobs only with the tenors together: but if this has been done, it will give the extent of Alliance with tenors together, *i.e.*, 10,080. Another curious fact is this. The alterations produced in the coursing order of the bells by bobs at w, m or h in Alliance correspond exactly to the alterations in coursing order produced by bobs at m, w or h respectively in Bob Triples, while the length of the plain course of Alliance is exactly double that of the plain course of Bob Triples. Hence any half peal of Bob Triples obtained by bobs at m, w or h only is a peal of Alliance, if we read w m h instead of m w h, and will have the same course-ends exactly. Thus if we take Hubbard's well-known half-peal of Bob Triples:—

2520.					
2	3	4	5	6	M W H
6	4	2	3	5	- - -
2	6	4	3	5	- - -
4	2	6	3	5	- - -
6	3	4	2	5	- - -
4	6	3	2	5	- - -
3	4	6	2	5	- - -

Four times repeated.

We have at once the following peal of Alliance:—

5040.					
2	3	4	5	6	W M H
6	4	2	3	5	- - -
2	6	4	3	5	- - -
4	2	6	3	5	- - -
6	3	4	2	5	- - -
4	6	3	2	5	- - -
3	4	6	2	5	- - -

Four times repeated.

There is therefore a not inconsiderable number of peals of Alliance already in existence. But independently of these the method seems to present great facility for composition, and there is likely to be a lot of clashing among composers. Thus in your last week's issue Mr. G. Williams has the same peal as Mr. Dains, and the peal of the Rev. H. E. Bulwer in the previous week is only the same reversed. Also the 5688 published under my name last week is practically the same as Mr. G. Newson's 5016 in the same issue. I may be permitted to note that in my 5688, if the calling be commenced from either the 4th or the 9th course-end, a variation is obtained in which the 2nd and 3rd are never in 6ths place at the course-ends. The omission of three consecutive bobs at h in any two of the parts reduces the peal to 5016, the minimum possible for a peal of Alliance.

Framlingham, October 22, 1894.

J. HOLME FILKINGTON.

SIR,—The peal of Alliance Major in last week's issue of "THE BELL NEWS," by G. Williams, of Brighton, is nothing more or less than the first three parts of the peal of Bob Major published in your issue of November 15th, 1890, under my name. HENRY JAMES TUCKER.

Bishops Stortford.

## AN EXPLANATION.

SIR,—I have been shown to-day in your paper of the 13th instant some personal remarks on myself in connection with a visit of the Grappenhall ringers to Warburton on September 29th. May I be allowed to say a word in reply? I do not complain that the parish room was used and the bells rung without even asking my consent, but it does seem a little hard that I should in addition be found fault with for not providing a tea, when I was only told at 12 o'clock on the day itself that the Grappenhall ringers were coming. If your correspondent had known this parish a little better I do not think he could have said that I take no interest in the bell-ringing, or that the bells are never properly rung; and I am sure he would also have learnt that I am not in the habit of saying what I know to be untrue.

Warburton Rectory, October 23.

G. EGERTON-WARBURTON.

## PIRACY.

SIR,—On the 6th inst. we again find Cox's well-known peal published as Bob Maximus. I should have thought that composers by this time would have been well acquainted with this composition, and would not be constantly claiming it as theirs in other methods.

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## Notices.

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**The Essex Association.**—A district meeting of the above will be held at Braintree, to-day, Saturday, October 27th. The towers of Braintree (six bells), Bocking (six bells), and Black Notley (five bells), will be open for ringing. Tea will be provided at The Wheatsheaf hotel at 5 p.m., to be followed by a business meeting. **HENRY T. W. EYRE.**  
*Great Totham Vicarage, Witham.*

**The Hertfordshire Association.**—A district meeting will be held at Baldock, to-day, Saturday, October 27th. The tower of the parish church will be open for ringing during the afternoon and evening. Tea at 5.30 at The George and Dragon hotel, business meeting to follow. **St. Albans. E. P. DEBENHAM, Hon. Sec.**

**Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.**—Next quarterly meeting at Barrow Gurney (1½ miles from Flax Bourton station), to-day, Saturday, October 27th. Service, with address by Rev. J. A. Wadmore, at 3 p.m. Business meeting at 3.45 p.m. Meat tea at 4.15 p.m. **HV. W. TOMKINS, Hon. Sec.**

**The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.**—The usual monthly ringing meeting of this society will be held at Woodlesford, to-day, Saturday, the 27th. A peal will be attempted, commence at 2 p.m. Meeting house. The White Hart inn. Members and any ringers or friends are cordially invited. **R. BINNS, Hon. Sec.**  
*3, Dame Street, Hoggs Field, Holbeck.*

**Sussex County Association.**—The next district meeting will be held at Ringmer, Eastern Division, to-day, Saturday, October 27. Tower open at 3. Tea and meeting at 5. As many of the Eastern bands as possible should attend. **J. W. G. LODER COTTER, Hon. Sec.**  
*Yapton Vicarage, Arundel.*

**The Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.**—The seventeenth annual meeting will be held at Newcastle-on-Tyne, on Monday, October 29th, 1894. Committee meeting in the vestry of St. John's church at 12 noon. Divine Service in St. John's church at 1 p.m. Dinner at The White Hart hotel, Cloth Market, at 2 p.m. Members 1s. 6d., non-members 2s. 6d. each. Those intending to be present, please notify the same on or before Thursday, October 25th, to **THOMAS HUDSON, Hon. Sec.**  
*314, High Street West, Sunderland.*

**St. Margaret's Society, Westminster.**—Members are earnestly requested to attend the next meeting at St. Margaret's, Monday, the 29th inst., at 7.45 p.m., when business of importance will be brought forward. **H. BARTON, Hon. Sec.**

**The Lancashire Association.**—Liverpool Diocesan Branch.—The usual monthly meeting will be held at Garston, on Saturday, November 3rd. Tower open for ringing at 2.30. Business meeting to be held at the Church Institute, at which the Rev. Dr. Oliver will preside. There will be refreshments, free. **J. J. M. MOORE.**  
*9, Mill Street, Warrington.*

**Llandaff Diocesan Association.**—The next meeting will be held at Penarth, on Saturday, November 10th, at the headquarters, Church Lads Brigade, Glebe street, at 4 p.m. Through the kindness of the Penarth Branch, a free tea at 5 p.m. will be provided for members sending their names to the local sec., F. Bartlett, 5, Ludlow street, Penarth, before Wednesday, November 7th. Bells open from 2 p.m. Busses and trains leave Cardiff every few minutes for Penarth.

**H. G. WHITE, Assist. Sec.**  
*41, Pentreban Street, Cardiff.*

**The Middlesex Association.**—The annual meeting of this association will be held at Southgate, on Saturday, November 10th. Ringing to commence at 4 o'clock. A tea will be provided, particulars of which will appear in a subsequent notice.

**PERCY HOWARD, Hon. Sec.**  
*South House, Albion Road, Stoke Newington.*

**The Ancient Society of College Youths.**—The 257th Anniversary Dinner will be held on Saturday, November 17th, 1894, at the Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge. Tickets 3s. 6d. each, may be had of the following Committee: Messrs. Dawe, Pettit, Dorrington, Muskett, Langdon, Coles, W. D. Smith, Butler, Horrex, Winney, McLaughlin, F. G. Newman, Garrard, O'Meara, or **W. T. COCKERILL, Hon. Sec.**  
*37, Traversant Road, South Lambeth, S.W.*

**The Heavy Woollen District Association.**—Yorkshire.—The next meeting will be held at Batley Carr, on Saturday, November 17th, at 5 p.m. Meeting house, Foresters' Arms (above the church).

**GEO. H. SIMON, Hon. Sec.**  
*19, Albert Street, Batley Carr.*

**Preliminary Notice.**—Hollingsworth Silver Challenge Cup.—The annual change-ringing contest on handbells, for the above cup, will take place on Saturday, February 9th, 1895. For further particulars apply Sec. **JONATHAN PILLING.**  
*Lee Street, Uppermill, near Oldham.*

**THE PEAL AT ST. SEPULCHRE'S, SNOWHILL, LONDON.**—This performance was rung by order of the churchwardens, to commemorate the induction of the Rev. T. W. Gibson, M.A., of St. John's College, Oxford, as Vicar, on the 17th inst. On the completion of the peal, the churchwarden, C. W. Woodhill, Esq., waited on the ringers in the belfry, and after complimenting them on their work, generously provided refreshments for the evening. The peal was another of its author's record series, in the Tittums position throughout, and has the 5th and 6th exclusively behind the 9th twenty-three courses each. Two singles only used, and it is now rung for the first time. The date of the performance was also A. E. Church's 30th birthday, his brother royals wishing him the usual compliments.

## Ringers Wanting Situations.

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## A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE.

By C. H. MARTIN, Hendon.

6336.

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

This composition contains the extent of the course-ends with the tenors together. Calling a B H for the second course brings up the seventh course-end, and reduces the peal to 5216. 5440 and 5888 may also be obtained by omitting bobs at home.

## ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27, 1894.

QUARTERLY MEETING OF THE OXFORD GUILD.

The quarterly meeting of the Oxford Diocesan Guild was held at Newbury, on Saturday, October 20th. Ringing was timed to commence at 2 o'clock, but the Master, accompanied by one or two men from Hagbourne, arrived by the Didcot train at half-past eight, and were followed in a few minutes by a party from Reading. Permission having been previously obtained, they took possession of the tower, and at ten o'clock started for a peal of Stedman Triples. This unfortunately came to grief in a short time, and Grandsire Triples was substituted, with the result that a well-struck and tuneful peal of 5040 was rung in 2 hrs. 55 mins., the record of which will be found in its usual place. Other members of the Guild arrived in the afternoon from Reading, but the muster was by no means a large one, as neither Hungerford nor Compton, though belonging to the Newbury Branch, sent a representative, and the Rev. J. Swire, of Peasmore, was unfortunately prevented by ill-health from bringing his contingent of ringers and singers. After dinner, Mr. Robinson took a party to Speen, where a 720 of Bob Minor was rung. Others having with considerable difficulty got into the belfry rang several touches of Grandsire Triples till the time for evensong at 5 o'clock arrived, and here occurred the only drawback to the pleasure of the day's proceedings. At this beautiful service, which had been arranged with much pains for the benefit of the ringers, only about a dozen of them thought fit to attend. It was none the less beautifully and reverentially rendered, the hymns being "O, what the joy and the glory must be," and "Hark! hark my soul, angelic songs are swelling"; the organ accompaniment to the lines "Far, far away, like bells at evening pealing, etc.," having a fine effect. The Rev. F. A. Hill gave an earnest and stirring address on the sacredness of the office of ringers, and finished with a prayer that God would bless the Guild.

Tea in the Parish Room was the next item in the programme, to which about forty sat down, and which, owing to the kindness of the good lady who had done everything to make the room comfortable, and to the capital spread provided by the well-known caterer, Mrs. Stilwell, of The Dolphin, was thoroughly enjoyed. The rev. Master having to go by an early train reviewed the day's ringing, and spoke very severely on the conduct of the men who preferred to wander about, or perhaps to indulge in the worship of Bacchus, when they ought to have been worshipping God in His House. These meetings were meant not

only for the benefit of ringing, but for the benefit of the men, and those who stayed away from service that day had missed a great deal which might have done them good, the sermon by Mr. Hill being one of the very best he had ever heard. To show that they took their good Master's scolding in the right spirit, ringing cheers were accorded him as he left the room. The Rev. F. A. Hill took the chair, and having said grace expressed the great pleasure he felt in welcoming the Guild to Newbury, and in the name of the Rector, who is absent from his parish for his health's sake, invited them to come again whenever and as often as they liked. After tea a good muster of the ringers again went into the tower and rang several touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples, and also a few courses of well-struck Bob Major. The bells were lowered at eight o'clock.

### The Metropolis.

#### THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, October 20, 1894, in Three Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN, WESTMINSTER,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 25 cwt.

HENRY R. NEWTON .. .. Treble.	SAMUEL ANDREWS .. .. 5.
FRANK BUCK .. .. 2.	CHARLES T. P. BRICE .. 6.
EDWARD H. ADAMS .. .. 3.	HENRY S. ELLIS .. .. 7.
WALTER J. SORRELL .. .. 4.	CORNELIUS CHARGE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW and Conducted by H. R. NEWTON.

#### THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, October 20, 1894, in Three Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SEPULCHRE, SNOW HILL,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES.

Tenor 32 cwt. in D.

JOHN ROGERS .. .. Treble.	JOSEPH BARRY .. .. 6.
JOHN NELMS .. .. 2.	ALBERT E. CHURCH .. 7.
WILLIAM DORAN .. .. 3.	DAVID STACKWOOD .. 8.
GEORGE PEARL .. .. 4.	HENRY RANDALL .. .. 9.
HUGH T. SCARLETT .. .. 5.	WILLIAM F. MEADS .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JOHN ROGERS.  
note to this peal will be found on another page.

### The Provinces.

#### WELLINGTON, SALOP.

#### THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 6, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

HOLT'S SIX-PART. Tenor 19½ cwt.

JOHN CARTER .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM ROCK SMALL .. 5.
GEORGE CHESTER .. .. 2.	JAMES GEORGE .. .. 6.
HARRY MASON .. .. 3.	THOMAS BRATTON .. .. 7.
WILLIAM FUSSELL .. .. 4.	JAMES GROVES .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS J. BRATTON.

The above was the opening peal of a tour in Shropshire and North Wales.

#### CONDOVER, SALOP.

#### THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, October 7, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

CARTER'S SIX-PART. Tenor 13 cwt. in F sharp.

JAMES GEORGE .. .. Treble.	GEORGE CHESTER .. .. 5.
THOMAS BRATTON .. .. 2.	WILLIAM FUSSELL .. .. 6.
HARRY MASON .. .. 3.	JOHN CARTER .. .. 7.
JAMES GROVES .. .. 4.	THOMAS CHAPMAN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN CARTER.

This is the first peal in the method in the county and by all the band except the conductor, also the first in the method by members of the Hereford Diocesan Guild. The previous and only peal on these bells was rung in 1842 by a band of Shrewsbury ringers.

#### MARKET DRAYTON, SALOP.

#### THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 8, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

#### A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANGES.

Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

JAMES GEORGE .. .. Treble.	JAMES GROVES .. .. 5.
WILLIAM ROCK SMALL .. 2.	HARRY MASON .. .. 6.
JOHN CARTER .. .. 3.	THOMAS CHAPMAN .. .. 7.
GEORGE CHESTER .. .. 4.	WILLIAM FUSSELL .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JOHN CARTER.

This is the first peal on the bells, which were restored in the jubilee year. It is also the first peal of Major by members of the Hereford Diocesan Guild. The composition is now rung for the first time, and has the 4th, 5th, and 6th in 6th's place at a course-end, and the 2nd and 3rd never there.

#### WHITCHURCH, SALOP.

#### THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION

On Tuesday, October 9, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALKMUND,

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

CARTER'S ONE-PART. Tenor 21 cwt.

JOHN CARTER .. .. Treble.	JAMES GEORGE .. .. 5.
WILLIAM ROCK SMALL .. 2.	HARRY MASON .. .. 6.
THOMAS HORTON .. .. 3.	JAMES GROVES .. .. 7.
GEORGE CHESTER* .. .. 4.	THOMAS BRATTON .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN CARTER.

\*First peal of Stedman. This is the first peal in the method on the bells. This composition is now rung for the first time.

#### LLANGOLLEN, DENBIGHSHIRE.

#### THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 11, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

#### A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

JOHN CARTER .. .. Treble.	THOMAS CHAPMAN .. .. 5.
THOMAS BRATTON .. .. 2.	GEORGE CHESTER .. .. 6.
WILLIAM ROCK SMALL .. 3.	JOHN S. PRITCHETT .. .. 7.
WILLIAM FUSSELL .. .. 4.	JAMES GROVES .. .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER and Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

This is the first peal in the method in the county. The composition contains similar qualities as the peal rang at Market Drayton.

#### ORMSKIRK, LANCASHIRE.

#### THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, October 16, 1894, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

TAYLOR'S BOB-AND-SINGLE VARIATION. Tenor 25½ cwt.

GEORGE PRESCOTT .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM FAIRCLOUGH .. 5.
JAMES SHOLICAR .. .. 2.	WILLIAM BENTHAM .. .. 6.
PETER H. HARVEY .. .. 3.	JOHN WATTS .. .. 7.
JOHN TAYLOR .. .. 4.	JAMES R. PARK .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM BENTHAM.

#### HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

#### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 17, 1894, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 19 cwt.

DAVID G. WIGHTMAN .. Treble.	STEPHEN WIGHTMAN, JUN. 5.
HENRY W. BALDRY .. .. 2.	EDGAR WIGHTMAN .. .. 6.
FREDK. E. W. MEADOWS* 3.	GEORGE WIGHTMAN .. .. 7.
JAMES DURRANT .. .. 4.	ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN .. Tenor.

Composed by THOMAS LOCKWOOD and  
Conducted by DAVID G. WIGHTMAN.

\*First peal in the method and hails from Otley; D. G. Wightman and H. Baldry from Brandeston; the rest from Creetingham.

## NORTH SHIELDS.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 17, 1894, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,

At Christ Church,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 19 cwt.

FRANCIS LEES .. .. Treble.	ROBERT C. HUDSON .. .. 6.
WILLIAM HOLMES .. .. 2.	WILLIAM STORY .. .. 7.
HUGH DALL* .. .. 3.	ALFRED H. HILLIER .. .. 8.
JOSEPH E. R. KEEN* .. .. 4.	JAMES GEORGE .. .. 9.
EDWARD WALLIS* .. .. 5.	FREDERICK J. HARRISON .. Tenor.

Composed by WILLIAM HOLMES and  
Conducted by FREDERICK J. HARRISON.

\*First peal of Royal. This is the first peal of Royal on the bells.

## QUEDGELEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 18, 1894, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

JOHN G. LUSHER* .. .. Treble.	FRANK KNIGHT .. .. 5.
WILLIAM T. PEGLER .. .. 2.	STEPHEN KNIGHT .. .. 6.
HARRY FORD .. .. 3.	CHARLES LYES .. .. 7.
CHARLES COX† .. .. 4.	WILLIAM TOWNSEND .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by FRANK KNIGHT.

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

## BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION AND THE  
ST. PAUL'S SOCIETY, BURTON-ON-TRENT.

On Thursday, October 18, 1894, in Three Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Paul,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,  
5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 26 cwt.

GEORGE ROBINSON .. .. Treble.	EDWARD ISAAC STONE .. .. 5.
GEORGE PITT .. .. 2.	HARRY WAKLEY .. .. 6.
NATHAN J. PITSTOW .. .. 3.	LEONARD BULLOCK .. .. 7.
JOHN JAGGAR .. .. 4.	WILLIAM WAKLEY .. .. Tenor.

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW and Conducted by WM. WAKLEY.

## NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, October 19, 1894, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. John the Baptist,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' COMPOSITION.

Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

WILLIAM HOLMES .. .. Treble.	EDWARD A. HIND .. .. 5.
FRANCIS LEES .. .. 2.	JAMES GEORGE .. .. 6.
HUGH DALL .. .. 3.	FREDERICK J. HARRISON .. 7.
EDWARD WALLIS .. .. 4.	HAROLD PEARSON .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM HOLMES.

## DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

(THE DUFFIELD SOCIETY.)

On Friday, October 19, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 17 cwt.

JOHN PATCHETT .. .. Treble.	GEORGE HINGLEY .. .. 5.
GEORGE DAWSON .. .. 2.	HENRY W. WILDE .. .. 6.
WILLIAM HICKLING .. .. 3.	JOHN FLOWER .. .. 7.
BENJAMIN SUGDEN .. .. 4.	WILLIAM CLARKE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY W. WILDE.

This peal is a variation by H. W. Wilde of Biddleston's twelve-part, and is now rung for the first time.

## LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

On Friday, October 19, 1894, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5009 CHANGES.

Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

W. A. TYLER .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM WILLSON .. .. 6.
ALFRED MILLIS .. .. 2.	ERNEST W. CARTWRIGHT .. 7.
ARTHUR W. MATTHEWS .. 3.	RICHARD F. LANE .. .. 8.
WILLIAM H. INGLESANT .. 4.	JOHN W. TAYLOR, JUN. .. 9.
JOHN SMITH .. .. 5.	THOMAS GRUNDY .. .. Tenor.

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW and  
Conducted by JOHN W. TAYLOR, JUN.

## NEWBURY, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 20, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicolas,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 25 cwt.

FRANK HOPGOOD .. .. Treble.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. .. 5.
JOHNSON E. HERN .. .. 2.	JOB SAWYER .. .. 6.
ALBERT E. REEVES .. .. 3.	CHARLES CHAPMAN .. .. 7.
DAVID GEATER .. .. 4.	REUBEN SAWYER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by FRANK HOPGOOD.

## HIGHAM FERRERS, NORTHANTS.

RAUNDS AND WELLINGBOROUGH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 20, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 22 cwt. 3 qrs. 17 lbs.

JOHN B. MARTIN .. .. Treble.	ISAAC HILLS .. .. 5.
CHARLES CHASTY* .. .. 2.	WILLIAM PARKER .. .. 6.
ALFRED H. MARTIN .. .. 3.	CHARLES W. CLARKE .. .. 7.
WILLIAM HALL .. .. 4.	GEORGE BROWN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by C. W. CLARKE.

\*First peal in the method. This is the quickest peal on the bells. Messrs. Clarke, Hills, and Chasty hail from Bedford.

## LEICESTER.—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 20, 1894, in Three Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5129 CHANGES,

Tenor 30 cwt. in Db.

JAMES WILSON .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM INGLESANT .. .. 6.
JAMES JARVIS .. .. 2.	WILLIAM WILLSON .. .. 7.
GEORGE CLEAL .. .. 3.	STEPHEN COOPER .. .. 8.
GEORGE BURROWS .. .. 4.	JOHN BUTTERY .. .. 9.
WILLIAM COOPER .. .. 5.	CHARLES BIDDLES .. .. Tenor.

Composed by WILLIAM WILLSON and Conducted by JOHN BUTTERY.

This peal was rung with the bells half-muffled as a last tribute of respect to the late John Wilson, whose obituary notice appears on another page. It has the 5th her extent behind the 9th in the tittums, and the 6th twenty-three courses behind the 8th in the inverted home position, and is now rung for the first time.

## LINDFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 20, 1894, in Three Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,

At the Church of St. John the Baptist,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,  
5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qrs. 19 lbs. in E.

FREDERICK W. RICE .. Treble.	FREDERICK DENCH .. .. 5.
JAMES SEARLE .. .. 2.	FREDERICK W. CRIPPS .. .. 6.
JOHN RICE .. .. 3.	JAMES PARKER .. .. 7.
ISAAC GEORGE SHADE .. 4.	GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN THORP, of Ashton-under-Lyne, and Conducted by  
GEORGE WILLIAMS.

This peal, in one part, has the 5th and 6th each twelve course-ends at home. It is the first one-part composition given in the late Mr. Snowden's list in "The Bell News," vol. 4, page 20.

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

On Thursday, October 18, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
BROOK'S VARIATION. Tenor 18 cwt.

GEORGE CONYARD .. .. Treble.	FREDERICK CULLUM .. .. 5.
JOHN TURNER .. .. 2.	CHARLES WILKINS .. .. 6.
WILLIAM AXTELL .. .. 3.	EDWIN BARNETT .. .. 7.
WILLIAM G. GROVE .. .. 4.	JOHN GARARD .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT.

This peal was rung on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. H. Gibbs, of Crayford. It is also C. Wilkins' 100th peal.

## HAWLEY, HANTS.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 20, 1894, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF CANTERBURY PLEASURE MAJOR,  
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 16½ cwt.

THOMAS ATTWELL* .. .. Treble.	BARZILLA HAWKINS .. .. 5.
GEORGE HAWKINS .. .. 2.	FRANK BENNETT .. .. 6.
FREDERICK FRANCIS† .. .. 3.	*HENRY STAPLETON .. .. 7.
HENRY WHITE .. .. 4.	EDGAR COLLINS .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

\*First peal of Major. †First peal of Major with a bob bell. First peal in the method rung by the Guild, also first on the bells, and by all the band. This peal contains the full combination of 4, 5, 6, without the 2nd or 3rd in 6ths at a course end. Messrs. Collins, Stapleton and Francis hail from Bagshot; White from Basingstoke; Attwell from Chiddingfold; Bennett from Guildford; and Hawkins from Yateley.

## LLANDAFF.—THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

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

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
TAYLOR'S BOB-AND-SINGLE VARIATION. Tenor 23 cwt. in E flat.

GEORGE WATKINS* .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM B. BISS .. .. 5.
JOHN W. JONES .. .. 2.	*JOHN BUTLER .. .. 6.
WM. COOMBS .. .. 3.	JOHN CLUTTERBUCK .. .. 7.
JOHN W. SMYTH .. .. 4.	*RICHARD H. BROTHWELL Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM COOMBS.

\*First peal. Messrs. Jones and Butler hail from Newport; G. Watkins from Barry; and the rest belong to the local company. The ringers wish to thank the Very Rev. the Dean, and the Ven. Archdeacon Griffiths for granting permission.

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

On Saturday, October 20, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

HENRY GRICE .. .. Treble.	THOMAS MAY .. .. 5.
GEORGE MAY .. .. 2.	ALFRED TUCKER .. .. 6.
JAMES HUMPHREY .. .. 3.	WILLIAM FRENCH .. .. 7.
JAMES WOOD* .. .. 4.	PETER BROOK .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM FRENCH.

\*First peal.

SWINTON, LANCASHIRE.—THE LANCASHIRE  
ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 20, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

EDWARD OWEN .. .. Treble.	JOHN BROCKBANK .. .. 5.
JAMES GRATRIS .. .. 2.	JAMES URMSTON .. .. 6.
RICHARD PEARCE .. .. 3.	EDWARD CASH .. .. 7.
DAVID CLARKE .. .. 4.	JOHN T. JONES .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by EDWARD CASH.

The band on descending the tower were highly congratulated on the excellent striking throughout the peal. This peal was arranged as a compliment to J. Gratrix, who has recently come to reside in the neighbourhood. D. Clarke was elected a member of the above Association before starting for the peal.

## EAST RETFORD, NOTTS.—NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHUN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES.  
Tenor 24 cwt. in E flat.

GEORGE SWANNACK .. .. Treble.	THOMAS H. DENMAN, Esq. 6.
THOMAS SPURR .. .. 2.	WM. SKELTON .. .. 7.
GEORGE M. FARR .. .. 3.	HERBERT HAIGH .. .. 8.
JOHN T. BOTTOMLEY .. .. 4.	JOSEPH B. JOYNES .. .. 9.
JOHN SWANNACK .. .. 5.	WILLIAM METCALF .. .. Tenor.

Composed by CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY and

Conducted by JOSEPH B. JOYNES.

This is the first ten-bell peal rung by a Retford company, the first peal of Grand Caters on the bells, and the first ten-bell peal by the North Notts. Association. It is the first peal of Caters by all except the conductor and the ringer of the eighth bell, and was rung at the first attempt. The best thanks of the ringers are due to T. H. Denman, Esq., for making the necessary arrangements. The composition of the peal, No. 634, will be found in the Yorkshire Association's Report for 1891-92.

## DERBY.—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 23, 1894, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WERBURGH,

A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
HUBBARD'S FIVE-PART. Tenor 17 cwt.

T. ANTHONY .. .. Treble.	J. HOWE .. .. 5.
W. H. POYSER .. .. 2.	J. W. THOMPSON .. .. 6.
T. ALTON .. .. 3.	A. E. THOMPSON .. .. 7.
J. NEWBOLD .. .. 4.	T. GRIFFITHS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by A. E. THOMPSON.

## Performances on Five and Six Bells.

## HEMPSTED, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, October 19, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. SWITHUN,

## FORTY-TWO SIX-SCORES OF DOUBLES;

In the following methods:

Grandsire, St. Dunstan's, and Bob Doubles.

Tenor 12 cwt. in F. sharp.

FREDERICK BARTLETT .. Treble.	ERNEST E. DAVIES .. .. 4.
WILLIAM POSTON* .. .. 2.	WILLIAM T. PEGLER .. .. 5.
ARTHUR E. PEGLER .. .. 3.	*CHARLES DAVIES .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM T. PEGLER.

\*First 5040. W. Poston and C. Davies were elected members before starting, and it is believed to be the first 5040 rang in three methods by the Association.

## SADDLEWORTH, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

## SEVEN 720s OF TREBLE BOB MINOR;

In the following methods:

Duke of York, Yorkshire Delight, Kent Treble Bob, Merchants' Return, New London Pleasure, Oxford and Violet.

Tenor 12 cwt.

EDWARD DAWSON .. .. Treble.	JAMES RADCLIFFE .. .. 4.
JOSEPH RADCLIFFE .. .. 2.	JOSEPH WOOD .. .. 5.
JOHN HOLDEN .. .. 3.	THOS. B. DICKEN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN HOLDEN.

E. Dawson hails from Meltham; Radcliffe (2) and Wood from Saddleworth; Holden and Dicken from Mossley.

PEAL CORRECTION.—The peal rang at All Saint's church, Derby, on Monday, October 15th, should have been headed "The Midland Counties' Association."



### Date Touches.

WAKEFIELD (Yorks).—On Sunday, October 7th, for evening service, on the occasion of the harvest festival, at the cathedral, a date touch 1894 changes, of Grandsire Caters, in 1 hr. 18 mins. T. Prince, 1; T. Mars, 2; J. W. Moorhouse, 3; E. Andrews, 4; A. Scott, 5; J. T. Hollis, 6; W. Firth, 7; T. Moorhouse, 8; T. Ormond, 9; G. Buckley, 10. Composed by E. Andrews and conducted by J. T. Hollis.

### Miscellaneous.

#### THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

MADRESFIELD (Worcestershire).—Recently, 720 Bob Minor in 26 mins. A. Layton, 1; C. Layton, 2; W. Page, 3; D. Greening, 4; H. T. Knowles, 5; R. G. Knowles (conductor), 6.

NETHERTON (Worcestershire).—On Sunday afternoon, September 30th, 720 College Single, in 28 mins. with the bells muffled as a mark of respect to the late Mr. Edwin Fellows, of Stafford St. Dudley, and Trustee of this Association. G. Smith, 1; J. Prestidge, 2; J. Townsend, 3; J. Smith, 4; E. Hampton, 5; R. Round (conductor), 6. And on Tuesday, October 2nd, for practice, 720 Grandsire Minor, in 26 mins. J. W. Talbot, 1; H. Faulkes, 2; G. Smith, 3; J. Smith, 4; J. Prestidge, 5; R. Round (conductor), 6.

#### THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BEDFORD.—On Sunday, September 16th, at St. Paul's church, 420 Stedman Triples. H. Tysoe, 1; C. Chasty, 2; J. Sharman, 3; F. Keech, 4; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 5; I. Hills, 6; F. Smith, 7; D. Thompson, 8. Also 752 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. F. Keech, 1; C. Chasty, 2; J. Sharman, 3; S. J. Cullip, 4; F. Smith, 5; I. Hills, 6; P. Howard, 7; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 8. Also on Tuesday, September 18th, 672 Stedman Triples. F. Keech, 1; C. Chasty, 2; J. Sharman, 3; S. J. Cullip, 4; F. Smith, 5; H. Sharp, 6; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 7; R. Shimmans, 8. Also 576 Kent Treble Bob Major. F. Keech, 1; C. Chasty, 2; F. Smith, 3; S. J. Cullip, 4; C. W. Clarke, 5; J. Sharman, 6; S. Constant, 7; H. Sharp (conductor), 8. Also 416 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. F. Keech, 1; C. Chasty, 2; S. J. Cullip, 3; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 4; I. Hills, 5; J. Sharman, 6; F. Smith, 7; H. Sharp, 8. And 252 Stedman Triples. C. W. Clarke (conductor), 1; C. Chasty, 2; S. J. Cullip, 3; F. Keech, 4; F. Smith, 5; J. Sharman, 6; I. Hills, 7; R. Shimmans, 8. And at St. Mary's church, on Tuesday, July 10th, a 720 of Oxford Bob Minor. H. Shimmans, 1; I. Hills, 2; C. Chasty, 3; H. Tysoe, 4; S. J. Cullip, 5; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 6. Also on Tuesday, September 11th, 720 Double Court Bob. S. J. Cullip, 1; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 2; C. Chasty, 3; I. Hills, 4; P. Howard, 5; W. Shimmans, 6. Also on Sunday, September 16th, 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor. C. W. Clarke (conductor), 1; I. Hills, 2; C. Chasty, 3; F. Smith, 4; S. J. Cullip, 5; H. Tysoe, 6.

BIDDENHAM (Beds).—On Sunday, September 16th, 720 of Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). T. Harpin, 1; A. Ingram, 2; W. West, 3; P. Howard, 4; W. Davison, 5; C. West (conductor), 6. And on Monday, October 1st, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). T. Harpin, 1; A. Ingram, 2; W. West, 3; C. W. Clarke, 4; W. Davison, 5; P. Howard (conductor), 6.

#### THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS.—On Sunday, September 23rd, for Divine Service in the evening, 720 Oxford Bob Minor (thirty-four bobs twenty-six singles), in 26 mins. J. Spencer (first in the method), 1; T. P. Jackson, 2; T. Watson (conductor), 3; A. E. Sheppard, 4; T. Stuart, 5; J. Burrows, 6. On Friday, September 28th, for practice, 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor (fifteen bobs six singles), in 25 mins. R. W. Burrows, 1; A. E. Sheppard, 2; J. Spencer, 3; C. J. A. Cushing, 4; T. R. Jackson (conductor), 5; T. Stuart, 6. On Sunday, September 30th, for Divine Service in the morning, 720 Plain Bob Minor (twenty-two singles and two bobs) in 25 mins. T. Townson, 1; A. E. Sheppard, 2; J. Spencer, 3; C. J. A. Cushing, 4; T. R. Jackson (conductor), 5; T. Stuart, 6. And for afternoon service, 720 Plain Bob Minor (fourteen singles four bobs), in 25 mins. R. W. Burrows, 1; T. Townson, 2; J. Spencer, 3; C. J. A. Cushing, 4; T. R. Jackson (conductor), 5; T. Stuart, 6.

NEWCHURCH (Lancashire).—On Sunday evening, October 7th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 1008 Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's ten-part, in 34 mins. J. Ashworth, 1; S. Lord, 2; G. Lord (Accrington), 3; L. Taylor, 4; W. Taylor (conductor), 5; H. Walls, 6; J. T. Wright, 7; J. W. Ormerod, 8.

RAMSBOTTOM (Lancashire).—On Tuesday, October 9th, for practice

at St. Paul's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 1260 changes, in 46 mins. J. S. Taylor, 1; J. Haydock, 2; J. Wolstenholme, 3; R. Leach, 4; A. Clegg, 5; G. F. Woodhouse, 6; Rev. C. A. Clements (conductor), 7; J. Booth, 8.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SWANSCOMBE (Kent).—On Friday, August 17th, 720 Cambridge Surprise. G. Hayes, 1; J. Broom, 2; F. Hayes, 3; M. Digby, 4; W. Martin, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6. Also on Friday, September 7th, 720 Cambridge Surprise. L. Digweed, 1; J. Broom, 2; F. J. Ring, 3; G. Hayes, 4; W. Martin, 5; F. Hayes (conductor), 6. Also on Sunday, September 16th, 720 Bob Minor. H. Milhams, 1; H. Catton, 2; G. Hayes, 3; L. Digweed, 4; F. J. Ring, 5; W. Martin (conductor), 6. And on Sunday, September 30th, 720 Superlative Surprise. L. Digweed, 1; G. Hayes, 2; F. J. Ring, 3; M. Digby, 4; W. Martin, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6.

LEWISHAM (Kent).—On Sunday evening, September 9th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 42 mins. A. Skelt, 1; E. E. Richards (conductor), 2; A. Pheasant, 3; A. C. Bedwell, 4; T. Chandler, 5; H. Barrett, 6; W. Bedwell, 7; C. Walker, 8. On Sunday, September 16th, 420 Stedman Triples. A. C. Bedwell, 1; W. Bedwell (conductor), 2; W. Turner, 3; Rev. T. E. Teignmouth Shore, 4; G. Daynes, 5; J. George, 6; H. Warnett, 7; T. Chandler, 8. And on Sunday, September 20th, 336 Stedman Triples. A. C. Bedwell, 1; W. Bedwell (conductor), 2; W. Turner, 3; Rev. T. E. Teignmouth Shore, 4; G. Daynes, 5; H. Barrett, 6; H. Warnett, 7; C. Walker, 8.

ASHFORD (Kent).—On Tuesday, October 2nd, for practice at the parish church, 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-four bobs two singles), in 28 mins., with 6-8 covering. A. Elgar, 1; E. Dyson, 2; G. Head, 3; H. N. Horton, 4; T. Tabrett, 5; W. Ansell, 6; A. J. Dyson (conductor), 7; F. Beeken, 8.

#### THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

LONDON.—On Sunday, October 7th, at St. Mary's, Battersea, for Divine Service in the evening, being the harvest thanksgiving, 1340 of Oxford Treble Bob Major in 47 mins. G. Langford, 1; W. Sorrell, 2; W. E. Garrard, 3; F. Buck, 4; S. Andrews, 5; C. Brice, 6; H. S. Ellis, 7; H. R. Newton (conductor), 8.

#### THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

WRAYSbury (Bucks).—On Tuesday, October 2nd, at the church of St. Andrew, 1260 Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. E. Whatmore, 1; J. J. Parker (composer and conductor), 2; E. T. Harwood, 3; J. Mills, 4; R. Parker, 5; G. Whatmore, 6; J. Guttridge, 7; S. Bradford, 8. This meeting was intended for a peal, but through some misunderstanding, the band did not muster till too late to attempt it.

#### THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

BIDSTON (Cheshire).—On Sunday morning, September 2nd, 720 Canterbury (ten bobs fourteen singles), composed by W. Wilcox. And for evening service, 720 Plain Bob (thirty-two bobs two singles). On Sunday morning, September 9th, 720 Grandsire (forty-two bobs ten singles). And for evening service, 720 Kent (twelve bobs). On Sunday morning, September 16th, for the harvest festival, 720 Canterbury Pleasure (thirty-six bobs fourteen singles). J. Povall, 1; C. Rimmer, 2; J. Walter, 3; J. Griffiths, 4; W. Wilcox (composer), 5; T. Povall, 6. And on Sunday morning, September 23rd, 720 Plain Bob (eighteen bobs two singles). And for evening service, 720 Plain Bob (twenty-two singles). J. Povall, 1; C. Rimmer, 2; J. Walter, 3; W. Joynson, 4; W. Wilcox, 5; T. Povall, 6. On Wednesday, October 3rd, 720 Kent (fifteen bobs). W. Joynson (first 720 of Treble Bob), 1; C. Rimmer, 2; J. Walter, 3; J. Griffiths, 4; W. Wilcox, 5; T. Povall, 6. All conducted by W. Wilcox.

EASTHAM (Cheshire).—On Wednesday, October 3rd, for practice, 720 Canterbury Pleasure (twenty-six bobs ten singles), in 26 mins. J. Hasprey, 1; J. Woods, 2; J. Rowlands, 3; J. Smith, 4; J. Shone, 5; W. Smith (conductor), 6. First in the method by the first, fourth, and sixth ringers. Composed by H. W. Wilde.

#### THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

FAREHAM (Hants).—On Monday, September 3rd, at St. Peter's church, 504 Stedman Triples. J. Hewett, 1; G. Chappell (first 500 in the method), 2; F. Hill, 3; C. Privett, 4; A. Coghlan, 5; A. Tomlins, 6; J. W. Whiting (conductor), 7; G. Grant, 8. On Monday, September 24th, 518 Grandsire Triples. G. Chappell, 1; A. Coghlan, 2; G. Grafham, 3; C. Privett, 4; F. Hill, 5; G. Passingham, 6; J. W. Whiting (conductor), 7; G. Grant, 8. On Sunday, September 30th, being the harvest festival, 252 Stedman Triples. F. Hill, 1; C. Privett (conductor), 2; E. Reynolds, 3; F. Burnett, 4; A. Coghlan, 5; H. Reynolds (first in the method), 6; G. Grafham, 7; P. Corbett, 8.

**SHEDFIELD (Hants).—**On Saturday, October 6th, on the occasion of the opening of the new north aisle by the Bishop of Winchester, a 6-score of Grandsire and a 6-score of Bob Doubles were rung for service. J. Mallard, 1; G. E. Chappell (Wickham), 2; W. Cooper (conductor), 3; S. Cummins, 4; E. Walker, 5; J. Pearce, 6. And in the evening, 720 Grandsire Minor. J. Mallard, 1; G. Chequer, 2; W. Cooper (first as conductor), 3; E. Walker, 4; G. E. Chappell, 5; S. Cummins, 6. And 360 Bob Minor. F. Pearce, 1; the rest as above. G. E. Chappell (first in the method as conductor).

#### THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

**STANSTED (Essex).—**On Sunday, September 23rd, at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, for Divine Service in the morning, 720 Oxford Treble Bob (fifteen bobs), in 25 mins. J. Luckey, 1; I. Hammond, 2; G. Gray, 3; W. Hawkes, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. And 360 Kent Treble Bob. G. Jordan, 1; I. Hammond, 2; W. Hawkes, 3; W. Watts, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. W. Hawkes hails from Springfield, Essex. On Thursday, September 27th, for practice, 720 New London Pleasure in 25 mins. J. Cavill, 1; G. Jordan, 2; I. Hammond, 3; G. Gray, 4; W. Watts, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. And 720 Double Court Bob (5th the observation). T. Jordan, 1; T. J. Watts, 2; I. Hammond, 3; G. Gray, 4; J. Luckey, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. And on Sunday, September 30th, for morning service, 720 Worcester Surprise in 24½ mins. G. Jordan, 1; I. Hammond, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; W. Watts, 5; T. J. Watts (conductor), 6. Also for afternoon service, 720 Cambridge Surprise in 24½ mins. J. Cavill, 1; G. Jordan, 2; G. Gray, 3; T. J. Watts, 4; W. Watts, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. On Thursday, October 4th, for practice, 720 Stansted Delight. 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; J. Luckey, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. Also 720 Ringers' Surprise in 24½ mins. G. Jordan, 1; I. Hammond, 2; G. Gray, 3; T. J. Watts, 4; W. Watts, 5; J. Luckey (first 720 in the method as conductor), 6. Tenor 13 cwt.

#### THE WORCESTER CATHEDRAL GUILD.

**WORCESTER.—**On Thursday, September 27th, at St. Helen's church, for practice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. B. S. Hill, 1; G. Hinton, 2; W. Bradford, 3; J. Hinton (Bristol, conductor), 4; W. H. Johnson, 5; W. Page, 6; E. Davis, 7; W. Stone, 8.

#### THE STOKE-ON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

**HANLEY (Staffordshire).—**On Tuesday, October 2nd, for practice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 47 mins. A. Shufflebotham, 1; J. Evans, 2; A. Cherry, 3; H. Alcock (conductor), 4; A. Clews, 5; T. Mountford, 6; H. Page, 7; T. Bowket, 8. Taken from "THE BELL NEWS," Jan. 9th, 1892. Composed by the Editor. First quarter-peal by all except Messrs. Clews and Page, who hail from Stoke; the rest are local men.

**AUGHTON (Lancashire).—**On Sunday, September 30th, for the harvest festival at Christ Church, 720 Grandsire Minor, in 24½ mins., with the tenor covering. L. Gardner, 1; T. Jenkinson, 2; G. Larkey, 3; E. Counce, 4; C. Sharples (conductor), 5; J. Gardner, 6; R. Rimmer, 8.

**CHEPSTOW (Monmouthshire).—**On Sunday evening, October 7th, at the parish church of St. Mary, for Divine Service, three courses of Plain Bob Triples. E. Williams, 1; R. Thompson, 2; M. Closs, 3; W. Freestone, 4; S. Hopton, 5; G. Williams, 6; I. Morley, 7; R. Webb, 8. And 240 Bob Doubles, with 768 covering. E. Williams, 1; R. Thompson, 2; M. Closs, 3; I. Morley (conductor), 4; G. Williams, 5; F. Bye, 6; R. Webb, 7; H. Morgan, 8. The above Triples are the first by the ringers of the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 5th, and 6th bells. Messrs. Morley, Closs, Hopton, and Webb are members of the Llandaff Diocesan Association.

**COOKLEY (Worcestershire).—**Recently, at the church of St. Peter, 720 Double Court Minor. W. Smith, 1; J. Pagett, 2; N. Davis, 3; W. H. Smith, 4; T. Salter (conductor), 5; E. C. Hunt, 6.

**EASTBOURNE (Sussex).—**On Sunday, October 7th, for Divine Service in the morning, at All Saints' church, 518 Grandsire Triples, being the first part of Holt's ten-part peal. J. Osborne, 1; W. Siggs, 2; J. Honeysett, 3; W. Lawrence, 4; J. Sharp, 5; B. Hobbs, 6; E. Willoughby, 7; T. Deadman, 8. And for evening service, 504 in the same method. J. Osborne, 1; A. Piper, 2; B. Hobbs, 3; J. Davey, 4; A. Midmore, 5; W. Lawrence, 6; E. Willoughby, 7; — Parks, 8. Both conducted by W. Lawrence. Tenor 18½ cwt.

**FISHTOFT (Lincolnshire).—**On Sunday morning, September 23rd, for Divine Service at St. Guthlac's church, on the occasion of the harvest festival, a 6-score each of Plain Bob and April Day. W. Covill, 1; J. E. Clark, 2; C. R. Lilley, 3; H. Palmer (conductor), 4;

T. Wood, 5. This is the first attempt at change-ringing by W. Covill, to whom great credit is due. Messrs. Palmer and Lilley hail from Boston; Woods and Clark from Skirbeck.

**HENBURY, NEAR BRISTOL.—**On Saturday, September 15th, a 720 of Grandsire Minor. C. H. Gordon, 1; H. Pring, 2; G. Colston, 3; R. Devenish, 4; C. N. Tomkins (conductor), 5; J. Gould, 6. And two 6-scores of Stedman Doubles. C. H. Gordon, 1; H. Pring, 2; G. Colston, 3; R. Devenish, 4; J. Gould (conductor), 5; — Premett, 6.

**MAIDENHEAD (Berks).—**On Saturday, September 29th, at All Saints' church, Boyne Hill, an attempt for a peal of Stedman Triples came to grief after 2 hrs. 35 mins. excellent ringing. G. Wilkins, 1; A. C. Fussell, 2; W. Truss, 3; W. H. Fussell, 4; W. E. Taylor, 5; H. N. Davis (conductor), 6; J. C. Truss, 7; J. W. Wilkins, 8. And on Wednesday, October 3rd, for the harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins. Rev. R. P. Newhouse, 1; S. Goodall, 2; J. W. Wilkins (composer and conductor), 3; F. Bissley, 4; G. Martin, 5; G. Wilkins, 6; J. Richardsos, 7; J. Munday, 8. This is J. Munday's first attempt.

**READING (Berks).—Handbell Ringing.—**On Sunday, October 7th, at 50, Connaught Road, a 6-score of Bob Doubles, and a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles. C. Giles, 1-2; F. Hopgood, 3-4; Mrs. F. Hopgood, 5-6.

**SKIRBECK (Lincolnshire).—**On Thursday afternoon, October 4th, at St. Nicholas' church, on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. J. Kirk, who formerly was a ringer there, a 6-score of each of the following methods were rung. Grandsire, Plain Bob, Earl Soham Delight, Primrose, April Day, Old Doubles, and Gog Magog. J. Colman, 1; J. E. Clark, 2; C. R. Lilley, 3; H. Palmer (conductor), 4; T. Woods, 5. Tenor 18 cwt.

**WOLVERLEY (Worcestershire).—**On Sunday, October 7th, 720 Grandsire Doubles. W. Plevy, 1; T. Salter (conductor), 2; G. Salter, 3; E. C. Hunt, 4; W. Perry, 5; J. Bryant, 6. And a 6-score, conducted by G. Salter. H. Fraser, 1; H. Denning, 2; the rest as above.

#### Obituary.

##### JOHN WILSON.

This ringer died October 10th, 1894, aged 62 years, at Leicester. He was a native of Coventry, and for many years rang at St. Michael's. He rang his first peal at that church on May 24th, 1857, being 5130 Grandsire Caters. He also rang two other peals of Caters, one of Treble Bob Royal and one of Grandsire Royal before he left Coventry for Leicester in 1863. Here at St. Mary's he rang and called the first peal of Kent rung in Leicester, his brother Thomas (also deceased) ringing the tenor. He called the last peal of Kent Treble Bob Major rung in Nottingham, and in December, 1891, rang and called the first and only peal of Treble Bob Royal at St. Margaret's, Leicester. He rang his last peal in June, 1892. He had been a member of the Midland Counties' Association since its first year. Pleurisy and kidney disease were the causes of death. He was a man deeply respected by all with whom he came in contact. He was a skilful conductor and always willing to oblige others. Four brother-ringers acted as bearers at his funeral on Saturday; Messrs. S. Cooper, W. Willson, W. Miller, C. Biddles; and the Leicester branch added a floral wreath. The first portion of the funeral service was taken in St. Mary's church, at which many ringers assembled, and in the evening muffled peals were rung, followed on Saturday last by a muffled peal of Grandsire Caters, a record of which appears in its proper place. It may be stated that there is no relationship between the present ringers of the name of Willson and the deceased.

A correspondent kindly sends the following paragraph, which appears in a recent number of the *Boughton-Blean (Kent) Parish Magazine* :—

"The following extract from the *Sporting Magazine* for June, 1793, has been sent to the Vicar by a Correspondent, and will doubtless be read with interest by our present Bell-ringers and others. 'On Thursday, the 23rd of May, was rung by the Society of Boughton under the Blean, at the sign of the White Horse, in Boughton Street, Kent, a complete peal of five thousand bob maximus in three hours and three quarters on a peal of twelve excellent hand-bells. Also, after dinner, a peal of seven hundred, bob minor in octave, the bells being fixed together in pairs, an octave from each other, there being a bell a tone above the peal for that purpose.'"

\*\* The many records of peals in this number prevents the appearance of several touch reports. They will all appear, however, in due course.

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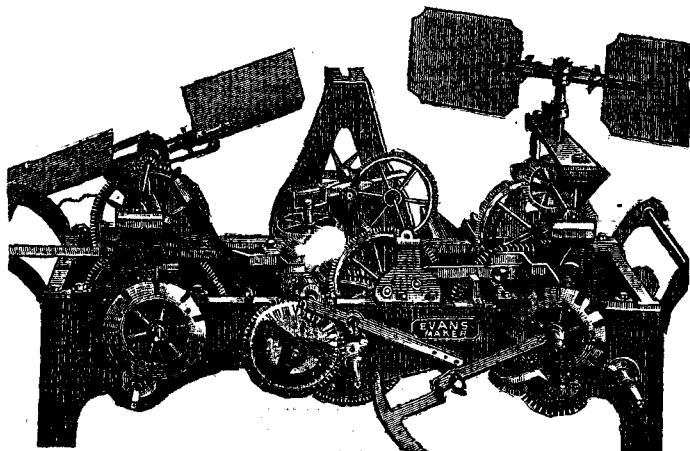
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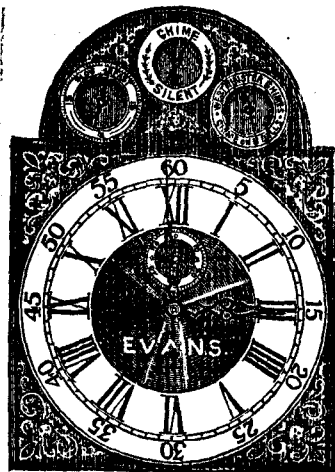
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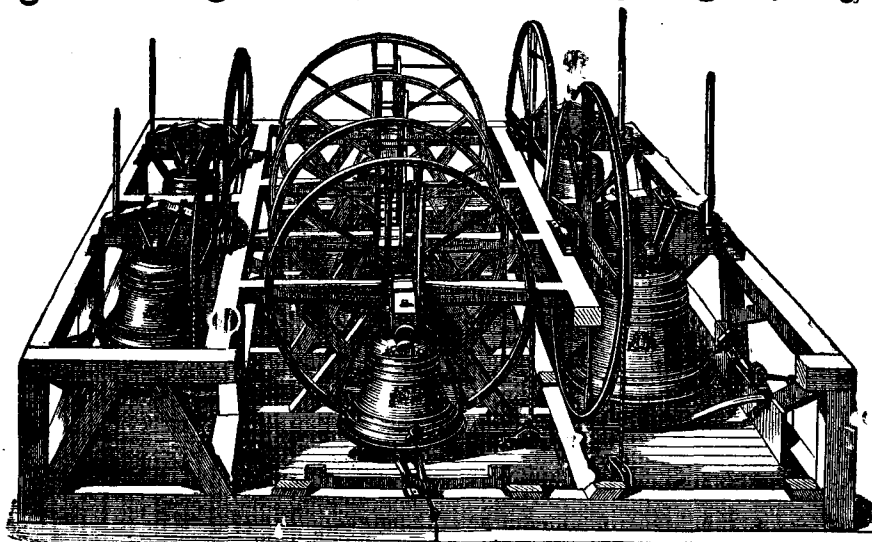
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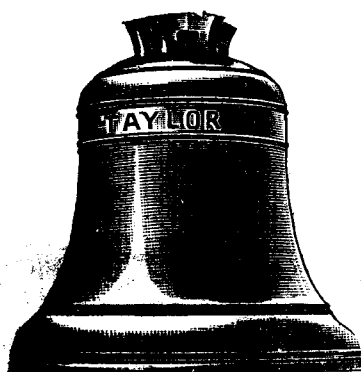
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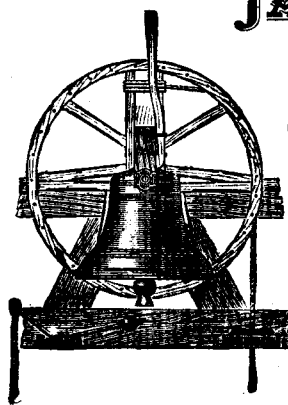
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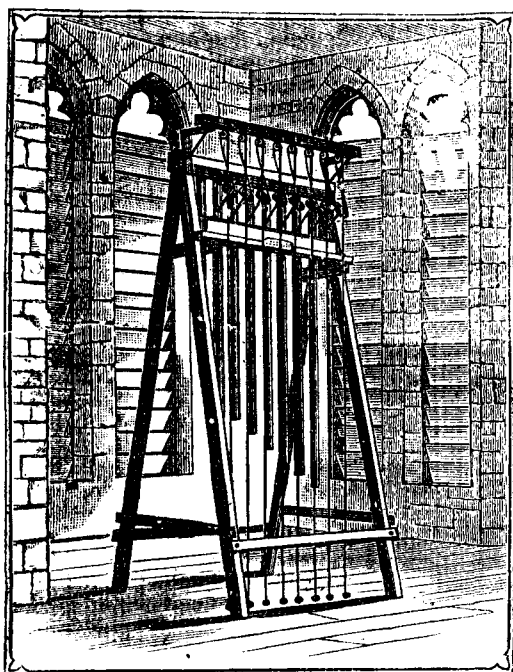
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By desire of some of the Northampton church bell ringers, who are members of the above Association, a quarterly meeting was held in the county town, on Saturday, October 20th. By special permission, the bells of the following three churches were open for ringing from 2 to 4.30 and 6 to 7.30 p.m.

The bells of the church of the Holy Sepulchre, a peal of six, by various founders, dated as follows: treble, 1739; second, 1681; third, 1857; fourth, 1681; fifth, 1805; tenor, 1733. Diameter of tenor, 43½ inches.

The bells of the church of St. Peter, a peal of eight, all cast by Rudhall, of Gloucester, in the year 1734. There is a tradition that these bells were cast at Kettering. Diameter of tenor, 42 inches.

The bells of the church of St. Edmund, a modern peal of eight, by Taylor, the gift of Mr. W. Tomes, 1884. Diameter of tenor, 46½ inches.

Ringers were present from Irchester, Doddington, Wilbye, Kettering, Raunds, Wellingborough, Earls Barton, Mears Ashby, Rushden, Irthlingborough, Wollaston, Higham Ferrers, and St. Sepulchre's, St. Peter's, and St. Edmund's, Northampton. The Rev. Wilfred H. Abbot, curate of Kettering, and the Rev. H. C. Holmes, curate of St. Sepulchre's, both took part in the ringing.

An excellent tea was provided at the Abingdon Square Cafe, at 5 o'clock, to which over sixty sat down, including the Rev. R. Y. Whytehead, Vicar of St. Edmund's; the Rev. E. C. Channer, Vicar of Ravensthorpe; W. Tomes, Esq., churchwarden of St. Edmund's, and Mayor-elect for Northampton; also Mr. S. Slark, of the Towcester Association. At the close, a hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Vicars of St. Edmund's, and St. Sepulchre's, and the Rector of St. Peter's for the privilege of using their bells, also to Mr. Tomes for honouring them with his presence at tea.

The Rev. R. Y. Whytehead, in reply, expressed the pleasure it gave him to see their members in St. Edmund's belfry to ring the bells, which were the kind gift of his churchwarden, Mr. Tomes. He was gratified to meet such a gathering of campanologists, and trusted they would visit Northampton again.

The Rev. H. C. Holmes apologised for the absence of his Vicar, the Rev. C. Brookes, who wished him to give them every welcome to St. Sepulchre's that day. He hoped all the Northampton ringers would see their way to join the Association, as he felt sure it would tend to the general improvement of the art of ringing in their town.

Mr. W. Tomes followed with some kindly words of welcome. He was pleased to see such a Society, for, as they knew, "union was strength," and must be instrumental in bringing clergy, churchwardens, and ringers from various parts together to exchange views and learn of each other, to their mutual benefit. He took much interest in bells and ringers, and looked upon the science of change-ringing as an intellectual and elevating pursuit. He wished the Association every success.

Mr. E. J. Dennes, the Hon. Secretary, begged on behalf of the Association to thank the local ringers for the welcome they had given them, particularly Messrs. Mackay and White, of St. Edmund's; Mr. Beckwith, of St. Sepulchre's; and Mr. Smith, of St. Peter's: for their assistance in making arrangements for the meeting. He was pleased to see such an old veteran as Mr. Faulkner, of St. Peter's belfry, with them on that occasion. The Raunds, Wellingborough and District Association was founded eleven years ago by the Rev. Hugh Bryan, of Raunds. Nineteen churches were now connected with it. The object of the Society was "Belfry Reform," under the following heads:—The recognition of ringers as church officials. The bringing about of good order in belfries and ringing-rooms, with a punctual ringing or chiming of bells for Divine Service, and the attendance of ringers thereat. The keeping in proper repair of bells and bell-fittings, and the re-hanging and improvement of peals when possible. The cultivation of the art of change-ringing by method, which was the best and most intellectual kind of bell music. To bring before churchwardens and parishioners the advisability of taking better care of their valuable old bells than in many places has been done in the past, also to point out the necessity of any repairs or alterations to bells or fittings being carried out by competent church bell hangers.

Ringling was afterwards resumed at each church. The Rev. E. N. Tom, Rector of St. Peter's, who was unable to attend the tea, spent some considerable time in his church during the evening chatting with the ringers and watching the ringing.

At the business meeting, which followed, the Rev. E. C. Channer presided. The minutes of the last quarterly meeting, held at Moulton, on Saturday, August 25th, were read and confirmed. The Rev. R. Y. Whytehead, and W. Tomes, Esq. very kindly consented to become honorary members, and the Rev. H. C. Holmes a ringing member. The Chairman and the Rev. W. St. George Coldwell, Rector of Wilbye, were unanimously elected as additional honorary members' delegates, both of those gentlemen taking much interest in the Society and frequently attending its meetings. It was suggested that the next quarterly meeting be held at Great Doddington, on Saturday, February 23rd, 1895, if the requisite permission could be obtained, or failing that at Yardley Hastings.

In addition to the three peals of bells used on Saturday, there are two other rings in Northampton, viz.:—at All Saints, a peal of eight, all cast by Chapman and Mears, of London, 1782. Diameter of tenor 51½ inches; and St. Giles (the heaviest octave in the town), all cast by Arnold, of Leicester, 1783. Diameter of tenor 56 inches.

St. Sepulchre's is the only church in the town retaining any of its 17th century bells.

In the year 1829, the Corporation of Northampton presented a set of chimes to the church of All Saints. They have been silent for some years past.

## ST. MICHAEL'S, BASINGSTOKE.

The bell frame at this church being light and very shaky, and the three back bells extremely false, the churchwardens entrusted the work of strengthening the frame, part re-hanging the bells, etc., to Mr. T. Blackbourn, of Salisbury, who has carried it out in a thoroughly satisfactory manner. The frame has been strengthened by long vertical bolts, and cast iron angle corners well bolted, the light portions of the frame removed and more substantial timbers inserted, new bearings put to the treble and second, new stock, gudgeons, and bearings to tenor, and new false staples where required. Visitors who before found it difficult to strike these bells can now ring them with ease. The first peal of Major on them since the completion of the work (a report of which will be found in its proper place) was rung on Saturday, October 27th, by a mixed band of the Winchester Diocesan Guild, the ringers expressing their satisfaction at the creditable manner in which Mr. Blackbourn has carried out the work.

## THE SOUTH AND WEST MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

The monthly meeting of the above Association held at Twickenham, on Saturday, October 20th, was well attended, upwards of thirty members being present, but what promised to be one of the best ringing meetings held since the formation of the Association was brought to an abrupt close almost immediately the bells were started going, a message being received that owing to illness close to the church the bells were to be stopped. A well-struck touch of Grandsire Triples was performed and the bells started off for Stedman when the notice already mentioned put an end to further ringing. Members attended from Ealing, Acton, Hillingdon, Isleworth, Fulham, etc.

## WHITTLE-LE-WOODS, NEAR CHORLEY, LANCASHIRE.

A large clock has just been erected at the above parish church by John Smith and Sons, Midland Clock Works, Derby. It is fitted with all the latest improvements, there are three six-foot dials, and the hours are struck on a 10 cwt. bell. The work has been carried out generally to the designs of Lord Grimthorpe.

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# THE RINGING TOUR IN SHROPSHIRE AND NORTH WALES, OCTOBER 1894.

MR. EDITOR,—This was first broached in the early part of 1894; its fulfilment is mainly due to the personal geographical knowledge of the country, the determined origination of Mr. T. J. Bratton, of Welshpool, and the untiring, courteous and able secretaryship of Mr. James George. Programmes of the route, neatly printed, giving a list of places to be visited, peals to be attempted, and times of departure and arrival, were freely circulated amongst friends likely to join the expedition, in response to which the following men kept their appointment at Wellington, Salop: J. Carter (Birmingham); W. R. Small (Tip-ton); H. Mason (Old Hill); W. H. Fussell (Slough); J. E. Groves (Wolverhampton); G. Chester (Lincoln); J. George (Rugby); T. J. Bratton (Welshpool); T. W. Chapman (Nuneaton). The official records appeared in this paper last week.

After the peal we rang three courses of Forward Major, and the local men some Grandsire Triples. During the evening handbells were rung, two peals of eight and one of ten being in possession of members of our company, who had been good enough to bring them for use on the way. We left Wellington and its famous hill the Wrekin, rain and fog ushering our entry into Shrewsbury, that town of many bells and sorry ringers, where our British slumbers were uninterrupted at The Britannia hotel.

At two o'clock on Sunday our smart waggonette and pair of useful black horses, engaged for the whole week, were turned out for the first time, our driver soon depositing the party at Condover church. We were agreeably surprised to find that the bells had only been opened the previous week, Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough, having rehung them upon a modern principle, with steel frame and girders, all new fittings and ropes, and entirely new patent lubricating bearing boxes. The action of the bells and workmanship are both highly satisfactory. On concluding the 2nd peal, Mr. Bennett invited our company to his house. Major Cholmondley, of Condover Hall, adjoining the church, very kindly threw open the grounds of his house for our pleasure.

We were indebted to Mr. Bennett for his kind reception and interest in our visit, and to Mrs. Bennett for her gifts of handsome roses for button-holes. The return drive to Shrewsbury (8 miles), was ended by 8 o'clock, several taking a stroll in the town in the neighbourhood of "Rouse Hill," which inducted a firm belief in the motto—"early to bed early to rouse." It should be mentioned that we were accompanied all day and the previous evening by Mr. Burd, of Shrewsbury, one of the oldest and few ringers of Salop interested in the method. Also that our host, Mr. Bray, ex-dragoon guardsman, is a jolly good fellow to his customers and friends. I may explain that the intended journey to Church Stretton as per programme was postponed a week at the request of the rector, the Rev. Knowle Hill, who from some unexpected cause had to abandon the Harvest Festival service in this church that day, and for which it was arranged we should ring.

Our twenty-mile drive to Market Drayton on Monday morning was safely accomplished in dry but foggy weather. The early afternoon found the following ringers busily engaged in the intricacies of Stedman Triples in which they desisted, after two attempts lasting just over a quarter-peal each, through those humiliating shifts which will occur in the best of regulated ringing: Messrs. George, Small, Carter, Chester, Groves, Mason, Chapman, and Fussell.

Evening service prevented anything further being done for the time being, but after tea and a pleasant chat with the Rev. C. J. Winsor, vicar, who gave permission for another try at night; renewed hope led the men on to a success, a peal of Bob Major being well-struck in 2 hrs. 56 mins. This was the first peal on the bells, and well earned. The vicar expressed his regret at not being able to entertain us at the vicarage, owing to a family bereavement. Of course we all examined the church and its contents here, as well as elsewhere on our route, our appearance more resembling a body of antiquated archeologists than campanologists to the uninitiated townspeople.

Departure from Market Drayton took place along the twelve miles of roadway to Whitchurch, and the fog and cold was neither pleasant or comfortable in the dark. Excepting our

reflections upon our past successes, and a chat and joke together, we were not an enviable party. Just at this time I should much like to have had at hand your editorial as they appeared in a recent number of "THE BELL NEWS," remarks on perseverance. The course of change-ringers like proverbial "true love" never runs smooth, and our programme going smoothly enough so far, I regret to say fell far short of our expectations as you will presently hear. Little did you know Mr. Editor how true were the words you were penning the previous week, at the very time we were peal loosing.

Oh that glorious uncertainty, what an incentive to try again. On arriving at Whitchurch, nearly midnight, we were warmly welcomed by the host and hostess of The Black Bear, whose catering and attention to us I can highly speak of. Evidently three peals in three days had some effect upon the weather, Tuesday being a fine sunny day. Our quarters were opposite the church, and therefore our transformation from the breakfast table to the belfry was speedily effected. Mr. George Wright, conductor of the local band and sexton, was present, and gave all the assistance in his power, permission to ring all day having been granted by the vicar, who is a good friend to peal-ringers.

A peal of Stedman Triples was scored in five minutes under 3 hrs., the band occupying the tower from 10 a.m. to 2.30, their preliminary canter broke down through over-anxiety, and three times the conductor had to call "stand." We were telegraphed from Ellesmere, the next place on our list for a peal, that "deaths prevented any ringing here to-day." As a consolation eight men attempted a second one at Whitchurch—Bob Major, which ended unexpectedly after tugging 1 hr. 30 mins., nearly half-way through. The following were the band: Messrs. Fussell, Horton, Small, Mason, George, Chapman, Carter, and Groves.

Leaving Whitchurch with a regret at the loss of Ellesmere tower, the drive was enlivened with handbell ringing, and our destination Wrexham was reached at 10 o'clock, giving us just an hour to spend with Alderman Evans at the Old Vaults, where courses of Caters, Royal, and Cinques on handbells were rung in company with Mr. Evans and Mr. Rowlands. Sleeping accommodation was provided at The Feathers hotel, and on Wednesday morning Wrexham tower, a most handsome building was ascended at 10 a.m., and we did not leave it till 5.30 p.m. The going off and coming home courses of an original peal of Stedman Caters was practised till 11 o'clock, when morning prayers caused a fifteen minutes rest, opportunity being taken to splice the 4th rope which was broken. Several futile attempts for the peal followed with intervals of rope splicing, the 3rd and 7th being so treated, making in all three ropes which our Sampson band had severed. Mr. Rowland Cartwright, of Wombourne, now put in his lengthy appearance, and took the place of Mr. J. E. Groves on the tenor, the latter having the misfortune to badly cut his thumb while rope-mending. At 2.55 the last trial began, and ended after ringing 2 hrs. 9 mins., the tenor-man giving up through illness, brought on by an affection of the heart. J. Carter (conductor), 1: T. Horton, 2; H. Mason, 3; W. R. Small, 4; T. J. Bratton, 5; T. W. Chapman, 6; J. George, 7; G. Chester, 8; W. H. Fussell, 9; R. Cartwright, 10. Tenor 25 cwt. We retired with depressed spirits and downcast hopes, dissatisfied with the 6½ hours ringing we had indulged in. No one gave a heed about Gresford until tea was well advanced, when Mr. George gave us an admonition—"Stick to the programme." A convenient train was found to be running to Gresford. The church is near the station; so one by one assents were given to the idea, and at 7 o'clock we were there, but only with a view to ringing touches. However Mr. George inveigled the following jaded brother-strings to start peal fashion for Grandsire Triples, which lasted 1 hr. 3 mins., when the wrong bell was found in the hunt. Short touches of Forward, Double Norwich, and Kent Treble Bob Major were afterwards rung, and we made our way back to Wrexham by the 10 o'clock train. Our day was one of all work and no play, there being no time to visit the attractions of the neighbourhood.

On the sixth day, Thursday, early rising enabled us to start away early, and we pulled up at the church of Llangollen after driving twelve miles at 10.15 a.m., eight of the band marching direct to the belfry, where Mr. J. W. Davies had everything in readiness. A good peal of Bob Major was struck off here, in

which Mr. J. S. Pritchett, of King's Norton, took part, he having arrived by train the same morning a little before us.

Our company now numbered eleven, Mr. Horton having returned to Birmingham, those not in the peal enjoyed a little hill climbing and scenery. We were all together again at The Grapes inn, where just a dozen, including Mr. Davies, sat down to do hasty justice to a substantial dinner. The beautiful scenery of hill, valleys, and dells in variety, and profusion along the vale of Llangollen, was enhanced by the various colors of foliage, now touched by an autumn hand. The drive to Llangollen and on to Oswestry, which proved to be the best of the tour, was enjoyed immensely, and it is a pity our greed for change-ringing could not be satiated with a longer stay amidst such a lovely country. Instead of lingering we urged our driver on, fearing that the arrival at Oswestry would not be in time to admit of a peal before evening service at 7.30.

The church was reached at 4.20, the tower bells up, and in changes at 4.30. The ringing proceeded for 2 hrs. 58 mins., when we indiscriminately set our bells at Mr. Carter's example, and our hopes in scoring this peal of Kent Treble Bob Major gone, and as Mr. Chapman sings in his song—"Never to return again." The last bob had been called, when Mr. Carter discovered the wrong bell in the slow, brought about by a trip some leads previous, in which the treble got "beautifully mixed." Before and after the attempt we were courteously received by Mr. Whitfield, President of the Oswestry society, who escorted us to The Coach and Dog, where the vicar had kindly prepared for us a suitable meat tea, which we all enjoyed. Upon the cloth being removed, handbells were rang by Messrs. Carter, Fussell, Pritchett, Groves, and Bratton, in two musical touches of Grandsire Caters, a 305, and 377, both round at hand, conducted by Messrs. Carter and Pritchett. The vicar, the Rev. Cecil Hook, spoke very kindly to us with reference to the incomplete peal which had given him great pleasure to hear, as it had doubtless the inhabitants of the town. He was glad to welcome the tourists to Oswestry, and hoped we had enjoyed ourselves and the ringing at the belfries we had visited. He was sure that a good band of Church bell-ringers were of much value where there were peals of bells, to those who had the ordering and conducting of the services of the church.

We departed from Oswestry at 9.30, the weather turning out misty and dull; our drive therefore was cold and cheerless, Welshpool being entered at 12.15, where we all made our nests at The Eagles. Here five pairs of arms belonging severally to Messrs. Carter, Fussell, Pritchett, Groves, and Bratton, were bared at two o'clock, and set in motion for a peal of Grandsire Caters upon handbells. Four courses were rang; a second trial lasted five courses, and we were just beginning "to feel our seats" when the umpire asked us to "stand." No doubt he will be good enough to personally explain why to those curious to know.

Tea took place at 5 o'clock, and at 6 p.m. a peal of Birmingham Major was in hand on the tower bells at St. Mary's. Everything went well Forward for an hour or so, when some one became too Forward, and we all had a back seat in about two whole pulls. This being the last evening we were all together, certain little matters of business were gone into. Our secretary disclosed the state of the funds, shewing an expenditure of £36 13s. 6d., which covered the whole of the expenses.

Mr. J. S. Pritchett proposed a vote of thanks to Messrs. Bratton and George for their interest and work in organising and carrying out the tour, and for services as Secretary and Treasurer, rendered in such a willing and courteous way. The vote was carried with acclamation.

Mr. W. R. Small proposed a vote of thanks on behalf of the band, especially to those clergy, churchwardens and steeple-keepers, who had provided us with towers, bells, and ropes, and to certain clergy who had shewn such kindly interest in our welfare.

Our last day proved to be the finest of any for weather, the sun cheering us up a little for the grievous parting near at hand. Our portraits in group were photographed outside St. Mary's church, previous to entering the belfry for a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, the vicar, the Rev. Grimaldi Davis, coming to have a friendly chat with us as well. I regret to say the peal ended in failure after ringing 2 hrs. 55 mins. Band—Messrs. Carter, Small, Pritchett, Chester, Mason, George, and Groves. Tea

for the last time together was partaken of at 3 o'clock, and at 4 o'clock our worthy and most careful driver drew up at The Eagles for his last load and last journey on the tour.

Certain wisdom was learnt in our outing, which will be advisable to bear in mind for the future. One can have too many peals on in a limited time; it is better to travel by day. Peal-ringing is not quite acclimatised to the Welsh air, judging by our present achievements in the Principality. Somebody said they should like it "all over again"; when I think of the failures I say not for yours truly,  
W. H. F.

P.S.—We were informed on Friday that illness near St. Chad's church, Shrewsbury, prevented our attempting a peal there on Saturday. The Bishop expressed great regret at our proposal not being possible. It was agreed by us all to spend the day at Welshpool instead.

#### THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

FYLDE BRANCH.—On Saturday afternoon, October 20th, the quarterly meeting of this branch of the above Association was held at Lytham. The attendance was not large, there being members present from Kirkham and Blackpool, together with the ringers of St. John's church, Lytham. Touches of Grandsire Triples, Grandsire Doubles, and Plain Bob Minor were successfully rung on the bells of St. John's church, and touches were also rung on the bells of St. Cuthbert's church.

The meeting was afterwards held in St. John's schoolroom, under the presidency of the Rev. R. Halstead. The district secretary, Mr. J. Fell, was present.

The Chairman said he had a very light and pleasing duty to perform, the welcoming of the Fylde branch of the Lancashire Association. There were many associations, he said, which it was difficult to say whether they all answered their purpose, and whether they were all necessary. He hoped that the bellringers' Association was necessary. Many people knew little or nothing about the real art of bellringing. It was an art which had developed in recent years, and was going well to the front. The belfry was now being considered, and rightly considered, a part of the church, and that being so the work of the ringers was as important as the services of the choir master, the chorister, and the organist, that of each being to the glory of God. He regretted that the day had been unfavourable, especially to the visitors, but he hoped nevertheless that the meeting had been a profitable one, and, in conclusion, he wished the association every success.

The district secretary read the remarks of the Rev. H. J. Elsee, the esteemed President of the Lancashire Association, delivered at the annual meeting held in Bolton on September 29th, and which have already appeared in "THE BELL NEWS." Speaking of the Fylde branch, Mr. Fell said that it was started in 1891, and it could now boast of forty, consisting of honorary, life, and performing members.

Mr. Needham said that he would be very glad to further the work of the ringers, for he believed that they were doing a very important service, and one which would certainly identify them more closely with the work of the church. He was sure that the relation which existed between the vicar of St. John's and the ringers was very close indeed, and in him (the Rev. T. G. Smart), the association would have a very true friend.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at St. Anne's-on-the-Sea the third week in January.

Votes of thanks were accorded the Rev. R. Halstead and Mr. Needham for their presence at the meeting, and the proceedings terminated.

#### WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

On Sunday, October 21st, Mrs. Chas. Prescott, of London, formally started a large clock, of which she is the donor, at St. James's Church. It has three dials, chimes the Cambridge quarters, and strikes the hours. The whole of the work has been carried out by John Smith and Sons, Midland Clock Works, Derby.



## CHANGE-RINGING AT SOUTHWELL AND GLOUCESTER CATHEDRALS.

BY F. E. DAWE.

In its proper place on another page will be found the official record of the first complete peal ever accomplished on the grand ring of eight at Southwell Cathedral.

Southwell, in local parlance "Suthell," is a quiet little town some distance off the main line between Nottingham and Newark, somewhat awkward of access, comparatively few visitors, therefore, trouble themselves about seeing a place that is indeed well worth a journey. In the time of the Romans it was called "Tiovulfingacester," and it is just as well that this name has been altered, especially in consideration of the name-board at the railway station; and it must also be borne in mind that the gas lamps in the streets are not lit on moon-light nights. The police force consists of an officer and two men. It is situated in the middle of the Thurgarton Hundred [but no relation whatever of the famous "Queen's Hundred" which many of our ringing friends are so anxious to crawl into at the Bisley Meeting in July.]

Without going into dates or origin, it may be said in passing that here stands the second oldest church in existence, which is in many respects closed allied to York and Beverley Minsters. At its altar formerly stood the famous "Freedstool" as at Beverley and Hexham Abbey, for criminals to "go for" when hotly pursued, and it can also boast of a Recluserium. On entering through the west doorway, which is a succession of receding arches well worth halting to look at, we enter the Norman nave of the twelfth century, with its double row of noble pillars and arches, fully possessed of that massive grandeur which can only be met with in Norman architecture. The arches of the arcade above are of the same span as those on the ground floor, but of less height, and the triforium stage contains a gallery the full width of the aisle below. The north and south transepts are of the same order of architecture. The choir and east end are good examples of the Early English period; but the most interesting work of all is to be found in the octagonal Chapter House which is of the Decorated style. It is 32½ feet in diameter, and undoubtedly stands foremost among our geometrical buildings. The stone carving here is the delight and admiration of all who see it, rendered all the more valuable from the fact that it has occupied its present position for over 600 years, and has never been restored. The place simply abounds in endless evidence of the mason's and sculptor's skill of the period, and the carved natural foliage faithfully copied in every minute detail is without a doubt the finest and most beautiful in all Europe. It consists of the oak, vine, hop, ivy, maple, white-thorn, rose, and a variety of other plants, sculptured with excellent freedom and delicacy, no two subjects alike, with men, women, animals, flowers, and ornaments, which ever changing and charming variety reminds one of scientific change-ringing. The stems of all the plants stand out quite by themselves, and the finger can be placed below and around all the leaves and flowers represented, and which are raised from the main pillars. The fire of 1711 destroyed both organ and bells.

The ruins of a famous palace adjoining are fully in keeping with the interesting Cathedral. The great attraction to ringers, is, however, the short and thickset central Norman tower, which reaches to a height of 105 feet, the leaden roof of which shows clean cut names with the peculiar shape of boots, dated 1738. The tower is supported by four lofty Norman arches, with bold cable moulding, and immediately above this is eight richly ornamented arches, two in each wall; indeed in this part of the building anyone who admires the old Norman architecture can have their fill of zig-zag, dog-tooth, and cable twist.

After travelling up a perfect labyrinth of staircases, and going along part of the triforium, we at last arrive at the ringing-room, which is certainly a curiosity in itself, and at once reminds one of Merton College, Oxford. The circle of ropes fall the wrong way round, and the ringers stand two on each side on a sort of balcony or platform four feet wide, having a massive oak trellis balustrade in front crossed five times on each side, reaching to a height of 4 ft. 3 in., and surmounted by stout wire netting of an additional 3½ feet. The well-hole in the centre is about 20 feet square, whilst the distance down to the floor of the church is exactly 60 feet. There are two Norman openings

in each wall nearly 4 feet wide, one behind each ringer, and again behind each of these is a window of the same kind about 18 inches wide, whilst a passage of about 2 feet wide between these runs all the way round in the thickness of the massive wall. The place is well lit by a double gas-jet in the centre of each wall, and the chamber is not quite fourteen feet in height. The noise from the bells, the very wide circle of ropes, and the perplexing iron netting in front make change-ringing very difficult here. The bell-chamber is about 30 feet square, and the sound-emitting space consists of twelve Norman windows (three on each side), 3½ feet in width, and the grand ring of eight bells which have lately been rehung by Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough, swing from and towards the four corners. They were cast by Abraham Rudhall, of Gloucester, in 1721; the tenor weighs 28 cwt., and speaks D flat.

I made the first attempt for a peal here in 1886, and another last Whit-Monday, but not to be beaten I spent ten days here a short time ago, and at my suggestion the Rev. Canon Trebeck very kindly had some moveable curtains to run on irons in front of each of the ringers, so that their attention was not thrown into the church below; and also curtains for the eight windows so as to prevent the sun from blinding and confusing any ringer it may chance to light upon. It need therefore hardly be said that every stone was turned to make everything right, and obtain the services of a good band of the Midland Counties' Association. These gentlemen duly arrived on Saturday, October 13th, and were all shown round the Cathedral in the most painstaking manner by Mr. Coxon, the kindly and obliging Sacristan. A start was made for Holt's ten-part peal of Grand-sire Triples, and in 3 hrs. 27½ mins. a few rounds and firing proclaimed that the first complete peal on the bells was an accomplished fact. The ringing throughout gave great satisfaction, and according to the local papers and magazines, we are told that "the people declared they could not keep within doors with such music in the air." We must not omit to mention that Mr. W. White, of Nottingham, attended as a reserve man in case the band met one short.

Immediately after the peal, the visitors and local ringers together with the Lord Bishop of Nassau, were kindly invited by Canon and Mrs. Trebeck to a most substantial banquet, after which, as conductor, and on behalf of the assembled guests, I thanked the rev. gentleman for his great kindness and hospitality to the ringers, and also for the pleasant week spent there, adding a few words of encouragement and advice for the future to the Cathedral ringers, with whom I feel sure scientific change-ringing has now been inaugurated. Mr. John Hickman, of Nottingham, seconded this, and Mr. Walter Coxon and Mr. Gibson responded for the Southwell company. In reply Canon Trebeck made an excellent speech well calculated to elevate and turn over the hearts of any band of ringers with respect and gratitude. He is indeed a good friend to both ringers and choir, and most earnest and painstaking in the welfare of those round him. The only regret expressed on all sides was that Mr. J. W. Taylor, of Loughborough, was prevented by business claims from attending.

After a plain course on the handbells in the drawing-room, the whole party again repaired to the Cathedral to hear the present organ, which at a cost of £5000 has been erected between the nave and choir on a screen of pure decorated work profusely enriched with ornament and panelled with flowing tracery above a canopied and foliated arch. During the time the company became seated at the extreme end of the nave, the engineer, Mr. C. Chamberlain, got up steam at an outside building, and the assistant-organist, Mr. Winthrobam, delighted the assembled guests with that grand chorus in detail from "Judas Maccabeus," so dear to the fortunate man at each meeting of the National Rifle Association, after firing the winning shot for the Queen's Prize, viz., "See the Conquering hero comes." This brought a very pleasant day to a close, and before leaving the town all repaired to The Old Saracen's Head, a famous hostelry of the fourteenth century, to see the oak-panelled rooms which Charles the First frequently occupied. Cromwell, too is said to have occasionally occupied the same apartments as those in which his unhappy victim lodged, when on his journey north to suppress the renewed rising of the defeated Royalists in conjunction with the Scots.

During my stay here the Volunteers had their annual

Regimental Prize meeting, at which, as a privileged visitor, I had the honour of making the highest score during the two days so occupied, to say nothing of bicycle and billiards.

Now, Mr. Editor, with your permission I should much like to take this opportunity of tendering my most sincere thanks to the Rev. Canon Trebeck for so readily and kindly granting permission for the peal, and also on two occasions altering the time of Divine Service so as to give the necessary opportunity for the peal; also to the Southwell ringers, Mr. Coxon and his son Walter, the Volunteers, Messrs. W. Swift, J. Lodge, and other kind friends too numerous to mention, for using every endeavour to make my visit what it certainly was, a very successful one in ringing, and equally enjoyable.

In travelling onwards and having some time to wait at Hereford Station on the evening of the 17th instant, I was agreeably surprised to hear the Cathedral bells going. Later in the evening

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was reached, and Friday morning, at 11 o'clock, saw a band of the Ancient Society of College Youths and Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association assembled at the main entrance to the Cathedral, admiring the external grandeur and beauty of this national monument, of which any town in the whole world might justly be proud. The charming grass plots and well-kept gardens and trees show off the building, 406 ft. in length and 83 ft. wide to advantage, above which, rising to a height of 225 ft. is the grand old tower, almost beyond description, standing second to none, and its size and beauty are the admiration of all who see it. It was built by Abbott Seabroke in 1450-7, and is a very big one, being a most conspicuous landmark for many miles round. The beautiful external stonework is truly magnificent, and surmounted by four pinnacles of skeleton open work is simply charming if once seen with a good back ground of sunset or moonlight; it forms a spectacle never to be forgotten. The chimes, the oldest tune of which was composed in 1680, are quaint, plaintive and peculiar.

Of course it need hardly be said that the sight of the fine old Norman Nave, 68 feet in height, the choir, 86 feet in height, the flying arches beneath the tower vaulting, the splendid windows, and Lady Chapel, together with the charming old Cloisters, Abbots' Walk and Crypt, are quite sufficient to thrill one's heart with delight. On all sides can be seen Norman, Early English, Decorated, Transition, and Perpendicular styles of Architecture. With such a well-known relic as this Cathedral, a lengthy description is quite unnecessary, therefore after a tremendous journey up many steps, we at length reach the ringing chamber, which is a gigantic apartment 34ft. square. The ropes are very good, and the circle falls in an isolated corner quite by itself. The hour bell, "Big Peter," weighing 65 cwt. in B flat, stands in another corner, and the whole place has a peculiarly weird and desolate appearance, fit to be copied for a Lyceum scene! It is badly lighted by close, small lower openings, which are entirely innocent of a particle of glass, and therefore admit considerably more draught and cold air than light. Owing to the fact that many years ago some visitors willfully set fire to the tower, no gas or artificial lighting of any kind is permitted on the ground of a danger of fire,—hence the early hour of meeting. On this occasion many powerful reasons were urged on the authorities to allow us to have lights, but all to no purpose, therefore we had to make the best of it.

Being of an antiquarian turn of mind, one of my great ambitions was to ring the 2nd, which is said to be the oldest ringing bell that can be handled for a peal. It has, among other things, the reverse of a coin of King Edward the Third's reign, and was cast in the year 1345, by John Sandre, or "Master John" as he was called, formerly a serf of the Ancient Abbey here, who lived at Maisemore; therefore it is nearly 550 years old. The others are of later dates, but, taken as an aggregate, they are without a doubt the oldest ring of eight in existence; here then is a chance to examine "black-letter," or pre-Reformation bells at leisure. The tenor bell weighs 28 cwt., and speaks D.

A "deadening floor" is urgently needed, for the reverberating clang of the bells is simply deafening, and for hours afterwards makes all the ringers feel as if their heads were under water! In bob-calling alone, to say nothing of conducting, a deal of howling in A natural is necessary; in fact it has been proved conclusively that owing to the absence of glass

in the windows, every call was distinctly heard outside, and all round the Close and College Green!

When all was ready, a start was made, which resulted in an hour's capital ringing, and having paid another visit to the Dean, the same band met again at 11 o'clock next morning. After ringing for two hours a heavy storm came on, and the consequent darkness would have proved a very serious affair had it not been that the ringers were all "armed" with white shirts, and had forgotten to roll their sleeves up! All went well, and in 3 hrs. and 13 mins. eight well-struck blows of "firing," and then lowering them in peal proclaimed that the first peal of Stedman Triples on the Cathedral bells had been successfully accomplished. The official record will be found in its proper place on another page.

Several enthusiastic and well-known men in the ringing world congratulated the party after descending on their achievement, testifying to the fine and regular striking throughout, and the interest displayed by all classes who had listened to the deep-toned roll of this majestic and noble ring of eight. The *Citizen* of the 22nd instant tells us it was the finest ringing the City of Gloucester has had the pleasure of hearing for many a long day!

Now, Mr. Editor, on behalf of my brother ringers, I wish to tender our most sincere thanks to the Very Rev. the Dean for so kindly granting permission, and allowing a start to be made again the next day, also for the very kind manner in which he has always received me. It is well-known that I have worked very hard, and tried patiently to obtain this opportunity for fourteen years, but there has always been obstacles in the way, such as the clock or chimes, etc. being out of order, and we were once actually stopped at the door for some reason or other; therefore this is the first real start I have been able to make.

I must not forget to mention the great kindness and assistance rendered by Mr. Cooke, the Sub-Sacrist, and also Mr. Clifford, the Clerk of Works and Tower Keeper. The only regret I am able to record is that my most esteemed friend, Mr. F. E. Ward, was prevented by business claims from taking part in this excellent performance,—this also applies to Mr. G. H. Phillott.

An attempt for a peal of Stedman Caters at St Mary's, Cheltenham, with Mr. Ward as conductor, came to grief after ringing two hours; and a couple of very closely contested games at billiards with Staff-Sergeant Worth of the English Eight, brought a very successful visit to a close.

In passing through the "Faithful City" of Worcester, the wife and I obtained good apartments opposite the Cathedral, in order to hear the Chimes, and Handel's "Harmonious Blacksmith" was the last we heard before leaving for London. On the Sunday morning we heard the bells raised preparatory to ringing, and my only regret was not being able to stay a little longer in order to meet with the members of the Worcester Cathedral Guild.

#### ALLIANCE MAJOR.

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

Twice repeated.

This peal contains the combinations of 4-5-6 in 5-6, without 2nd or 3rd in 6th's place at a course-end.

H. DAINS.

Twice repeated.

This peal is obtained without 2nd or 3rd in 6th's place at a course-end.

REV. J. H. PILKINGTON.

\* \* The many records of peals in this number prevents the appearance of several touch reports. They will all appear, however, in due course.

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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 1894.

The Metropolis.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, October 27, 1894, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN, LAMBETH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 19 cwt.

HENRY LANGDON .. .. Treble.	HENRY S. ELLIS .. .. 5.
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Composed by N. J. PITSTOW and Conducted by H. R. NEWTON.

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THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 27, 1894, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES, CAMBERWELL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 25 cwt.

WILLIAM MEADS* .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM BEDWELL .. .. 6.
HAROLD N. DAVIS* .. .. 2.	*JAMES E. DAVIS .. .. 7.
JOHN C. TRUSS, JUN* .. .. 3.	WALTER INGHAM .. .. 8.
ALFRED W. BRIGHTON .. .. 4.	CHARLES WILKINS .. .. 9.
ARTHUR J. NEALE* .. .. 5.	EDWIN BARNETT .. .. Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS and Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT.

\*First peal of Royal. This peal was arranged for J. C. Truss, jun., of G. Marlow, Bucks, and A. W. Brighton, of Norwich.

## THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Monday, October 29, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-ATTE-BOW,

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

ALBERT DEARDS* .. .. Treble.	EMANUEL HALL.. .. 5.
HENRY SPRINGALL .. .. 2.	GEORGE THOMPSON .. .. 6.
SAMUEL HAYES .. .. 3.	HENRY PRIOR .. .. 7.
YORK GREEN .. .. 4.	HENRY J. TUCKER .. .. Tenor.

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\*First peal in the method. The above are all members of the Essex Association.

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## SOUTHWELL, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 13, 1894, in Three Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 28 cwt. in D flat.

WILLIAM E. HOLROYD .. Treble.	WILLIAM A. TYLER .. .. 5.
JOHN HICKMAN .. .. 2.	HORACE W. ABBOTT.. .. 6.
ARTHUR W. MATTHEWS .. 3.	FRANCIS E. DAWE .. .. 7.
EDWARD ROBINSON .. .. 4.	THOMAS GRUNDY .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by FRANCIS EDWARD DAWE.

This is the first complete peal ever accomplished on the bells, and a full account will be found on another page. The ringers of the treble, 2nd, 4th and 6th hail from Nottingham; those of the 3rd, 5th and tenor from Loughborough; and the conductor from London.

## GLOUCESTER.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS, AND  
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN  
ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 20, 1894, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
THURSTANS' COMPOSITION. Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

FRANCIS E. HART .. .. Treble.	RICHARD T. HIBBERT .. 5.
FRANCIS E. DAWE .. .. 2.	WALTER T. BENNETT .. 6.
EDWARD B. JAMES .. .. 3.	REV. HENRY LAW JAMES .. 7.
HENRY ROBERTS .. .. 4.	ADOLPHUS ROBERTS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by FRANCIS EDWARD DAWE.

This is the first peal in the method ever accomplished on the bells, and only two other peals have preceded it. A full account appears on another page. The ringers of the treble, 3rd, 6th, 7th, and tenor belong to Gloucester; the conductor hails from London; the 4th from Cheltenham; and the 5th from Reading.

## KINGSTON-ON-THAMES, SURREY.

On Wednesday, October 24, 1894, in Three Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES.  
Tenor 33 cwt. in D.

JAMES W. DRIVER .. .. Treble.	ROBERT E. CHICHESTER .. 6.
CHARLES SLADE .. .. 2.	GEORGE NAISH .. .. 7.
ROBERT E. PEARSON .. .. 3.	JOHN WRIGHT .. .. 8.
WILLIE T. MEATON .. .. 4.	JAMES STRUTT .. .. 9.
GEORGE WOODIS .. .. 5.	JAMES CHANDLER .. .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN COX and Conducted by GEORGE WOODIS.

## SALISBURY, WILTS.

## THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, October 26, 1894, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

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

ON HANDBELLS RETAINED IN HAND,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES.

WALTER S. WISE .. .. 1-2.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD.. 5-6.
THOMAS BLACKBOURN .. 3-4.	ALFRED P. GODDARD .. 7-8.

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

## PRESTWOLD, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

(LOUGHBOROUGH BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, October 24, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,  
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 11 cwt.

EDWARD READER .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM H. INGLESANT.. 5.
ARTHUR W. MATTHEWS .. 2.	RICHARD F. LANE .. .. 6.
JOSEPH HARDY .. .. 3.	ERNEST W. CARTWRIGHT .. 7.
JOHN W. TAYLOR, JUN. .. 4.	JOHN SMITH .. .. Tenor.

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK and

Conducted by JOHN W. TAYLOR, JUN.

This is the first peal in the method on the bells, and by Messrs. Reader, Matthews, Inglesant, Cartwright, and Smith.

## LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

(LOUGHBOROUGH BRANCH.)

On Friday, October 26, 1894, in Three Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

WILLIAM A. TYLER .. .. Treble.	STEPHEN COOPER .. .. 6.
RICHARD F. LANE .. .. 2.	WILLIAM H. INGLESANT.. 7.
ARTHUR W. MATTHEWS .. 3.	ERNEST W. CARTWRIGHT .. 8.
ALFRED MILLIS .. .. 4.	WILLIAM T. BILLINGHURST .. 9.
JOHN SMITH .. .. 5.	JOHN W. TAYLOR, JUN. .. Tenor.

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW and

Conducted by JOHN W. TAYLOR, JUN.

## NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 27, 1894, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 19 cwt.

EDWARD WALLIS .. .. Treble.	HUGH D. DALL .. .. 5.
WILLIAM HOLMES .. .. 2.	ALFRED F. HILLIER.. .. 6.
ROBERT S. STORY .. .. 3.	EDWARD J. TITT .. .. 7.
GEORGE HOLMES .. .. 4.	WILLIAM STORY.. .. Tenor.

Composed by T. DAY and Conducted by WILLIAM HOLMES.

E. J. Titt hails from Bishop Auckland; G. Holmes from North Shields.

## STAVELEY, DERBYSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE AND THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE  
ASSOCIATIONS.

On Saturday, October 27, 1894, in Three Hours and Eight 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.	ARTHUR CRAVEN .. .. 6.
HENRY MOTTERSHALL .. 3.	JOHN HARRIS .. .. 7.
ARTHUR WORTHINGTON .. 4.	HERBERT MADIN .. .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS and Conducted by HERBERT MADIN.

W. Price hails from Eckington; the rest belong to the local company.

## BOLSTERSTONE, YORKS.-THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 27, 1894, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES.  
Tenor 13 cwt. in F sharp.

JOHN DYSON .. .. Treble.	JAMES SHAW .. .. 5.
JOHN HOLMAN* .. .. 2.	ARTHUR BREARLEY .. .. 6.
JAMES ASPINALL .. .. 3.	GEORGE JACKSON .. .. 7.
WILLIAM STEEL .. .. 4.	DAVID BREARLEY .. .. Tenor.

Composed by the late WILLIAM BOOTH, and

Conducted by DAVID BREARLEY.

\*First peal of Bob Major. Messrs. A. Brearley and J. Holman belong to the Sheffield parish church society, the rest to Bolsterstone.

## BASINGSTOKE, HAMPSHIRE.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 27, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

HARRY LAWES* .. .. .	Treble.	FREDERICK G. WILSON .. .. .	5.
CHARLES GILES .. .. .	2.	JOHN W. WHITING .. .. .	6.
GEORGE GRAFHAM .. .. .	3.	THOMAS BLACKBOURN .. .. .	7.
HENRY WHITE .. .. .	4.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. .. .	Tenor.

Composed by FRANK BENNETT and Conducted by HENRY WHITE.

\*First peal of Major. C. Giles hails from Reading; G. Grafham and J. W. Whiting from Fareham; T. Blackbourn and W. W. Gifford from Salisbury; the rest belong to the local band.

## BLETCHINGLEY, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 27, 1894, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 19 cwt.

JOHN RICE .. .. .	Treble.	EDWIN JORDAN .. .. .	5.
ALFRED D. MILLS .. .. .	2.	THOMAS KING .. .. .	6.
DR. ARTHUR B. CARPENTER .. .. .	3.	JAMES PARKER .. .. .	7.
FREDERICK DENCH .. .. .	4.	FREDERICK W. RICE .. .. .	Tenor.

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW and Conducted by JAMES PARKER.

First peal of Superlative on the bells and by the Surrey Association, and first peal in the method by Dr. A. B. Carpenter and T. King, and was rung at the first attempt. Dr. Carpenter and T. King hail from Croydon; E. Jordan from Capel; the rest belong to Crawley. The band wish through "THE BELL NEWS" to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells, and Mr. Bashford for having everything in readiness.

## ASHTREAD, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION

On Tuesday, October 30, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

## A PEAL OF UNION TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

ALFRED E. BASSETT .. .. .	Treble.	JAMES EASTON .. .. .	5.
HARRY PEDERICK .. .. .	2.	THOMAS MILES .. .. .	6.
JOHN WYATT* .. .. .	3.	HARRY KENTEN .. .. .	7.
GEORGE PEDERICK† .. .. .	4.	THOMAS EVERETT .. .. .	Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS MILES.

\*First peal in the method. †First peal in the method with a bob bell. With the exception of John Wyatt, who belongs to Ashtread, all are members of St. Martin's, Epsom, band.

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HEMPSTED (Gloucestershire).—On Wednesday evening, October 3rd, at the parish church of St. Swithun, 1894 changes of Grandsire and St. Dunstan's Doubles in 1 hr. 7 mins. E. E. Davies, 1; W. Poston, 2; A. Webb, 3; W. T. Pegler (conductor), 4; G. Taylor, 5; E. Davies, 6.

## Miscellaneous.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

BURFORD (Oxon).—On Sunday, October 21st, for morning service' 360 Grandsire Minor. C. Packer, 1; E. Large, 2; T. Bond, 3; W. Launchbury, 4; W. Shirley, 5; W. Large (conductor), 6. And for evening service, 336 Grandsire Triples. C. Packer, 1; E. Large, 2; T. Bond, 3; W. Launchbury, 4; W. Shirley, 5; H. Smith, jun., 6; W. Large (conductor), 7; H. Humphries, 8. On Monday, October 22nd, on the occasion of the coming home of Mr. E. A. Cass and his bride, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes). E. Large, 1; W. Shirley, 2; D. Francis, 3; T. Bond, 4; T. E. Glanvill, 5; W. Launchbury, 6; W. Large (conductor), 7; J. Faulkner, 8.

READING (Berks).—On Monday evening, October 22nd, for practice, at St. Mary's church, 576 of Kent Treble Bob Major, supposed to be the first touch in the method on the bells. A. Watmore, 1; C. Giles, 2; J. F. Tarrant, 3; J. E. Hern, 4; H. Tucker, 5; C. Chapman, 6; F. Hopgood, 7; R. T. Hibbert (conductor), 8. And 504 Stedman Triples. F. Hopgood (conductor), 1; C. Giles, 2; J. F. Tarrant, 3; H. Tucker, 4; J. E. Hern, 5; C. Chapman, 6; R. T. Hibbert, 7; H. Simmonds, 8.

NEWBURY (Berks).—On Saturday, October 20th, at the quarterly meeting of the Guild, the following ringing was done: 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Hussey, 1; C. Giles (conductor), 2; T. East, 3; H. Tucker, 4; J. Sawyer, 5; S. Quinton, 6; W. Newell, 7; J. Witts, 8. Also several 6-scores of Doubles, short touches of Bob Major and Stedman Triples, by A. Bird, E. Witts, D. Geater, C. Giles, H. Tucker, S. Quinton, W. Newell, F. Hopgood and J. Witts.

SPEEN, NEAR NEWBURY (Berks).—On Saturday, October 20th, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor. D. Geater, 1; C. Chapman, 2; J. E. Hern, 3; Rev. F. E. Robinson, 4; F. Hopgood, 5; A. E. Reeves (conductor), 6. This is supposed to be the first 720 on the bells.

FARNHAM ROYAL (Bucks).—On Wednesday, September 5th, 720 Grandsire Minor. E. Elderfield, 1; J. Parker, 2; J. Elderfield, 3; C. Clarke, 4; J. Bovington, 4; R. Flaxman (conductor), 6. And 720 Oxford Bob, conducted by C. Clarke. On Wednesday, September 12th, 720 Grandsire, in which G. Newman took part. On Sunday, October 14th, on the occasion of the harvest festival, for morning service, 720 Oxford Bob. And for evening service, 720 Grandsire Minor, in which G. Stanbrook took part. On Tuesday, October 16th, six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, conducted by C. Clarke; 720 Grandsire Minor, conducted by J. J. Parker; and eight 6-scores of Doubles, conducted by G. Basden. On Wednesday, October 17th, 720 Oxford Bob. A. Day, 1; J. Elderfield, 2; J. J. Parker, 3; J. Parker, 4; G. Alder, 5; C. Clarke (conductor), 6.

BURNHAM (Bucks).—On Thursday, October 18th, at St. Peter's church, six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, in 25 mins. W. Cox, 1; A. Day, 2; J. Mitchel, 3; E. Carter, 4; G. Alder (conductor), 5; R. Lane, 6. On Sunday, October 21st, for Divine Service, six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, in 25 mins. W. Cox, 1; A. Day, 2; J. Mitchel, 3; J. Tilbury, 4; G. Alder (conductor), 5; F. Carter, 6. Tenor 16½ cwt.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

GOSPORT (Hants).—On Saturday, September 8th, at Holy Trinity church, for practice, 419 Grandsire Triples. J. Nicholson, 1; J. Hewitt, 2; A. Peckham, 3; H. Westbrook, 4; E. Reynolds, 5; R. Davies, 6; A. E. Tomlins (conductor), 7; R. Fuge, 8. On Sunday, September 23rd, for morning service, 180 Bob Minor. \*H. Reynolds, 1; J. Hewitt (conductor), 2; \*A. Peckham, 3; \*H. Westbrook, 4; \*E. Reynolds, 5; A. E. Tomlins, 6. \*First in the method. On Sunday, September 30th, for morning service, 504 Grandsire Triples. F. Burnett, 1; J. Hewitt, 2; H. Reynolds, 3; E. Reynolds, 4; A. Peckham, 5; R. Gardner, 6; A. E. Tomlins (conductor), 7; R. Fuge, 8. On Sunday, October 22nd, for morning service, 630 Grandsire Triples. J. Nicholson, 1; J. Hewitt, 2; H. Reynolds, 3; E. Reynolds, 4; A. Peckham, 5; R. Davies (longest with a bob bell), 6; A. E. Tomlins (conductor), 7; R. Fuge (conductor), 8.

FARNHAM (Surrey).—On Sunday, September 23rd, for the foresters' annual church parade, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. G. H. Barnett, 1; A. Smith, 2; A. E. Headey, 3; A. J. Le Clercq, 4; H. L. Garfath (conductor), 5; C. Fry, 6; E. Clap-



shaw, 7; F. A. Barnett, 8. And in honour of the wedding of the Rev. G. E. Hitchcock and Miss N. Jackson, two quarter-peals of Grandsire Triples. First quarter-peal. A. Smith, 1; A. J. Le Clercq, 2; A. E. Headey (conductor), 3; F. A. Barnett, 4; G. H. Barnett, 5; A. White, 6; E. Clapshaw, 7; H. Wright, 8. Second quarter-peal: A. E. Headey, 1; A. Smith, 2; A. J. Le Clercq, 3; F. A. Barnett (conductor), 4; G. H. Barnett, 5; E. Clapshaw, 6; ———— 7; H. Wright, 8. Also for Divine Service, on Sunday evening, October 6th, 672 Grandsire Triples. G. H. Barnett, 1; F. A. Barnett (conductor), 2; A. J. Le Clercq, 3; A. Smith, 4; A. E. Headey, 5; G. Gasson, 6; A. Burgess, 7; H. Forder, 8. Messrs. Gasson, Burgess, and Forder hail from Alton; the rest belong to the local band.

#### THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ARMLEY (Yorks.)—On Thursday evening, October 11th, for practice at Christ Church, 360 Cambridge Surprise. F. Blacketh, 1; Joe Thackray (conductor), 2; B. Cowling, 3; J. Thackray, 4; M. Broadbent, 5; J. Guy, 6. And 720 Cambridge Surprise, standing as above, and was the first 720 in the method by all. On Sunday, October 14th, being harvest festival, for morning service, 720 Cambridge Surprise in 27 mins. Joe Thackray (conductor), 1; J. Heckingbottom (first 720 in the method), 2; the others as before. And for evening service, 360 Kent. Joe Thackray (conductor), 1; F. Blacketh (first in the method), 2; B. Cowling, 3; J. Heckingbottom, 4; M. Broadbent, 5; J. Thackray, 6. And 240 each of Cambridge Surprise and City Delight and 72 Oxford, standing as in the morning. On Monday evening, October 15th, for Divine Service, it being the last service of the festival, 240 Kent, 360 Violet, and 144 Oxford. Joe Thackray (conductor), 1; F. Blacketh, 2; B. Cowling, 3; J. Heckingbottom, 4; M. Broadbent, 5; J. Thackray, 6. Tenor 16 cwt.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BORDEN (Kent).—On Sunday, September 30th, at the parish church, for Divine Service in the morning, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original, in 44 mins. C. Willshire (conductor), 1; G. Willshire, 2; C. Millway, 3; E. Allen, 4; A. Hardy, 5; W. Tassell, 6; R. Staines, 7; H. Martin, 8. G. Willshire hails from Quex Park, Birchington. On Sunday, October 14th, for Divine Service in the evening, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins. C. Dutnall, 1; E. Allen, 2; W. Hobbs, 3; C. Millway, 4; A. Hardy, 5; W. Tassell, 6; C. Willshire (conductor), 7; R. Staines, 8.

UPCHURCH (Kent).—On Tuesday evening, October 9th, at St. Mary's church, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs two singles), in 26 mins. H. Witherden, 1; H. Shipp, 2; W. T. Hyland, 3; W. Laker, 4; G. Dennis, 5; W. Seamer (conductor), 6. On Saturday evening, October 20th, 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-eight bobs twenty-two singles), in 25 mins. G. Dennis, 1; H. Shipp, 2; A. Hardy, 3; W. Laker, 4; W. T. Hyland, 5; G. A. Ransom (conductor), 6. G. A. Ransom hails from Sittingbourne; A. Hardy from Borden; the rest are local men.

OSPRINGE (Kent).—On Thursday, October 4th, 720 Bob Minor (fourteen bobs two singles), with 6-8 covering, in 27 mins. S. Croucher, 1; G. Foster, 2; H. Burling, 3; W. Willis, 4; E. Bridges (first as conductor), 5; W. Holdstock, 6; H. Baker, 7; J. Austin, 8.

HAYES (Kent).—On Monday, October 1st, for practice, a plain course of College Single. F. Lacy, 1; H. Reader, 2; A. Killick, 3; J. Harwood, 4; J. Hack, 5; E. Stone, 6. First in the method by all. On Sunday morning, October 7th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure (eight bobs six singles), in 25 mins. F. Lacy, 1; H. Brown, 2; A. Killick, 3; H. Reader, 4; E. Stone, 5; J. Hack (conductor), 6. And on Tuesday evening, for harvest thanksgiving service, 720 Canterbury Pleasure (fourteen singles four bobs). F. Lacy, 1; H. Brown, 2; A. Killick, 3; J. Hack, 4; H. Reader (conductor), 5; G. Harwood, 6. Also 180 Bob Minor. J. Johnson, 1; H. Brown, 2; A. Killick, 3; G. Harwood, 4; J. Hack, 5; E. Stone, 6. J. Johnson hails from Ansford.

#### THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

TAUNTON (Somersetshire).—On Sunday, August 26th, at St. Mary Magdalen's church, for evening service, 1036 Grandsire Triples, in 37½ mins. A. Evans, 1; J. Joyce, 2; S. Radford, 3; J. Burge, 4; G. Yendall, 5; T. W. Radford (conductor), 6; W. Thorne, 7; J. Fowler, 8. Also on Sunday, September 16th, 447 Grandsire Triples. O. Bond, 1; A. Evans, 2; J. Joyce, 3; T. Doble, 4; S. Radford, 5; J. Burge, 6; T. W. Radford (conductor), 7; J. Fowler, 8. Also on Monday, September 17th, in honour of the birthday of the Vicar, the Rev. Prebendary Askwith, 364 Grandsire Triples. H. Pearce, 1; A. Evans, 2; H. Poole, 3; J. Burge, 4; T. W. Radford (conductor), 5; T. Doble, 6; J. Maddock, 7; G. Yendall, 8. Also on Saturday, September 22nd, 224 Grandsire Triples. O. Bond, 1; A. Evans, 2; J. Joyce, 3;

J. Burge, 4; G. E. Harbour, 5; S. Radford, 6; T. W. Radford (conductor), 7; J. Fowler, 8. And on Sunday, October 7th, for the evening service, it being the harvest festival, 648 Grandsire Caters. A. Evans, 1; G. E. Harbour, 2; H. Poole, 3; J. Joyce, 4; J. Maddock, 5; T. W. Radford (conductor), 6; T. Doble, 7; G. Yendall, 8; J. Burge, 9; J. Fowler, 10.

BATHEASTON (Somersetshire).—On Monday evening, October 1st, at the parish church, 360 Bob Minor. R. Lewis, 1; Rev. C. W. H. Griffith (conductor), 2; C. Goodenough, 3; J. Whale, 4; J. Fussell, 5; C. W. Bell, 6. And a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles. R. Lewis, 1; T. Davis, 2; C. W. Bell (conductor), 3; J. Fussell, 4; A. Richardson, 5; J. Tanner, 6. And a 6-score in the same method. W. Whale, 1; S. Rawlins, 2; J. Fussell, 3; T. Smith, 4; C. W. Bell (conductor), 5; C. Cambridge, 6. Also a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles. W. Whale, 1; C. W. Bell, 2; J. Whale, 3; Rev. C. W. H. Griffiths (conductor), 4; S. Rawlins, 5; E. Holder, 6. And another 6-score in the same method. R. Lewis, 1; J. Whale, 2; C. W. Bell (conductor), 3; A. Richardson, 4; J. Taylor, 5; W. A. Gulley, 6. And a 6-score of Bob Doubles. W. Whale, 1; R. Lewis, 2; J. Fussell, 3; Rev. C. H. Griffith (conductor), 4; A. Richardson, 5; W. A. Gulley, 6.

BATH (Somersetshire).—On Tuesday, October 9th, at St. Saviour's church, 504 Grandsire Triples. R. Lewis, 1; W. Wells, 2; A. Wilcox, 3; C. Goodenough, 4; F. King, 5; C. W. Bell (conductor), 6; J. Fussell, 7; C. Cambridge, 8. On Sunday evening, October 14th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 minutes. R. Lewis, 1; C. Goodenough, 2; F. King, 3; H. Wotton, 4; T. Gray, 5; J. Fussell, 6; C. W. Bell (conductor), 7; C. Cambridge, 8. The above touch and quarter-peal were rung after the evening service of the harvest festival, it being held on the above dates.

#### THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

ORMSKIRK (Lancashire).—On Tuesday, October 2nd, at the parish church, the first half of Taylor's (Bob-and-Single) peal of Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 29 mins. J. Prescott, 1; J. Sholicar, 2; P. H. Harvey, 3; J. Taylor, 4; J. Pilkington, 5; W. Bentham (conductor), 6; G. Prescott, 7; J. R. Park, 8.

#### LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—ROSSENDALE BRANCH.

BACUP.—On Friday, September 14th, at Christ Church, 720 Violet. L. Holt, 1; J. Smith, 2; G. Shottin, 3; E. J. Cockroft, 4; J. S. Lomas, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. On Sunday, September 16th, 720 New London Pleasure. L. Holt, 1; J. Smith, 2; G. Shottin, 3; W. Smith, 4; J. S. Lomas, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. And the same afternoon, 720 Primrose. L. Holt, 1; J. Smith, 2; G. Shottin, 3; Z. Lord, 4; J. S. Lomas, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. And the same night, 720 Tulip. L. Holt, 1; J. Smith, 2; G. Shottin, 3; E. J. Cockroft, 4; J. S. Lomas, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. And on Monday, September 17th, 720 Bob Minor. L. Holt, 1; J. Smith, 2; G. Shottin, 3; J. H. Smith, 4; E. J. Cockroft, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. On Friday, September 21st, 720 College Single. L. Holt, 1; J. Smith, 2; G. Shottin, 3; E. J. Cockroft, 4; J. S. Lomas, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. On Sunday, September 23rd, 720 Oxford Single. W. Ormerod, 1; J. Smith, 2; G. Shottin, 3; J. H. Smith, 4; E. J. Cockroft, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. Also the same night, 720 Canterbury Pleasure. L. Holt, 1; J. Smith, 2; Z. Lord, 3; J. H. Smith, 4; E. J. Cockroft, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. And on Monday, September 24th, 720 Grandsire Minor. L. Holt, 1; Z. Lord, 2; G. Shottin, 3; E. J. Cockroft, 4; J. S. Lomas, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method by Z. Lord, G. Shottin, and E. J. Cockroft. And on Friday, September 28th, 720 Grandsire Minor. L. Holt, 1; J. Smith, 2; G. Shottin, 3; J. H. Smith, 4; J. S. Lomas, 5; E. J. Cockroft (conductor), 6. First 720 for Jas and J. H. Smith. On Sunday, September 30th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. L. Holt, 1; J. Smith, 2; G. Shottin, 3; J. H. Smith, 4; J. S. Lomas, 5; E. J. Cockroft (conductor), 6. And the same night, 720 Kent Treble Bob. L. Holt, 1; Z. Lord, 2; G. Shottin, 3; J. H. Smith, 4; J. S. Lomas, 5; E. J. Cockroft (conductor), 6. On Monday, October 1st, 720 Merchant's Delight. L. Holt, 1; J. Smith, 2; G. Shottin, 3; J. H. Smith, 4; J. S. Lomas, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method for all the band, and rung at the first attempt. And the same night, 720 Woodbine. L. Holt, 1; J. Smith, 2; E. J. Cockroft, 3; J. H. Smith, 4; J. S. Lomas, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. On Friday, October 12th, 720 Duke of York. E. J. Cockroft, 1; J. Smith, 2; G. Shottin, 3; J. H. Smith, 4; J. S. Lomas, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. On Sunday, October 14th, 720 Violet Treble Bob. E. J. Cockroft, 1; J. Smith, 2; G. Shottin, 3; J. H. Smith, 4; J. S. Lomas, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. And the same night, 720 New London Pleasure. Z. Lord, 1; E. J. Cockroft, 2; G. Shottin, 3; J. H. Smith, 4; J. S. Lomas, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6.

#### SOUTH AND WEST MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

ISLEWORTH (Middlesex).—On Sunday afternoon, October 7th, for

men's service, 1134 Grandsire Triples. T. Beadle, 1; J. Basden, 2; E. J. Walsom, 3; E. Harris, 4; W. Meaton, 5; \*F. Coulson, 6; A. H. Taber, 7; W. Seward, 8. Conducted by J. Basden. \*Longest touch.

EALING (Middlesex).—On Thursday, October 11th, at St. Mary's church, on the occasion of the harvest festival, the Editor's quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. H. Luck, 1; E. J. Walsom, 2; E. Harris, 3; J. Basden (conductor), 4; W. Foster, 5; A. H. Taber, 6; A. Fryer, 7; W. Ward, 8. On Sunday, October 14th, by the same band, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, conducted by A. H. Taber.

#### THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

ROMFORD (Essex).—On Sunday, September 15th, for morning service, 252 Stedman Triples. A. J. Perkins (conductor), 1; B. Keeble, 2; W. Pye, 3; W. Watson, 4; E. Pye, 5; G. R. Pye, 6; J. Dale, 7; S. James, 8. Also 288 of Kent Treble Bob Major, with G. Roughton, 1; A. J. Perkins, 3; W. Pye, 8. On Saturday, September 29th, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, 1280 changes. W. Watson, 1; A. Deards, 2; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 3; E. Pye, 4; W. H. Doran, 5; H. Randall, 6; J. Dale, 7; W. Pye, 8. On Sunday, October 14th, for evening service, 336 and 224 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. W. Watson, 1; H. Randall, 2; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 3; E. Pye, 4; W. H. Doran, 5; G. R. Pye, 6; J. Dale, 7; W. Pye, 8.

#### THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

DORKING (Surrey).—On Monday evening, October 8th, for practice at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins. G. Hilton (longest touch), 1; J. White, 2; W. Tarling (longest touch with a bob bell), 3; A. Dobinson, 4; E. Dodd, 5; E. Moses (conductor), 6; H. Boxall, 7; W. Lynch, 8. Composed by the Editor, (in three parts), and contains the twelve 4-6s and the twelve 6-7s.

#### THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

TETTENHALL (Staffordshire).—On Friday, September 21st, for practice, 720 Bob Minor in 24 mins. \*J. Pardoe, 1; B. Dalton, 2; \*T. Rowe, 3; \*J. H. Rowe, 4; \*C. Bassage, 5; J. E. Groves (conductor), 6. \*First 720 in the method. Tenor 13 cwt. 24 lbs.

BUSHBURY (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, October 21st, for harvest thanksgiving service in the evening, 720 Grandsire Minor in 22 mins. W. G. Hall (first 720), 1; E. Nicholls, 2; J. Pardoe, 3; H. A. Hall, 4; A. Griffiths, 5; J. E. Groves (conductor), 6. Also 360 in the same method and several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles with C. Whitehouse ringing the treble. Tenor 9 cwt.

#### THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

STOURBRIDGE (Worcestershire).—On Wednesday, September 12th, at St. Thomas's church, for practice, 429 of Bob Triples and 112 of Grandsire Triples. W. Dyke, 1; W. Fryer, 2; H. Dakin, 3; N. Holyoake, 4; G. H. Pagett (conductor), 5; J. Smith, 6; W. Pugh, 7; S. Gibbs, 8. Also on Sunday, October 14th, for the harvest festival, in the morning, 352 Bob Major. W. Dyke, 1; H. Brettell, 2; A. Chapman, 3; N. Holyoake, 4; J. B. Pearson, 5; W. F. Hartshorne, 6; W. A. Pugh, 7; G. H. Pagett (conductor), 8. And for the evening service, touches of Bob Minor with the tenor covering.

WOLLASTON (Worcestershire).—On Tuesday, September 11th, at St. James's church, 720 College Single. N. Holyoake, 1; G. H. Pagett, 2; J. H. Parsons, 3; J. Smith, 4; W. Fryer, 5; H. Dakin (conductor), 6.

WORDSLEY (Staffordshire).—On Thursday, September 6th, at Holy Trinity church, 720 Grandsire Minor. T. Darby, 1; E. S. Chapman (conductor), 2; G. Hussellbee, 3; G. H. Pagett, 4; W. Lawrence, 5; H. Jones, 6.

#### THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

FINCHLEY (Middlesex).—Recently at the parish church, 720 Plain Bob Minor. J. Thomas, 1; W. Burrows, 2; W. Tubb, 3; E. E. Pratchett, 4; H. J. Martin, 5; C. H. Martin (conductor), 6.

HENDON (Middlesex).—Recently at the parish church, 720 Canterbury Pleasure, conducted by H. J. Martin. Also on Wednesday, August 8th, 720 Plain Bob Minor (eighteen singles and three bobs). F. Jones, 1; F. Pratt, 2; H. J. Martin, 3; H. S. Reeves, 4; E. E. Pratchett, 5; C. H. Martin (conductor), 6. On Wednesday, October 3rd, 720 Plain Bob Minor. H. J. Martin, 1; E. E. Pratchett, 2; F. Pratt, 3; J. Barrett, 4; C. H. Martin (conductor), 5; C. Crampton, 6. Also on Sunday, October 7th, for evening service, 576 Kent Treble Bob Minor. E. E. Pratchett, 1; B. C. Pratchett, 2; H. J. Martin, 3; F. Pratt, 4; C. Crampton, 5; C. H. Martin, 6. Also after evening service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. E. E. Pratchett, 1; R. Bevan, 2; J. Nixon, 3; F. Pratt, 4; G. Smith, 5; C. H. Martin (conductor), 6. Also on Wednesday, October 17th, 720 Oxford Bob. J. Barrett, 1; F. Pratt, 2; C. H. Martin (conductor), 3; E. E. Pratchett (first

720 in the method with a bob bell), 4; H. J. Martin, 5; C. Crampton, 6. Also on Sunday, October 21st, for the harvest thanksgiving services, 720 College Single (sixteen bobs and two singles). F. Jones, 1; B. C. Pratchett, 2; H. J. Martin, 3; E. E. Pratchett, 4; C. H. Martin (conductor), 5; C. Crampton, 6. Also 720 Canterbury Pleasure. H. Martin, 1; B. C. Pratchett, 2; E. E. Pratchett, 3; F. Pratt, 4; C. Crampton, 5; C. H. Martin (conductor), 6. Messrs. Bevan, Nixon, and Smith hail from Haverstock Hill.

BARNET (Herts).—On Monday, October 8th, 378 Grandsire Triples with Queens and Tittums. F. Blendell, 1; F. A. Milne, Esq., 2; J. Sumpter, 3; A. E. Dolton, 4; J. D. Matthews, 5; C. H. Martin (conductor), 6; P. Howard, 6; — Belton, 8. Also 97 in the same method, R. Roffey ringing the treble. Also on Monday, October 22nd, 336 Grandsire Triples. J. Thrussell, 1; F. A. Milne, 2; J. Sumpter, 3; A. E. Dolton, 4; C. H. Martin, 5; J. D. Matthews (conductor), 6; F. Blendell, 7; A. T. King, 8. Also 97 and a 168 A. Chidwick ringing the tenor.

DORKING (Surrey).—On Monday, October 22nd, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples (1260 changes), in 45 mins. G. Milton, 1; E. Moses, 2; W. P. Tarling, 3; J. H. White, 4; F. J. Sanders, 5; A. Dobinson, 6; H. Boxall (conductor), 7; W. Lynch, 8. F. J. Sanders hails from Buckland. Tenor 25 cwt.

EDENBRIDGE (Kent).—On Sunday, October 14th, at the parish church, 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-eight bobs and twenty-two singles), in 26 mins. J. Shetty, 1; J. Wallis, 2; H. Eastman, 3; T. Wallis, 4; J. Heasman, 5; W. J. Collison (conductor), 6. And two 5-scores of Grandsire Doubles. W. J. Collison (conductor), 1; J. Sheddy, 2; H. Eastman, 3; J. Preston, 4; J. Wallis, 5; G. Ballham, 6. All are members of the Kent County Association with the exception of Messrs. Preston and Ballham. Tenor 14 cwt.

HIGHAM FERRERS (Northants).—On Thursday, October 4th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. G. Watson, 1; G. Randall, 2; J. B. Martin, 3; W. Warnes, 4; W. Pettet, 5; W. Parker, 6; A. H. Martin (conductor), 7; G. Brown, 8. On Friday, October 19th, at the house of W. Hall, 720 Bob Minor, on handbells. C. West (first 720 double-handed), 1-2; A. H. Martin, 3-4; W. Hall (conductor), 5-6.

HULL (Yorks).—On Sunday, October 14th, at St. James' church, for evening service, three courses of Stedman Triples. W. Southwick, 1; J. W. Stickney, 2; D. W. Brown, 3; T. Haigh, 4; H. Jenkins, 5; H. W. Needham, 6; F. Drabble, 7; W. Marshall, 8. After which a course of Bob Major was rung. D. Brown hails from Beverley, and T. Haigh from York.

READING (Berks).—On Tuesday evening, October 17th, for practice, 765 and 540 Stedman Caters. T. Hibbert, 1; C. Giles, 2; J. Hern, 3; H. Tucker, 4; J. Tarrant, 5; A. Pike, 6; J. Potter, 7; W. Newell, 8; W. J. Williams (conductor), 9; F. Hopgood, 10.

STEYNING (Sussex).—On Sunday, September 30th, for Divine Service, in the afternoon, 504 Stedman Triples. J. Smart, 1; J. Woolgar, 2; A. Gatland, 3; E. Rapley, 4; C. Chambers, 5; G. Gatland, 6; C. Smart (conductor), 7; E. Turrell, 8. Also for evening service, 504 of Grandsire Triples. A. Gatland, 1; C. Smart (conductor), 2; E. Rapley, 3; W. Woolgar, 4; C. Chambers, 5; J. Smart, 6; J. Woolgar, 7; E. Turrell, 8. Also after evening service, 504 Stedman Triples. G. Gatland, 1; E. Rapley, 2; C. Smart, 3; J. Smart, 4; C. Chambers, 5; A. Gatland, 6; W. Woolgar (conductor), 7; E. Turrell, 8. On Sunday, October 6th, for Divine Service in the morning 252 of Stedman Triples. W. Woolgar, 1; J. Woolgar, 2; A. Gatland, 3; J. Smart, 4; E. Rapley, 5; C. Chambers, 6; C. Smart (conductor), 7; G. Gatland, 8. Also 350 Grandsire Triples. A. Gatland, 1; J. Smart, 2; C. Smart, 3; W. Woolgar (conductor), 4; E. Rapley, 5; C. Chambers, 6; J. Woolgar, 7; E. Hughes, 8. Also for afternoon service, 504 Stedman Triples. G. Gatland, 1; J. Woolgar, 2; C. Smart, 3; J. Smart, 4; G. Smart (St. Peter's, Brighton, conductor), 5; A. Gatland, 6; W. Woolgar, 7; E. Rapley, 8. Also for evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples. C. Smart, 1; W. Woolgar, 2; J. Matthews, 3; E. Rapley, 4; J. Smart, 5; J. Woolgar, 6; G. Smart (conductor), 7; E. Hughes, 8. And on Tuesday, October 22nd, for practice, 560 Plain Bob Major. E. Rapley, 1; J. W. Alliss, 2; J. Smart, 3; W. Woolgar, 4; C. Smart, 5; G. Gatland, 6; C. Tyler, 7; H. H. Chandler (conductor), 8. Messrs. Alliss, Tyler, and Chandler belong to the Henfield branch; the rest are local men.

WILLESDEN (Middlesex).—On Tuesday, September 24th, at St. Mary's church, 720 Bob Minor (twenty-one bobs and twelve singles). H. Preskitt, 1; H. Kilby (aged 16), 2; J. Jackman, 3; H. Carter, 4; R. Kilby, 5; A. Pittam (conductor), 6. Also on Sunday, October 7th, 720 Bob Minor (twenty-six singles), in 24 mins. H. Carter, 1; H. Kilby, 2; H. Preskitt (aged 17), 3; J. Jackman, 4; R. Kilby, 5; A. Pittam (conductor), 6. And on Sunday, October 14th, 720 Bob Minor (forty-two singles), in 24 mins. A. Kirby, 1; H. Kilby, 2; H. Preskitt, 3; R. Kilby, 4; J. Jackman, 5; A. Pittam (conductor), 6.

## Notices.

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**The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Diocesan Branch.**—The usual monthly meeting will be held at Garston, to-day, Saturday, November 3rd. Tower open for ringing at 2.30. Business meeting to be held at the Church Institute, at which the Rev. Dr. Oliver will preside. There will be refreshments, free.

J. J. M. MOORE.

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**Llandaff Diocesan Association.**—The next meeting will be held at Penarth, on Saturday, November 10th, at the headquarters, Church Lads Brigade, Glebe street, at 4 p.m. Through the kindness of the Penarth Branch, a free tea at 5 p.m. will be provided for members sending their names to the local sec., F. Bartlett, 5, Ludlow street, Penarth, before Wednesday, November 7th. Bells open from 2 p.m. Busses and trains leave Cardiff every few minutes for Penarth.

H. G. WHITE, Assist. Sec.

41, Pentrebanne Street, Cardiff.

**The Middlesex Association.**—The annual meeting of this association will be held at Southgate, on Saturday, November 10th. Ringing to commence at 4 o'clock. A tea will be provided, particulars of which will appear in a subsequent notice.

PERCY HOWARD, Hon. Sec.

South House, Albion Road, Stoke Newington.

**The Ancient Society of College Youths.**—The 257th Anniversary Dinner will be held on Saturday, November 17th, 1894, at the Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge. Tickets 3s. 6d. each, may be had of the following Committee: Messrs. Dawe, Pettit, Dorrington, Muskett, Langdon, Coles, W. D. Smith, Butler, Horrex, Winney, McLaughlin, F. G. Newman, Garrard, O'Meara, or W. T. COCKERILL, 37, Tradesant Road, South Lambeth, S.W. Hon. Sec.

**The Heavy Woollen District Association.—Yorkshire.**—The next meeting will be held at Batley Carr, on Saturday, November 17th, at 5 p.m. Meeting house, Foresters' Arms (above the church).

GEO. H. SIMON, Hon. Sec.

19, Albert Street, Batley Carr.

**Preliminary Notice.—Hollingsworth Silver Challenge Cup.**—The annual change-ringing contest on handbells, for the above cup, will take place on Saturday, February 9th, 1895. For further particulars apply Sec.

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**Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.**—The meetings for ringing before service at St. Martin-in-the-Fields, will be renewed on Sunday next, November 4th, and continued fortnightly. Meeting time, 6 p.m.

BENJAMIN FOSKETT, Master.

**The Norwich Diocesan Association.**—A combined district meeting for the Framlingham, Eye, Redenhall, Halesworth, and Saxmundham Districts will be held at Laxfield, on Wednesday, November 7th. The tower will be open for ringing at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., to be followed by a business meeting.

J. HOLME PILKINGTON, District Sec. Framlingham.

**Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.**—The next monthly meeting will be held at St. Thomas' church, Pendleton, on Saturday, November 10th. Ringing at 4 p.m. Business at 7 p.m.

WALTER BROWN, Branch Sec.

54, Wenlock Street, Hulme, Manchester.

**Worcestershire and Districts Association.**—The next Committee and Quarterly Meeting of this Association will be held in the School-room, Kings Norton, Birmingham, on Saturday, November 17th, at 5 p.m., prompt. The Rev. C. W. Barnard, Vicar, will preside. A free tea will be provided for all members forwarding their names to me, on or before Monday, November 11th, 1894. The tower will be open for ringing. JOHN SMITH, Hon. Sec.

**South and West Middlesex Association.**—By kind permission, the next monthly meeting will be held at Harmondsworth, on Saturday, November 17th, 1894. Ringing at 5 o'clock. E. J. WALSON, Hon. Sec.

11, Venetia Road, South Ealing.

## 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.

### THE EXTENT OF BOB MAJOR.

By J. ARMIGER TROLLOP, Norwich.

13,440.

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

These nineteen courses twice repeated, omitting first bob at the wrong, give

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

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By G. HAWKINS, Yateley, Hants.

5056.

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

Three times repeated, but omitting the S marked thus \* in the second and fourths parts.

### A QUARTER-PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

By WM. COOMBS, Cardiff.

2 3 4 5 6 7

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

Five times repeated. Single at midway and end.

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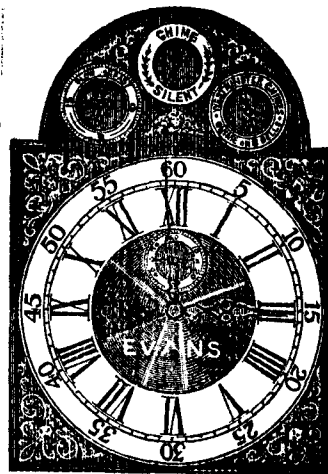
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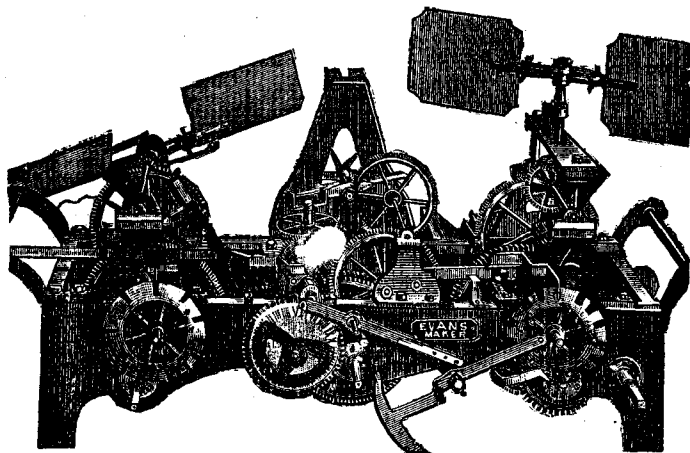
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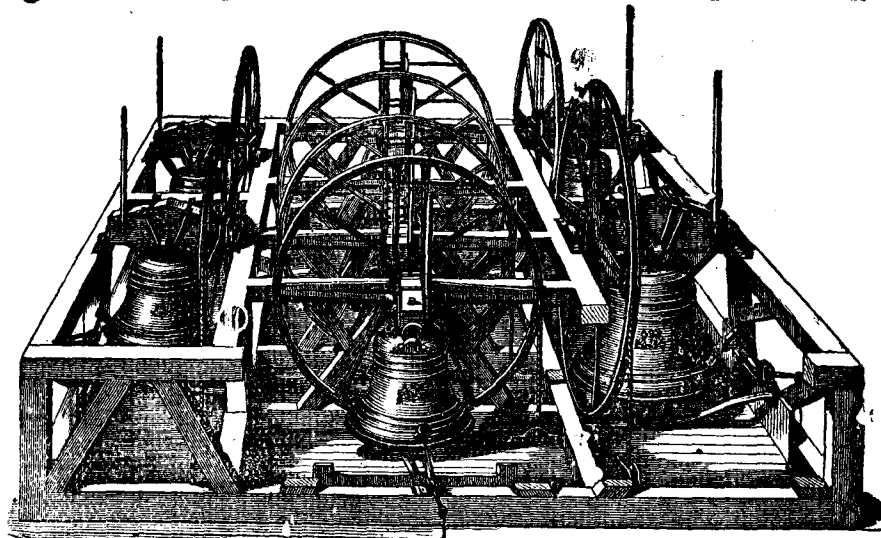
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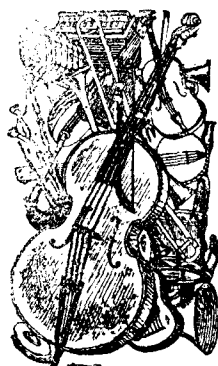
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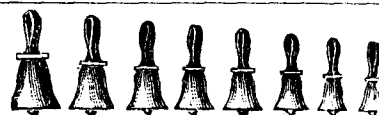
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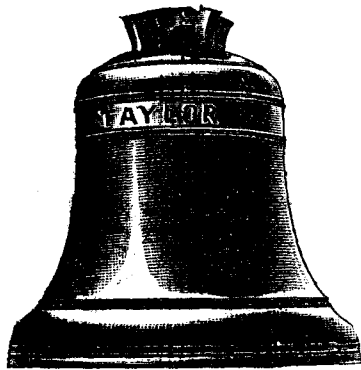
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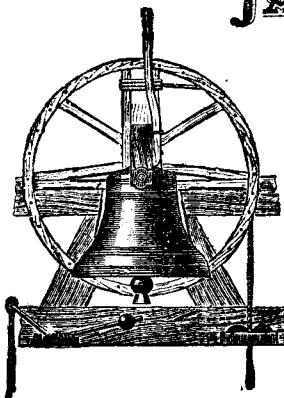
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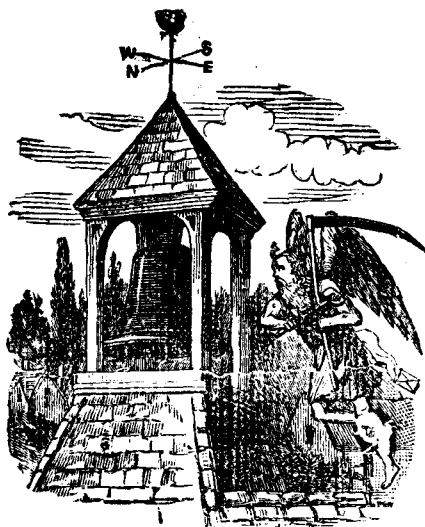
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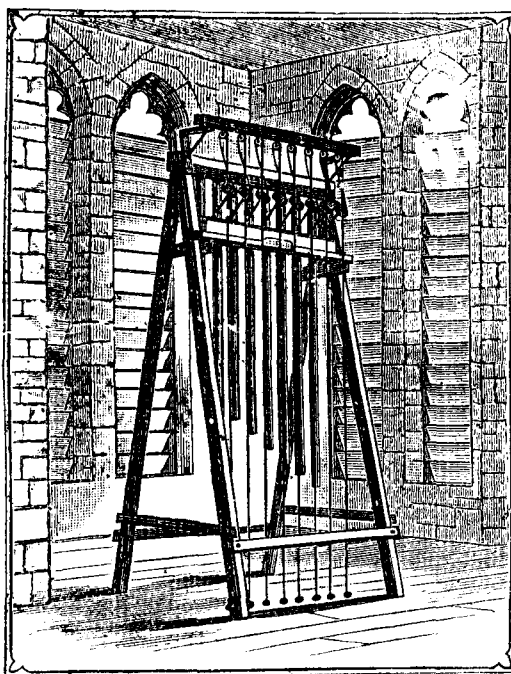
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## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

The second quarterly meeting of the year was held at Long Eaton on Saturday, October 20th. Soon after two o'clock members began to swarm into the town from Burton, Derby, Nottingham, Loughborough, Beeston, Sandiacre, Melbourne, Shepshed, Duffield, etc.; many on arrival going straight to the tower, others (football enthusiasts) to watch the match between Long Eaton and Loughborough. Meanwhile at the National School the ladies were busy setting on the tables a capital spread, which had been most generously provided by the Long Eaton society and friends. The Rev. Canon Dolphin (vicar), the Rev. J. Milward and Mr. Ball (churchwarden), honoured them with their presence at tea, which commenced at 5 o'clock, and to which some seventy-two visitors sat down. Full justice having been done to the bountiful fare provided, the general meeting was held.

To commence business, Mr. J. W. Taylor proposed "that in the absence of the President, the Rev. Canon Dolphin be requested to take the chair." This was seconded by Mr. Shardlow, and carried unanimously.

The Hon. Secretary then read the minutes of the last meeting, which were passed, as also the names of ten new members, who were duly admitted.

The Rev. Canon Dolphin, in addressing the meeting, said he had never had the pleasure of meeting the Association before, and he welcomed them most heartily. These meetings, he said, should create in us enthusiasm for our Art, should impress us with the importance of our office, and should stimulate us to make further exertions. Ringers were church officers, no slight office, that of calling others to the church of God. With regard to the church at Long Eaton, it could not in any way be compared to the fine old Norman church at Melbourne, which was the finest in the district. Their tower was much too small and too low for a heavy ring of bells. He was proud, however, of his Long Eaton ringers, and especially of the brothers Hexter, who had made great exertions in behalf of their Art. He begged all to rally round their dear old church in its days of danger, and hoped the day would soon come when those who differed from us now, would again unite with us. Regretting the absence of the President, he said he was pleased however to see the veteran Mr. Taylor, to whom Long Eaton was indebted for its present ring of eight, and with whose name he would couple the toast of the Midland Counties' Association.

Mr. Taylor, in responding, thanked the Chairman for his kind words, and said that ringers were always pleased to welcome the clergy at their gatherings; they felt at home with them.

The place for the next quarterly meeting being the next business, Leicester was proposed by Mr. J. W. Taylor, and seconded by Mr. Barrow. No other rendezvous finding favour, Leicester was carried unanimously.

Mr. J. W. Taylor thanked the Long Eaton society and their friends for the capital spread of which they had partaken. He also congratulated the Leicester band on their accomplishment of a peal of Stedman Triples rung on handbells.

Mr. Lancashire briefly responded.

The Hon. Treasurer then proposed a vote of thanks to the clergy for the use of the bells; also to the Rev. Canon Dolphin, the Rev. J. Millward, and Mr. Ball (churchwarden), for shewing their interest in the gathering by being present at the tea and meeting.

Mr. John W. Taylor seconded, and the motion was carried with applause.

Mr. Ball thanked the meeting for the hearty way in which they had passed the vote of thanks. He said that he had had the Long Eaton belfry put in good order, which was much appreciated, and he was always pleased to do what he could for the comfort of the ringers.

The Rev. Canon Dolphin also responding, urged upon young ringers the importance of patience, perseverance, and good temper, if they wished to become as proficient as the wonderful ringers of the past.

Mr. H. Smith then proposed a vote of thanks to the ladies for their services, which was seconded by Mr. F. Bradley, and carried with applause.

Thus ended a most successful meeting; and it is to be hoped that its immediate fruits will be increased energy to maintain the prestige of the Association.

## BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly meeting of this Association was held at Barrow Gurney on Saturday, October 27th, when ringers were present from Bath and Bristol and the following parishes: Barrow, Long Ashton, Tickenham, Wraxall, Abbot's Leigh, Portbury, Portishead, St. George's, Easton-in-Gordano, and Old Clevee. The proceedings commenced as usual with a service in the church, when the special form of service adopted by the association with the approval of the then president (the late Bishop of the diocese) was used, followed by a suitable and practicable address by the vicar (Rev. J. A. W. Wadmore). The preacher chose for his text Ecclesiastes ix. 10 (first part), and Colossians iii. 17., and in the course of his remarks pointed out that ringers were as much engaged in the services of the church as the organist or the choir, and all should therefore be, if they were thoroughly consistent, regular church-goers, and partakers in that highest service of the church—the Holy Eucharist. He also urged upon his hearers the benefits likely to accrue if only one of a band would in this respect set a good example to his fellow-ringers. The clergy taking part in the service were the vicar, the Rev. C. W. H. Griffiths, of Bath (Master of the association), and the Rev. H. A. Cockey. A substantial tea followed in the Court-barn, kindly lent by Mr. Martin Gibbs for the occasion. At the business meeting that followed, the Master presided, and there was also present the Revs. J. A. W. Wadmore and H. A. Cockey, Mr. H. W. Tomkins (hon. sec.), the hon. local secretaries, Messrs. C. E. D. Boutflower, of Bristol, and J. Fussell, of Bath, and representatives from all the parishes named. At the suggestion of the Master, it was unanimously resolved that a hearty address of welcome should be sent to the new Bishop of the Diocese. Several new members were elected, including four from Tickenham. The next quarterly meeting was fixed to be held at Wiveliscombe, near Taunton, subject to the approval of the vicar of the parish. Hearty votes of thanks were passed to the vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells; to the organist for being present at the service; to Mr. Martin Gibbs for the use of the barn; and to Mr. Boutflower for the arrangements for the meeting.

The Rev. J. A. W. Wadmore and Mr. Boutflower responded, the former remarking that the limited accommodation at the vicarage prevented him from receiving the ringers there as he should have wished to have done; and the latter as a layman pressed home the vicar's remarks in his address, and urged all ringers after ringing for service to remain for service themselves, and thus set a good and consistent example to their fellow-parishioners.

## CHARLWOOD, SURREY.

Sunday, October 14th, was a high day at this place. The occasion was the reopening of the ancient parish church of St. Nicholas after being closed for important repairs. The roof has been completely overhauled, renewed where defective, oak-boarded and re-tiled, the old Horsham stone being used and replaced where practicable; the ceiling cleared away from the inside. Early celebration of the Holy Communion took place at 8 a.m., the rector and curate officiating; followed by choral morning service at 11 o'clock, the preacher being the Rev. G. Jones. Evensong took place at 6 p.m., and a special sermon appropriate to the occasion was preached by the Rev. C. G. Newington. Several touches in various methods were rung during the day.

## ST. CLEER, CORNWALL.

The peal of six bells in this church which had been silent for over twelve months, on account of the dilapidated state of the frame and fittings, have now been put in thorough order by Mr. Harry Stokes, Church Bell Hanger, Woodbury, Exeter, who has put in new oak beams, floor, and new frame of English oak, and hung the six bells with all new fittings complete. On the opening day the tower was visited by over sixty ringers from the neighbourhood, and they expressed themselves highly pleased with the way in which the bells go.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

The Annual Meeting of this Association was held at Newcastle-on-Tyne on Monday, October 29th. Divine Service was held at St. John's church at one o'clock, at which there was a large attendance of members. The sermon was preached by the Rev. T. F. Paterson, rector of Jarrow-Grange, from the text "Whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God."

The dinner took place at the White Hart hotel, to which fifty-six sat down.

During the day touches were rung on the bells of St. John's, All Saints, St. Stephen's, and St. George's churches in the methods of Kent Treble Bob, Double Norwich Court Bob, and Plain Bob Major, Stedman, Grandsire, and Plain Bob Triples. The cathedral bells were not available on account of the condition of the tower.

The chair was taken by Mr. R. S. Story, of Whitley, and amongst those present were the Rev. Mr. Paterson, of Jarrow Grange; Rev. Mr. Heelas, of St. George's, Jesmond; Mr. Thomas Hudson, of Bishopwearmouth (hon. sec.); and Messrs. Mack and Greenwell. After the loyal toasts had been honoured, the Chairman gave the Bishop and Clergy, and said he was satisfied that the intentions of the ringers were very good, and were quite consistent with the principles of any churchman. He thought that if the clergy came to know them a little better, they would become more closely associated with them. The curate of Chester-le-Street responded.

Mr. Mack proposed, and Mr. Greenwell supported a toast to the President.

Mr. Story, in responding, said he trusted during the coming year that something would be done to add a new method to the considerable number that the association now practised. He thought their meeting that day spoke very well for the condition of their association, and he expected that the report to be presented would be found acceptable. He trusted that their meetings would become larger, and they would stand soon in a better position in the ringing world. He was sorry to notice that they stood only ninth in the list of the associations, whereas last year they came out third or fourth. He would suggest, therefore, to those bands able to ring good methods that they should do a little more in the way of peal-ringing and keeping up the standard of their performances. He trusted, above all, that they would not fall into the method of some counties, which were quite content to run in one simple groove by sticking to one method continually. There were several eight-bell towers which might with advantage contribute more performances of better quality. Reference was made by the curate of Chester-le-Street to the subject of belfry reform. He thought he was right in saying that belfry reform necessarily followed where scientific ringing obtained. He did not think that they could visit any belfry where modern and scientific ringing was practised as by their Association without finding the belfries in good condition, and the men of decent and respectable behaviour. In the old days, even where scientific ringing was practised, they often found the condition of the belfry disgraceful. Now, however, under the modern regime, and by the efforts of their Associations that system had disappeared, and wherever good ringing was done, the men were well behaved, and reform was not lost sight of.

Mr. Thomas Hudson read the seventeenth annual report, which stated that the February meeting held at Whitley, was very successful as regards the ringing done, but the attendance of members was small. The Whit-Monday meeting at Barnard Castle was well attended. Besides the ringing done on the Barnard Castle bells, which was much enjoyed, some of the members went on to Cotherstone, and rang a 720 of Kent Treble Bob on the bells there. At this meeting allusion was made to the loss the Association had sustained through the resignation of

the Hon. Secretary, the Rev. C. Buston, who had removed to another diocese. During the past year the old peal of bells in the Town Hall, Berwick-on-Tweed, had been restored. On the August Bank Holiday, eight members of the Association succeeded in ringing a peal of Stedman Triples on these bells, and were afterwards entertained by the Mayor of Berwick (Alderman J. Weatherston), who had taken a great interest in the restoration. It was to be regretted that there was no immediate prospect of establishing change-ringing in this, the most Northern town in England. The bells of Bishopwearmouth parish church had been rehung, and, through the liberality of one of their honorary members, had been augmented to eight. Two trebles had also been added to Tanfield bells, and there was no doubt that their energetic friends there would make good use of them. The number of peals credited to them was not so large as in the previous year, but several of them had been in the higher methods. They still found themselves in an honourable position in this respect amongst other Associations. The balance sheet showed a balance in hand of £7 16s. 6d., and there was no outstanding debts. It should be borne in mind, however, that many peals required to be inserted in the peal book, and to have these posted up to date would absorb more than the balance in hand. The reports from the various districts included that of Newcastle Cathedral, which showed that here the ringing had been of a fair good order. Several good touches had been rung in Grandsire, Stedman, and Kent Treble Bob. The most notable were two attempts for a peal of Stedman Caters, and a 1260 of Stedman Triples rung on the wedding day of their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of York, the striking being like clockwork throughout. The bells had been brought to a stand on account of the supposed dangerous state of the lantern, and it was hoped that that would soon be remedied. The total number of peals rung by the Association during the year was thirty-two in eleven methods. These included one each of Kent Treble Bob Maximus, and Grandsire Major. Seventy-two members had taken part in these peals, and ten conductors. The report concluded with a reference to the absence from the district of Mr. C. L. Routledge. His valuable assistance would be greatly missed. All who knew him would join in wishing him every success, and in hoping that he might return to help them in the future as he had done in the past.

The reports having been adopted, the President and other officers of the Association were re-elected. It was agreed to adopt a new rule, viz.: to admit ladies as members of the Association. Before the meeting closed several ladies were proposed and elected.

**THE ST. MARGARET'S SOCIETY, WESTMINSTER.**

ON Thursday, November 1st, the members of this society were kindly invited by the clergy of St. Margaret's to a capital spread at the Mission Room, New Tothill Street. It had been arranged that a meet should take place at the church early in the evening, when members turning up in good numbers, Grandsire Triples and Caters and Stedman Caters were indulged in until 8 o'clock, the bells being half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Czar of Russia. A move was then made to New Tothill Street, where twenty-four sat down to a sumptuous repast, the Rev. W. J. Somerville being in the chair. After the inner man had been satisfied, the rev. gentleman, after expressing regret at the absence of the rector (the Ven. Archdeacon Farrar), said what a great pleasure it was for him to meet the ringers, and he hoped that that was the first of many such gatherings. He also thanked them for their services in ringing for the Sunday evening service, and made the remark that many of the parishioners had stated to him how delighted they were to hear the bells rang as they were.

The evening passed off very pleasantly, Messrs. H. N. Davis, Fraser, Bishop, Ford, Ball, and Griggs entertaining the company with songs, whilst Mr. W. F. Meads acted as accompanist. The handbells were also brought into requisition, and courses of Grandsire Triples and Caters and a touch of Triples brought round.

The proceedings terminated about 11 a.m. with a vote of thanks to the Rev. W. J. Somerville for arranging the supper, and for the interest he has always taken in the society, and after the singing of Auld Lang Syne and God save the Queen, the company dispersed, all having thoroughly enjoyed themselves.



## LODDINGTON CHURCH BELLS (NORTHANTS.)

A correspondent sends us the following cutting from the *Wellingborough Post*.

I am surprised that the bells in the steeple of Loddington parish church are allowed to remain such a long time out of repair. Eleven Sundays have passed since the bells were all chimed, and I begin to think that the bell which is out of repair is still to remain so if no one interferes. There are three bells which form the chiming for church, and with one out of repair the chiming is not very nice to hear. The bells are to call the inhabitants to church, to worship God in His holy house, and what the church officers are thinking about, I cannot conceive. If it is money that is needed, I would suggest a special collection or collections be made, or a parochial tea, or a concert, whereby the money for repairing our bell could easily be secured. If only our church-workers will set to work in earnest, I would do my very best to help in any way, so that our church bells may be put in proper repair. Hoping that this will have careful attention, so that there may be no further cause for complaint.

## 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,—May I ask you kindly to correct a small error in the peal of Alliance published over my name in your last issue. There should be no bob at 8 in the 9th course. The correct pricking is as follows:—

5040.								
2	3	4	5	6	W	M	H	
6	4	2	3	5	-	-	-	
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4	6	3	2	5	-	-	-	
3	2	4	6	5	-	-	-	
6	3	4	2	5	-	-	-	
4	2	6	3	5	-	-	-	
3	4	6	2	5	-	-	-	
2	3	6	4	5	-	-	-	

Twice repeated.

P.S.—Mr. G. Newson's 5016 in your issue of October 20 is false at the first and 3rd course-ends. J. HOLME PILKINGTON.

## PIRACY.

SIR—I can scarcely see how your correspondent can claim that the peal of Bob Maximns, published on the 6th ult., is Cox's composition applied to that method. Rather Cox's peal is merely this composition applied to Superlative. The peal in question was composed before Cox was born, and I think that peals in other methods with this calling ought to be awarded to Reeves, and not to Cox, as has hitherto been the case. G. LINDOFF.

## AN APPEAL.

SIR,—Unfortunately, as Mr. Benjamin Reed, one of the members of the Quex Park band of ringers, Birchington, Kent, and also of the Royal Cumberland Youths, was returning through the park after practice on Friday evening last, slipped in the darkness, breaking his leg in two places below the knee. On account of his mother dying through consumption, and not being admitted by the doctor to any club, I am anxious to secure a few pounds towards expenses likely to come about, so any brother-ringer caring to send a small amount, will favour HENRY S. THOMAS.

71, Bridge Road West, Old Battersea, Surrey.

After the morning service at Worcester Cathedral, on All Saints' Day, the Dean unveiled a stained-glass window dedicated to the memory of Miss Janet Johnstone, who gave £4000 to the building fund of St. Mary's Worcester. The memorial window (the work of Messrs. Lavers and Westlake, London) has been placed over the south door by the relatives of Miss Johnstone, and depicts Mary Magdalene anointing the feet of Christ.

## Miscellaneous Gouches.

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LONDON.—On Sunday morning, October 14th, at St. John's, Waterloo road, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, 1260 changes, in 41 mins. F. J. Pitts, 1; H. N. Davis, 2; F. G. Perrin, 3; A. Davis, 4; H. Barton, 5; E. P. O'Meara, 6; W. Hasted (conductor), 7; F. Davis, 8. W. Hasted's first quarter-peal in the method as conductor. On Sunday morning, October 7th, at the church of St. Giles-in-the-Fields, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor (nine bobs six singles). H. N. Davis (conductor), 1; H. Barton, 2; A. R. Davis, 3; F. G. Perrin, 4; J. Barry, 5; W. Hasted, 6.

OSWESTRY (Salop).—On Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday, October 16th, 17th, and 19th respectively, for evening services, several 6-scores of Oxford Treble Bob Minor. G. Whitfield, 1; R. Martin, 2; W. Morris, 3; R. Evans, 4; E. Jones, 5; R. Edwards, 6. And a 6-score, with H. Jarman, 2. And on Tuesday, October 23rd, for practice, 144 Oxford Treble Bob Minor, by the same band.

ROTHERHITHE (Surrey).—Recently, at the parish church, the bells were rung half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late Mrs. Pead, the steeple-keeper's wife. The usual whole pull and stand, and some touches of Grandsire Triples were rung. The ringers were—Lewis, W. Foreman, — Harman, J. J. Lamb, — Carter, T. Gwynne, E. E. Richards, and W. Berry.

SHIPLEY (Sussex).—On Wednesday, October 10th, on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. William Tanner and Ann Weller, both in the service of Sir C. R. Burrell, Bart., of Knepp Castle, a 720 of Oxford Single Bob. S. Woolgar, 1; W. Peirce, 2; R. Summersell, 3; H. Turrell, 4; S. Woolgar, sen., 5; W. Denman (conductor), 6. Also 720 Plain Bob Minor, standing as before. Also 720 Warnham Court Bob. S. Woolgar, jun., 1; R. Summersell, 2; W. Denman, 3; H. Turrell, 4; S. Woolgar, sen., 5; H. Burstow (conductor), 6. Also 720 Canterbury Pleasure. S. Woolgar, jun., 1; W. Peirce, 2; W. Denman, 3; H. Turrell, 4; S. Woolgar, sen., 5; H. Burstow (conductor), 6. And 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. S. Woolgar, jun., 1; R. Summersell, 2; H. Burstow, 3; H. Turrell, 4; S. Woolgar, sen., 5; W. Denman (conductor), 6. H. Burstow hails from Horsham; the rest belong to the West Grinstead band.

SOLIHULL (Warwickshire).—On Friday, October 12th, before harvest thanksgiving service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 52 mins. F. L. Martineau, 1; C. Daniels, 2; T. Verry, 3; W. H. Godden, 4; G. A. Martineau, 5; T. Westwood (conductor), 6; W. Verry, 7; H. H. Mitchell, 8.

STONY STRATFORD (Bucks).—On Sunday, October 7th, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor (nine bobs six singles), in 25 mins. A. Clarke, 1; J. Cowley, 2; R. W. Valentine, 3; E. Yates, 4; A. E. Gidman, 5; G. Valentine, jun. (conductor), 6. And on Thursday, October 11th, on the occasion of the harvest festival, for Divine Service, 600 Bob Minor (twenty-six bobs twelve singles), 720 was started for, but time would not allow to finish it. A. Clarke, 1; A. E. Gidman, 2; E. Yates, 3; R. W. Valentine, 4; G. Cowley, 5; G. Valentine, jun. (conductor), 6. And on Monday, October 15th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor (twenty-six bobs twelve singles), in 25 mins. A. Clarke, 1; G. Valentine, jun. (conductor), 2; R. W. Valentine, 3; G. Cowley, 4; A. E. Gidman, 5; E. Yates, 6.

WOOLWICH (Kent).—On Tuesday, October 23rd, at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 40 mins. H. Harman, 1; H. Hill, 2; J. E. Bevan, 3; A. Neale, 4; R. G. Carter, 5; J. C. Harvey (conductor), 6; W. G. Grove, 7; A. Phillips, 8. This was rung to commemorate the opening of the new chancel, and to welcome the Rev. F. H. Stock, late curate. On Thursday, October 25th, on the occasion of the harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples in 39 mins. H. Harman, 1; H. Harvey, 2; H. Hills, 3; R. G. Carter, 4; W. G. Grove (conductor), 5; A. Neale, 6; J. C. Harvey, 7; A. Phillips, 8. On Sunday, October 28th, after evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 40 mins. H. Harman, 1; W. G. Grove, 2; A. Neale, 3; H. Hill, 4; W. Watchhorn, 5; J. C. Harvey, 6; H. Harvey (conductor), 7; G. Carter, 8.

WRITTLE (Essex).—On Wednesday, October 10th, for practice, 1652 Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original. T. Lincoln, 1; W. Emery, 2; E. Davis, 3; F. Radley, 4; G. Sorrell, 5; R. Wood, 6; W. Lincoln (conductor), 7; F. Edwards, 8. And on Sunday, October 21st, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples, 1260 changes, in 45 mins. J. Beams, 1; \*W. Emery, 2; G. Sorrell, 3; \*R. Miller, 4; T. Lincoln, 5; F. Radley, 6; W. Lincoln (conductor), 7; \*F. Edwards, 8. \*First quarter-peal in the method.

## WEST KIRBY, CHESHIRE.

A very interesting ceremony took place at the parish church, West Kirby, on Thursday, November 1st, viz., the uncovering of a new peal-board by the rector. The peal which was recorded in "THE BELL NEWS" of October 13th, was the first peal rung on the bells since the opening of the complete ring of eight bells in 1890, when a peal was rung by members of the Midland Counties' Association. The peal on October 6th was rung by five members of the West Kirby society, it being their first peal: the other three hailed from Bromborough.

At the conclusion of the evening service on All Saints day, the Rev. Canon Blencowe and the Rev. H. L. Harrison led the way up into the belfry, followed by the two churchwardens, five ladies, three honorary members of the Guild, fourteen ringing members, and the secretary. The rector then uncovered and displayed a handsomely painted board. Addressing the ringers he said that he congratulated them on the fact that for the first time in the history of the parish they had been able, with the help of three ringers from another parish, to ring a complete peal upon the church bells. It was a fact which showed that they had taken great interest, and had made much progress in their work. They could not have accomplished it except by practice, perseverance, and patience—three of the most necessary qualifications for a successful change-ringer. One of the oldest inscriptions on a church bell ran thus:—

"Who sways this belle  
Let him look well  
To honde, and hedde, and herte;  
Ye honde for werke  
Ye hedde for wytte,  
Ye herte for worshippe."

He asked the ringers to remark how this ancient inscription taught them to devote themselves to their task. "The hand for work"—they needed a strong steady hand. They must not allow their hand to become enfeebled and unsteady by vicious habits, such as intemperance. And "the head for wit." Change-ringing as they all knew was not a mere mechanical exercise. It demanded that they should be intelligent; that they should use their wit to ring all those changes with correctness and precision. And lastly—but most important of all—"the heart for worship." The ringers' work was not merely for his own amusement or interest, but for the glory of God and for the service of the Church. The ringer, no less than choirman, was performing an office of the Sanctuary and as an act of worship it should be performed with reverence and care. And that which thus so well describes the ringers work was not less true of the Christian man's life generally. All of us are called as servants of the Lord Jesus Christ to give our hand to work, our head to wit, our heart to worship, or in other words to consecrate to the service of God the powers of our bodies, our minds, our souls. It was thus that the Saints whom the church commemorated that day, tried to live. It was thus that God's holy spirit trained them to become Saints. So it must be with all those who would follow them, and come to those unspeakable joys which God has prepared for those who unfeignedly love Him.

The 50th Psalm was then said, followed by two special prayers. A short touch was then rung on the bells for the gratification of the visitors. Touches of Grandsire Triples were also rung before the service and during the remainder of the evening.

## ST. JAMES' PARISH CHURCH, SILSDEN, KEIGHLEY.

Mr. George Jacques, of Spring Bank, Silsden, Keighley, has given instructions to his architects, Messrs. Bailey, of Bradford and Keighley, to raise the tower of the parish church, and place a spire on the top of the same; and also instructed Messrs. Potts and Sons, Clock Manufacturers, of 13, Guildford Street, Leeds, and 22, Collingwood Street, Newcastle-on-Tyne, to place a clock with four illuminated dials and Cambridge chimes therein, which Messrs. Potts have put in hand. A public meeting was called on Wednesday last, when Mr. Jacques was warmly thanked for his gifts, and accepting the same.

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## EMBLETON, NORTHUMBERLAND.—ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEDICATION OF THE CHURCH BELLS.

On Sunday, October 28th, the Feast of S-S. Simon and Jude, being the second anniversary of the dedication of the peal of bells, was observed as a special festival at the parish church. The ringers rang an early touch from 7 to 8 a.m. before the early celebration, and another touch from 10 to 11 a.m. On the previous Thursday evening they rang a 720 of Bob Minor for the first time since last Easter Day, and this is the first time it has been performed without the assistance of their esteemed preceptor, the Rev. C. Buston. T. Appleby, 1; T. McLaren, 2; R. McLaren, 3; C. Pattison, 4; J. Smailes, 5; C. Langley (conductor), 6. At the evening service special hymns and the anthem "Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem," were sung with great spirit and precision by the united choirs of Embleton and Craster. The vicar in his sermon spoke at some length on the various ways in which bells are a help and blessing both to parishes and individuals, and how closely they are linked with so many episodes of public and private life. He also drew attention to the rapid and steady progress made by the Embleton ringers in their Art, an Art which requires much scientific skill in its development.

On the following night, the whole band of ringers, twelve in number, were entertained to supper at the vicarage, and spent a pleasant evening interspersed with songs, handbell ringing, etc. The proceedings were kept up with great spirit till 11 p.m., when the company separated, after joining in the well-known refrain of "Auld Lang Syne."

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 27th, a district meeting of the eastern division was held at Ringmer, and although the weather was severely rough, members from Brighton, Lewes, Eastbourne, Hastings, and the local company were present. During the afternoon and evening touches of Bob Minor and Major. Grandsire Minor and Triples, and Stedman Triples were rung, the conductors being Messrs. Williams, Hart, Lawrence, and Goldsmith. Tea was served in excellent style at the inn near the church, and the usual business meeting followed, presided over by the Rev. J. W. G. Loder-Cotter.

The Chairman began by expressing regret at the absence of the Rev. T. B. Gribble, vicar of Ringmer, who unfortunately was suffering from a severe cold, and stated that the vicar gave the members of the Association a very hearty welcome, and was very pleased with the change-ringing he had heard during the afternoon.

The minutes of the last meeting were then read and confirmed, and the following were elected members of the Association, viz.—F. S. Bailey (Independent member), and W. Lawrence, jun. (Christ Church, Eastbourne).

The Chairman having explained that in consequence of Mr. A. E. Nye having removed from the eastern division, it was necessary to elect a secretary *pro tem* until the General Meeting. Mr. Lawrence proposed Mr. Goldsmith, of Lewes, who had kindly consented to undertake the work, but after some discussion it was unanimously agreed that a person residing farther east could more advantageously work the affairs of the eastern division, and upon the proposition of Mr. G. Williams, Mr. Saker, of Hastings, was elected, Mr. Goldsmith willingly retiring in his favour.

A vote of thanks to the vicar for the use of the bells, and for the hearty welcome he had expressed, was unanimously carried, and terminated the meeting.

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## Ringers' Outings.

ALL SAINTS, WRITTLE, ESSEX.—On Tuesday, October 16th, the members of this company, twelve in number, paid a visit to the neighbouring towers of Broomfield and Great Waltham, the vicar (Rev. T. L. Papillon) accompanying the party. Starting about 5.30 p.m. in a pair-horse brake, a halt was made at Broomfield, where they were joined by Mr. A. Edwards, a former member of the Writtle band; and a 360 of Bob Minor with short touches of Grandsire Doubles were rung, so that all might have a pull. The bells are a good ring of six, in good order; but the long draught, and springy new ropes, bothered some of the visitors. A move was then made to Great Waltham, where there is a fine heavy ring of eight, tenor 28 cwt., on which two touches of Grandsire Triples were first rung to give the young members of the band a pull, and then a quarter-peal in the same method by W. Emery, 1; G. Sorrell, 2; A. Edwards, 3; R. Wood, 4; F. Lincoln, 5; F. Radley, 6; W. Lincoln (conductor), 7; F. Edwards, 8. This quarter-peal, composed by the Editor, has the twenty-four 6-7s the right way. Credit is due to F. Edwards for his handling of the tenor, it being his first experience of so heavy a bell. At the conclusion of the quarter-peal the party adjourned to The Six Bells, where an excellent hot supper was provided by the liberality of the vicar of Great Waltham, the Rev. H. E. Hulton, who, though no ringer himself, always welcomes ringers hospitably to his fine church tower. A moonlight drive home (about seven miles), enlivened by tunes on the handbells, landed the party at Writtle about 10.30, well pleased with their outing, and grateful to those who had arranged it.

ST. LUKE'S SOCIETY, CHELSEA.—On Saturday, October 6th, the members of this society had their annual outing, the places selected being Wooburn Green and Beaconsfield, Bucks. The party met at Paddington Station, and left by the 8.30 a.m. train for Wooburn Green, where they were met by some of the local men, and after some refreshment they proceeded to the parish church where touches of Stedman Triples, Grandsire Triples, and Bob Major were rang on the fine ring of eight bells, tenor about 20 cwt., conducted by Messrs. Driver and Newton. After which a touch of Grandsire Triples was rang with two of the local ringers, and the bells were then lowered in peal. The members then made a start over the hills and through the woods to Beaconsfield (about three miles), one of the Wooburn ringers accompanying them as their guide. All were very pleased to reach the White Hart hotel, where at 1.30 p.m. a splendid dinner was provided by the proprietor, Mr. W. H. Rowland (Master) in the chair, and Mr. F. E. Barber (Hon. Secretary) in the vice-chair. After dinner they all proceeded to the parish church, and through the kind permission of the rector (Rev. Canon Humphrey Cholmeley), several touches of Stedman, Grandsire, and Bob Major were rung on the splendid peal of eight, tenor 21 cwt., the "go" of them being all that could be desired. At 5 p.m. tea was provided, when seven of the Beaconsfield ringers sat down with them, and refreshed themselves with the cup that cheers. After tea was over several touches of Grandsire were rung, the local men taking part up till 7 p.m., when they again adjourned to the White Hart hotel. The evening was spent in harmony, the local men ringing tunes on the handbells, and several songs were well rendered by members of the society. At 8.30 p.m. Mr. Lane kindly provided a brake and pair, and after a deal of shaking hands they started for Wooburn Green to meet the 9.20 p.m. train for Paddington, all having spent a most enjoyable day. They wish to thank the vicar of Wooburn Green, the rector of Beaconsfield, and the steeplekeepers of both churches for having everything in readiness: also Mr. Lane, of the White Hart hotel, for providing them with such an excellent dinner and tea.

THE KETTERING SOCIETY, NORTHANTS.—The members of this society had their annual outing on Saturday, October 20th. Journeying to Northampton by the morning train, they were met by Mr. Mackay, a prominent member of St. Edmund's society, who kindly conducted them to the beautiful church of All Saints, erected to the memory of King Charles. Then climbing the belfry steps, the bells were inspected, which are a fine peal of eight, but in a wretched state of repair. Climbing

still higher, the top of the tower was reached, where a fine view of the town was obtained. The next move was to Castle station, then to Blisworth. A walk of a mile brought them to Gayton, where a pretty peal of six was found. Permission having been given by the vicar, the bells were raised, and several 6-scores of Doubles having been rung, the bells were lowered, and the party then journeyed back to Northampton. Refreshments for the inner man was the next item, and several courses of knife and fork bob took place at the Gold Street Cafe. "Stand" having been called, they next adjourned to St. Peter's church, where the quarterly meeting of the Raunds, Wellingborough, and District Association was being held. From there the party proceeded to the church of St. Edmund, and finding the belfry open in charge of Mr. J. White, the bells were raised, and several short touches of Grandsire Triples were rung. Tea was then provided at the Abington Cafe, and after a look round the town they started for home, which was reached at 8.45, after a most enjoyable day. The party were accompanied by the Rev. Wilfrid H. Abbott, curate of Kettering, who, added much to the enjoyment of the party. A vote of thanks was passed to those who provided for such an enjoyable holiday.

THE MILVERTON SOCIETY.—On Saturday, November 3rd, the members of this society made a journey to Tiverton and Huntsham for a days' ringing. Leaving Milverton by the 8.15 a.m. train, they journeyed to Dulverton and Tiverton, via the Exe valley line, where, through the kindness of the secretary, the bells were soon in motion, but as the stay was very short, only a few touches of Grandsire Triples were rung. The "go" of the bells was all that could be desired, and a very grand peal it is. Leaving Tiverton by the 11.12 a.m. train for Bampton, they had another pull, Grandsire Doubles being the only performance. Leaving Bampton by brake, Huntsham was reached about one o'clock, where through the kindness of Colonel Troyte, a capital dinner was served up. After dinner they went to the tower, and the bells were soon going to the tune of Grandsire Triples, Colonel Troyte and also the vicar of Milverton taking their turn at the bells. Five o'clock being the time appointed for tea at Colonel Troyte's house, the bells were lowered in peal. Tea being over, the journey from Huntsham to Venn Cross station began, and was reached in due time. Taking train from there, Milverton was reached about 7.50 p.m., the vicar inviting them to the vicarage, where an excellent supper awaited them. After doing full justice to the good things provided, a very pleasant outing was brought to a close. The visitors wish to thank Colonel Troyte for his kindness, and also the Tiverton ringers for the use of the bells.

## RODMERSHAM, KENT.

The annual meeting of this society was held on Tuesday, October 23rd, in the vestry, Mr. Dixon in the chair. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The officers elected were—Rev. W. J. Mellor (vicar), President; Mr. J. Dixon, jun., M.A., Secretary. Mr. H. Wood, Treasurer. The steeplekeeper (Mr. C. Sellen), was appointed by the churchwardens. On the proposition of Mr. H. Wood, seconded by Mr. E. Perkiss, the test for the second year of membership was raised to 360 changes in the Plain Bob method. A vote of thanks to the chairman concluded the business. Touches of Grandsire and Plain Bob were rung, and an attempt for a 720 of Canterbury Pleasure was made, but this coming to grief a 720 of Plain Bob was substituted, which was brought round in 24 mins. G. Coast, 1; E. Day, jun., 2; J. Dixon, jun., M.A., 3; J. G. Grensted, 4; F. Shedd, 5; H. Wood (conductor), 6.

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FRANK BIGGS .. .. 3.	JOHN EVANS .. .. 7.
HARRY STRATFORD* .. .. 4.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. Tenor.

Composed by C. PRICE and Conducted by REV. F. E. ROBINSON, Master of the Guild.

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

## MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD AND THE  
ST. MICHAEL'S SOCIETY.

On Tuesday, October 30, 1894, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF CANTERBURY PLEASURE TRIPLES,  
5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

FRANK STONELEY .. .. Treble.	JOHN MINSHULL .. .. 5.
WILFRED MATTHEWS .. .. 2.	WILLIAM GAYES .. .. 6.
WILLIAM W. STEEL .. .. 3.	JOSEPH NORBURY .. .. 7.
WILLIAM WALMSLEY .. .. 4.	ALFRED MOTTERSHEAD .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM WALMSLEY.

This is the first peal of Triples in the method by all the above Guild, and also in Cheshire. Rung as a birthday compliment to J. Minshull, his brother-strings wishing him many happy returns of the day.

## WOOBURN, BUCKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Thursday, November 1, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 19 cwt.

FREDERICK G. HEALEY .. Treble.	WILLIAM TRUSS .. .. 5.
WILLIAM WHEATLEY* .. .. 2.	JOHN C. TRUSS, JUN. .. 6.
JOHN WEST* .. .. 3.	WALTER E. YATES .. .. 7.
JAMES GARRELL .. .. 4.	*FRANK COUSENS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WALTER ERNEST YATES.

\*First peal. The ringers of the treble, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and tenor are local men, and this is the first peal rung at Woburn, in which local men have taken part. The conductor and the brothers Truss hail from Great Marlow.

## BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION, AND THE ST.  
PAUL'S SOCIETY, BURTON-ON-TRENT.

On Thursday, November 1, 1894, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' COMPOSITION.

Tenor 26 cwt.

JOHN BENSTEAD .. .. Treble.	HARRY WAKLEY .. .. 5.
GEORGE PITT .. .. 2.	LEONARD BULLOCK .. .. 6.
ARTHUR WAKLEY .. .. 3.	WILLIAM WAKLEY .. .. 7.
GEORGE ROBINSON .. .. 4.	RICHARD M. JOYCE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM WAKLEY.

This is J. Benstead's first peal.

## COGGESHALL, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 3, 1894, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. PETER-AD-VINCULA,

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

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION.

Tenor 22 cwt. in F.

RICHARD POTTER .. .. Treble.	JOHN SADLER .. .. 5.
CHARLES NORFOLK .. .. 2.	FRED DAY .. .. 6.
WILLIAM DYER .. .. 3.	ERNEST W. BECKWITH .. 7.
WILLIAM ELLIOTT .. .. 4.	DAVID ELLIOTT, JUN. .. Tenor.

Composed by J. REEVES and Conducted by DAVID ELLIOTT, JUN.

This is the quickest and first peal in the method on the bells, and by all except F. Day, who hails from Eye. It was rung at the first attempt.

## LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.

On Saturday, November 3, 1894, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

TAYLOR'S BOB-AND-SINGLE.

Tenor 24 cwt. in C.

CHARLES FISK .. .. Treble.	HARRY SMITH .. .. 5.
HARRY PARKER .. .. 2.	WILLIAM SNELL .. .. 6.
CHARLES JARVIS .. .. 3.	†THOMAS KING .. .. 7.
ARTHUR SYMONDS* .. .. 4.	WILLIAM MOORE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS KING.

†First peal. \*First peal in the method with a bob bell. †First peal as conductor. This is the first peal ever rung by a Lavenham company on this grand ring of bells.

## TANFIELD, DURHAM.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 3, 1894, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET

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

MORRIS'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

WILLIAM R. BREWIS* .. Treble.	THOMAS BREWIS .. .. 5.
WILLIAM HOLMES .. .. 2.	FREDK. J. HARRISON .. 6.
HENRY TYSON† .. .. 3.	†FREDERICK LOWE .. .. 7.
WILLIAM BREWIS .. .. 4.	*CHRISTOPHER ELLIOT .. Tenor.

Conducted by FREDERICK J. HARRISON.

\*First peal. †First peal on eight bells. This is the first peal rung on the bells since they were augmented to eight (an account of which has appeared in these columns) and was rung at the first attempt. W. R. Brewis is only fifteen years old.

## RADCLIFFE, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 3, 1894, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

REV. C. A. CLEMENTS .. Treble.	JOHN HARRISON .. .. 5.
GEORGE HOYLE .. .. 2.	FRED DERBYSHIRE .. .. 6.
JOHN CROSSLEY* .. .. 3.	RICHARD RIDYARD .. .. 7.
JOSEPH RIDYARD .. .. 4.	HARRY CHAPMAN .. .. Tenor.

Composed by T. LOCKWOOD and Conducted by RICHARD RIDYARD.

\*First peal. This is the first peal of Treble Bob on the bells. Rev. C. A. Clements hails from Ramsbottom; Crossley from Hamer; the brother's Ridyard and Derbyshire from Worsley; Harrison from Heywood; Hoyle from Rochdale; and Chapman from Pendleton.

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

On Saturday, November 3, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,  
5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 14 cwt.

HENRY SIMMOND .. .. Treble.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 5.
EDWIN MENDAY .. .. 2.	ARTHUR W. PIKE .. .. 6.
RICHARD T. HIBBERT .. 3.	GEORGE ESSEX .. .. 7.
JOSEPH HANDS .. .. 4.	THOMAS NEWMAN .. .. Tenor.

Composed by A. W. PIKE and Conducted by T. NEWMAN.

This composition, which is in two parts, contains the 6th twenty-two times right, with the 2nd and 3rd never in 6th's place at a course-end.

## BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 3, 1894, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5001 CHANGES.

Tenor 20½ cwt.

EDGAR BENNETT .. .. Treble.	GEORGE WELLING .. .. 6.
FRANK HOLDER .. .. 2.	JOSEPH FAYERS .. .. 7.
HENRY BROOKER* .. .. 3.	CHARLES BANCE .. .. 8.
FRANK M. BUTLER .. .. 4.	JAMES W. TRAPPITT .. 9.
DR. A. B. CARPENTER .. 5.	*WILLIAM GRAY .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by EDGAR BENNETT.

\*First peal of Stedman Caters.

## BEDFORD.—THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 3, 1894, in Two Hours and Twenty-six Minutes,

IN ST. PAUL'S BELFRY,

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

HERBERT SHARP* .. .. 1-2.	W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM .. 5-6.
CHARLES WM. CLARKE* .. 3-4.	*ISAAC HILLS .. .. 7-8.

Conducted by W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM.

Umpire—Mr. Charles Chasty, who marked off the peal from the manuscript as it was rung. In an attempt made previously over 3000 changes were rung. \*First peal on handbells. This is the conductor's fiftieth handbell peal, and 179th peal.



## CHRISTCHURCH, HANTS.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, November 5, 1894, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE PRIORY CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 32 cwt.

TOM F. BEST .. .. Treble.	GEORGE VEY .. .. 5.
ELI WATERS .. .. 2.	FREDERICK KING .. .. 6.
EDWARD V. HINTON .. .. 3.	GEORGE PRESTON .. .. 7.
STEPHEN BEST .. .. 4.	WILLIAM SAFFERY .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE PRESTON.

The above peal was arranged for F. King, who hails from Bath, but formerly belonged to the above band, who are all local men.

## HYDE, CHESHIRE.

## THE UNITED COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

(HYDE BRANCH.)

On Monday, November 5, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES.

JAMES SHAW .. .. Treble.	JOHN H. BRIERLEY .. .. 5.
RALPH PRITCHARD .. .. 2.	SAMUEL BRADLEY .. .. 6.
THOMAS WILDE .. .. 3.	JAMES S. WILDE .. .. 7.
WALTER SLATER .. .. 4.	DAVID LEIGH .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JAMES S. WILDE.

This peal has the 6th twenty-four times each way in 5-6.

## WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 6, 1894, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 21 cwt.

FREDERIC DERBYSHIRE .. Treble.	JOHN BAGULEY .. .. 5.
JAMES HENRY RIDYARD .. 2.	THOMAS DERBYSHIRE .. 6.
JOSEPH IRELAND .. .. 3.	RICHARD RIDYARD .. .. 7.
WALTER JACKSON* .. .. 4.	THOMAS RUSHTON .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES HENRY RIDYARD.

\*First peal with a bob bell. Rushton hails from Pendlebury; the rest belong to the local company.

## Date Touches.

## SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

WEST BROMWICH (Staffordshire).—On Thursday, October 11th, at Christ Church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1894 changes, in 1 hr. 7 mins. H. Hipkiss, 1; T. Horton, 2; J. Hares, 3; J. Walker, 4; J. Frisby, 5; R. Hall, 6; J. Hall (conductor), 7; E. Jones, 8. Composed by F. S. W. Butler, of Gainsborough, and was rung on the brothers Hall forty-second birthday, their brother-strings wishing them many happy returns of the day.

BRAMLEY NEAR LEEDS.—On Tuesday, October 9th, at St. Peter's church, a date touch (1894 changes), in 1 hr. 8 mins., being 214 Kent Treble Bob, 240 Violet Treble Bob, and 720 each of Woodbine and Oxford Treble Bob. J. Turner, 1; H. Gaythorpe, 2; R. Thomas (conductor), 3; J. W. Chadwick, 4; J. W. T. Holgate, 5; E. Redshaw, 6. This touch was rung on the 28th birthday of J. Turner, his brother ringers wishing him many happy returns. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qrs.

## Miscellaneous.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BRAINTREE (Essex).—On Saturday, October 13th, for practice, at St Michael's church, 720 Bocking Treble Bob. F. Calthorpe, 1; W. Moore, 2; W. Hammond, 3; W. Grimwade, 4; F. Rudkin (conductor), 5; H. E. Hammond, 6. Also on Sunday, October 14th, for Divine Service in the morning, 720 of Morning Exercise. T. Watson, 1; F. Calthorpe, 2; F. Rudkin, 3; W. Grimwade, 4; H. E. Ham-

mond, 5; C. H. Howard (conductor), 6. Also for evening service, 720 Cambridge Surprise. T. Watson, 1; F. Calthorpe, 2; F. Rudkin, 3; C. H. Howard (conductor), 4; W. Hammond, 5; H. E. Hammond, 6. Also for practice, on Saturday, October 20th, 720 Cambridge Surprise. T. Watson, 1; W. Moore, 2; F. Calthorpe, 3; W. Grimwade, 4; W. Hammond, 5; H. E. Hammond (conductor), 6. Also 720 Oxford Treble Bob, the ringers of the 3rd and 4th bells changing places, the rest as before. Also on Sunday, October 21st, for the morning service, 720 College Exercise. T. Watson, 1; H. E. Hammond, 2; W. Hammond, 3; W. Grimwade, 4; F. Rudkin (conductor), 5; C. H. Howard, 6. And for the evening service, 720 Oxford Delight. T. Watson, 1; H. E. Hammond, 2; \*W. Grimwade, 3; \*W. Hammond, 4; F. Rudkin (conductor), 5; \*C. H. Howard, 6. \*First 720 in the method and first attempt.

COGGESHALL (Essex).—On Monday, October 29th, for practice at the parish church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, and 720 New London Pleasure. J. Nicholls, C. Norfolk, W. Dyer, J. Sadler, D. Elliott, sen., E. W. Beckwith, D. Elliott, jun., conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to D. Elliott, sen.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

ROMSEY (Hants).—On Tuesday, October 16th, for practice, a quarter-peal of Bob Triples, in 50 mins., and 168 of Grandsire Triples. On Tuesday, October 23rd, an attempt was made for Hubbard's ten-part peal of Bob Triples, but it came to grief after ringing 4536 changes, in 3 hrs and 5 mins. C. Cole, 1; R. White, 2; G. Newman, 3; A. Newman, 4; T. Cole, 5; F. Busson, 6; J. Elcombe (conductor), 7; G. Saint, 8.

WINCHESTER.—On Thursday, October 9th, at the Cathedral, 360 Grandsire Caters. A. E. Macey, 1; C. J. North, 2; G. Smith, 3; W. C. Lampard, 4; R. White, 5; R. Hasted, 6; W. J. Sevier, 7; Rev. R. C. M. Harvey, 8; W. H. George (conductor), 9; D. Froome, 10. Tenor 32 cwt. And 377 Grandsire Triples. A. E. Macey, 1; C. J. Chooet, 2; W. C. Lampard, 3; R. Hasted, 4; C. J. North, 5; W. H. George, 6; Rev. R. C. M. Harvey (conductor), 7; D. Froome, 8. And on Thursday, October 18th, 280 Grandsire Triples. R. Hasted, 1; C. J. Chooet, 2; W. J. Sevier, 3; W. C. Lampard, 4; C. J. North, 5; J. Weaver, 6; W. H. George (conductor), 7; W. Payne, 8. And 504 in the same method. C. J. North, 1; C. J. Chooet, 2; W. J. Sevier, 3; R. Hasted, 4; W. C. Lampard, 5; J. Weaver, 6; W. H. George (conductor), 7; D. Froome, 8.

## NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

ORDSALL (Notts).—On Saturday, October 6th, for practice, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 25 mins. J. White, 1; J. C. Whetstone, 2; H. Blagg, 3; H. Lambert, 4; H. Haigh (conductor), 5; J. B. Joynes, 6. First 720 in the method by all except the conductor. Also on Thursday, October 18th, for practice, a 720 of Canterbury Pleasure, in 26 mins. H. Merrills, 1; G. Swannack (first 720 in the method), 2; H. Blagg, 3; H. Lambert, 4; H. Haigh (conductor), 5; J. White, 6.

ANSTON (Yorks).—On Sunday morning, October 28th, for service, 240 each of Merchant's Return and Kent, and 216 of Oxford. J. Foulds, 1; H. Turner, 2; C. Fowler (conductor), 3; J. E. Marshall, 4; S. Smith, 5; H. Stenton, 6. And for evening service, 720 Merchant's Return in 24½ mins. J. Foulds, 1; H. Turner, 2; R. Smith, 3; J. E. Marshall (first 720 in the method), 4; S. Smith, 5; C. Fowler (conductor), 6. And on Tuesday, October 30th, for practice, 720 New London Pleasure. H. Stenton, 3; R. Smith, 4; the rest as before. First in the method by H. Turner.

## THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

PENARTH (South Wales).—On Sunday, October 7th, for Divine Service, 720 Plain Bob Minor. J. Jones, 1; F. Bartlett, 2; J. Vinnicombe, 3; T. Northey, 4; D. Thomas (conductor), 5; C. Smith, 6. Also on Wednesday, October 10th, 720 Plain Bob Minor (eight bobs and six singles). J. Jones, 1; D. Thomas (conductor), 2; J. Vinnicombe, 3; F. Bartlett, 4; T. Northey, 5; C. Smith, 6. Also a 720 of Kent Treble Bob. J. Vinnicombe, 1; W. Biss, 2; C. Smith, 3; F. Bartlett, 4; T. Northey, 5; D. Thomas (conductor), 6. Rung on the occasion of the harvest festival. This is the conductor's 100th 720, forty-six of which he conducted. Also on Sunday, October 14th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. J. Vinnicombe, 1; D. Thomas (conductor), 2; W. Biss, 3; F. Bartlett, 4; T. Northey, 5; C. Smith, 6. Also on Monday, October 15th, 720 Plain Bob Minor (twenty bobs and ten singles). T. Northey, 1; W. Biss, 2; C. Smith, 3; F. Bartlett, 4; D. Thomas (conductor), 5; J. Vinnicombe, 6. Composed by N. Spindlow, of Ducklington.

## THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

LONDON.—On Sunday, October 7th, at the Chapel-of-Ease, Holloway, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 43 mins.

B. Foskett, 1; J. Nixon, 2; H. Franks (composer), 3; W. Meads, 4; H. Stubbs, 5; R. Bevan, 6; G. Smith (conductor), 7; H. Ellis, 8.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

**RAINHAM (Kent).**—On Wednesday, October 10th, on the occasion of the harvest festival, before service, 240 Grandsire Doubles. G. Green, 1; G. A. Ransom, 2; E. Dunster (conductor), 3; W. T. Hyland, 4; J. Champion, 5; J. Scoones, 6. After service, 240 Grandsire Doubles. G. A. Ransom, 1; W. T. Hyland, 2; F. Ockwell, 3; E. Dunster (conductor), 4; J. Champion, 5; G. Inwood, 6. Also a 6-score of Bob Doubles. W. T. Hyland, 1; G. A. Ransom, 2; F. Ockwell (conductor), 3; E. Dunster, 4; J. Champion, 5; G. Inwood, 6. And a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles. G. A. Ransom, 1; W. T. Hyland, 2; T. Ockwell (conductor), 3; E. Dunster, 4; J. Champion, 5; C. Croucher, 6. On Sunday, October 14th, for evening service, 240 Grandsire Doubles. F. Ockwell, 1; W. T. Hyland, 2; E. Dunster (conductor), 3; C. Croucher, 4; J. Champion, 5; G. Inwood, 6. Tenor 24 cwt. 3 qrs. G. A. Ransom hails from Sittingbourne; W. T. Hyland from Upchurch; the rest belong to the local band.

**BOUGHTON NEAR FAVERSHAM (Kent).**—On Sunday, October 14th, for service in the afternoon, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. A. Smith, 1; E. Foreman, 2; H. Burling, 3; E. Bridges, 4; G. A. Ransom (conductor), 5; H. Foreman, 6; W. Bolden, 7; W. Foreman, 8.

**OSPRINGE (Kent).**—On Monday evening, October 15th, at the parish church, 560 Bob Major (six bobs). S. Croucher, 1; E. Holladay, 2; H. Foster, 3; A. Biggs, jun., 4; E. Bridges, 5; C. H. Drake, 6; F. Hunt, 7; H. Burling (conductor), 8. First touch of Major by the local band.

**DEAL (Kent).**—On Tuesday, October 16th, at St. Leonard's church, 720 Canterbury Pleasure (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 23 mins. A. Denne, 1; H. Denne, 2; C. H. Sone, 3; G. Denne (conductor), 4; W. Ongley, 5; H. Castle, 6. And on Sunday morning, October 21st, for Divine Service, 720 Canterbury Pleasure (fourteen singles and four bobs), in 24 mins., standing as before. Tenor 9½ cwt. in G.

**SEAL CHART (Kent).**—On Friday, October 19th, at the church of St. Lawrence, two 6-scores of Bob Doubles. J. Kettle, 1; F. Green, 2; J. Cox, 3; D. J. Goldsmith, 4; G. P. Burr (conductor), 5; D. Kettel, 6. Also two 6-scores of Bob Doubles. J. Kettel, 1; M. Exeter, 2; D. J. Goldsmith, 3; G. P. Burr (conductor), 4; J. P. Cox, 5; D. Kettel, 6. This was Messrs. Green and Exeter's first touch in the method with a bob bell.

**SITTINGBOURNE (Kent).**—On Sunday morning, October 21st, for Divine Service at St. Michael's church, 720 Bob Minor, with 68 covering (twenty-one bobs twelve singles), in 26 mins. H. J. Tidy, jun., 1; J. G. Elliott, 2; T. W. Jarrett, 3; E. J. Bottle, 4; J. Shedd, 5; W. J. Walker, 6; G. A. Ransom (conductor), 7; H. Scattergood, 8.

#### THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—FYLDE BRANCH.

**LYTHAM (Lancashire).**—On Wednesday evening, October 10th, at St. John's church, for practice, 720 College Single in 26 mins. W. Bamber, 1; J. H. Mark, 2; A. E. Wilson, 3; J. Salthouse, 4; C. H. Kerr (first 720 in the method as conductor), 5; R. Cookson (first 720 in the method), 6.

#### THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

**BUSHEY (Herts.).**—On Thursday, October 11th, on the occasion of the harvest festival a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 42 mins. W. Thorne, 1; W. E. Oakley, 2; G. Hunt, 3; A. J. Pate, 4; H. G. Rowe, 5; F. Edwards, 6; E. E. Huntley (conductor), 7; W. I. Oakley, 8. Composed by R. Curtis, Battle. Also on Sunday, October 14th, for Divine Service in the morning, 360 Grandsire Minor with the tenor covering. W. Thorne, 1; W. E. Oakley, 3; A. J. Pate, 4; W. I. Oakley, 5; F. Edwards, 6; E. E. Huntley (conductor), 7; A. Maynard, 8. Also for evening service 336 Grandsire Triples. W. Tillyard, 1; W. Thorne, 2; W. E. Oakley, 3; A. J. Pate, 4; W. I. Oakley, 5; F. Edwards, 6; E. E. Huntley (conductor), 7; T. Hussey, 8. Also 168 in the same method. W. Thorne, 1; W. E. Oakley, 2; E. E. Huntley, 3; A. J. Pate, 4; W. I. Oakley, 5; G. Hunt, 6; F. Edwards (conductor), 7; T. Hussey, 8. Also after service 518 Grandsire Triples, standing as before. And 168 in the same method, A. Maynard ringing the tenor, both conducted by F. Edwards.

#### THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

**READING (Berks.).**—*Handbell Ringing.*—On Friday evening, October 12th, at 50, Connaught road, 720 Bob Minor. C. Giles, 1-2; R. T. Hibbert (conductor), 3-4; F. Hopgood, 5-6. First 720 double-handed by C. Giles and F. Hopgood. On Sunday, October 14th, at St. Lawrence's church, for Divine Service in the evening, 504 Stedman Triples. C. Giles, 1; W. Truss, 2; J. F. Tarrant, 3; G. Stone, 4; H.

Tocker, 5; R. T. Hibbert, 6; F. Hopgood (conductor), 7; L. Rolfe, 8. W. Truss hails from Great Marlow.

**TILEHURST (Berks.).**—On Sunday, October 14th, at the parish church, for Divine Service in the afternoon, 504 Stedman Triples. H. Tucker, 1; W. Truss, 2; J. F. Tarrant, 3; J. E. Hern, 4; C. Giles, 5; C. Chapman, 6; F. Hopgood (conductor), 7; H. Goodyer, 8.

#### THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—BLACKBURN BRANCH.

**BURNLEY (Lancashire).**—On Sunday, October 14th, for morning service, at Holy Trinity church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor (twelve bobs). T. Baldwin, 1; J. Wilkinson, 2; H. Heyworth, 3; R. Ashworth, 4; N. Townend, 5; T. Redman (conductor), 6. Also for evening service the same day, 704 Kent Treble Bob Major. T. Baldwin, 1; J. Wilkinson, 2; D. Campbell, 3; H. Heyworth, 4; N. Townend, 5; R. Ashworth, 6; T. Mouncey, 7; T. Redman (conductor), 8. And on Tuesday, October 16th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor (fifteen bobs). T. Baldwin, 1; D. Heys, 2; H. Heyworth, 3; R. Ashworth, 4; N. Townend, 5; T. Redman (conductor), 6.

#### SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

**TETTENHALL (Staffordshire).**—On Sunday, October 14th, at the parish church, 720 Grandsire Minor in 24 mins. \*C. Chedwick, 1; S. Atkins, 2; B. Dalton, 3; T. Lowe, 4; J. Gough (conductor), 5; W. Smith, 6. Composed by H. Johnson. Rung as a birthday compliment to J. Gough, it being his 34th birthday. \*Was elected a member of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford previous to starting. Tenor 13 cwt. And on handbells, 360 Grandsire Triples. J. Tinsley (composer and conductor), 1-2; J. Gough, 3-4; W. Smith, 5-6; S. Atkins, 7-8.

#### THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

**CRADLEY (Herefordshire).**—On Sunday, October 28th, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor in 25 mins. J. Hales, 1; E. S. King, 2; H. Pritchard, 3; C. Watkins, 4; C. Layton (conductor), 5; A. Layton, 6.

#### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

**ATTLEBOROUGH (Norfolk).**—*Handbell Ringing.*—On Saturday, October 13th, at the house of Mr. J. Miles, two 720s of Bob Minor, conducted by J. Miles and A. Howes respectively. J. Miles, 1-2; A. Howes, 3-4; J. Howes, 5-6. And 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor. J. Miles, 1-2; A. Howes, 3-4; J. Howes (conductor), 5-6. First 720 in the method by all. And a course of Oxford Treble Bob Minor.

#### THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

**EPSOM (Surrey).**—On Sunday, October 21st, for evening service, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples (taken from H. Johnson's twelve-part), in 43 mins. G. Kelly, 1; T. Miles (conductor), 2; G. Chantler, 3; H. Pederick, 4; J. Easton, 5; A. E. Bassett, 6; H. Kenten, 7; T. Everett, 8. G. Chantler hails from Ewell. Also on Monday, October 22nd, for practice, 1036 Grandsire Triples (taken from Holt's Original), in 33 mins. J. Wilson, 1; T. Miles, 2; W. Worsfold, 3; A. Gower, 4; G. Pederick, 5; A. E. Bassett, 6; H. Kenten (conductor), 7; T. Everett, 8. A. Gower belongs to the Christ church band, Epsom; J. Wilson and W. Worsfold hail from Ewell.

#### GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

**TWERTON-ON-AVON (Somersetshire).**—On Saturday, October 20th, at the parish church, an attempt was made to ring Holt's Original peal of Grandsire Triples, but failed after ringing 1700 changes. R. L. Lewis, 1; A. Lawrance, 2; O. W. Layng, 3; W. Wells, 4; H. B. Slack, 5; G. Iles, 6; R. Richards (conductor), 7; C. W. Bell, 8. And 720 Bob Minor. A. Lawrance, 1; O. W. Layng, 2; H. B. Slack, 3; C. W. Bell, 4; G. Iles, 5; R. Richards (conductor), 6. Also 576 Bob Major. W. Wells, 1; A. Lawrance, 2; C. Goodenough, 3; O. W. Layng, 4; H. B. Slack, 5; C. W. Bell, 6; G. Iles, 7; R. Richards (conductor), 8. Messrs. Bell, Goodenough, Lewis, and Wells belong to Bath, the rest to Swindon.

#### DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

**MIDDLESBORO' (Yorkshire).**—At St. Hilda's church, for evening service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor in 29 mins. R. Fenwick, 1; J. H. Jones, 2; A. Mellanby, 3; A. McFarlane, 4; W. Walland, 5; J. W. Passman (conductor), 6. W. Walland is one of the old Middlesboro' ringers and hails from Ilkley, Yorkshire. This is his first 720 in any method on St. Hilda's bells.

#### THE NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

**GAINSBOROUGH (Lincolnshire).**—On Sunday evening, October 21st, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 46 minutes.

H. W. Kirton, 1; J. T. Ladd, 2; W. W. Bust, 3; J. C. Tinker, 4; G. Wilson, 5; W. D. Tinker (conductor), 6; F. S. W. Butler, 7; R. S. Lakin, 8. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. Canon Warner, who has since left the parish.

#### THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

**BIRSTALL** (Leicestershire).—On Friday, October 19th, at the parish church, 1440 changes in the following methods; 480 each of Bob Doubles, Canterbury, and Grandsire, each called differently. R. Bradshaw, 1; A. Smith, 2; A. Ballard, 3; D. Allot, 4; E. Smith (conductor), 5.

**APSLEY GUISE** (Beds.).—On Sunday, October 14th, at St. Botolph's church, 720 Bob Minor (fourteen singles four bobs). R. Wells, 1; H. Checkley, 2; W. Smith, 3; W. Mynard, 4; C. Herbert, 5; M. Lane (conductor), 6. And on Thursday, October 18th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. F. Gilby (first 720 in the method), 1; W. Smith, 2; E. Herbert, 3; W. Mynard, 4; C. Herbert, 5; M. Lane (conductor), 6. Also 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. W. Smith, 1; E. Herbert, 2; C. Herbert, 3; Cyril Herbert, 4; M. Lane, 5; W. Chibnall (conductor), 6.

**BANHAM** (Norfolk).—On Sunday, October 14th, at St. Mary's church, 720 Bob Minor in 25 mins. F. Kerry, 1; J. Saunders, 2; R. Patrick, 3; W. Nudds, 4; J. Woods (conductor), 5; J. W. Nudds, 6. And 360 in the same method. J. Woods, jun., 1; J. Saunders, 2; R. Patrick, 3; W. Nudds, 4; J. Woods (conductor), 5; J. W. Nudds, 6. F. Kerry hails from Attleborough.

**BIRSTALL** (Leicestershire).—On Sunday, October 14th, on the occasion of the harvest festival, for morning service, six 6-scores of Doubles, in the following methods, Plain Bob, Grandsire, and Canterbury, in 26 mins. R. Bradshaw, 1; A. Smith, 2; W. Cornish, 3; D. Allot, 4; E. Smith (conductor), 5. And for evening service, five 6-scores of Doubles in Plain Bob and Grandsire. A. Smith, 1; A. Ballard, 2; W. Cornish, 3; D. Allot, 4; E. Smith (conductor), 5.

**BLACKHILL** (Durham).—On Sunday, October 14th, for morning service, at St. Mary's church, 360 Kent Treble Bob Minor. P. Reddington, 1; J. McPhillips, 2; P. Wallis, 3; J. T. Dobson, 4; J. Wallis, 5; E. Wallis (conductor), 6. And for evening service, 360 Oxford Treble Bob with E. Wallis, 3; and A. Nichols (conductor), 6. E. Wallis hails from Newcastle-on-Tyne, and was formerly instructor to this band. Tenor 22 cwt.

**BOLTON** (Lancashire).—On Friday, October 12th, for practice at St. George's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 47 mins. J. Pennington, 1; W. Rushton, 2; W. Tebay, 3; H. Moss (conductor), 4; W. Sykes, 5; G. Moss, 6; A. Rushton, 7; G. Sykes, 8. This is the longest touch by A. Rushton and A. Sykes, who have only recently commenced to learn change-ringing.

**BRISTOL**.—On Sunday, October 14th, on the occasion of the harvest festival at St. Werburgh's church, for morning and evening service and after evening service several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. M. L. Baynham (conductor), 1; H. Brownjohn, 2; W. Stephens, 3; R. Chammings, 4; W. H. Paradise, 5; J. Paradise, 6.

**BURY ST. EDMUNDS** (Suffolk).—On Sunday, October 14th, on the back eight at the Norman Tower, for evening service at St. James's church, 504 Grandsire Triples. G. Debenham (conductor), 1; G. Farrants, 2; R. Wilding, 3; H. Turner, 4; A. Bridges, 5; E. Wells (Woolwich), 6; R. Moore, 7; R. Gooch, 8. Tenor 31 cwt.

**CHELSEA** (Middlesex).—On Thursday, October 18th, at St. Luke's church, for evening service, it being the harvest thanksgiving, 1360 of Bob Major, in 52 mins. \*G. Chesterman, 1; W. H. Rowland, 2; F. J. Pitts (conductor), 3; J. Barry, 4; †W. F. Meads, 5; \*W. J. Barber, 6; A. Dean, 7; \*T. E. Barber, 8. \*First quarter-peal of Major. †First quarter-peal with a bob bell.

**COLCHESTER** (Essex).—On Monday, October 15th, for practice at St. Peter's church, 360 Kent Treble Bob Minor. F. Bumpstead, 1; W. Button, 2; G. M. Rashbrook, 3; W. Green, 4; W. Burch, 5; R. W. Stannard (conductor), 6. And 720 Bob Minor. W. W. Scott, 1; G. Burch, 2; A. S. Wright, 3; F. Bumpstead, 4; W. Green, 5; R. W. Stannard (conductor), 6. On Thursday, October 25th, on the occasion of the opening of the Public Library, 784 Bob Major. W. W. Scott, 1; W. Button, 2; D. Elliot, 3; G. M. Rashbrook, 4; F. Bumpstead, 5; W. E. Green, 6; E. Beckwith, 7; R. W. Stannard (conductor), 8. Also 448 and 832, standing as before, with the exception of 3rd and 7th. \*Rev. D. Hamer, 1; W. Button, 2; D. Elliot, 3; G. M. Rashbrook, 4; F. Bumpstead, 5; W. E. Green, 6; E. Beckwith, 7; R. W. Stannard (conductor), 8. And 560 in the same method. W. W. Scott, 1; W. Button, 2; R. W. Stannard, 3; G. M. Rashbrook, 4; F. Bumpstead, 5; W. E. Green,

6; E. Beckwith, 7; D. Elliot (conductor), 8. \*First touch of Major, and hails from Stisted. Messrs. Beckwith and Elliot hail from Coggeshall.

**COLN ST. ALDWYN** (Gloucestershire).—On Sunday evening, October 21st, 840 Grandsire Triples. T. Barnett, 1; W. Fisher, 2; R. Jefferies, 3; T. Mitchell, 4; C. Bate, 5; H. Griffin, 6; J. Kitchener (conductor), 7; T. Smith, 8.

**DARLEY DALE** (Derbyshire).—On Wednesday night, October 17th, at St. Helen's church, for practice, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. W. Wallace, 1; \*J. Siddall, 2; \*E. Blackwall, 3; \*W. Taylor, 4; \*H. George, 5; \*E. R. Hallows (conductor), 6. \*First 720 in the method. H. George hails from Ripley, and is a member of the Midland Counties' Association; and W. Wallace from Derbyshire, and is also a member of the above Association. And on Sunday, October 21st, a 6-score each of Stedman and St. Simon's Doubles. W. Taylor, 1; J. Siddall, 2; E. Blackwall, 3; F. Fielding, 4; E. Hallows (conductor), 5; C. Whymark, 6.

**EASTBOURNE** (Sussex).—On the occasion of the harvest festival, at All Saints' church, for morning service, 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Osbourn, 1; W. Siggs, 2; T. Barber, 3; J. Davey, 4; J. Billings, 5; J. Sharp, 6; B. Hobbs, 7; T. Deadman, 8. And for the afternoon service, 1376 Grandsire Triples. J. Osbourn, 1; W. Siggs, 2; J. Sharp, 3; A. Piper, 4; A. Midmore, 5; W. Lawrence, 6; B. Hobbs, 7; T. Deadman, 8.

**ECCLESTON** (Lancashire).—On Sunday afternoon, October 14th, the Leyland ringers paid a visit to the parish church, and rang 720 Oxford Single Bob for afternoon service. O. Worden, 1; T. Bowling, 2; S. Watkinson, 3; J. Riding, 4; W. Nelson, 5; J. Banister (conductor), 6. Tenor 11 cwt.

**ELHAM** (Kent).—On Monday, October 15th, a 6-score of Bob Doubles. G. H. Stevens, 1; E. Bush, 2; E. Smith, 3; C. Richards, 4; A. Castle (conductor), 5; A. Hogben, 6. And a 6-score conducted by E. Bush, standing as before. Also a 6-score in the same method. E. Smith, 1; H. Pitcher, 2; E. Bush (conductor), 3; E. Richards, 4; A. Castle, 5; A. Hogben, 6.

**ELMSTED** (Kent).—On Sunday, October 14th, on the occasion of the harvest festival, two 6-scores of Bob Doubles. —, 1; H. Pitcher, 2; T. Hooker (conductor), 3; G. Greenstreet, 4; A. Castle, 5; —, Hopkins, 6.

**FULHAM** (Middlesex).—On Sunday, October 21st, at All Saints' church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, 1259 changes, in 47 mins. A. Ough, 1; J. Green, 2; W. Meaton, 3; C. Charge, 4; G. Woodiss (conductor), 5; R. E. Chichester, 6; W. Elson, 7; E. H. Adams, 8; J. Nicholls, 9; S. How, 10. Composed by J. Rogers.

**GLANADDA, BANGOR** (North Wales).—On Tuesday, October 16th, several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, each called differently, being the first 6-scores by all except the conductor. And on the handbells, at the first attempt, 168 Grandsire Triples. R. J. Hughes, 1; Rev. T. L. Jones, 2; T. A. Rowlands, 3; W. P. Davis, 4; M. J. Morris (conductor), 5-6; J. Gayton, 7; W. Crane, 8.

**GREAT BENTLEY** (Essex).—On Sunday, October 28th, for evening service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor in 20 mins. J. Taylor, 1; H. Bowers, 2; W. Hazell, 3; G. M. Rashbrook, 4; F. Bumpstead, 5; W. Nevard (conductor), 6.

**HORNINGSHEATH** (Suffolk).—On Monday, October 15th, 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-eight bobs and twenty-two singles) in 25 mins. J. Cockerill, 1; G. Cornnell, 2; J. Levitt, 3; W. Salisbury, 4; H. Turner, 5; E. Wells (conductor), 6. E. Wells hails from Woolwich. Tenor 10 cwt.

**IRTHLINGBOROUGH** (Northamptonshire).—On Sunday, October 7th, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor (fourteen bobs two singles), in 22 mins. A. Perkins, 1; C. Newman, 2; J. Houghton, jun. (conductor), 3; W. Pettitt, 4; J. Garratt, 5; J. Houghton, sen., 6. And on Sunday, October 14th, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor (eight bobs six singles), in 22 mins. J. Horner, 1; C. Newman, 2; A. Perkins, 3; A. Tyler, 4; J. Garratt, 5; J. Houghton, jun. (conductor), 6. On Monday, October 15th, for practice, 688 Bob Major. J. Horner, 1; C. Newman, 2; A. Perkins, 3; W. Pettitt, 4; J. Garratt, 5; J. Houghton, sen., 6; H. Sharpe, 7; J. Houghton, jun. (conductor), 8.

**LIVERPOOL**.—On Wednesday evening, October 17th, seven members of the St. Peter's Cathedral company, assisted by W. Davies, of the St. Nicholas Society, ascended the tower of the Cathedral church of St. Peter to attempt A. P. Heywood's ten-part peal of Stedman Triples, but after ringing 3540 changes in 2 hrs. and 16 mins., a change-course occurred, which brought it to grief. C. Williams, 1; J. Moore, 2; W. R. Williams, 3; J. Booth, 4; W. Davies, 5; J. Martin, 6; T. Hammond (conductor), 7; R. Williams, 8. Tenor 25 cwt. The above was rung on the back eight.

## 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.

**Llandaff Diocesan Association.**—The next meeting will be held at Penarth, to-day, Saturday, November 10th, at the headquarters, Church Lads Brigade, Glebe street, at 4 p.m. Through the kindness of the Penarth Branch, a free tea at 5 p.m. will be provided for members. Bells open from 2 p.m. Busses and trains leave Cardiff every few minutes for Penarth. H. G. WHITE, *Assist. Sec.*  
41, Pentreban Street, Cardiff.

**The Middlesex Association.**—The annual meeting of this association will be held at Southgate, to-day, Saturday, November 10th. Ringing to commence at 4 o'clock. A tea will be provided. PERCY HOWARD, *Hon. Sec.*  
South House, Albion Road, Stoke Newington.

**The Ancient Society of College Youths.**—The 257th Anniversary Dinner will be held on Saturday, November 17th, 1894, at the Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge, at 6 p.m. prompt. Tickets 3s. 6d. each, may be had of the following Committee: Messrs. Dawe, Pettit, Dorrington, Muskett, Langdon, Coles, W. D. Smith, Butler, Horrex, Winney, McLaughlin, F. G. Newman, Garrard, O'Meara. The tower of St. Michael's, Cornhill, will be open for ringing at 4 p.m. Members are earnestly requested to attend St. Paul's meeting, on Tuesday, November 20th, to elect officers for the ensuing year. W. T. COCKERILL, *Hon. Sec.*  
37, Tradescant Road, South Lambeth, S.W.

**The Heavy Woollen District Association.**—Yorkshire.—The next meeting will be held at Batley Carr, on Saturday, November 17th, at 5 p.m. Meeting house, Foresters' Arms (above the church). GEO. H. SIMON, *Hon. Sec.*  
19, Albert Street, Bailey Carr.

**Preliminary Notice.—Hollingsworth Silver Challenge Cup.**—The annual change-ringing contest on handbells, for the above cup, will take place on Saturday, February 9th, 1895. For further particulars apply Sec. JONATHAN PILLING.  
Lee Street, Uppermill, near Oldham.

**Lancashire Association.**—Manchester Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at St. Thomas' church, Pendleton, to-day, Saturday, November 10th. Ringing at 4 p.m. Business at 7 p.m. WALTER BROWN, *Branch Sec.*  
54, Wenlock Street, Hulme, Manchester.

**Worcestershire and Districts Association.**—The next Committee and Quarterly Meeting of this Association will be held in the School-room, Kings Norton, Birmingham, on Saturday, November 17th, at 5 p.m., prompt. The Rev. C. W. Barnard, Vicar, will preside. A free tea will be provided for all members forwarding their names to me, on or before Monday, November 11th, 1894. The tower will be open for ringing. JOHN SMITH, *Hon. Sec.*

**South and West Middlesex Association.**—By kind permission, the next monthly meeting will be held at Harmondsworth, on Saturday, November 17th, 1894. Ringing at 5 o'clock. E. J. WALSOM, *Hon. Sec.*  
11, Venetia Road, South Ealing.

**The Lancashire Association.—Rossendale Branch.**—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at St. Paul's, Ramsbottom, on Saturday, November 17th. Bells ready at 3 p.m., meeting at 6. J. B. TAYLOR, *Sec.*

**The Chester Diocesan Guild.—Wirral Branch.**—A monthly meeting will be held in the Boys' Schoolroom, Wallasey, on Saturday, November 17th. Tea at 6 p.m. (free). Tower open from 3 p.m. Members who intend to be present are requested to send notice not later than Monday, November 12th, to F. R. T. BOLTON, *Hon. Sec.*  
Braeside, West Kirby.

**East Derbyshire Association.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held in the school-room at Shirland, on Saturday, November 24th, at 5.30 p.m. Important business; all members please attend. THOS. ALLIBONE, *Secretary.*  
North Wingfield.

## 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.

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**PORTRAIT NUMBER.**—Next week will appear the portrait, with memoir, of Mr. W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM, of St. Albans.

Mr E. O'Meara writes:—The quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, by W. Coumbes, of Cardiff, which appeared in last week's issue, is false in the fifth part.

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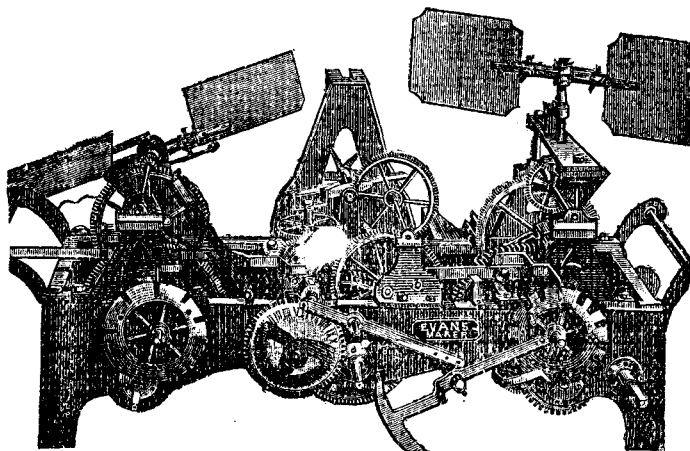
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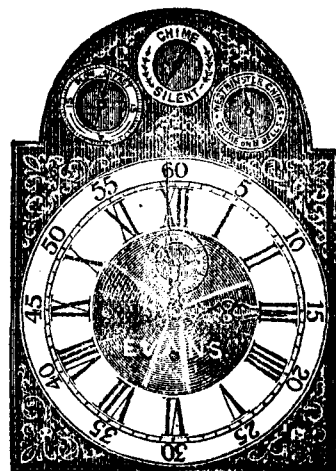
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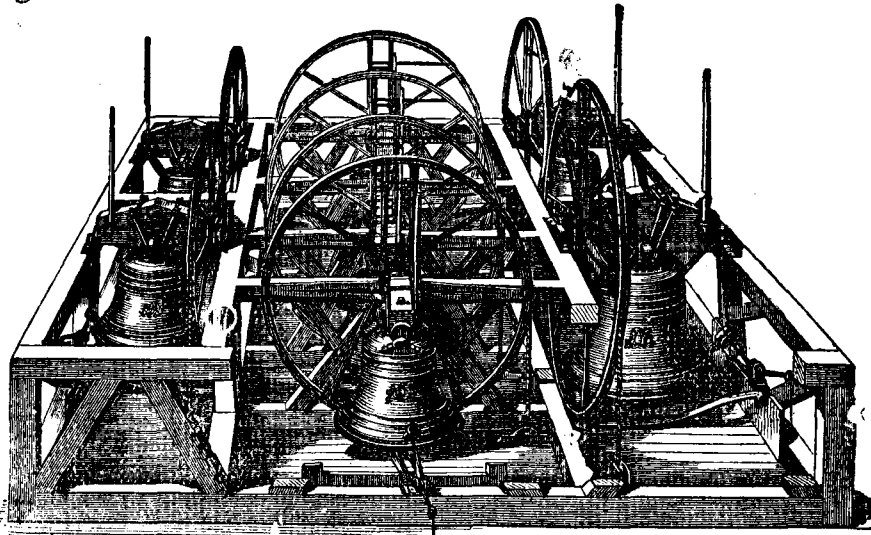
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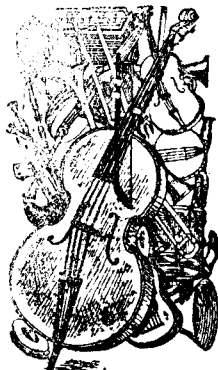
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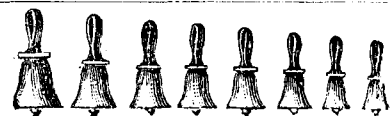
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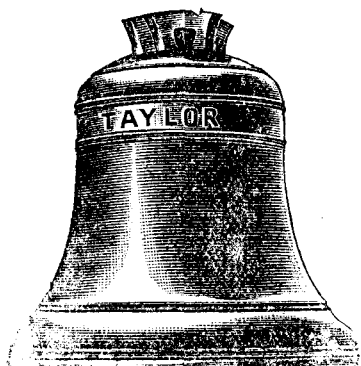
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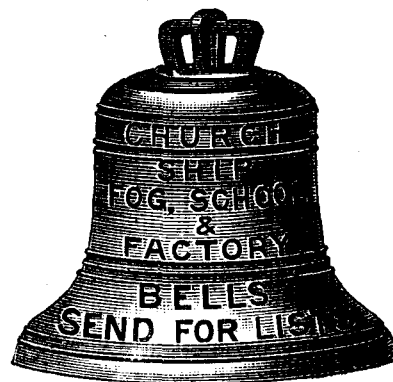
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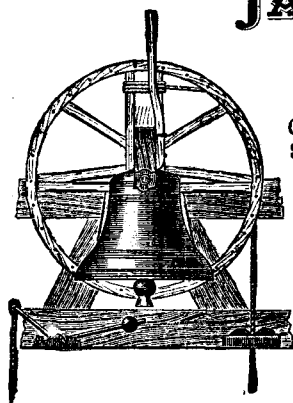
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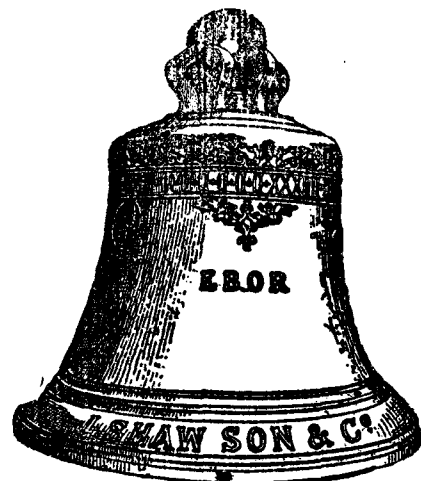
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The subject of pourtrayal this week is one of a very clever band of ringers which arose not many years ago in the city of St. Albans. When we mention the names of Percy Debenham, Mitchell, Cartmel, at the same time with Mr. BUCKINGHAM, it will readily be admitted that the word "clever" is not at all misapplied. These talented young men, it must be admitted, belong to that class of society which the Exercise always receives with open arms, and the welcome given proves most advantageous. We may without any exaggeration state that to Mr. BUCKINGHAM and his above-mentioned colleagues, the favourable condition of ringing matters in Hertfordshire is owing, and also the establishment of the County Guild. And on the other hand the Exercise is to be congratulated that the attractions of the Art has secured the adhesion of a party of young men, who, in their search for an outlet for their athletic aspirations, may have fallen victims to some pursuit requiring the maximum of animal (if not brutal) prowess, with the minimum of intellectual skill.

Mr. BUCKINGHAM commenced the Art of change-ringing under Mr. Newman Norwood Hills, of St. Albans, on February 29th, 1884, at St. Albans Cathedral, being made a member of that Cathedral society in the following September, and was the first elected member after the constitution of the society. He rang his first peal (Grandsire Triples) at St. Albans Abbey, on August 24th, 1885, conducted by Mr. H. J. Tucker, of Bishops Stortford. He used to meet Messrs. G. W. Cartmel and J. C. Mitchell, of St. Albans, in 1885 and 1886 at 5 o'clock in the morning to practice ringing Minor on handbells. He rang his first quarter-peal on handbells on March 11th, 1886, conducted by Mr. N. N. Hills, and rang his first peal on handbells on January 27th, 1887, conducted by Mr. C. F. Winny, who seeing the band in that peal in good trim, arranged for them to meet for practice with the intention of ringing Holt's Original one-part peal of Grandsire Triples, non-conducted, which was accomplished on March 11th, 1887, in 2 hrs. 29 mins. J. C. Mitchell, 1-2; W. H. L. Buckingham, 3-4; C. F. Winny, 5-6; G. T. McLaughlin, 7-8. The same band also rang Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples, non-conducted, on April 20th, 1887, and their first peal of Stedman Triples on December 30th, 1887, conducted by C. F. Winny. Since that time fifty peals on handbells retained in hand have been rang, as per following list, and 179 peals altogether, including 12,092 Double Norwich Court Bob Major at Boyne Hill, Maidenhead, on December 31st, 1892, which peal he was unfortunately the cause of being shortened through ill-health, from an internal complaint he has been suffering with for some years past. He represents the St. James' Society, London, on the Central Council of change-ringers, and belongs to the Ancient Society of College Youths, the St. James Society, Waterloo Society, Herts., Essex, Yorkshire, Sussex and Bedfordshire Associations, Oxford Diocesan Guild; also an honorary member of the St. Albans Cathedral and St. Peter's societies, and All Saints, Fulham, Society.

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	RANG	CONDUCTED
Stedman Triples ... ..	3	
Kent Treble Bob Major ... ..	1	1
Bob Triples ... ..	7	6
Bob Major ... ..	6	5
Bob Royal ... ..	1	1
Grandsire Triples ... ..	27	14
Grandsire Caters ... ..	5	3
Total	50	30

## CHURCH BELL PEALS.

	RANG	CONDUCTED
Superlative Surprise Major ... ..	1	
Double Norwich Court Bob Major ... ..	2	
Oxford Treble Bob Major ... ..	1	
Oxford Treble Bob Royal ... ..	2	
Kent Treble Bob Royal ... ..	6	
Kent Treble Bob Major ... ..	2	
Stedman Triples ... ..	22	1
Stedman Caters ... ..	15	
Bob Triples ... ..	10	7
Bob Major ... ..	12	9
Bob Royal ... ..	1	1
Grandsire Triples ... ..	42	12
Grandsire Caters ... ..	11	4
Canterbury Triples ... ..	1	1
Peal on six bells (eight methods) ... ..	1	
Total church bell peals ... ..	129	35
Handbell peals ... ..	50	30
	179	65

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

DISTRICT MEETING AT LAXFIELD, SUFFOLK.—The bells of Laxfield church, which for many years have been silent, being now available again for ringing, a combined meeting of the Framlingham, Eye, Redenhall, Halesworth, and Saxmundham districts of the above Association was held at Laxfield on Wednesday, November 7th. About forty-five members were present, including the Rev. Dr. Raven, President of the Association; the Rev. H. Earle Bulwer, Hon. Secretary; Rev. J. H. Pilkington, Messrs. F. Day and J. Larter, District Secretaries for Framlingham, Eye, and Halesworth districts respectively. Ringing began at 3.30 p.m. with a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, and the bells were kept going during the afternoon and evening. At 5 p.m. dinner was served at The General Wolfe, the chair being taken by the Rev. E. S. Finch, vicar of Laxfield. The dinner was given by the inhabitants of Laxfield, and their kind hospitality was greatly appreciated. At 7 p.m. a business meeting was held in the schoolroom, presided over by the Rev. Dr. Raven, who in his opening remarks gave some interesting facts in reference to the Laxfield and Cratfield bells.

The Rev. J. H. Pilkington explained the object of the meeting was to welcome the Laxfield tower into union with the Association, after so many years delay.

The Rev. H. E. Bulwer also spoke of the objects of the Association, and the good work that had been done by it and similar Associations throughout the country in the matter of belfry reform, and the recognition of ringers as church-workers, and the forming of a body not merely of good and skilful change-ringers, but of good churchmen.

A most hearty vote of thanks was passed with acclamation to the Rev. E. S. Finch and the churchwardens, and the inhabitants of Laxfield for the very kind welcome they had accorded to the Association.

## THE CIRENCESTER PARISH CHURCH VOLUNTARY RINGERS.

The annual meeting of this band was held at the Church Institute on the 16th inst., the Ven. Archdeacon Hayward, vicar, presiding. After satisfactory reports from the Secretary and Treasurer had been read and adopted, Mr. H. C. Bond was unanimously re-elected leader, and thanked for the great pains he had taken during the past year. Mr. E. P. Harmer was elected deputy-leader, the Rev. R. C. Jones, re-elected Hon. Treasurer, and Mr. F. W. Bond re-elected Hon. Secretary. The band wish to take this opportunity of thanking the St. Michael's Juniors, Gloucester, as a band, and Messrs. F. E. Ward, E. B. James, and J. Austin in particular, for their kind help on many occasions.





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(OF ST. ALBANS.)

## THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

The Annual Meeting of this Association was held at Southgate on Saturday, November 10th, when there was a very fair attendance of members, including representatives from Barnet, Hadley, Hendon, Tottenham, Edmonton, Stoke Newington, etc. The bells at Christ Church were set going soon after four o'clock, and touches in different methods were rang till 6.30 when an adjournment was made to The Cherry Tree hotel, where a substantial tea had been provided. After this part of the proceedings, the business meeting was held.

It was proposed and seconded that the Rev. C. F. Wilson, vicar of Southgate, take the chair. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and passed, the election of officers for the ensuing year was next proceeded with. The Rev. C. F. Wilson was proposed as Patron of the Association, and the rev. gentleman having kindly consented to accept that office, also undertook to do all in his power to try and obtain a President.

Mr. Lucas then proposed that Mr. C. H. Martin (Hendon), be re-elected Master of the Association, and this was seconded and carried amidst great applause.

Mr. Percy Howard who had held the office of Hon. Secretary for the past three years, expressed his unwillingness to stand again, owing to the uncertainty of his movements during the ensuing year.

Mr. F. A. Milne proposed, and Mr. J. D. Matthews seconded, that Mr. Frank Blondell (Barnet) be elected to fill the vacancy. This was carried unanimously.

Mr. F. A. Milne was re-elected treasurer, and Messrs. A. T. King and J. D. Matthews were appointed auditors.

It was resolved that the fifth annual report should be adopted, and also that the balance-sheet for the year 1893-4 should be passed subject to audit.

The Chairman was then elected an honorary member of the Association, and the following were admitted as working members: Messrs. A. Darlington, J. Lawson (Edmonton), and A. R. Samuels (Barnet).

Votes of thanks were passed to the officers for the services they had rendered during the past year.

In proposing a hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. C. F. Wilson for his kindness in granting the use of the bells, and also for presiding at their annual meeting, Mr. P. Howard pointed out how very beneficial it was for ringers to become connected with the clergy, and to be acknowledged as church-workers. It was a deplorable fact, and also a great drawback to ringers in London, that with very few exceptions, the clergy took no interest whatever in the bells. It was to be hoped this state of affairs would be remedied in the course of a few years. If they could only get clergymen like the rev. gentleman who had so kindly come forward that evening, to take an interest in them, it would be a step in the right direction, which would eventually be of great benefit to ringing societies. He concluded by expressing the society's thanks to Mr. Wilson.

The Rev. C. F. Wilson, in responding, thanked the members for their kind expressions, and also for placing him in the position of Patron. With regard to Mr. Howard's remarks as to the London clergy, he was sure they were so overtaxed that it was impossible for them to find time for everything. In conclusion he wished the members success, and said he should be very glad to do anything in his power to promote their interests.

This concluded the business, and the members then retraced their steps to the tower, where touches of Grandsire Triples and Bob Major were brought round, and the company separated shortly after ten o'clock, after a most successful meeting.

## WHITCHURCH, SALOP.

On Tuesday, November 13th, by kind invitation, Messrs. Holding and Langford (formerly Whitchurch ringers) journeyed from Crewe to Whitchurch to assist in the celebration of the 83rd birthday of the Rector, the Rev. W. H. Egerton. Three p.m. found seven of us in the belfry with the intention of ringing Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples. After waiting a short time the eighth man made his appearance, and a start was made only to come to grief a few minutes afterwards. At 3.55 another start was made and all went well for nearly two hours when a change of course in the seventh part brought to an end all hopes

of getting a peal that day. T. Owen, 1; A. Little, 2; R. Langford, 3; C. Challinor, 4; W. Barron, 5; G. Wright (conductor), 6; R. T. Holding, 7; E. Barker, 8. At 7.0 p.m. we found ourselves at The Greyhound inn when sixteen sat down to a splendid dinner consisting of roast beef, roast and boiled mutton, various vegetables, puddings, tarts, etc., with a good supply of bitter, and lemonade for those who did not take intoxicants, the whole being the annual birthday gift from the rector to his ringers. The Rev. G. R. Plant presided in the absence of the rector, assisted by the Rev. C. N. Swayne. Full justice being done to the good things provided, and after the tables had been cleared the following toast list was gone through: "The Queen," followed by songs from Messrs. Porter and Crewe. Then followed the toast of the evening, "The Bishops and Clergy and our worthy Rector," responded to by the Rev. C. N. Swayne, who also proposed "The Whitchurch Change-Ringers" coupled with the names of Messrs. Wright and Holding, the latter of whom said in the course of a few remarks how sorry he was on account of the new blood that was introduced for the first time, that the attempt for a peal that afternoon had failed, it being their longest lengths on their respective bells by Messrs. Owen, Challinor, Barron, and Barker, but he was able to say that it was not their fault that the peal was lost, it was two of the old ringers who had changed course, and he should be pleased to come over any Saturday afternoon to make another attempt and when they did so it must still be in honour of the rector's birthday. Mr. Wright also responded. Songs were then given by Messrs. Barker, Langford, and Crewe. "The Army, Navy, and Reserve Forces" was then proposed, to which Mr. Wilkinson, a local volunteer suitably responded, and said he hoped that although they were ready it would be many years before their services would be required to defend Old England from foreign invasion. Songs followed rendered by Messrs. Wilkinson, Challinor, Rev. C. N. Swayne, Oakley, and the rev. chairman. Mr. Holding then proposed "The Sick and Absent Members," mentioning Mr. Hutchinson, away through sickness, and Mr. Gibson, who could not attend. This was responded to by Mr. E. Langford, sen., who, in a few suitable remarks, spoke of the abilities of Messrs. Hutchinson and Gibson as change-ringers, and hoped they would soon have the pleasure of their company in the belfry again. Messrs. Wright, Crewe, and Langford each sang another song, after which the writer had to leave, as time and train wait for no man and the last train was nearly due. Crewe was safely reached about midnight, and so came to an end one of the most pleasant meetings it has been my lot to attend, a sentiment in which Mr. R. Langford cordially joins.

R. T. H.

## WRAXALL, SOMERSETSHIRE.

Through the generosity of Anthony Gibbs, Esq., of Tyntesfield, Wraxall, the parish church, tower and bells have all been restored. The bells, eight in number, have been to the foundry of Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough, who have recast four of them, and added a new tenor, taking away the old treble, so now there is a musical peal of eight, tenor nearly 23 cwt. Mr. Taylor has also rehung them on steel girders in an iron frame with iron stocks, the only woodwork being the wheels and stays, and they go splendid. They were dedicated on Wednesday, October 31st, and opened by the special wish of the rector by the Wraxall ringers.

Thursday, November 1st, being All Saints day, the new Bishop of Bath and Wells came and preached the sermon on that day, and after morning service he consecrated a new piece of burial ground that has been added to the churchyard, and afterwards came up into the tower and said a few kind words to the ringers and then shook hands all round. Then the ringers rang a short touch and went to dinner. After dinner they started for a peal of Grandsire Triples with Mr. Taylor at the helm, but it came to grief after ringing 45 mins., owing to a change-course, and time not allowing for another start, a quarter-peal was rung. Several touches by mixed companies were rung during the day, after which the bells were lowered in peal, and the ringers wended their way to The Royal Oak, Nailsea, where through the kindness of the Vicar of Wraxall, the Rev. H. Vaughan, all the men that had worked at the church since November 1st, 1893, sat down to a capital dinner.

## THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of this Association was held at Penarth on Saturday, November 10th. Ringers began to arrive from Bridgend, Aberdare, Barry, and Llandaff at 3 p.m., but many more from other districts were expected, but the inclemency of the weather prevented them from attending. The local band met the visitors, and conducted them to the tower, which is a picture of good order and cleanliness. After raising the bells in peal, several 6-scores of Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles were rung. The ringers then adjourned to the meeting-house at the headquarters of the Church Lads' Brigade, the same being a well-furnished, comfortable quarters, which the boys are very proud of. Captain Lloyd, of the brigade, and Sergeant-Major Thomas, who is also a sergeant in the Volunteer Battalion South Wales Borderers, and also captain of the local band of change-ringers, kindly obtained the use of the room from the Committee to hold the meeting. The rector, the Rev. W. Sweet-Escott, presided, and delivered a stirring address to the ringers, also giving them a hearty welcome to Penarth on this the first visit of the Association, and hoped that he would have the pleasure of seeing them at Penarth again in the near future, concluding by inviting the ringers to tea at 5 p.m. at Mr. Rees' restaurant. The rev. chairman resumed his seat amid loud applause. Captain Lloyd also spoke to the ringers, saying how glad he was to welcome the Association to Penarth, and hoped it would not be the last time that he should be able to meet them and assist them in making the visit a success.

Business commenced by Mr. J. Vinnicombe (Penarth) proposing, and Mr. Hardwick (Bridgend) seconding, that the rector become an honorary member of the Association, which was carried with acclamation, the rev. chairman briefly replying. It was proposed by Mr. Thomas (Penarth), seconded by Mr. Northey (Penarth), that Captain Lloyd become an honorary member, which was carried unanimously, Mr. Lloyd thanking the members for the honour. It was proposed by Mr. Watkins (Barry), seconded by Mr. Lloyd (Llandaff), that T. Collinson, late of Chepstow, become a performing member, which was carried. The other business was of the usual routine; the next meeting was decided to be held at Chepstow on Wednesday, December 26th.

Mr. F. Bartleet (Penarth) proposed a vote of thanks to the rector for presiding, which was carried amid loud applause.

The ringers then adjourned to the tower where some well-struck touches of Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Minor were brought round. Tea time arriving, tracks were made for the restaurant, where a splendid knife and fork tea was provided through the kindness of the rector, churchwardens, and local ringers. The rector again took the chair, and grace having been said, business commenced on the good things provided, to which ample justice was done. The rev. chairman returned thanks to the Giver of all, and remarked how proud he was to hear his bells rang so well, and to see so many churchworkers present, and he also hoped they would ring out joyously shortly for an event that was to take place in his family, viz., the marriage of his son to Miss Brain, of Penarth.

Mr. Rees (people's warden) now appeared on the scene, and it was proposed by Mr. Vinnicombe (Penarth), and seconded by Mr. White (Cardiff), that Mr. Rees become an honorary member, which was carried unanimously, Mr. Rees thanked the ringers very much for the honour bestowed on him. Through the unavoidable absence of the Hon. Secretary (Rev. Canon Downing), Mr. H. G. White, Assistant-Secretary, returned thanks to the rector, churchwardens, and ringers of Penarth for their kindness to the visitors, for the use of the room for the meeting, the splendid tea just partaken of, and for the use of the bells.

Mr. Rosser (Aberdare), also spoke briefly, and Mr. Hardwick (Bridgend) also returned thanks. The ringers then adjourned to the tower, where touches in various methods were brought round, and also some 6-scores of Plain Bob and Grandsire, with Messrs. Rosser and Hardwick standing in. The bells were kept going till 8.30 p.m., after which the visitors had a pleasant chat with the locals till train time arrived, when hands were shook, good-byes said, and every one returned home, having thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The visitors wish to thank the rector and churchwardens through the medium of "THE BELL NEWS," for the use of the bells.

## Correspondence.

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

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

## BELLS, BELFRIES AND ARCHITECTS.

SIR,—When will architects make themselves acquainted with the rudiments of bell frames, the hanging and weight of peals? There is an interesting old church in Surrey now awaiting restoration, and the bell-cage and bells require careful attention, having been "tin-kered at" for some years past by well-meaning but unskilled local wheelwrights. I should point out that the above ring of six (tenor about 17 cwt.) hang in a central massive tower which competent authorities affirm will easily carry ten bells. The tenor is badly cracked across the canons, over the haunch to the top of the waist. For some years the bells have been rung from the floor of the church, a most unseemly, distracting, and noisy proceeding. Several old inhabitants can remember their parents having spoken of the days when the bells were rung from the spacious chamber upstairs; and where they will be rung once more before many months are over. I may add that the present frame is so rickety—rocking some three inches—that the bells cannot now be rung with any safety. There is a space of some 18—20 feet between floor of ringing chamber upstairs, and the bells above, which distance of course speaks for itself. Now for the architects remarks. One gentleman asserts that there is not enough space to ring the bells from the ringing chamber upstairs, and that it was always intended to ring them from the floor of the church. He also informs us that the noise of the bells would render ringing impossible from the higher level. He entirely omits to state that the tenor is cracked, and has apparently never heard of things called deadening floors. Another architect (speaking of the proposed addition of two trebles to the peal) says, that this would be impossible as a peal of eight bells would require a tenor of at least one ton. He has evidently not studied the weight of tenors, and has never heard of the ring of eight at St. Michael's, Hernhill, Kent, tenor 10 cwt. in a flat. I could write you further particulars on this matter, but it is inexpedient to do so at present. Well-known bell founders and hangers have stated that the tower would easily bear a peal of ten; therefore it will bear another some six or eight cwt. in the shape of two trebles. I am convinced that more harm has been done to the structure by the swaying and rocking of the present cage within, say, the last ten years or so, with six bells, than would be done in the future by a ring of eight in a properly constructed and sound frame. The inhabitants are very fond of their bells, and anxious to hear their voices once more; but as long as gentlemen, who might know better cause such nonsense to be circulated, there is some danger of this matter being brought to a successful issue.

KENT C.A.C.R.

## DOUBLE NORWICH CATERS.

SIR,—As no other member of the band which rang the peal of Double Norwich Caters has replied to Mr. Davies' kind letter, I write to point out to him that the bob which he proposes renders it necessary to part the tenors every three courses; moreover it introduces work which is foreign to the Double Norwich system. The bob actually used enables the tenors to be kept together throughout, and moreover the 5th and 6th bells alone can be placed behind the 9th. I should also state that the St. Michael's Juniors greatly prefer ringing a good musical method such as Double Norwich Caters, to Double Norwich Royal, which, as it only has single dodging at intervals, compares very unfavourably with Kent Ten In. Double Norwich Caters has all the music of Stedman without parting the tenors.

H. LAW JAMES.

## PIRACY.

SIR,—In your last issue Mr. Lindoff calls in question John Cox's right to the well-known composition usually ascribed to him, so far as the plain methods go. Allow me to point out that his claim to the peal in the original method, Superlative, is exceedingly doubtful, as the composition was rung in a reduced form as far back as 1821 at Huddersfield, composed and conducted by Benjamin Thackrah. This composer has also a prior claim to the well-known peal of Bob Triples that is so often rung under the names of Hubbard, Johnson, and Sottanstill.

J. A. TROLLOP.

## A CORRECTION.

SIR,—In "THE BELL NEWS" of October 27th, you publish a peal of Bob Major by the Hereford Guild at Market Drayton, Salop, as being the first peal on the bells, whereas the Wolstanton company rang a peal of Grandsire Triples on the bells on Easter Monday, April 3rd, 1894, a report of which appeared in "THE BELL NEWS" of April 8th, 1893. I shall be glad if you will kindly make the correction.

CHAS. OLLIER.

### ST. MICHAEL'S JUNIORS, AND THE PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE AT GLOUCESTER.

The society known as St. Michael's Juniors, was founded in Gloucester on September 6th, in the Jubilee year of Queen Victoria, the old ring of six bells having been rehung and increased to eight as a Jubilee memorial. The society scored its first peal on Saturday, June 30th in the following year, followed by two others, being three peals of Grandsire Triples in 1888. In 1889 six peals of Plain Bob were rung, two of Minor, and four of Major. 1890 opened with a handbell peal of Bob Triples the first peal in hand in the county. A peal of Canterbury Pleasure Major followed the next day, being the first in that method in the county; one each of Grandsire Triples, Treble Bob, and Grandsire Caters, Bob Triples, Bob Minor, five Minor methods, seven Minor methods, Stedman Triples, and two of Double Norwich, completed the years' work; twelve peals in nine methods.

In 1891 four peals of Double Norwich, two of Grandsire Triples, two of Stedman Triples, one each of Oxford Treble Bob and Duffield Major; ten peals in five methods; and in the autumn the society turned its attention to London Surprise, and a plain course was rung in the latter part of September. Unfortunately two of our best members then left the town, and it was only with considerable trouble that peals were obtained in respectable methods next year.

In 1892 however three peals of Double Norwich, two of Bob Major, one of Kent Treble Bob Major, and one of Grandsire Caters were obtained, seven peals in four methods; and the following spring the society recovered lost ground, and again made headway. Two peals of Double Norwich were rung early in 1893, and a peal of Bob Triples; and in April the first Surprise peal in the county, Superlative Surprise at Quedgley; Double Oxford was also added, and altogether twelve peals were rung in seven different methods.

The present year opened with a peal of Superlative in January. Cambridge Surprise was added in the spring, and Double Norwich Caters in the summer, the first peal in this most musical of nine-bell methods. In the meantime attention was being paid to London Surprise, and after one or two preliminary practices on the theory, that peal-ringing is the best practice, an attempt was made for the peal on Michaelmas day. This attempt was repeated in place of practice week after week, and on Monday, October 22nd, sixteen courses were rung in 2 hrs. 16 mins., when the interference of a band outside the church broke the compass and destroyed the peal.

The successful attempt is chronicled in its proper place. The bells went into changes a little after half-past six, and came safely round after 3 hrs. 11 mins. of the best striking that has been heard in Gloucester for some years past.

The whole society are very pleased with the performance, crowning as it does a remarkable record of peals rung since June 30th, 1888: London Surprise, 1; Cambridge Surprise, 1; Superlative Surprise, 4; Double Norwich Major, 13; Double Oxford Major, 1; Duffield Major, 1; Kent Treble Bob Major, 5; Oxford Treble Bob Major, 1; Canterbury Pleasure Major, 1; Bob Major, 7; Double Norwich Caters, 1; Grandsire Caters, 5; Stedman Triples, 5; Grandsire Triples, 7; Bob Triples, 4; Minor, 5; sixty-two peals in sixteen methods. H. L. J.

### THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday evening, November 5th, the members of the Otley company, with their wives and a few friends, twenty-two in number, gathered around the social board at The Fleece inn, Westgate, and did full justice to the excellent supper provided for them by Mrs. Leyburn, the landlady. After satisfying the inner man, and the table being cleared, the ringers ascended the tower and indulged in ringing some touches of Kent Treble Bob Major. C. Ralph, 1; W. Hunt, 2; A. Holmes, 3; T. Lockwood (Leeds), 4; H. Lockwood (Leeds), 5; J. Nelson (conductor), 6; J. Horner, 7; W. Waddington, 8. Tenor 16 cwt. After an interval they made their way back to The Fleece inn, when Mr. W. Waddington was voted to the chair, and Mr. F. Maston to the vice-chair. The toasts of "The Royal Family," "The Vicar and Churchwardens," "The Subscribers," etc., were all received with enthusiasm. During the evening

songs and recitations were rendered by Messrs. Waddington, Ralph, Nelson, Hunt, Maston, and C. Craven, Mr. J. Horner officiating as pianist. The handbells were manipulated by Messrs. T. and H. Lockwood in very good style in tunes and change-ringing, which was very much appreciated. Mr. C. Craven moved a vote of thanks to the hostess for the excellent way she had provided the repast. The singing of the National Anthem brought a very pleasant evening to a close.

### THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

MANCHESTER BRANCH.—The monthly meeting of this branch was held at St. Thomas' church, Pendleton, on Saturday, November 10th, when over thirty members were present from the following places: Eccles, Flixton, Manchester, Northenden, Pendlebury, Swinton, and Worsley, beside the local company. Some very good ringing was done during the evening, the methods rang being Grandsire, Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Treble Bob, and Double Norwich Court Bob Major. At the business meeting held in the schoolroom, the President, the Rev. H. J. Elsee, occupied the chair. In his opening address, he (the President) regretted not being able to attend the monthly meeting at Flixton. He said he would like to come amongst the members more frequently, could he only make it convenient to do so. He likewise referred to the change in the Association's meetings, and expressed a desire that members would try to attend the half-yearly and annual meetings of the Association in greater numbers than heretofore. The next monthly meeting is to be held at either Didsbury, or Holy Trinity, Stretford Road, Manchester, on December 15th. Notice will be duly given in "THE BELL NEWS." The usual vote of thanks terminated the business.

### RINGERS' WEDDING.

On Saturday, November 3rd, Mr. A. W. Truss, the obliging steeple-keeper of All Saints, Great Marlow, after being a lonely widower for nearly seven years, was married to Miss Fanny Winterbourne, a lady calculated in every way to make him an excellent helpmate. The ceremony was witnessed by quite a small crowd of ringers and other friends, who took care to give the wedding party a good supply of rice when leaving the church, which was the signal for those in the belfry to pull off in a merry peal lasting an hour. Mr. Truss generously wishing to entertain his brother-ringers either to a supper or an high tea, the latter was preferred, so he arranged with his kinsman, Mr. J. C. Truss, the genial landlord of The Two Brewers (who had assisted at the ceremony by giving the lady away), to supply the same, so shortly after 6 o'clock an excellent meal was enjoyed by the other members of the band at this hostelry, which surely ought to be re-named and called the "Ringers' Rest." The bridegroom looked in towards the close, when Mr. W. E. Yates unveiled a handsome lamp which the members wished to present to him. In asking him to accept it, the foreman (Mr. A. H. Cocks), wished him and his wife a long and happy life, a wish which will doubtless be warmly echoed by the larger circle of ringing friends who have visited the Marlow tower during the last twelve years.

The healths of the bride and bridegroom were appropriately drank in sherry, and whilst still merry, a move was made to the belfry, when several well-struck touches of Grandsire Triples were brought round, with plenty of volley firing between, in honour of the event.

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## Notices.

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**The Ancient Society of College Youths.**  
—The 257th Anniversary Dinner will be held to-day, Saturday, November 17th, 1894, at the Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge, at 6 p.m. prompt. Tickets 3s. 6d. each, may be had of the following Committee: Messrs. Dawe, Pettit, Dorrington, Muskett, Langdon, Coles, W. D. Smith, Butler, Horrex, Winney, McLaughlin, F. G. Newman, Garrard, O'Meara. The tower of St. Michael's, Cornhill, will be open for ringing at 4 p.m. Members are earnestly requested to attend St. Paul's meeting, on Tuesday, November 20th, to elect officers for the ensuing year. **W. T. COCKERILL, Hon. Sec.**  
37, Tradesant Road, South Lambeth, S.W.

**The Heavy Woollen District Association.—Yorkshire.**—The next meeting will be held at Batley Carr, today, Saturday, November 17th, at 5 p.m. Meeting house, Foresters' Arms (above the church). **GEO. H. SIMON, Hon. Sec.**  
19, Albert Street, Batley Carr.

**Preliminary Notice.—Hodkingsworth Silver Challenge Cup.**—The annual change-ringing contest on handbells, for the above cup, will take place on Saturday, February 9th, 1895. For further particulars apply Sec. **JONATHAN PILLING.**  
Lee Street, Uppermill, near Oldham.

**Worcestershire and Districts Association.**—The next Committee and Quarterly Meeting of this Association will be held in the School-room, Kings Norton, Birmingham, to-day, Saturday, November 17th, at 5 p.m., prompt. The Rev. C. W. Barnard, Vicar, will preside. The tower will be open for ringing. **JOHN SMITH, Hon. Sec.**

**South and West Middlesex Association.**  
—By kind permission, the next monthly meeting will be held at Harmondsworth, to-day, Saturday, November 17th, 1894. Ringing at 5 o'clock. **E. J. WALSON, Hon. Sec.**  
11, Venetia Road, South Ealing.

**The Lancashire Association.—Rossendale Branch.**—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at St. Paul's, Ramsbottom, to-day, Saturday, November 17th. Bells ready at 3 p.m., meeting at 6. **J. B. TAYLOR, Sec.**

**The Chester Diocesan Guild.—Wirral Branch.**—A monthly meeting will be held in the Boys' Schoolroom, Wallasey, to-day, Saturday, November 17th. Tea at 6 p.m. (free). Tower open from 3 p.m. **F. R. T. BOLTON, Hon. Sec.**  
Braeside, West Kirby.

**The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.**—The next monthly ringing meeting of this Society will be held at St. Chad's, Headingley (8 bells), on Saturday, November 24th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Meeting house, The Woodman inn. Business of importance. Members are particularly requested to attend. Trams to and fro every ten minutes. **R. BINNS, Hon. Sec.**  
3, Dame Street, Hogg's Field, Holbeck.

**East Derbyshire Association.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held in the school-room at Shirland, on Saturday, November 24th, at 5.30 p.m. Important business; all members please attend.

**THOS. ALLIBONE, Secretary.**  
North Wingfield.

**The Kent County Association.—Maidstone District.**—By kind permission of the Vicar, All Saints' belfry will be open for practice, on Saturday, December 8th, from 5 to 9 p.m., except during service, 6-6.30.

**A. L. BRINE, Hon. District Sec.**  
Bearsted Green.

## Compositions.

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

Three times repeated, calling single for bob at 6 in the sixth course of the second and fourth parts. Contains the full combination of the 4th, 5th, and 6th in 5-6, and has the 2nd and 3rd never in 5th's place.

The 25th course of the peal of Grandsire Caters, by J. George, published last week, should be 42563798, not 42563789, as given.

### A PEAL OF ALLIANCE MAJOR.

By **HENRY JAMES TUCKER, Bishops Stortford.**

5112.					
2	3	4	5	6	
4	5	3	6	2	-
3	4	5	6	2	-
5	3	4	6	2	-
2	4	3	6	5	-
3	2	4	6	5	-
5	4	2	6	3	-
2	5	4	6	3	-
4	2	5	6	3	-
3	5	2	6	4	-
2	3	5	6	4	-

Twice repeated. The 4th, 5th, and 6th are the only bells in 5th's place.

### A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE.

By **H. LAW JAMES.**

5024.					
2	3	4	5	6	
4	3	6	5	2	-
5	6	2	3	4	-
2	3	5	6	4	-
5	2	3	6	4	-
3	5	2	6	4	-

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

The second part to be three times repeated omitting three at H or three at M once in the peal.

Mr. Thomas writes to say that the subscription list for the benefit of Mr. Benjamin Read, of Birchington, Kent, who met with an accident on the way home from practice at the Waterloo tower, Quex Park, will be closed on Saturday next, November 24th.

### Ringers Wanting Situations.

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## The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 1894.

WHETHER the news has been entertaining or otherwise, our readers have lately been regaled with the report of a tour by a band of ringers in Shropshire and adjoining districts, and also by a lengthy description of events in connection with the ringing of the first peal on the bells of Southwell Minster, and the first peal of Stedman Triples at Gloucester Cathedral. From a journalist's point of view it might be considered that both these accounts were of inordinate length, and could have been very well detailed in one-sixth of the space devoted to them. The criticism would be reasonable in a newspaper of an ordinary character, but with us it is different, and we think no apology is necessary when we comply with the wishes of our friends who are exceedingly anxious that their experiences upon occasions of the kind should be detailed by themselves, and in their own way.

The peals rang at Southwell and Gloucester were, it must be admitted, achieved under circumstances of unparalleled difficulty, and the conductor must be credited with no small degree of intrepidity, and his companions with a similar amount of pluck, for attempting their self-imposed task under such conditions. MR. DAWE fondly tells us that the result of the peal rung at Southwell will be that the Art of change-ringing will take root in the

neighbourhood, and of course bring forth good fruit. Every one hopes that such will be the case, though the belfry of a cathedral church, where the ringers are placed in such uncomfortable positions while ringing, combined with the defective condition of the bells, can hardly be considered a favourable locality for the headquarters of such a movement. Nevertheless, there is no knowing what may be effected if the Rev. CANON TREBECK determines to move in the matter, with a view to establish the practice of ringing in the heart of this new diocese.

The tour already mentioned, of which our friend JOHN CARTER appeared to be, if not the moving spirit, at any rate the party's sheet-anchor so far as conducting was concerned, we cannot say much about. Failures in peal-ringing we know are common enough, and unfortunately outnumber the occasions of success by at least fifty to one, so that we are never surprised to hear of ill-luck even when the most complete arrangements are made. In these matters it is sometimes plainly seen beforehand that the best measures have not been improvised, when the gift of prophecy is not required to surely foretell failure. The tour in question brought very little grist to the mill: one peal of Stedman, four others very commonplace; while the several failures were painful to read of. Of course a tour in good weather, amid varied scenery, is very enjoyable, whether a peal is scored or not. But when a series of peals is the main object, a disappointment is felt when the greater part of them is not secured. The originators of this "outing" have purchased some experience, and when they organise another, they will, we imagine, be on the alert to secure better results.

### The Provinces.

#### ARMLEY, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

On Monday, October 29, 1894, in Two Hours and Eighteen Minutes,  
IN CHRIST CHURCH TOWER,

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

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

JOHN THACKRAY .. .. 1-2.	HARRY WILLIAMS .. .. 5-6.
JOSEPH THACKRAY .. .. 3-4.	JOHN WHITAKER .. .. 7-8.

Composed by J. A. TROLLOP and Conducted by HARRY WILLIAMS.

Referees.—Bertie Cowling and F. Blackith. First peal in the method by all, and rung at the first attempt. It is also the first peal on handbells by the above association. This peal, in six parts, with a single in each part, has the twenty-four 4-6s, 7-4s, and 6-7s the right way, and is the first peal composed with these qualities, and is now rung for the first time.

#### SHIPTON-UNDER-WYCHWOOD, OXON.

#### THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, November 7, 1894, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

TAYLOR'S BOB-AND-SINGLE VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt.

CHARLES PACKER .. .. Treble.	WM. LAUNCHBURY, JUN. .. 5.
HENRY BOND, JUN. .. .. 2.	WALTER LONGSHAW .. .. 6.
THOMAS BOND .. .. 3.	WALTER LARGE* .. .. 7.
WALTER SHIRLEY .. .. 4.	HENRY HUMPHRIES .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WALTER LARGE.

\*First peal as conductor. This is the first peal by all except H. Bond, jun. W. Longshaw belongs to Shipton; the rest hail from Burford.

#### CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

#### THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 8, 1894, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

#### A PEAL OF ALLIANCE MAJOR, 5066 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt. in F.

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

Composed and Conducted by JAMES PARKER.

First peal upon this principle. The peal, which is in one part, has the 5th nine, the 4th ten, and the 6th eleven courses consecutively in 6ths place, and these are the only bells in that position. The figures will appear in due course.

#### GLOUCESTER.

#### GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(THE ST. MICHAEL'S JUNIORS)

On Thursday, November 8, 1894, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL,

#### A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR,

5024 CHANGES. Tenor 20 cwt.

ERNEST E. DAVIS* .. .. Treble.	JOHN AUSTIN .. .. 5.
WILLIAM C. JONES* .. .. 2.	*ADOLPHUS ROBERTS .. .. 6.
FRANCIS E. WARD* .. .. 3.	WALTER T. BENNETT .. .. 7.
FRANCIS E. HART* .. .. 4.	REV. H. LAW JAMES .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by the REV. H. LAW JAMES.

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

#### EPSOM, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 8, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

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

J. J. PARKER'S SIX-PART. NO. 11.

CHARLES E. READ .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM CHANTLER .. .. 5.
HARRY G. BEAMS .. .. 2.	ALFRED E. BASSETT .. .. 6.
GEORGE CHANTLER .. .. 3.	HARRY KENTEN .. .. 7.
THOMAS MILES .. .. 4.	STEPHEN WILSON .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM CHANTLER.

This is the first peal in the method by all the band, and on the bells, and was rung at the first attempt. It is also Harry Kenten's fiftieth peal. Messrs. Miles, Kenten, and Bassett belong to St. Martin's, Epsom; the rest to St. Mary's, Ewell.

#### BOLNEY, SUSSEX.

On Friday, November 9, 1894, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

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

J. F. PENNING'S FIVE-PART. Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

JOHN KING .. .. Treble.	FREDERICK SCUTT .. .. 5.
GEORGE WALDER, JUN.* .. 2.	†HENRY CHAPMAN .. .. 6.
GEORGE WALDER, SEN.† .. 3.	WARDEN WALDER .. .. 7.
JAMES PRIVETT† .. .. 4.	JOHN OSBORNE, SEN. ... Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WALDER, JUN.

\*First peal as conductor. †First peal. G. Walder, sen., is in his 72nd year. The above is the first peal by a local band for upwards of 47 years.

#### HAWLEY, HANTS.

#### THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 10, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

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

J. J. PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

JOHN CORBETT* .. .. Treble.	ROBERT HILTON .. .. 5.
EDGAR COLLINS .. .. 2.	GEORGE HAWKINS .. .. 6.
BARZILLAR HAWKINS .. 3.	HENRY STAPLETON .. .. 7.
FREDERICK FRANCIS .. 4.	*ROBERT WICKS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE HAWKINS.

\*First peal. Messrs. Hawkins (2) and Hilton hail from Yateley; the rest from Bagshot.

## ASTON-JUXTA-BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Thursday, November 8, 1894, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 23 cwt. in D.

THOMAS RUSSAM .. .. Treble.	JAMES GEORGE .. .. 6.
WILLIAM H. GODDEN .. .. 2.	THOMAS REYNOLDS .. .. 7.
FREDERICK DICKENS .. .. 3.	BERNARD WITCHELL .. .. 8.
ARTHUR J. JONES .. .. 4.	THOMAS MILLER .. .. 9.
CHARLES DICKENS .. .. 5.	WILLIAM JACKSON .. .. Tenor.

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

This peal contains the 6th twelve times wrong, and twenty-four times right, with the large bells in the inverted titum position, and is now rung for the first time. It was rung muffled as a mark of respect to the late Rev. W. A. C. Freemantle, formerly curate of the above church, who died recently in India. This is J. George's 100th peal, and first of Stedman Caters.

## CHICHESTER, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(THE CHICHESTER BRANCH.)

On Friday, November 9, 1894, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 21 cwt.

GEORGE ATTFIELD* .. .. Treble.	*DAVID FALCONER .. .. 5.
GEORGE T. FARLEY* .. .. 2.	JAMES H. BLAKE .. .. 6.
DAVID H. FALCONER, JUN.* .. 3.	†RICHARD WALTERS .. .. 7.
THOMAS A. BUTLAND* .. .. 4.	*WILLIAM SPURLOCK .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by RICHARD WALTERS.

\*First peal. †First peal as conductor. This is the first peal ever rung by a Chichester company on this grand ring of bells. This peal was rung in honour of the Mayor's banquet.

## MELTON MOWBRAY.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, November 9, 1894, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5008 CHANGES.

Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

WILLIAM A. TYLER .. .. Treble.	EDWARD READER .. .. 6.
JOHN SMITH .. .. 2.	JOSEPH HARDY .. .. 7.
FRED BARRETT .. .. 3.	RICHARD F. LANE .. .. 8.
ARTHUR W. MATTHEWS .. .. 4.	JOHN W. TAYLOR, JUN. .. 9.
SAMUEL SMITH .. .. 5.	THOMAS GRUNDY .. .. Tenor.

Composed by the REV. H. EARLE BULWER and  
Conducted by JOHN W. TAYLOR, JUN.

This is the first peal in the method on the bells which have been recently augmented to ten by the addition of two trebles.

## LEICESTER.—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 10, 1894, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S No. 6 Tenor 26½ cwt.

STEPHEN COOPER .. .. Treble.	GEORGE CLEAL .. .. 5.
GEORGE BURROWS .. .. 2.	JOHN F. MARLOW .. .. 6.
JOHN O. LANCASHIRE .. .. 3.	JOHN W. TAYLOR, JUN. .. 7.
JOHN BUTTERY .. .. 4.	ALFRED MARTIN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN W. TAYLOR, JUN.

## REDENHALL, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 10, 1894, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Tenor 24 cwt.

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 JEREMIAH MILLER and Conducted by EDWARD SMITH.

## WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, November 10, 1894, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 24 cwt. in E flat.

FRANK HALSWORTH† .. .. Treble.	W. ROCK SMALL .. .. 6.
SAMUEL REEVES .. .. 2.	DAVID WESTLEY .. .. 7.
HENRY BASTABLE .. .. 3.	JOSEPH LAWTON .. .. 8.
CHARLES DICKENS .. .. 4.	WILLIAM KENT .. .. 9.
THOMAS REYNOLDS .. .. 5.	JOHN ASTBURY .. .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON and Conducted by JOHN ASTBURY.

†First peal in the method. This is T. Reynold's 150th peal.

## SELLY OAK, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## THE BIRMINGHAM FRIENDLY SOCIETY.

On Saturday, November 10, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 12 cwt. in F #

JOSEPH PORTER .. .. Treble.	*ROBERT HUNT .. .. 5.
WILLIAM A. HANCOX* .. .. 2.	ALBERT HACKLEY .. .. 6.
WILLIAM BROOK .. .. 3.	RICHARD HACKLEY .. .. 7.
THOMAS MILLER .. .. 4.	*WILLIAM H. HUNT .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS MILLER.

\*First peal. This is the first peal rung by the above new Society. W. A. Hancox is only fifteen years old.

## WORTLEY, NEAR SHEFFIELD.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 10, 1894, in Three Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN DYSON .. .. Treble.	JAMES SHAW .. .. 5.
REGINALD DYSON .. .. 2.	JOSEPH HATTERSLEY .. .. 6.
JAMES ASPINALL .. .. 3.	GEORGE JACKSON .. .. 7.
WILLIAM STEEL .. .. 4.	DAVID BREARLEY .. .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, of Chesterfield and

Conducted by DAVID BREARLEY.

This peal contains the 5th and 6th their extent in 6th place at a course-end.

## KINGS NORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(THE KINGS NORTON GUILD).

On Saturday, November 10, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt.

W. H. SUMNER .. .. Treble.	J. S. PRITCHETT .. .. 5.
ALFRED PRITCHETT .. .. 2.	W. S. PRITCHETT .. .. 6.
WALTER JONES* .. .. 3.	WILLIAM COOKS .. .. 7.
THEODORE PRITCHETT .. .. 4.	GEORGE COOPER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. S. PRITCHETT.

\*First peal. Messrs. Sumner, Jones, Cooks, and Cooper were elected members of the Worcestershire Association previous to starting, and this is the first association peal rung by the Kings Norton Guild.

## STEYNING, SUSSEX.—SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 10, 1894, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qrs. 24 lbs.

GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. Treble.	JOHN SMART .. .. 5.
CHARLES SMART .. .. 2.	GEORGE GATLAND .. .. 6.
GEORGE A. KING .. .. 3.	HARRY WESTON .. .. 7.
ARTHUR B. BENNETT .. .. 4.	KEITH HART .. .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

Mr. Bennett, for whom this peal was arranged, bails from Midhurst, and it is his first peal of Major. The composition has the 6th the extent home at ten course-ends.

## HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, November 12, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

## A PEAL OF ALLIANCE MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

HARRY STRATFORD .. .. Treble.	JOHN EVANS .. .. 5.
FRANK BOREHAM .. .. 2.	RALPH H. BIGGS .. .. 6.
FREDERICK G. BIGGS .. .. 3.	SYDNEY T. GOODCHILD .. 7.
FRANK BIGGS .. .. 4.	JOHN C. TRUSS, JUN... .. Tenor.

Composed by GEORGE WILLIAMS, of Brighton, and

Conducted by JOHN C. TRUSS, JUN.

The above was rung after two practices at the first attempt.

## DARLINGTON, DURHAM.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 12, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST,

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

HUBBARD'S FIVE-PART. Tenor 10 cwt. 13 lbs.

JAMES BOLTON .. .. Treble.	HENRY S. TAYLOR .. .. 5.
RICHARD MONCASTER .. .. 2.	WILLIAM PORTER .. .. 6.
WILLIAM D. LISTER .. .. 3.	WILLIAM PATTON .. .. 7.
ARTHUR E. MONCASTER .. 4.	JAMES BAXTER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES BAXTER.

This is the first peal in the method rung in Darlington, and by all except the ringer of the 6th who belongs to St. Cuthbert's Society, and who very kindly made up the band at very short notice.

## ECCLES, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(MANCHESTER BRANCH).

On Monday, November 12, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14 cwt.

HARRY CHAPMAN .. .. Treble.	FRED DERBYSHIRE .. .. 5.
JAMES BARRATT .. .. 2.	THOMAS DERBYSHIRE .. 6.
JOSEPH RIDYARD .. .. 3.	PETER BRICKELL .. .. 7.
WALTER BROWN .. .. 4.	RICHARD RIDYARD .. .. Tenor.

Composed by OBADIAH LANG and Conducted by RICHARD RIDYARD.

The above was rung to celebrate the 31st anniversary of the birth of H. Chapman and the 39th of J. Barratt, the remainder of the band wishing them many happy returns of the day.

## STAVELEY, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.

On Monday, November 12, 1894, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 19 cwt.

JOHN WORTHINGTON* .. Treble.	SAMUEL SMEDLEY .. .. 5.
WILLIAM DAFFIN* .. .. 2.	ARTHUR CRAVEN .. .. 6.
HENRY MOTTERSHALL .. 3.	JOHN HARRIS .. .. 7.
ARTHUR WORTHINGTON .. 4.	HERBERT MADIN .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR CRAVEN.

\*First peal and first attempt. Great credit is due to John Worthington, as he is only 16 years of age. This peal contains the 4th, 5th, and 6th twenty-two times in 6th place in their proper order, with eleven of the twelve 8-6s, and the 2nd never in that position.

## PENDLEBURY, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 13, (no time mentioned),

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REEVES' VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt.

J. BOOTH .. .. Treble.	T. LINGARD .. .. 5.
W. COTTRILL .. .. 2.	J. CHAPMAN .. .. 6.
J. HINDLEY .. .. 3.	J. BRISCO .. .. 7.
W. PYLE* .. .. 4.	T. RUSHTON .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. PYLE.

\*First peal as conductor. The band wish through "THE BELL NEWS" to thank the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells.

## WEST KIRBY CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WIRRAL BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, November 13, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

HUBBARD'S TEN-PART. Tenor 12 cwt.

E. POWNALL .. .. Treble.	T. HUGHES .. .. 5.
J. SHONE .. .. 2.	E. BREEZE .. .. 6.
F. JONES .. .. 3.	J. DILLON .. .. 7.
H. BIRD .. .. 4.	J. POWNALL .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by J. DILLON.

First peal in the method by all except the conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to J. Dillon, his brother ringers wishing him many happy returns of the day Messrs. J. Dillon, J. Shone, F. Jones, H. Bird, T. Hughes hail from Bromborough; E. Breeze from Bebington; J. and E. Pownall belong to the local band.

## Performances on Five and Six Bells.

## KILLAMARSH, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AND YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.

On Sunday, November 11, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## SEVEN 720s OF TREBLE BOB MINOR,

In the following methods:

London Scholars, Arnold's Victory, City Delight, College Pleasure, Violet, Duke of York, and Oxford.

Tenor 11 cwt.

H. TAYLOR .. .. Treble.	G. BURNHAM .. .. 4.
T. BETTISON .. .. 2.	W. H. TURTON .. .. 5.
J. EMSEN .. .. 3.	C. SEVERN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS BETTISON.

This peal was rung with the bells muffled as a last tribute of respect to the memory of the late Thomas Lunn, of Eckington, who died on the 7th of November, and was interred at the Eckington cemetery, on the 10th, in the midst of a large number of friends and neighbours.

## Date Touches.

BRIGHOUSE (Yorkshire).—On Tuesday night, October 23rd, for practice at the parish church, a date touch of Kent Treble Bob Major (1894 changes), in 1 hr. eight mins. J. F. Pearson, 1; J. Whiteley, 2; F. Crossley, 3; J. Cockcroft, 4; W. Wood, 5; J. W. Walker, 6; W. F. Prince (composer and conductor), 7; H. Marshall, 8.

## Miscellaneous.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

COGGESHALL (Essex).—On Monday, October 8th, for practice at the parish church, 576 Kent and 480 Oxford Treble Bob Major, and several courses of Double London Court Bob Major. R. Potter, 1; C. Norfolk, 2; W. Dyer, 3; J. Nicholls, 4; J. Sadler, 5; D. Elliott, sen., 6; E. W. Beckwith, 7; D. Elliott, jun. (conductor), 8. Tenor 22 cwt.

STANSTED (Essex).—On Thursday, October 11th, at the church of St. Mary the Virgin for practice, 720 Victoria Treble Bob in 25½ mins. G. Jordan, 1; I. Hammond, 2; T. J. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; W. Watts, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. And 720 Oxford Delight in 24 mins. J. Cavill, 1; G. Jordan, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; I. Hammond, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. Also 360 Plain Bob Minor. W. Watts (conductor), 1; T. J. Watts, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; T. Jordan, 5; G. Jordan, 6. On Sunday, October 14th, for afternoon service, on the occasion of the harvest festival, 720 College Single. T. Jordan, 1; G. Jordan, 2; I. Hammond, 3; G. Gray, 4; J. Luckey, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. On Thursday, October 18th, for practice, 720 London Surprise in 25 mins. J. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; W. Watts, 5; T. J. Watts (conductor), 6. Also 360 Superlative Surprise. J. Cavill, 1; G. Jordan, 2; J. Luckey,

3; G. Gray, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. On Sunday, October 21st, for morning service, 360 London Surprise, 144 Oxford Treble Bob. G. Jordan, 1; I. Hammond, 2; T. J. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; J. Luckey, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. And for afternoon service, 720 Cambridge Surprise in 24 mins. J. Cavill, 1; G. Jordan, 2; I. Hammond, 3; G. Gray, 4; J. Luckey, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. And on Thursday, October 25th, for practice, 720 City Delight in 25 mins. J. Cavill, 1; G. Jordan (first 720 in the method), 2; T. J. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; W. Watts, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. Also 720 Burton Pleasure in 25 mins. 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. Tenor 13 cwt.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ERITH (Kent).—On Sunday, October 28th, at St. John's church, an attempt was made for a peal of Double Norwich, but was lost after 2 hours good ringing. F. Davis, 1; H. N. Davis, 2; B. Foskett, 3; J. Davis, 4; G. Smith, 5; A. W. Brighton, 6; P. Howard, 7; J. C. Truss, jun. (conductor), 8.

GREENWICH (Kent).—On Saturday, October 6th, an attempt was made for a peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major, but through a change-course, the bells were brought round at 2016 changes. W. G. Grove, 1; A. J. Neale, 2; G. Conyard, 3; I. G. Shade, 4; F. S. Bayley, 5; W. Bedwell, 6; C. Wilkins, 7; E. Barnett (conductor), 8. Tenor 25 cwt.

#### THE RAUNDS, WELLINGBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

WELLINGBOROUGH (Northants).—The parish church ringers have lately, by general desire of the company, taken up the learning of the Grandsire method under the kind tuition of Mr. J. B. Martin, of Higham Ferrers. On Monday evening, October 22nd, the following rang on handbells, for practice, 504 Grandsire Triples (twelve bobs). E. J. Dennes, 1; G. Turnell, 2; W. Wood, 3; F. Underwood, 4; F. Wood, 5; E. West, 6; W. H. Ette, 7; T. Craddock, 8. Conducted by J. B. Martin. Also at the belfry, on Sunday, October 21st, for Divine Service, on the occasion of the harvest festival, 168 Grandsire Triples with three bobs, conducted by F. Wood, and 336 Grandsire Triples with four bobs and two singles, conducted by W. H. Ette.

EARLS BARTON (Northants).—On Saturday, October 27th, at All Saints' church 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs), in 28 mins. A. Chapman, 1; G. Johnson, 2; H. Line, 3; F. Jones, 4; A. White, 5; W. Willis (conductor), 6. Tenor 14 cwt. This is the first 720 ever ung on these bells by local ringers.

#### THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

CHESTERFIELD (Derbyshire).—On Sunday, October 21st, for evening service, 1008 Bob Major. G. Mee, 1; D. Farthing, 2; G. Toplis, 3; G. Davies, 4; W. J. Thyng, 5; W. E. Tydeman, 6; A. Knights, 7; J. Goodwin (conductor), 8. Also on Sunday, October 28th, for evening service, 1008 Canterbury Pleasure Triples. D. Farthing, 1; G. Toplis, 2; W. J. Thyng, 3; A. Knights (conductor), 4; G. Davies, 5; W. E. Tydeman, 6; J. Goodwin, 7; G. Mee, 8. Tenor 24½ cwt.

#### THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HORBURY (Yorks).—On Sunday, October 14th, for Divine Service at St. Peter's church, 720 Tanner's Pleasure. And on Sunday, October 21st, 720 Morning Star. Also on Sunday, October 28th, 720 College Exercise. A. Yelland, 1; E. Brooke, 2; G. Hunt, 3; H. Rowley (conductor), 4; G. F. Pickles, 5; R. Thickett, 6. Tenor 10½ cwt.

#### THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BEDFORD.—On Wednesday, September 26th, at St. Paul's church, for the harvest festival, 1035 Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original. H. Shimmans (longest length), 1; C. Chasty, 2; S. J. Cullip, 3; F. Keech, 4; I. Hills, 5; W. Shimmans, 6; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 7; R. Shimmans, 8. And on Sunday, October 7th, 432 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. F. Smith, 1; C. Chasty, 2; H. Tysoe, 3; S. J. Cullip, 4; I. Hills, 5; W. Shimmans, 6; H. Sharp, 7; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 8. Also 216 Stedman Triples. C. Chasty, 1; H. Tysoe, 2; J. Sharman, 3; C. W. Clarke, 4; I. Hills, 5; W. Shimmans, 6; H. Sharp (conductor), 7; R. Shimmans, 8. And on Sunday, October 14th, 546 Grandsire Triples. J. Spencer, 1; H. Tysoe, 2; C. W. Clarke, 3; C. Chasty (conductor), 4; I. Hills, 5; H. Sharp, 6; J. Sharman, 7; D. Thompson, 8. And 216 Stedman Triples. J. Sharman, 1; C. Chasty, 2; S. J. Cullip, 3; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 4; W. H. L. Buckingham, 5; I. Hills, 6; H. Sharp, 7; D. Thompson, 8. On Tuesday, October 9th, at St. Mary's church, 720 Double Court (eighteen bobs two singles). H. Cullip, 1; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 2; C. Chasty, 3; I. Hills, 4; S. J. Cullip, 4; W.

Shimmans, 6. And on Sunday, October 14th, for the harvest festival, 720 Double Court (sixteen bobs two singles). H. Cullip, 1; I. Hills, 2; C. Chasty, 3; W. H. L. Buckingham (first 720 in the method), 4; S. J. Cullip, 5; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 6. And 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs two singles). H. Shimmans, 1; C. W. Clarke, 2; S. J. Cullip, 3; I. Hills, 4; J. Sharman, 5; C. Chasty (first 720 as conductor), 6. And on Tuesday, October 16th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs). H. Shimmans (first 720 in the method), 1; C. W. Clarke, 2; S. J. Cullip, 3; I. Hills, 4; J. Sharman, 5; C. Chasty (conductor), 6. Handbell ringing. On Saturday, October 13th, in St. Paul's belfry, an attempt was made for Holt's Original peal of Grandsire Triples, but came to grief after ringing 2800 changes in 1 hr. 24 mins. H. Sharp, 1-2; C. W. Clarke, 3-4; W. H. L. Buckingham (conductor), 5-6; I. Hills, 7-8. Afterwards, 504 Grandsire Triples. H. Sharp, 1-2; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 3-4; W. H. L. Buckingham, 5-6; I. Hills, 7-8. And on Sunday, October 21st, at the house of Mr. I. Hills, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (taken from Holt's Original), in 37 mins. H. Sharp, 1-2; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 3-4; W. H. L. Buckingham, 5-6; I. Hills, 7-8. Referee, C. Chasty.

#### THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

HENFIELD (Sussex).—On Sunday, September 30th, for Divine Service, 504 Stedman Triples. W. Hillman, 1; A. Groves, 2; C. Tyler, 3; W. J. Alliss, 4; G. Holder, 5; A. W. Groves (conductor), 6; H. Chandler, 7; A. Hodges, 8. Also on Tuesday, October 2nd, for practice, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. C. Tyler (conductor), 1; A. W. Groves, 2; W. J. Alliss, 3; G. Holder, 4; W. Woolgar, 5; L. Payne, 6; G. Gatland, 7; A. Hodges, 8. Also on Sunday, October 7th, for morning service, 504 Stedman Triples. L. Payne, 1; G. Payne, 2; W. Hillman, 3; J. Boniface, 4; G. Holder, 5; W. J. Alliss, 6; A. W. Groves (conductor), 7; C. Tyler, 8. And for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. L. Payne, 1; W. J. Alliss, 2; G. Holder, 3; C. Tyler (conductor), 4; G. Payne, 5; A. W. Groves, 6; W. Hillman, 7; A. Hodges, 8. Also on Thursday, October 10th, 504 Stedman Triples. L. Payne, 1; A. Groves, 2; G. Holder, 3; J. Boniface, 4; G. Payne, 5; H. Chandler, 6; A. W. Groves (conductor), 7; A. Hodges, 8. Also on Sunday, October 14th, for Divine Service, 504 Stedman Triples. C. Tyler (conductor), 1; L. Payne, 2; A. Groves, 3; J. Boniface, 4; W. J. Alliss, 5; H. Chandler, 6; W. Hillman, 7; A. Heasman, 8. Also on Tuesday, October 15th, for practice, 560 Bob Major. G. Gatland, 1; W. J. Alliss, 2; L. Payne, 3; W. Woolgar, 4; G. Payne, 5; C. Tyler, 6; W. Hillman, 7; H. Chandler (conductor), 8. Also on Thursday, October 18th, 504 Stedman Triples. W. Hillman, 1; C. Tyler, 2; H. Stringer (first 504), 3; G. Holder, 4; G. Payne, 5; W. J. Alliss, 6; A. W. Groves (conductor), 7; L. Payne, 8. Also 518 Grandsire Triples. C. Tyler, 1; L. Payne, 2; W. J. Alliss, 3; G. Holder, 4; G. Payne, 5; W. Hillman, 6; A. W. Groves (conductor), 7; A. Hodges, 8. Also on Sunday, October 21st, for Divine Service, 504 Stedman Triples. W. Hillman, 1; C. Tyler, 2; G. Holder, 3; L. Payne, 4; W. J. Alliss, 5; G. Payne, 6; A. W. Groves (conductor), 7; A. Hodges, 8. Also on Tuesday, October 25th, 504 Stedman Triples. W. Hillman, 1; G. Payne, 2; G. Holder, 3; J. Boniface, 4; A. Groves, 5; A. W. Groves, 6; L. Payne (conductor), 7; A. Heasman, 8. Also on Sunday, October 28th, 504 Stedman Triples. L. Payne, 1; A. Groves, 2; G. Payne, 3; J. Boniface, 4; G. Holder, 5; C. Tyler, 6; A. W. Groves (conductor), 7; A. Hodges, 8. Also 504 Grandsire Triples. W. Hillman, 1; A. Groves, 2; L. Payne, 3; G. Holder, 4; W. J. Alliss, 5; C. Tyler, 6; A. W. Groves (conductor), 7; A. Heasman, 8. On Thursday, October 31st, 504 Stedman Triples. H. Chandler, 1; A. Groves, 2; G. Payne, 3; L. Payne, 4; W. J. Alliss, 5; W. Hillman, 6; A. W. Groves (conductor), 7; C. Tyler, 8. And on Sunday, November 4th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. G. Payne, 1; A. Groves, 2; L. Payne, 3; G. Holder, 4; W. J. Alliss, 5; C. Tyler, 6; A. W. Groves (conductor), 7; A. Hodges, 8.

#### THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BUSHEY (Hertfordshire).—On Monday, October 22nd, an attempt was made to ring a peal of Grandsire Triples (Holt's ten-part), but was abandoned after ringing 1190 changes owing to the heavy go of the tenor. W. Thorne, 1; W. E. Oakley, 2; C. S. Heath, 3; W. H. L. Buckingham, 4; F. Edwards, 5; G. Hunt, 6; E. E. Huntley (conductor), 7; T. Hussey and A. Maynard, 8. Tenor 13 cwt.

#### THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

HAGBOURNE (Berks).—On Monday, October 29th, for practice, 504 Grandsire Triples. E. Windus, 1; E. Butler, 2; T. East, 3; J. Savage, 4; E. Napper, 5; J. Sawyer (conductor), 6; D. Napper, 7; J. Hitchman, 8. And 168. E. Windus, 1; E. Napper, 2; E. Butler, 3; J. Savage, 4; D. Napper, 5; T. East (conductor), 6; J. Sawyer, 7; J. Broad, 8. And a course of Grandsire Triples on handbells. E. Napper, 1-2; T. East, 3-4; J. Sawyer, 5-6; D. Napper, 7-8.



## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

WORLINGWORTH (Suffolk).—On Sunday, October 21st, 720 Bob Minor. H. Beecroft, 1; F. Ling, 2; D. Collins, 3; S. Collins, 4; H. Clarke, 5; F. Clayton (conductor), 6. And 720 Oxford Treble Bob. H. Clarke (first 720), 1; H. Creasey, 2; F. Ling, 3; S. Collins, 4; F. Clayton, 5; D. Collins (conductor), 6.

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SIDDINGTON (Gloucestershire).—On Sunday evening, October 21st, two 6-scores each of Stedman and Grandsire Doubles, conducted by F. W. Bond, and two 6-scores of Stedman Doubles, conducted by H. C. Bond. F. W. Bond, W. E. Bond, H. C. Bond, E. P. Harmer, F. Gardner, and H. Midwinter. All hail from Cirencester.

CIRENCESTER (Gloucestershire).—On Thursday, October 25th, for practice, 668 Grandsire Caters. W. E. Bond, A. E. Erwards, F. W. Bond, E. P. Harmer, F. Gardner, H. Midwinter, C. Bartlett, H. C. Bond (conductor), H. T. Gardner, H. Clutterbuck. And 168 Grandsire Triples. J. Nettle (Watermoor), E. P. Harmer, F. Gardner, F. W. Bond, C. Bartlett, H. C. Bond (conductor), H. T. Gardner, H. Midwinter. And two plain courses of Stedman Triples. W. E. Bond, E. P. Harmer, F. Gardner, F. W. Bond, C. Bartlett, H. C. Bond, H. T. Gardner, H. Clutterbuck.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

DARLINGTON (Durham).—On Sunday, October 7th, for evensong at St. John's church, 672 Grandsire Triples. W. Patton, 1; R. Moncaster, 2; A. E. Moncaster, 3; W. D. Lister, 4; H. S. Taylor, 5; F. A. Teasdale, 6; J. Baxter (conductor), 7; J. Bolton, 8. First in the method for A. E. Moncaster, and first attempt. On Tuesday, October 9th, for practice, 640 Kent Treble Bob Major. E. J. Bancroft, 1; R. Moncaster, 2; W. D. Lister, 3; F. A. Teasdale, 4; H. S. Taylor, 5; W. Porter, 6; W. Patton, 7; J. Baxter (conductor), 8. And on Thursday, October 11th, after the harvest festival, 576 Kent Treble Bob Major. E. J. Bancroft, 1; R. Moncaster, 2; W. D. Lister, 3; T. Lungley, 4; G. J. Lungley, 5; W. Porter, 6; G. Park, 7; J. Baxter (conductor), 8. Messrs. Bancroft, Park, and Porter belong to St. Cuthbert's, and Messrs. Lungley, two, to Holy Trinity. On Sunday, October 14th, for matins, 882 Grandsire Triples. W. Patton, 1; R. Moncaster, 2; A. E. Moncaster, 3; W. D. Lister, 4; H. S. Taylor, 5; F. A. Teasdale, 6; J. Baxter (conductor), 7; J. Bolton, 8. And for evensong, 560 Plain Bob Major. J. Bolton, 1; R. Moncaster, 2; W. D. Lister, 3; A. E. Moncaster, 4; H. S. Taylor, 5; F. A. Teasdale, 6; W. Patton, 7; J. Baxter (conductor), 8. And on Sunday, October 21st, for evensong, 640 Kent Treble Bob Major. W. Patton, 1; R. Moncaster, 2; W. D. Lister, 3; A. E. Moncaster, 4; H. S. Taylor, 5; W. Porter, 6; F. A. Teasdale, 7; J. Baxter (conductor), 8. And on Sunday, October 28th, for matins, 504 Grandsire Triples. C. W. Moncaster, 1; R. Moncaster, 2; A. E. Moncaster, 3; W. D. Lister, 4; H. S. Taylor, 5; J. Baxter (conductor), 6; W. Patton, 7; J. Bolton, 8. And for evensong, 560 Plain Bob Major. J. Bolton, 1; R. Moncaster, 2; A. E. Moncaster, 3; H. S. Taylor, 4; W. D. Lister, 5; F. A. Teasdale, 6; W. Patton, 7; W. Baxter (conductor), 8. Tenor 10 cwt. 13 lbs.

BIRMINGHAM.—On Saturday, October 27th, at St. Philip's church, an attempt was made for a peal of Grandsire Caters (5075 changes), but after ringing 3528 changes in 2 hrs. 14 mins. the 4th clapper fell out and brought it to grief. G. Hitchman, 1; H. Sharp, 2; A. H. Martin, 3; J. Prickett, 4; C. Chasty, 5; J. Sharman, 6; I. Hills, 7; J. T. Perry (conductor), 8; C. W. Clarke, 9; C. Pluck, 10. First attempt for a ten bell peal by the ringers of the 2nd, 3rd, 5th, 6th, 7th, and 9th, who all belong to the Beds Association, and who wish to thank their Birmingham friends for getting the tower open and welcoming them.

BOBBING (Kent).—On Sunday, October 21st, for afternoon service, two 6-scores Bob Doubles. First 6-score. A. Waters, 1; H. Goord, 2; W. Wilkins, 3; H. Wood (conductor), 4; W. Mills, 5; A. Day, 6. Second 6-score. H. Wood, 1; H. Goord, 2; W. Wilkins, 3; E. Apps, 4; W. Mills (conductor), 5; A. Day, 6. Wood hails from Rodmersham, and is a member of the Kent County Association; the rest are local men.

CHARLWOOD (Surrey).—On Sunday, October 14th, for Divine Service in the morning, 720 Kent Treble Bob. S. Ellis, 1; F. Wickens (conductor), 2; J. Akehurst, 3; F. Tullett, 4; T. Fairs, 5; A. Ellis, 6. And in the afternoon, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. S. Ellis, 1; F. Wickens (conductor), 2; J. Akehurst, 3; T. Fairs, 4; B. King, 5; A. Ellis, 6. Also 720 Violet. S. Ellis, 1; J. Akehurst, 2; F. Tullett, 3; A. Ellis, 4; B. King, 5; F. Wickens (conductor), 6. And for evening service, 720 Kent Treble Bob, standing as for the morning service. Also after service, 720 Plain Bob. S. Ellis, 1; J. Akehurst, 2; F.

Tullett, 3; F. Wickens, 4; T. Fairs, 5; A. Ellis (conductor), 6. And 360 Oxford Bob. S. Ellis, 1; F. Wickens, 2; F. Tullett, 3; J. Akehurst, 4; T. Fairs, 5; A. Ellis (conductor), 6. J. Akehurst and T. Fairs hail from Capel, Surrey.

CONDOVER (Salop).—On Sunday, October 28th, eight members of the St. Alkmund's society, Shrewsbury, visited this place and rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (taken from Carter's twelve-part) in 42 mins. W. Griffiths, 1; W. Taylor, 2; H. Jones, 3; G. Burrows, 4; A. Espley, 5; F. Taylor, 6; G. Byolin (conductor), 7; W. Davies, 8. Tenor 13 cwt. in F. sharp.

ILKLEY (Yorkshire).—On Sunday evening, October 28th, a quarter-peal of Bob Triples (1260 changes), in 46 mins. J. Mumford, 1; W. Cook, 2; J. Beanlands, 3; A. Cretchby, 4; W. Waland, 5; W. Robinson, 6; S. Beanlands (conductor), 7; C. Horner, 8. Tenor 18 cwt.

PRESTWICH (Cheshire).—On Saturday, October 27th, on the occasion of the first annual gathering of the National Independent Order of Oddfellows of this district, previous to the service held in the parish church, preacher, the Rev. Canon Jones, Rector, 720 Bob Minor in 27 mins. S. Barlow (conductor), 1; J. Brooks, 2; J. Gratrix (Swindon), 3; W. Stevans, 4; H. Percival, 5; J. Heywood, 6. Tenor 16 cwt.

STANSTEAD (Suffolk).—On Friday evening, October 26th, to celebrate the 32nd birthday of R. Gowers, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. R. Brett, 1; P. O. Bixley, 2; F. Connell (first 720 in the method), 3; G. Smith, 4; A. Clarke, 5; R. Gowers (conductor), 6. Also 360 Bob Minor. R. Brett, 1; E. Ambrose (first 360 on tower bells), 2; F. Connell, 3; A. Clarke, 4; P. O. Bixby (conductor), 5; R. Gowers, 6.

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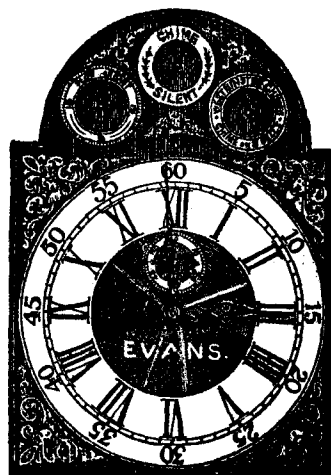
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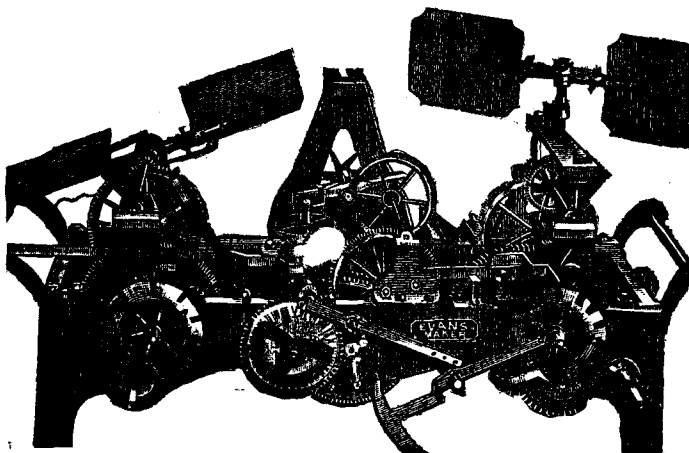
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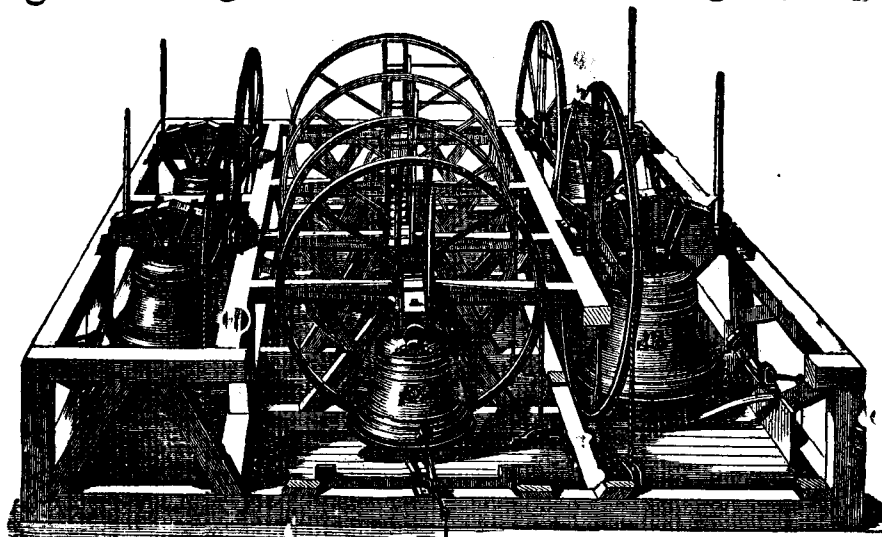


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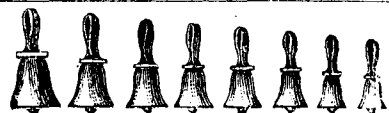
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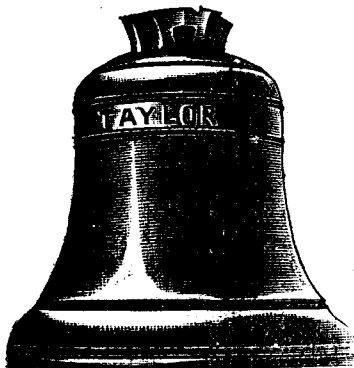
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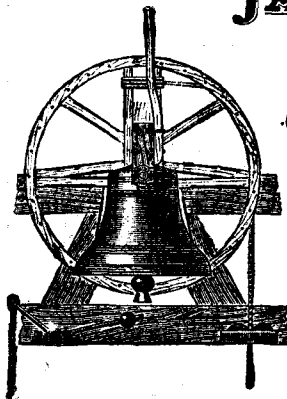
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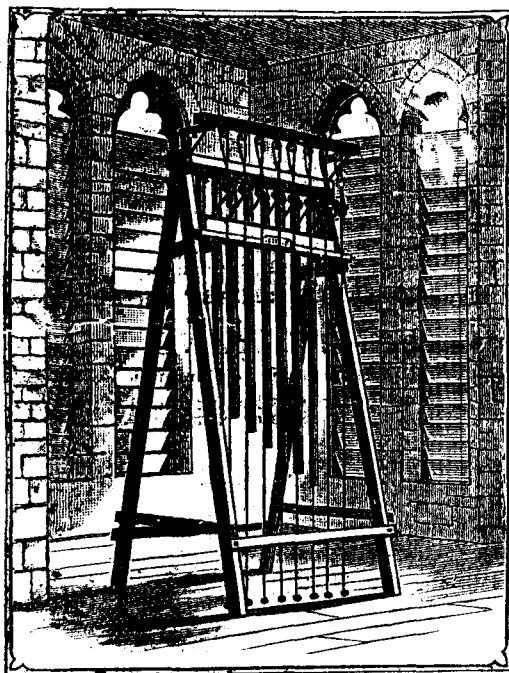
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# OPENING OF A TOWER AT ST. MARY'S, CHORLEY.

Sunday, October 21st, witnessed a ceremony in connection with the above church, which will long be remembered with pleasant memories by the inhabitants of that town. That day brought to a happy termination the erection of the magnificent tower, furnished with a grand peal of bells. The formal opening was graced by the presence of the Bishop of the diocese (Dr. Whitehouse), as well as by the Mayor and Corporation, who, by their presence paid a tribute of goodwill to the relations existing among all sections of the community. The tower, placed as it is in the angle between the chancel and transept, provides on the floor level an additional chapel for the church, lit on two sides by traceried windows, and entered from the transept by a richly moulded stone arch. Above this is the ringing-chamber, at which level on the east face of the tower is a canopied niche, containing a life-sized figure of Our Lady Immaculate, the topmost story being reserved for the belfry, where a fine peal of eight bells has been hung in iron frames for ringing. It is on this stage of the tower, which may readily be seen from a great portion of the town, that the most elaborate part of the design has been bestowed. Large traceried windows on each side fitted with louveres, afford ample exit for the sound of the bells, whilst the angles are strengthened and accentuated by buttressed pinnacles rising above the richly pierced and corbelled parapet that surmounts the tower. An octagonal stone stair turret placed in the north-east angle and entered from outside the church, gives access to the upper floors, and by it, after ascending 140 steps, the flat roof of the tower is gained at a height of 88 feet above the ground. From this point there is an extensive view, embracing the country for some miles in every direction, whilst the turret top, reaching far above the pinnacles at the other angles, with its final stone 130 feet from the earth below, forms a marked and fitting termination to the whole. The tower is of Yorkshire pierpoints, the windows and other finely-worked or carved parts being of Whittle stone. The peal of bells, eight in number, are from the foundry of Messrs. Warner and Son, Limited, Cripplegate, London.

## CAPEL, SURREY.

About three years ago the ringers of the above church found that the bells were getting in a very bad state, through the gudgeons and bearings being badly worn, which caused the tower to shake very much; so they decided to stop ringing, and acquainted the fact to the vicar and churchwardens, who about a year afterwards sent to Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, and that firm sent a man to inspect the bells and give an estimate for the repairs, but unfortunately at the time there was a good many other items wanted in connection with the church, that they could not see their way clear to get the money to repair the bells; so at the commencement of the present year the ringers had a meeting to see what they could do to have them temporarily repaired, and also to collect subscriptions for doing the work which has now been done. The bells were formerly opened on Sunday, November 4th, by ringing a 720 of College Exercise. A. Weeden, 1; J. Akehurst, 2; C. Weeden, 3; T. M. Stedman, 4; E. Jordan, 5; D. Jordan (conductor), 6. The parishioners were very pleased to hear their bells ringing again, and especially the vicar, who it is to be regretted, lies dangerously ill; but he would have his window open so that he might hear his bells again.

Ringling for united practice will now be resumed on the third Saturday in the month instead of on the fourth as previously.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN BRANCH.—The usual monthly meeting was held at Garston on Saturday, November 3rd. The towers represented were Aughton, Warrington, Farnworth, Grassendale, Liverpool, also the local company. The business meeting was held in the Church Institute, at which the Rev. Dr. Oliver presided. The minutes of the previous meeting held at Warrington being read and confirmed, the rev. gentleman said how pleased he was to hear of the Association making such headway, as he thought by hearing the secretary's remarks that the last meeting was a very good one, and he considered it

very important that every church that possessed bells ought to be connected with it. He was also glad to see that many of the clergy were taking an interest in it, as it brought ringers into closer contact with the Church. He also spoke of ringing being part of Church work, and he felt it his duty to impress upon them that after calling people to church they ought to stay themselves. He considered the Art of change-ringing very difficult, for he said he had found it hard work himself to get a sound out of a bell. He also said how pleased he was to see that their friend Mr. Gough took such an interest in the local band, and concluded his remarks by welcoming the Association to Garston. It was proposed by Mr. Gough, seconded by Mr. Peattie, that St. Thomas' church, St. Helens be the next place of meeting, which was unanimously carried. It was proposed by Mr. Gardner, seconded by Mr. Schofield, that J. March (Aughton) and J. W. Keen (Garston) be elected members of the Association, which was unanimously carried. A vote of thanks was passed to the vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells, etc., and to the local company for having everything in readiness. The rev. gentleman then said as all the business was over, they had better adjourn to the next room where there was an excellent tea provided.

## SAD DEATH OF A DERBYSHIRE RINGER.

Ringers of South Yorkshire and North Derbyshire will read with regret the sad death of Thomas Lunn, of Eckington, who was found hanged with a piece of cord on Wednesday, November 7th. Deceased had been ill for about four months, and became despondent, thinking that he should not be able to work again. He commenced ringing in 1852 at the age of 13, and was a member of the choir for thirty-two years. He was buried in the Eckington cemetery on Saturday, November 10th. The Rev. — Morgan (rector), conducted the service, assisted by the Rev. J. B. Drabble. The funeral was attended by the officer and members of the Church of England Working Men's Society, of which he was a member: also the choir, ringers, and fellow-workmen, and a large contingent of townspeople who had assembled to pay their last mark of respect to one who had endeared himself to all. Mr. Lunn was for twenty-four years conductor of the Eckington Lane band of handbell ringers, and was an inoffensive and obliging man, regular in his habits, and genial in disposition. He was one who would rather submit than be at variance with any of his colleagues. He was a member of the Yorkshire and Old East Derbyshire Associations, and a regular subscriber to "THE BELL NEWS." He was also a good six-bell ringer, having rung 720s in twenty-four different methods, and also taking part in thirteen peals of 5000 and upwards. Being a strong man, he was generally found at the heavy end. He rang his first peal at Eckington on March 28th, 1858. In February 1889, after a lapse of twenty years, another peal was rang at Eckington, at which time he became a member of the above-named Associations, and up to his death rang six Association peals, viz., at Staveley on April 11th, 1891; at Killamarsh on July 15th, August 12th and 26th, 1893; and at Staveley on February 24th and March 10th. After the funeral a 720 of Violet was rang with the bells muffled by Messrs. Bettison, Enson, and Turton (Killamarsh), W. Worthington, J. Harris (Staveley), and G. Marsden. Also on Sunday, November 12th, 600 Duke of York, by Messrs. Hancock, Enson, James, Bettison, Turton, and Marsden. And 360 of Oxford by Messrs. Hancock, Price, James, J. Shaw, Norman, and Marsden.

## AMATEUR BELL HANGING AT BATTLE.

Owing to the 7th and 5th bells running so badly the churchwarden, an amateur engineer, determined to try himself to effect a cure, so with the assistance of a ringer, J. Mathis, and other help set to work and took the bells out, and finding that the gudgeons were both jammed, and that the 7th gudgeons had a screw thread on, took them away, turned them down and shortened and replaced them. After ringing one Sunday without the 7th, the bells were ready for the harvest festival on the 30th September and following Wednesday, and on Tuesday, October 18th, a quarter-peal was rung, which appeared in its proper place, the first that the band have had heart enough to attempt for months, and hope soon to gain a peal. F.M.

## WOOBURN, BUCKS.

We are pleased to record the performance of a peal of Grandsire Triples on the bells of St. Paul's church on Thursday, November 1st, five members of the local band taking part. The ringers, who have during the past year been under the tuition of W. E. Yates, of Marlow, have made excellent progress in the Art of change-ringing, as was shown by the way each one mastered his bell. The peal which consisted of 5040 changes (Holt's ten-part), was rung in 2 hrs. 59 mins., the bells going off into changes at 5.58, and the conductor's welcome "that's all" at 8.57, bringing round a peal which was a credit to all who took part. This is the first peal in which Wooburn men have taken part on the bells of their parish church. Messrs. Truss (2) and Yates hail from Marlow; the rest are local men. This is the more creditable to the pluck, ability, and perseverance of the local ringers, from the fact that various bands of eminent ringers had over the past two or three years been making attempts to ring this great and complicated peal without success. The event created a great deal of interest in the parish.—*Bucks. Standard.*

## THE BELFRY.

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Great oaken doors with iron bosses set,  
In their stern front like some huge massive shield  
By ancient warrior borne upon the field  
The entrance guards: as slowly on their hinges  
To the old hoary sexton's touch they yield;  
Seen by the rays through slanting loopholes let,  
The dangling bell ropes with their coloured fringes;  
There a quaint tablet rich with grotesque fret,  
Records the name and tells in homely rhyme,  
Of sturdy ringers who in olden time,  
Stood tireless at their posts hour after hour;  
And with a nod rang through the famous peal  
Of "Grandsire Bob," until the ancient tower  
Did to its summit with the clamour reel.

## THE SAME.

Behind the belfry door another door  
Low-browed and arched, with bolts and bars made strong,  
Leads to the chambers where the bells are hung.  
Through the wide fissures of the yawning floor  
You may discern them looming overhead,  
Each with its lips of brass and iron tongue;  
And a strange feeling near akin to dread  
Quickens the pulse as the huge things are swung,  
Backwards and forwards by their mighty wheels;  
Unto the gentlest touch obedient.  
Along the wall the restless pendulum steals  
For evermore; its ticking strangely blent  
With the sweet echoes of each passing chime,  
That marks the restless onward march of time.

## RINGERS' SUPPER.

On Monday evening, November 12th, by the kind invitation of the Rev. A. C. MacLachlan, who is leaving the parish for Newton Valence, Hants., the ringers of the Lower Beeding branch of the Sussex County Association met at The Plough inn to partake of an excellent supper. After the cloth was removed, the rev. gentleman was presented with a silver pencil case by the ringers. Mr. F. W. Cripps, in making the presentation, said he believed everyone in the parish would be very sorry to part with one so much liked, and that he would not only be missed by the ringers, but by the cricketers, of whom he had taken a great interest since he had been in the parish.

The rev. gentleman in reply, thanked the ringers for their beautiful present, and also Mr. Cripps for the kind words he had spoken, and he was very sorry indeed to leave the parish, but he hoped he should have the pleasure of seeing the Lower Beeding ringers in Hampshire, and would give them a hearty welcome at any time.

The toast of "The Lower Beeding Ringers" was then given

by the Rev. A. C. MacLachlan, who said he was glad to see them in such a flourishing condition, and hoped they would still continue, and that he would subscribe to their society.

Mr. F. W. Cripps responded in a few words.

The toast of "host and hostess" was given by the rev. gentleman for the excellent style in which the supper was served. Other toasts were given, after which songs were sung by A. Cripps, H. Feist and others until ten o'clock, which came all too soon, and brought a most enjoyable evening to a close, all having thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

## ST. LEONARD'S, DEAL, KENT.

On Saturday, October 27th, several members of this Society paid a visit to the Isle of Thanet. Arriving at St. Peter's church at 4 p.m. they were met by Mr. Hiscocks, the conductor of the St. Peter's company. After ringing a short touch with him they started for a 720 of Bob Minor on the back six, but as the organist was practising it was very doubtful if they would get it, as now and then the bells could not be heard at all. However, a very fair 720 was rung in 25 mins. A. Denne, 1; H. Denne, 2; S. Mockett, 3; G. Denne (conductor), 4; W. Ongley, 5; H. Castle, 6. Tenor 15 cwt. After lowering the bells the ringers went to The Crown and Thistle, where host Creasy provided an excellent meat tea, which was much enjoyed by all. The visitors afterwards entertained the company with a few tunes on their handbells. They then took train to Ramsgate and walked to St. Lawrence, where they were met by the local company, and with them rang touches of Bob Minor, Grandsire Doubles and Plain courses of Grandsire Triples. A pleasant half-hour was afterwards spent at The White Horse, and a few more handbell tunes were much appreciated by the numerous company assembled. They just managed to catch the last train home, having spent a very pleasant day. They beg to thank the Vicars of St. Peter's and St. Lawrence for kindly granting permission to ring; and also the local ringers for meeting them.

## EAST WORLDHAM, HANTS.

On Monday evening, October 29th, seven members of the Winchester Diocesan Guild visited the Rev. C. Buston at the rectory, East Worldham, for the purpose of having a practice on his fine octave of handbells, lately sent to him by some members of the Durham and Newcastle Association, of which he was Secretary. They have a very sweet tone, and the following touches were brought round on them: 420 Grandsire Triples. L. Goodale, 1; E. Bryant, 2; J. Goodale, 3; Rev. C. Buston, 4; W. G. Withers, 5; H. E. Withers (conductor), 6. A 630 Grandsire Triples. L. Goodale, 1; Rev. C. Buston, 2; E. Bryant, 3; W. G. Withers, 4; A. Burgess, 5; H. E. Withers (conductor), 6-7; H. Forster, 8. Also some touches of Plain Bob Minor and Major by the same members.

## RUGBY, WARWICKSHIRE.

The *Worcester Diocesan Magazine*, which for the current month contains a special report of the diocesan conference, states that Mr. G. C. Benn, who only about two months ago offered to defray the entire cost—estimated at £2,000—of the erection of new schools in St. Andrew's parish, Rugby, has eclipsed his liberality on that occasion by another munificent gift. A number of years ago the parish church was restored, but the spire was not added, and now Mr. Benn has undertaken the cost of completing the church with tower, spire, and vestries. It is said the cost will not be much short of £10,000.

## THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

The following is the result of the election of officers for the year 1894-5. Master, Mr. W. Burkin; Treasurer, Mr. James Pettit; Senior Steward, Mr. Challis F. Winney; Junior Steward, Mr. Walter Prime; Trustees, Mr. G. Dorrington and Mr. George Muskett; Secretary, Mr. W. T. Cockerill, 37, Tradescant Road, South Lambeth, S.W.

## ST. MARGARET'S, WESTMINSTER.

The porch just completed at the east end of this church, is of a character corresponding with the western porch or narthex erected some few years since, though of much more modest proportions, its proportions being limited by the space between the east end of the church and the road. It is entered by a wide archway, enriched with carved pateræ, and flanked by buttresses. The sides are plain, the roof is flat and covered with lead, and protected by an enriched parapet. The porch is vaulted in stone internally in delicate lierne groining with carved bosses. The doorway has been renewed and enriched with carving, and the internal lobby has been remodelled. The arms of the late Lord Sherbrooke, to whose memory the porch has been erected, are carved on the shield of the left-hand spandril of the main arch, those of Lady Sherbrooke being inscribed on the right hand shield. The interior of the porch will be enriched by sculpture.

## Church News.

Sir Matthew Wilson has given £50 towards the erection of a vicarage-house for the parish of White Chapel, Cleckheaton, for which Lord Savile has given a site on the Snelsins estate.

The Bishop of Bath and Wells has signified his approval of the Sunbeam Mission, and in his sermon on Sunday afternoon, November 11th, at the parish church, Weston-super-Mare, strongly recommended the young people to become members.

The *English Churchman* says that the Rev. A. Bodington, vicar of Marchington, Staffordshire, has withdrawn from the English Church Union, in consequence of Lord Halifax's recent letter to the Archbishop of Toledo.

The Bishop of Salisbury sailed in the *Ormu* from Tilbury Dock on Friday last at noon, for Melbourne. The Bishop of Brisbane and the Bishop-elect of Wellington, Dr. Wallis and Mrs. Wallis, join the ship at Naples.

The Bishop of Southwell, with his accustomed liberality, has just offered a donation of £100 to the Ruridecanal Fund, which is being raised for improving the value of the living of Stanley, Derbyshire.

The Bishop of Gloucester and Bristol has appointed the Rev. Francis Thomas Vine, rector of Eastington, to be Rural Dean of the deanery of Stonehouse, in succession to Canon Golightly, rector of Shipton-Moyne, who has resigned after administering the office for a period of thirty-two years.

The organ in Westminster Abbey has recently been greatly improved, mainly at the expense of Mr. A. Clarke, who further proposes to place in the triforium an echo organ connected electrically with the main instrument, which will then have five manuals.

Colonel Osbaldeston Mitford, of Mitford Castle, has sent to the clergy of each of the five livings in his gift, which are situated in the East Riding of Yorkshire, a cheque for £50, to be expended on the parishes as they think best. The gift is a thankoffering for blessings enjoyed during fifty years of wedded life.

On All Saints' Day, at Elton, near Bury, Lancashire, a memorial cross was erected to the memory of the late Rev. G. E. W. Green, who for two-and-a-half years had worked as assistant-curate in the parish of All Saints', Elton, and who was called away from his earthly labours early in last July. The cross, which is 8ft. high and stands at the entrance of the large churchyard, is made of kerridge stone, after the design of an old Runic Cross, and stands on a base of rough stone.

At Conington, Hunts., an altar-cloth has been worked by Miss Heathcote, of Conington Castle, and her cousins, the Misses Heathcote, of Palmeira-Square, Brighton, and altar linen has been worked by Mrs. Hinton, of Conington. Minton's tiles have been put down in the place of an altar carpet, and the church has been lighted with lamps to enable evening service to be held in winter as well as in summer. The evening service has been attended by large congregations, to whom the lighting of the church gives great satisfaction.

## Miscellaneous Touches.

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IRTHLINGBOROUGH (Northamptonshire).—On Saturday, October 27th, 360 Kent Treble Bob Minor. A. Perkins, 1; C. Newman, 2; W. Pettitt, 3; A. Tyler, 4; J. Garratt, 5; J. Houghton, jun., (conductor), 6. Also on Sunday, October 28th, for evening service, 720 Plain Bob Minor. J. Houghton, jun., 1; C. Newman, 2; J. Garratt, 3; W. Pettitt, 4; J. Seamark, 5; A. Tyler (conductor), 6. Also on Monday, October 29th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor in 23 mins. J. Houghton, sen., 1; C. Newman, 2; W. Pettitt, 3; A. Tyler, 4; H. Sharpe, 5; J. Houghton, jun. (conductor), 6. Also on Saturday, November 3rd, an attempt was made for a peal of Bob Major, but stand was called after ringing 2550 changes in 1 hr. 33 mins., through the conductor missing a bob. A. Perkins, 1; C. Newman, 2; W. Gilbert, 3; A. H. Martin, 4; J. Garratt, 5; A. Tyler, 6; J. Houghton, sen., 7; J. Houghton, jun. (conductor), 8. Also on Sunday, November 4th, for morning service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. A. Perkins, 1; C. Newman, 2; A. H. Martin, 3; A. Tyler, 4; J. Garratt, 5; J. Houghton, jun. (conductor), 6. Also on Monday, November 5th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. A. Perkins, 1; J. Houghton, sen., 2; A. H. Martin, 3; H. Sharpe, 4; G. Burton, 5; J. Houghton, jun. (conductor), 6. And 576 Kent Treble Bob Major. A. Perkins, 1; H. Sharpe (conductor), 2; G. Burton, 3; A. H. Martin, 4; J. Garratt, 5; A. Tyler, 6; J. Houghton, sen., 7; J. Houghton, jun., 8.

LAVENHAM (Suffolk).—On Monday evening, October 29th, an attempt was made for a peal of Grandsire Triples, but after two hours' good ringing two bells changed course, the conductor directly calling stand. W. Boby, 1; H. Parker, 2; A. Symonds, 3; J. Moore, 4; H. Smith, 5; W. Knell, 6; T. King (conductor), 7; W. Moore, 8.

RAVENINGHAM (Norfolk).—On Saturday, November 10th, at the parish church, in 3 hrs. 20 mins., 6000 changes of Doubles in the ten following methods: 600 Plain Bob, 600 Grandsire, 600 April Day, 600 Morning Star, 600 Masterpiece, 480 Canterbury, 480 Antelope, 600 Jolly Dick, 600 St. Simon, and 840 St. Dunstan. W. Jerling, 1; J. Jerling, 2; P. Grice, 3; C. Dowe (conductor), 4; E. Chilvers, 5.

RUSHDEN (Northants).—On Sunday, October 29th, for evening service, 720 College Little (eighteen bobs two singles). J. Bailey, 1; G. Heath, 2; C. Green, 3; H. Clayton (first with a bob bell), 4; W. A. Hall (conductor), 5; F. Clayton, 6. And on Monday, November, 5th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor (nine bobs six singles). N. Martin, 1; C. Chasty, 2; C. Green, 3; W. A. Hall, 4; J. Bailey, 5; C. West (conductor), 6. On Sunday, November 11th, for evening service, 360 College Single. L. Chapman, 1; G. Burton, 2; C. Green, 3; H. Clayton, 4; W. A. Hall (conductor), 5; F. Clayton, 6.

WALWORTH (Surrey).—On Sunday morning, October 28th, for Divine Service, at St. Peter's church, 704 Kent Treble Bob Major. A. W. Brighton (conductor), 1; F. Pitts, 2; F. G. Perrin, 3; H. N. Davis, 4; J. C. Truss, jun., 5; H. Beams, 6; J. E. Davis, 7; W. Hasted, 8. And on Monday, October 29th, an attempt was made for a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, but after ringing 2 hrs. 5 mins. it came to grief. W. F. Meads, 1; A. R. Davis, 2; A. J. Neal, 3; F. G. Perrin, 4; H. N. Davis, 5; J. E. Davis, 6; E. P. O'Meara, 7; A. W. Brighton (conductor), 8. Composed by H. Dains. A. J. Neal hails from Woolwich; J. C. Truss, jun. from Marlow, Bucks; and A. W. Brighton from Norwich. Tenor 15 cwt.

WOLLASTON (Northants).—On Saturday, November 10th, at the parish church, 720 College Little. A. Clayton, 1; G. Heath, 2; C. Green, 3; C. West, 4; W. A. Hall (conductor), 5; F. Clayton, 6. And 720 Oxford Bob. L. Chapman (first 720), 1; G. Heath, 2; C. West, 3; C. Green, 4; F. Clayton, 5; W. A. Hall (conductor), 6. And 720 Bob Minor. L. Chapman, 1; C. Green, 2; W. A. Hall, 3; H. Clayton, 4; F. Clayton, 5; C. West (conductor), 6. C. West hails from Biddenham, Beds., the rest from Rushden. The band wish to thank the vicar, the Rev. Harcourt Powell for the use of the bells, and also Mr. Green for having everything in readiness.

WOLVERLEY (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, November 4th, for Divine Service, three 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, each called differently. H. Fraser, 1; H. Denning, 2; G. Salter, 3; W. Perry, 4; E. C. Hunt (first 360 as conductor), 5; J. Bryant, 6.

YATELEY (Hants).—On Thursday, October 25th, at St. Peter's church, for practice, 608 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.

The Rev. Edmund Field, of Lancing College, has been appointed assistant-chaplain at All Saints' church, Rome, for the months of December, January, and February.

## PRESENTATION.

On Saturday, September 29th, Mr. Jas. Skinner was presented with a beautiful black marble time-piece, in recognition of his services for the zeal and ability with which he has directed the ringing of the bells at All Saints' church, Waltham, Lincolnshire. G. A. Carr, Esq., churchwarden, in the unavoidable absence of the Mayor of Grimsby, in making the presentation, spoke of the untiring zeal displayed by Mr. Skinner in the task he had undertaken, also the self denial, which must have been great, as Mr. Skinner lived at the next village two miles distant. He hoped that Mr. Skinner would live long to enjoy the testimonial just presented to him.

Mr. Skinner, in returning thanks for the testimonial, said that when they got the bells, which were put up as a jubilee peal, he received a note from Dr. Hemborough, the then chairman of the committee, asking him to assist them in the ringing of the bells, as they knew nothing about six-bell ringing, having only been used to three. He at once responded to the call, considering it is duty to do so. The bells were dedicated by the Bishop of Lincoln on October 30th, 1887, and since that time to the present year he had walked over five thousand miles to teach and assist in ringing the bells. The testimonial was quite a surprise, as he did not require any remuneration for his services only that he might establish change-ringing in Waltham.

Some of Mr. Skinner's ringing friends from Grimsby accompanied him to Waltham, and after the presentation two courses of Grandsire Triples were rung on a splendid peal of handbells cast by Shaw, of Bradford, over thirty years ago. They then made their way to the church, and rung some Grandsire Triples, which ended a most pleasant gathering.

## WELLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

John Askham, the Northamptonshire poet, died at Wellingborough, his native place, on Sunday, at the age of 69. The deceased was the author of numerous poems and sonnets, his first volume being published in 1863. A second volume was published in 1866, whilst a few years later came a third entitled "Judith and other Poems," which contained the most ambitious of his compositions. His fourth volume came out in 1875; but after this his productions chiefly appeared in newspapers and periodicals. For the greater part of his life John Askham was a working shoemaker, and thus gained for himself the name of "The Shoemaker Poet." In 1867 the late Mr. George Ward Hunt obtained a grant of £50 for the poet from the Queen's Bounty Fund. Besides his poetical writings, he was the contributor of many descriptive prose sketches of a quaint character to various journals. A volume of them has only recently been published.—From "The Times," October 29th.

John Askham was a Nonconformist by birth and training but a Churchman from choice. A great part of his life he resided very close to the parish church and had an intense love for the bells, the chimes, and the venerable old building. None were more pleased than he, when, in the year 1884, the bells were increased from six to eight by the addition of two trebles (the result of a letter he wrote suggesting that improvement). In his younger days he "handled a rope" in the belfry himself, and was fond of relating that he assisted to toll Wellingborough "great bell" on the occasion of the death of King William the Fourth. His poems entitled "The Belfry," "The Bells," "The Old Church Clock," "The Ringers," "The Old and the New," and "The Sabbath," are evidence of his love of bell music. On the evening of the funeral the parish church bells were rung full-muffled from 6.30 to 8 o'clock.

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## BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

In compliance with a resolution passed at a general district meeting of the above Association held at Barrow Gurney on Saturday, October 27th, to the effect that a hearty address of welcome be sent to Dr. Kennion, the new Bishop of the diocese, the Master and Hon. Secretary addressed the following letter to his Lordship:—

"8, Darlington Street, Bath,  
November 3rd, 1894.

MY LORD,

At a general meeting of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association of Change-Ringers held at Barrow Gurney on Saturday, October 27th, it was proposed and carried by united acclamation, that the Master and Hon. Secretary should be requested to express by letter to your Lordship the hearty welcome and congratulation of the Association on your succession to the see of Bath and Wells. It is therefore our duty to convey this message to your Lordship with our prayers for every blessing upon your Episcopate. We also trust that your Lordship, like your predecessor, will consent to become the President of our Association, which exists in your diocese for the promotion of belfry reform and change-ringing, and to teach the ringers the sacredness of their calling, and the consequent need of a consistent life.

We are, my Lord,  
Your obedient servants,  
CLEMENT W. H. GRIFFITH, Master.  
HENRY W. TOMKINS, Hon. Sec. and Treasurer."

To this the Master has received the following reply from the Bishop:

"Wells, Somerset.  
November 10th, 1894.

MY DEAR SIR,

I beg to thank you very heartily for your kind letter, and also for the Report that you sent me of the Diocesan Association of Change-Ringers. Will you say to your Association that I greatly value the resolution of welcome to me which they passed on October 27th. It is a pleasure to me to accept the office of President, and next year to become a subscriber.

Yours very faithfully,  
G. W., BATH AND WELLS.

The Rev. C. W. H. Griffith."

## LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—ROSSENDALE BRANCH.

A meeting of the above branch was held at Ramsbottom, but was very badly attended. The Vicar took the chair and gave the Association a hearty welcome, and hoped that a larger number would attend the next meeting. He gave the members a tea, for which they return their hearty thanks. Touches of Grandsire Triples and Bob Minor brought the meeting to a close.

## LOWER BEEDING, SUSSEX.

On Saturday, November 17th, by the kind invitation of the brothers Cripps, five of the Crawley band, viz., Messrs. Parker, Mills, Jordan, Rice, and Dench, with Mr. Shade, of Greenwich, visited the above place to attempt three peals of Superlative Surprise Major on this very small but musical ring of eight bells. Although the tenor is 10 cwt., the treble weighs only just over one cwt., and the second 1½ cwt., and have to be rang with the clappers the wrong side, and require the greatest care in ringing not to turn them. The first attempt was made on Saturday evening last, the brothers Cripps taking the trebles, and all went well for nearly two hours when a mistake occurred, which resulted in a change-course. On Sunday morning at 7.45 "go" for Superlative was again heard, and the beat of the bells seemed perfect, but after ringing 40 mins., the treble man let his bell go a little too far back and shifted the clapper, and no treble was to be heard, so the conductor called "stand." At 1.40 once more the bells went into changes, and after ringing 3 hrs. 7 mins the welcome words "that's all" was heard, and the first peal of Major on the bells was completed, and appears in the proper place. Great credit is due to the brothers Cripps for the masterly way in which they rang the trebles, and the rest of the band wish to thank them and Mr. and Mrs. Cripps, sen. for their kind hospitality throughout their visit, and the hearty welcome given them; this being their first visit, which they all thoroughly enjoyed, and hope it will not be the last.



## Notices.

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**Preliminary Notice.**—Hollingsworth Silver Challenge Cup.—The annual change-ringing contest on handbells, for the above cup, will take place on Saturday, February 9th, 1895. For further particulars apply Sec.

JONATHAN PILLING.

Lee Street, Uppermill, near Oldham.

**The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.**—The next monthly ringing meeting of this Society will be held at St. Chad's, Headingley (8 bells), to-day, Saturday, November 24th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Meeting house, The New inn. Business of importance. Members are particularly requested to attend. Trams to and fro every ten minutes.

R. BINNS, Hon. Sec.

3, Dame Street, Hogs Field, Holbeck.

**East Derbyshire Association.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held in the school-room at Shirland, to-day, Saturday, November 24th, at 5.30 p.m. Important business; all members please attend.

THOS. ALLIBONE, Secretary.

North Wingfield.

**The Kent County Association.**—Maidstone District.—By kind permission of the Vicar, All Saints' belfry will be open for practice, on Saturday, December 8th, from 5 to 9 p.m., except during service, 6-6.30.

A. L. BRINE, Hon. District Sec.

Bearsted Green.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Liverpool Diocesan Branch. The usual monthly meeting will be held at St. Thomas's church, St. Helen's, on Saturday, December 1st, 1894. Tower open for ringing at 2 o'clock. Business meeting at 5 o'clock, prompt. Knife and fork tea to be provided free of cost at The Fleece hotel at 6 o'clock.

J. J. M. MOORE.

9, Mill Street, Warrington.

**Stoke Archidiaconal Association.**—The next monthly meeting of this Association will be held at St. Giles, Newcastle-under-Lyme, on Saturday next, December 1st, by the kind permission of the Rector.

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

**Winchester Diocesan Guild.**—A district meeting will be held at Basingstoke, on Saturday, December 1st. Bells available afternoon and evening. Committee meeting at the cafe at 5 p.m. Members desiring tea are requested to communicate with the Hon. Sec.,

R. C. M. HARVEY,

Eastleigh Vicarage, Southampton.

**Sussex County Association (Central).**—A district meeting will be held at West Grinstead, on Saturday, December 1st. Tower open 3.30 p.m., tea in schoolroom at 5.30. Henfield tower open after tea.

GEORGE WILLIAMS, Hon. Div. Sec.

49, Clifton Street, Brighton.

**Kent County Association.**—Tunbridge District.—The annual district meeting will be held at the Old Town Hall, Tunbridge, on Saturday, December 1st, at 4.30 p.m. Tea will be provided for members at 3.30 p.m.

T. S. CURTIS, District Sec.

**Kent County Association.**—Rochester District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Helen's church, Cliffe-at-Hoo, on Saturday, December 8th. The tower will be open for ringing at 4 o'clock by kind permission of the Rector.

A. OSBORNE, Hon. District Sec.

Clive Road, Rochester.

## Compositions.

## A PEAL OF ALLIANCE MAJOR.

By JAMES PARKER, Crawley.

5064.					
2	3	4	5	6	
4	2	6	3	5	- -
6	3	4	2	5	- -
4	6	3	2	5	- -
3	4	6	2	5	- -
6	2	3	4	5	- -
3	6	2	4	5	- -
2	4	3	6	5	- -
3	2	4	6	5	- -
4	3	2	6	5	- -
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	- -
3	6	5	2	4	- -
5	2	3	6	4	- -
3	5	2	6	4	- -
4	2	3	5	6	- -
3	4	2	5	6	- -
2	5	3	4	6	- -
3	2	5	4	6	- -
5	4	3	2	6	- -
3	5	4	2	6	- -
4	3	5	2	6	- -
2	4	5	3	6	- -
5	3	2	4	6	- -
4	5	2	3	6	- -
2	3	4	5	6	- -

First rung at Crawley, Sussex, on Thursday, November 8th, conducted by its composer, being the first ever rung on the principle.

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR.

By ARTHUR CRAVEN, Headingley, Yorks.

5184.					
2	3	4	5	6	
4	3	6	5	2	- -
6	3	2	5	4	- -
3	2	6	5	4	- -
2	4	6	5	3	- -
4	6	2	5	3	- -
2	6	3	5	4	- -
2	4	3	6	5	- -
4	3	2	6	5	- -
6	2	3	4	5	- -
3	6	4	5	2	- -
3	6	2	4	5	- -
6	4	2	3	5	- -
3	2	4	6	5	- -

Three times repeated. Single in place of bob at four in the 7th course of the 2nd and 4th parts. It contains the full combination of the 4th, 5th, and 6th in 5-6.

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR.

By CORNELIUS CHARGE, London.

5152.

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

Repeated. This peal has the 4th and 5th eleven times each in 6ths place, and the 6th its extent at home.

All being well, twelve members of the Ancient Society of College Youths will attempt a peal of Treble Bob Maximus at St. Paul's Cathedral, to-day, Saturday, November 24th, starting at 5 p.m.

In Mr. Craven's 5184 of Double Norwich, published last week, the eleventh course should read—

1 4 5.

## 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.

ADVERTISER, with good references, desires situation as clerk. Six years' experience. Good change-ringer. State salary, etc., to H.W., care of the Editor.

In Preparation. To be Published by Subscription.

**THE CHURCH BELLS OF BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.** By ALFRED HENNEAGE COCKS, M.A., Ch. Ch., Oxford; F.R.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. G. L. Stahlhelm Esq., author of "Survey 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. Stahlhelm 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 medieval 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, 21s. nett. The Larger Edition, Royal 4to, is limited to 80 copies, and will be subscribed at 42s. The price will be raised on the day of issue should any copies remain unsold.

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**DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR. 1s. 0d.**  
Contains rules and instructions for pricking and ringing the method; a linear diagram of the plain course; a collection of touches and peals; instructions for proving, and a history of the earlier performances with a list of peals down to 1884 (78 pages)

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## THE REV. DR. RAVEN'S WORK.

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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, NOVEMBER 24, 1894.

METHODS, and rumours of Methods, many of them, are now being heard. We are to have something new, which will put Plain Bob and Grandsire into the shade for simplicity, and also something else, the complexity thereof London Surprise will not be able to hold a candle to. Such rumours indicate the important and pleasing fact that among the thinking portion of the Exercise, many are interesting themselves in the manipulation of what we may call bell-ringing figures. We say this is a pleasing fact. And why? Because it plainly shows that with such votaries of the Art of Ringing there is none of that apathy and supineness which is too prevalent in other circles. Whether the investigations at present in progress reach fruition or not, those engaged in such researches should be highly commended, if only for their enthusiasm.

What we should like to see would be a classification and analysis of those methods which under a fanciful appellation differ only colorably from others well-known, and in cases where the similarity is too pronounced, to promote their total effacement. In a performance we have placed among the touches this week, the titles of some of the methods rang amused their authors, we suppose, but in the present day buffoonery of this sort is totally out of place, and if it can be removed from among us, it will be all the better.

## The Metropolis.

## THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, November 17, 1894, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, FULHAM.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 21 cwt.

ARTHUR JACOB .. .. Treble.	*GEORGE SMITH .. .. 6.
CHARLES WILKINS .. .. 2.	*THOMAS CARD .. .. 7.
JAMES HANNINGTON .. .. 3.	*PERCY HOWARD .. .. 8.
BENJAMIN FOSKETT .. .. 4.	ALBERT PITTAM .. .. 9.
CHARLES H. MARTIN* .. .. 5.	GEORGE NEWSON .. .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN REEVES and Conducted by ARTHUR JACOB.

\*First peal in the method.

## THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Monday, November 19, 1894, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, EDMONTON,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 17 cwt.

PERCY J. DARLINGTON* .. Treble.	ALFRED DARLINGTON .. .. 5.
HENRY A. BARNETT .. .. 2.	JAMES PETTIT .. .. 6.
CHARLES A. BUTTON .. .. 3.	WALTER PRIME .. .. 7.
HERBERT W. NIX* .. .. 4.	*WALTER G. DARLINGTON Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES PETTIT.

\*First peal.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, November 19, 1894, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET, WESTMINSTER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES.

Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

JOHN C. TRUSS, JUN. .. Treble.	*JOHN EVANS .. .. 6.
ARTHUR R. DAVIS .. .. 2.	†WALTER C. HASTED .. .. 7.
SYDNEY T. GOODCHILD* .. 3.	*RALPH H. BIGGS .. .. 8.
FRANK BOREHAM* .. .. 4.	FREDERICK J. PITTS .. .. 9.
HAROLD N. DAVIS .. .. 5.	WILLIAM F. MEADS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by HAROLD N. DAVIS and Conducted by  
WALTER C. HASTED.

\*First peal of Caters and first attempt. †First peal as conductor, and was rung as a birthday compliment to him. Messrs. Goodchild, Boreham, Evans, and Biggs hail from Hughtenden; and Truss from Great Marlow. This composition has the 3rd nine courses and the 4th, 5th, and 6th their extent in course behind the 9th in the titums position throughout.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 19, 1894, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, WALTHAMSTOW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' FIVE-PART. Tenor 19½ cwt.

WILLIAM J. COAKHAM .. Treble.	GEORGE THOMPSON .. .. 5.
WILLIAM PYE .. .. 2.	ABRAHAM G. FREEMAN .. .. 6.
ROBERT J. MAYNARD .. .. 3.	WILLIAM H. FREEMAN .. .. 7.
JOHN NUNN .. .. 4.	FREDERICK A. NUNN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by ABRAHAM G. FREEMAN.

Rung as a birthday compliment to W. H. Freeman, he having attained the age of 40 years on the above date, his brother strings wishing him many happy returns.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD AND THE WATERLOO SOCIETY, LONDON.

On Monday, November 19, 1894, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER, WALWORTH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' ORIGINAL. Tenor 15 cwt.

JOHN C. TRUSS, JUN. ... Treble.	*ARTHUR R. DAVIS .. .. 5.
FRANK BOREHAM .. .. 2.	RALPH H. BIGGS .. .. 6.
HAROLD N. DAVIS .. .. 3.	JOHN EVANS .. .. 7.
SYDNEY T. GOODCHILD .. 4.	EDWARD P. O'MEARA .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN EVANS.

\*First peal of Stedman. A. R. Davis was elected a member of the Oxford Guild and F. Boreham, S. T. Goodchild, R. H. Biggs and J. Evans were elected members of the Waterloo Society previous to starting for the peal. The ringers wish, through the medium of this paper, to thank the rector, the Rev. J. W. Horsley, M.A., for the use of the bells.

## The Provinces.

## DARLASTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

(THE BIRMINGHAM AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, November 10, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF DARLASTON BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

THOMAS HORTON .. .. Treble.	JOHN W. THOMPSON .. .. 5.
EDWARD UNITT .. .. 2.	REUBEN HALL .. .. 6.
JOHN CARTER .. .. 3.	WILLIAM SMITH .. .. 7.
ALBERT E. THOMPSON .. 4.	JAMES GOUGH .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JOHN CARTER.

First peal in the method by the ringers of the treble, 4th, 5th, and tenor, and was rang on the fifty-third birthday of the Editor. The Messrs. Thompson hail from Derby.

## GUILDFORD, SURREY.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, November 15, 1894, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HUBBARD'S FIVE-PART. Tenor 23 cwt. in E.

JOHN HEATHORN .. .. Treble.	*FREDERICK A. BAKER .. .. 5.
WILLIAM J. FREAKES* .. 2.	FRANK BENNETT .. .. 6.
CHARLES W. EADES* .. .. 3.	†ARTHUR ADSETT .. .. 7.
JOHN J. JONES .. .. 4.	†EDWARD HEATHER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

\*First peal in the method. †First peal away from the tenor. ‡First peal.

## WARNHAM, SUSSEX.—SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 17, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF CANTERBURY PLEASURE MAJOR,  
5008 CHANGES. Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qrs.

WALTER CHARMAN .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM PELLING .. .. 5.
CHARLES SMART .. .. 2.	WILLIAM T. SEVIER .. .. 6.
JOHN SMART .. .. 3.	WILLIAM SHORT .. .. 7.
WALTER WADEY .. .. 4.	HENRY H. CHANDLER .. .. Tenor.

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

First peal in the method by the ringers of the 2nd and 3rd, who hail from Steyning; W. T. Sevier from Eastleigh, Hants.

## BURNLEY, LANCASHIRE.

## LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—BLACKBURN BRANCH.

On Saturday, November 17, 1894, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qrs.

THOMAS BALDWIN .. .. Treble.	*NOAH TOWNEND .. .. 5.
JOHN WILKINSON .. .. 2.	HARTLEY HEYWORTH .. .. 6.
RICHARD ASHWORTH .. .. 3.	THOMAS MOUNCEY .. .. 7.
DAVID HEYS* .. .. 4.	†TOM REDMAN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by T. REDMAN.

\*First peal and first attempt. †First peal as conductor. This is the first peal on page five of Snowdon's Treble Bob.

## HEADINGLEY, YORKS.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 17, 1894, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 20 cwt.

W. CHILD .. .. Treble.	R. THOMAS .. .. 5.
W. WOOD .. .. 2.	L. STOKOE .. .. 6.
T. FLINT .. .. 3.	D. YORKE .. .. 7.
A. NAYLOR .. .. 4.	A. HAISTE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS and Conducted by A. NAYLOR.

## FAREHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 17, 1894, in Two Hours and Forty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

GEORGE GRAHAM .. .. Treble.	JAMES ELCOMBE .. .. 5.
FREDERICK WILSON .. .. 2.	WILLIAM H. GEORGE .. .. 6.
FREDERICK HILL .. .. 3.	JOHN W. WHITING .. .. 7.
REV. R. C. M. HARVEY .. 4.	HENRY WHITE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY WHITE.

Rung in honour of the marriage of Mr. Albert Wareham which was celebrated at the above church on the same day. Messrs. Wilson and White hail from Basingstoke; Rev. R. C. M. Harvey and W. H. George from Eastleigh; Elcombe from Romsey; the rest belong to the local band.

## ERITH, KENT.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday November 18, 1894, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

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

Tenor 18 cwt.

HARRY WARNETT* .. .. Treble.	*FRANK BOREHAM .. .. 5.
HAROLD N. DAVIS .. .. 2.	SYDNEY T. GOODCHILD .. 6.
JOHN EVANS .. .. 3.	RALPH H. BIGGS .. .. 7.
JAMES E. DAVIS .. .. 4.	JOHN C. TRUSS, JUN. .. Tenor.

Composed by JAMES W. WASHBROOK and  
Conducted by JOHN C. TRUSS, JUN.

\*First peal in the method. H. Warnett, and J. E. Davis were elected members of the above Guild previous to starting the peal.

## LOWER BEEDING, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, November 18, 1894, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

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

Tenor 10 cwt.

ALFRED CRIPPS .. .. Treble.	ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. 5.
FREDERICK W. CRIPPS .. 2.	ROBERT JORDAN .. .. 6.
JOHN RICE .. .. 3.	JAMES PARKER .. .. 7.
ALFRED D. MILLS .. .. 4.	FREDERICK DENCH .. .. Tenor.

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY and Conducted by JAMES PARKER.

First peal of Major on the bells, and was rung as a farewell peal to the Rev. A. C. Machlachlan, who is leaving the neighbourhood.

## ALBURGH, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 19, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION.

Tenor 11 cwt.

EDWARD SMITH .. .. Treble.	ERNEST POPPY .. .. 5.
GEORGE PRIME .. .. 2.	*JAMES BETTS .. .. 6.
GEORGE BENTLEY* .. .. 3.	ERNEST POLL .. .. 7.
FREDERICK BORRETT .. 4.	FREDERICK SMITH .. .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN THORPE and Conducted by EDWARD SMITH.

\*First peal on eight bells.

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

On Tuesday, November 20, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 18 cwt.

CHARLES WILKINS .. .. Treble.	*RICHARD G. CARTER .. 5.
GEORGE CONYARD .. .. 2.	ARTHUR J. NEALE .. .. 6.
JAMES SAXBY* .. .. 3.	EDWIN BARNETT .. .. 7.
WILLIAM G. GROVE .. .. 4.	JOHN GARARD .. .. Tenor.

Composed by the REV. H. EARLE BULWER and  
Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT.

\*First peal of Stedman. The above is a five-part peal, No. 1, and is taken from 'THE BELL NEWS' of September 21st, 1889.

## SYSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

(LEICESTER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 17, 1894, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

WILLIAM BAIL .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM MOORE .. .. 5.
GEORGE FREEMAN .. .. 2.	THOMAS R. BRIGGS .. .. 6.
JAMES WILSON .. .. 3.	WILLIAM WILSON .. .. 7.
ARTHUR SWANN .. .. 4.	JOHN HALL .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM WILSON.

First peal by the treble ringer (aged 68), and great credit is due to him for the way he piloted her through the peal which was rung at the second attempt. Messrs. Wilson and Willson belong to Leicester. The above is the first peal of Triples by the local Goscote Society of ringers.

## LEOMINSTER, HEREFORDSHIRE.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, November 20, 1894, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE PRIORY CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5295 CHANGES.

Tenor 23 cwt.

THOMAS J. BRATTON .. Treble.	JOHN S. PRITCHETT .. 6.
THOMAS RUSSAM .. .. 2.	JOHN CARTER .. .. 7.
SAMUEL REEVES .. .. 3.	JAMES GEORGE .. .. 8.
WILLIAM ROCK SMALL .. 4.	JOHN ASTBURY .. .. 9.
FRANCIS EDWARD WARD .. 5.	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL .. Tenor.

Composed by HARVEY REEVES and Conducted by JOHN CARTER.

This is the first peal of Caters ever rung in the diocese of Hereford. The bells have been entirely rehung in new oak frame by Messrs. Warner and Sons, who augmented them to ten by the addition of two trebles. T. J. Bratton hails from Welshpool; Russam and Carter from Birmingham; Reeves from West Bromwich; Small from Tipton; Ward from Cheltenham; Pritchett from Kings Norton; George from Rugby; Astbury from Walsall; and Fussell from Slough. A report of this "opening" will appear next week.

## Performances on Five and Six Bells.

HORBURY, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION,  
THE HEAVY WOOLLEN DISTRICT AND THE LEEDS AND  
DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETIES.

On Saturday, November 17, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

5040 CHANGES IN SEVEN TREBLE BOB METHODS  
UPON SIX BELLS;

Being 720 each of the following;

College Exercise, London Scholars Pleasure, Killamarsh Treble Bob, Tanner's Pleasure, City Delight, Arnold's Victory and College Pleasure.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

A. YELLAND .. .. Treble.	HERBERT ROWLEY .. .. 4.
ELI BROOKE .. .. 2.	GEORGE F. PICKLES .. 5.
GEORGE HUNT .. .. 3.	ROBERT THICKETT .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by H. ROWLEY.

Rung in honour of the Rev. Canon Sharpe's 60th anniversary as vicar of Herbury.

## HATHERN.—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

(LEICESTER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 17, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

5040 CHANGES OF DOUBLES IN FIVE METHODS;  
St. Simon's, Extremes, Plain Bob, Canterbury, and Grandsire  
Doubles.

Tenor 11 cwt.

ARTHUR BALLARD .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM CORNISH .. 3.
ARTHUR SMITH .. .. 2.	WILLIAM INGLESANT .. 4.
EDWARD SMITH .. .. Tenor.	

Conducted by WILLIAM INGLESANT.

The conductor belongs to Loughborough, the rest to Birstall, and they beg to thank the rector, the Rev. J. G. Laurance, for the use of the bells, and Mr. Swift (clerk) for the arrangements. In a previous attempt for the peal the treble rope broke after ringing 5016 changes.

## WOODCHESTER, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

On Sunday, November 18, 1894, in Two Hours and Thirty-six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

**FORTY-TWO SIX-SCORES OF DOUBLES IN FOUR DIFFERENT METHODS;**

Grandsire, St. Dunstan's, Canterbury Pleasure, and Bob Doubles.

ERNEST E. DAVIES .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM T. PEGLER .. .. 4.
WILLIAM POSTON .. .. 2.	HENRY MITCHELL .. .. 5.
ARTHUR E. PEGLER .. .. 3.	FREDERICK BARTLETT .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM T. PEGLER.

Mitchell hails from Barnwood; Bartlett from Gloucester; the rest belong to Hempsted.

## ATTLEBOROUGH, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, November 18, 1894, in One Hour and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE HOUSE OF MR. J. G. MILES,

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

**5040 CHANGES IN TWO MINOR METHODS UPON SIX BELLS, EACH CALLED DIFFERENTLY;**

Being four 720s of Bob Minor, and three 720s of Canterbury Pleasure Minor.

JOHN G. MILES .. .. 1-2.	ALBERT HOWES .. .. 3-4.
JOHN HOWES .. .. 5-6.	

Conducted by JOHN HOWES.

Umpire, Mr. J. Lawrence. This is the first 5040 on handbells by all, also the first ever rung on handbells in Attleborough.

### Date Touches.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

WORSLEY (Lancashire).—On Thursday, August 23rd, at St. Mark's church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1894 changes, in 1 hr. 8 mins. T. E. Boardman, 1; R. Ridyard, 2; J. Ridyard, 3; J. Ireland, 4; F. Derbyshire, 5; T. Derbyshire, 6; J. H. Ridyard (conductor), 7; T. Rushton, 8. Composed by F. S. W. Butler, of Gainsborough. T. Boardman and T. Rushton hail from Pendlebury; the rest are the local company. And on Monday, October 29th, a date touch of Stedman Triples, 1894 changes, in 1 hr. 9 mins. R. Ridyard, 1; Rev. H. J. Elsee, 2; J. Ridyard, 3; F. Derbyshire, 4; J. Baguley, 5; T. Derbyshire, 6; J. H. Ridyard (conductor), 7; T. Rushton, 8. Composed by A. P. Heywood, Esq. This was rung after an unsuccessful attempt for Brook's peal of Stedman Triples.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—BLACKBURN BRANCH.

BLACKBURN (Lancashire).—On Monday evening, October 29th, at the parish church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples (1894 changes), in 1 hr. 5 mins. G. Goodin, 1; A. Thompson, 2; J. Smith, jun., 3; J. Brown, 4; J. Smith, sen., 5; J. Watson, 6; J. Walker, sen. (composer and conductor), 7; M. Adams, 8. Tenor 15 cwt.

BURNLEY (Lancashire).—On Tuesday, November 6th, at Holy Trinity church, a date touch of Kent Treble Bob Major (1894 changes) in 1 hr. 10 mins. T. Baldwin, 1; J. Wilkinson, 2; H. Heyworth, 3; D. Heys (longest touch), 4; N. Townend, 5; R. Ashworth, 6; T. Mouncey, 7; T. Redman, 8. Arranged and conducted by T. Redman.

CLENT (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, October 28th, a date touch of 1894 changes, including 454 Kent Treble Bob, 720 Plain Bob, and 720 Canterbury Pleasure. W. Huxley, 1; C. Boughton, 2; W. Shilvock, 3; W. Short, 4; W. H. Barber, 5; J. Barber (composer and conductor), 6.

STOCKPORT (Cheshire).—On Sunday morning, November 18th, for service at the parish church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1894 changes, in 1 hr. 15 mins. W. Gordon (composer and conductor), 1; A. Gordan, 2; \*W. Gordon, jun., 3; T. Sale, 4; \*A. S. Gordan, 5; \*J. A. Gordan, 6; \*J. Bayley, 7; \*A. Sidebottom, 8. \*Longest length. Tenor 24 cwt.

### Miscellaneous.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BATTLE (Sussex).—On Sunday, October 7th, at the parish church, 560 Grandsire Triples. W. Eastland, 1; W. Franks (conductor), 2;

C. J. Hyland, 3; W. Thomas, 4; J. Mathis, 5; J. Curtis, 6; H. Elliott, 7; W. H. Eldridge, 8. On Tuesday, October 16th, for practice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 42 mins. \*W. Eastland, 1; C. J. Hyland, 2; F. Mathis, 3; W. Franks (conductor), 4; W. Thomas, 5; J. Curtis, 6; H. Elliott, 7; J. Mathis, 8. \*First quarter-peal.

EASTBOURNE (Sussex).—On the occasion of the newly elected mayor and corporation attending Divine Service at the parish church on Sunday morning, November 11th, 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Rollison, 1; A. Midmore, 2; C. Lewis, 3; W. Lawrence (conductor), 4; W. Avann, 5; E. Willoughby, 6; T. Lewis, 7; C. Carter, 8. And after service, a shorter touch by the same band, conducted by T. Lewis.

HAILSHAM (Sussex).—On Saturday, November 10th, some of the Appleton ringers, who are engaged for a time at Hurstmonceaux, Sussex, paid a visit to the above place and with some brother strings from Eastbourne and Pevensey rang some excellent touches on the bells of the parish church. A 1008 of Grandsire Triples. E. Willoughby (Eastbourne), 1; F. S. White (Appleton), 2; W. Lawrence (Eastbourne), 3; J. Billings (Eastbourne), 4; B. Hobbs (Eastbourne), 5; G. Holifield (Appleton, conductor), 6; W. J. Fisher (Eastbourne), 7; G. Brant (Pevensey), 8. Also 518 Grandsire Triples. J. Rollison (Eastbourne), 1; G. Holifield, 2; W. J. Fisher, 3; W. Lawrence (conductor), 4; E. Willoughby, 5; B. Hobbs, 6; T. Lewis (Eastbourne), 7; F. S. White, 8. And 336 Grandsire Triples. G. Brant, 1; F. S. White, 2; G. Holifield, 3; E. Willoughby, 4; W. Lawrence, 5; T. Lewis, 6; W. J. Fisher (conductor), 7; J. Rollison, 8.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

LEWISHAM (Kent).—On Sunday evening, October 7th, for service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 42 mins. C. Bedwell, 1; G. Daynes, 2; W. Turner, 3; A. C. Bedwell, 4; H. Barrett, 5; W. Bedwell (conductor), 6; H. Warnett, 7; T. Chandler, 8. On Tuesday evening, October 9th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 42 mins. W. Bedwell, 1; W. J. Reeves, 2; C. Wilkins, 3; G. Conyard, 4; W. Ingham, 5; H. Warnett (first quarter-peal in the method), 6; T. Groombridge (first quarter-peal in the method as conductor), 7; C. Walker, 8. Rang as a birthday compliment to T. Groombridge, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns. And on Sunday evening, October 14th, for service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, 1260 changes, in 43 mins. (Brooks' composition). H. N. Davis (conductor), 1; \*G. Daynes, 2; \*W. Turner, 3; F. E. Davis, 4; A. Davis, 5; \*H. Barrett, 6; H. Warnett, 7; \*T. Chandler, 8. \*First quarter-peal in the method.

BROMLEY (Kent).—On Sunday, October 7th, on the occasion of the harvest festival, for morning service, 1008 Bob Major. G. Simpson, 1; E. Dunn, 2; W. Smith, 3; P. F. Harman, 4; G. Durling, 5; F. Sanders, 6; H. P. Harman (conductor), 7; T. Groombridge, 8. And on Sunday, October 21st, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples in 43 mins. J. Town, 1; G. Stonestreet, 2; E. Dunn, 3; P. F. Harman, 4; G. Durling (composer and conductor), 5; F. Sanders, 6; T. Groombridge, 7; W. James, 8. On Sunday, November 4th, for morning service, 720 Bob Major. J. Town, 1; T. Durling, 2; W. Fright, 3; P. F. Harman, 4; G. Durling (conductor), 5; E. Dunn, 6; W. Ingham, 7; T. Groombridge, 8.

HAYES (Kent).—On Saturday, October 13th, on the occasion of the district annual meeting at Bromley, a 720 Kent Treble Bob, being the first in the method on the bells. W. Bedwell (conductor), 1; J. Waghorn, 2; W. G. Groves, 3; H. Warnett, 4; J. Tulett, 5; A. J. Neale, 6.

SWANSCOMBE (Kent).—On Friday, October 12th, 720 Bob Minor. A. Broom (first 720), 1; J. Broom, 2; G. Hayes, 3; L. Digweed, 4; W. Martin, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6. Also on Sunday, October 14th, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor. G. Hayes, 1; H. Milhams, 2; F. J. Ring, 3; J. Broom, 4; W. Martin, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6. Also for evening service, 720 Cambridge Surprise. G. Hayes, 1; J. Broom, 2; F. J. Ring, 3; M. Digby, 4; W. Martin, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6. Also on Sunday, October 21st, for morning service, 720 Cambridge Surprise and 720 Superlative Surprise. L. Digweed, 1; G. Hayes, 2; F. J. Ring, 3; M. Digby, 4; W. Martin, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6. Also on Sunday, October 28th, for morning service, 720 Cambridge Surprise and 720 Superlative Surprise. L. Digweed, 1; G. Hayes, 2; F. J. Ring, 3; M. Digby, 4; W. Martin, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6. And for evening service, 720 Bob Minor. G. Hayes, 1; H. Milhams, 2; F. J. Ring, 3; M. Digby, 4; F. Hayes, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6.

WESTERHAM (Kent).—Recently, 620 Grandsire Major. C. Boreham, 1; H. V. Selby, 2; D. Wright, 3; G. B. Selby, 4; G. Steer, 5; H. J. Selby, 6; W. J. Collison, 7; E. R. J. Dunk (conductor), 8. On Saturday, November 3rd, an attempt was made for a peal of Grandsire Triples, which unfortunately came to grief after ringing 3978 changes, in 2 hrs. 30 mins. R. Stone, 1; H. V. Selby, 2; H. J. Selby, 3; D.



Wright, 4; G. Steer, 5; J. Heath, 6; E. R. J. Dunk (conductor), 7; D. Ashdown, 8. And on Sunday, November 4th, several plain courses of Stedman Triples. W. Mannering, 1; G. B. Selby, 2; H. J. Selby, 3; D. Wright, 4; E. R. J. Dunk, 5; J. Heath, 6; T. Mannering, 7; H. N. Collins, 8. First by all in the method except ringers of 1st, 5th, and 7th. Also 620 Grandsire Major. C. Boreham, 1; G. B. Selby, 2; D. Wright, 3; W. Mannering, 4; J. Steer, 5; H. J. Selby, 6; E. R. J. Dunk, 7; T. Mannering (conductor), 8. And a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 47 mins. E. R. J. Dunk (conductor), 1; G. B. Selby, 2; G. Steer, 3; D. Wright, 4; W. Mannering (first quarter-peal in the method), 5; J. Heath, 6; H. J. Selby, 7; R. Stone, 8.

LEE (Kent).—On Wednesday evening, October 24th, for practice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 43 mins. C. Walker, 1; J. Crowder, 2; A. Skelt (first quarter-peal with a bob bell), 3; T. G. Deal, 4; A. Pheasant, 5; A. C. Bedwell, 6; H. Warnett (conductor), 7; W. Preece, 8.

#### THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

SHEDFIELD (Hants).—On Sunday, October 14th, for afternoon service, 720 Bob Minor. J. Mallard, 1; G. Chequer, 2; W. Cooper, 3; E. Walker, 4; G. E. Chappell (conductor), 5; S. Cummins, 6. G. E. Chappell hails from Wickham.

WICKHAM (Hants).—On Sunday, October 28th, for afternoon service, 720 Grandsire Minor in 24 mins. W. F. Churcher, 1; W. Cooper, 2; S. Cummins, 3; E. Walker, 4; G. E. Chappell (conductor), 5; G. Carpenter, 6. Also for evening service two 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. G. Downs, 1; W. T. Langford, 2; G. Carpenter, 3; W. F. Churcher, 4; G. E. Chappell (conductor), 5; W. Singleton, 6. Also on Friday, November 2nd, for practice, a 6-score of Bob Doubles. G. Downs, 1; W. T. Langford (conductor), 2; G. Carpenter, 3; W. F. Churcher, 4; G. E. Chappell, 5; W. Singleton, 6; Also two 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. W. F. Churcher, 1; G. Downs, 2; W. T. Langford, 3; G. Carpenter, 4; G. E. Chappell (conductor), 5; W. Singleton, 6. And a 6-score in the same method. W. Singleton (first 6-score away from tenor), 1; G. Downs, 2; W. F. Churcher, 3; W. T. Langford, 4; G. E. Chappell (conductor), 5; S. Conway (first 6-score), 6. Messrs. W. Cooper, S. Cummins, and E. Walker hail from Shedfield.

YATELEY (Hants).—On Thursday, October 18th, for practice at the church of St. Peter, 516 Bob Major. C. Hilton, 1; S. Riddle, 2; W. Filmore, 3; B. Hawkins, 4; R. Hilton, 5; W. B. Tice, 6; J. R. Bunch, 7; G. Hawkins (conductor), 8. On Sunday, October 21st, for evensong, 420 Bob Triples. C. Hilton, 1; S. Riddle, 2; W. Filmore, 3; G. Hawkins (conductor), 4; R. Hilton, 5; W. B. Tice, 6; B. Hawkins, 7; T. Stevens, 8. And on Sunday, October 28th, for evensong, 588 Bob Triples. C. Hilton, 1; S. Riddle, 2; W. Filmore, 3; G. Hawkins (conductor), 4; R. Hilton, 5; W. B. Tice, 6; B. Hawkins, 7; H. Yeomans, 8.

RYDE (Isle of Wight).—On Sunday, October 28th, 518 Grandsire Triples. J. Cantlow, 1; P. Long, 2; H. Coombes, 3; J. G. Norris, 4; S. Cantlow, 5; H. Jennings, 6; A. R. Ward (conductor), 7; A. Ward, 8. And on Wednesday, October 31st, being All Saints Eve, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 1260 changes. J. Cantlow, 1; P. Long, 2; H. Coombes, 3; J. G. Norris, 4; S. Cantlow, 5; H. Jennings (conductor), 6; A. R. Ward, 7; A. Ward, 8. The above contains the twenty-four 4-6s, and six 6-7s. And on Thursday, November 1st, All Saints day, a quarter-peal in the same method. J. Cantlow, 1; P. Long, 2; H. Coombes, 3; J. G. Norris, 4; S. Cantlow, 5; H. Jennings, 6; A. R. Ward (first quarter-peal as conductor), 7; A. Ward, 8.

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

HANDSWORTH (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, October 28th, at the parish church, for evening service, 896 Grandsire Triples, taken from J. J. Parker's twelve-part peal. R. Faux, 1; W. H. Godden, 2; B. Starkey, 3; W. Verry, 4; F. Workman, 5; T. Westwood (conductor), 6; T. Verry, 7; J. W. Bacon, 8. On Sunday, November 4th, for morning service, H. Johnson's quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 1260 changes, in 43 mins. R. Faux, 1; W. H. Godden, 2; B. Starkey, 3; W. Verry, 4; T. Verry, 5; T. Westwood (conductor), 6; F. Workman, 7; J. W. Bacon, 8.

#### THE EAST LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HECKINGTON (Lincolnshire).—On Thursday, October 4th, at the parish church, on the occasion of the harvest festival, 518 Grandsire Triples. W. H. Spink, 1; S. C. Skinner (conductor), 2; F. Hilton, 3; J. T. Holmes, 4; N. E. Snow, 5; J. H. Clark, 6; W. Dickinson, 7; E. Houlden, 8. N. E. Snow hails from Sleaford. On Sunday, October 7th, for evening service, 546 Grandsire Triples. W. H. Spink, 1; J. T. Holmes, 2; F. Hilton, 3; S. C. Skinner (conductor), 4; W. Dickinson, 5; J. H. Clark, 6; E. Holden, 7; F. Warrington, 8.

And after evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples. W. H. Spink, 1; J. T. Holmes, 2; J. Hilton, 3; S. C. Skinner, 4; J. H. Clark, 5; W. Dickinson (conductor), 6; E. Houlden, 7; F. Warrington, 8. And on Sunday, October 21st, for morning service, 504 Grandsire Triples. W. H. Spink, 1; E. Houlden, 2; J. Hilton, 3; J. H. Clark, 4; S. C. Skinner, 5; J. T. Holmes, 6; W. Dickinson (conductor), 7; F. Warrington, 8. And on Tuesday, October 23rd, for practice, 1008 Grandsire Triples, taken from Hollis's five-part peal, No. 1. W. H. Spink, 1; J. T. Holmes, 2; J. Hilton, 3; S. C. Skinner, 4; J. H. Clark, 5; W. Dickinson (conductor), 6; E. Houlden, 7; F. Warrington, 8.

#### THE NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LINCOLN.—On Sunday, October 21st, at the church of St. Peter-at-Arches, for Divine Service in the evening, 1024 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. W. Hodgson, 1; J. B. Teaton, 2; G. Lindoff (conductor), 3; R. Dawson, 4; C. Wells, 5; J. W. Watson, 6; G. Chester, 7; C. W. P. Clifton, 8. Also on Wednesday, October 31st, 1680 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. W. Hodgson, 1; G. Lindoff (conductor), 2; R. E. Clarke, 3; R. Dawson, 4; C. Wells, 5; J. W. Watson, 6; G. Chester, 7; C. W. P. Clifton, 8. These touches are the longest lengths in the method by the association.

#### THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—BLACKBURN BRANCH.

BLACKBURN (Lancashire).—On Saturday, October 20th, at Holy Trinity church, two 360s of Kent Treble Bob Minor. H. Heyworth, 1; D. Heys, 2; F. Towns (first 360), 3; R. Ashworth, 4; N. Townend, 5; T. Redman (conductor), 6. Also on Sunday evening, 704 of Kent Treble Bob Major. T. Baldwin, 1; H. Heyworth, 2; D. Campbell, 3; D. Heys, 4; N. Townend, 5; R. Ashworth, 6; T. Mouncey, 7; T. Redman (conductor), 8. And on Tuesday, October 23rd, 720 Kent Treble Minor. T. Duxbury, 1; D. Heys, 2; H. Heyworth, 3; T. Redman (conductor), 4; N. Townend, 5; T. Mouncey, 6.

BURNLEY (Lancashire).—On Sunday, October 28th, at Holy Trinity church, for morning service, 704 Kent Treble Bob Major. T. Baldwin, 1; J. Wilkinson, 2; H. Heyworth, 3; R. Ashworth, 4; N. Townend, 5; D. Heys, 6; T. Mouncey, 7; T. Redman (conductor), 8. Also for evening service, 640 in the same method. T. Duxbury, 1; J. Wilkinson, 2; D. Campbell, 3; D. Heys, 4; H. Heyworth, 5; R. Ashworth, 6; T. Mouncey, 7; T. Redman (conductor), 8. Also on Sunday evening, November 4th, 576 Kent Treble Bob Major. T. Baldwin, 1; J. Wilkinson, 2; H. Heyworth, 3; D. Campbell, 4; N. Townend, 5; R. Ashworth, 6; T. Mouncey, 7; T. Redman (conductor), 8.

#### THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

TREETON (Yorks).—On Tuesday, October 23rd, for practice at the parish church, 720 New London Pleasure. A. Woofenden, 1; A. J. Plowman, 2; S. Walker, 3; J. H. Brothwell, 4; W. J. Nicholson, 5; W. Lambert, jun., 6. On Friday, October 26th, for practice, 720 Duke of York, standing as above. And on Saturday, October 27th, 720 Killamars Treble Bob and City Delight. T. Whitworth, 2; the others standing as above. On Sunday, October 28th, for Divine Service, 720 Woodbine. A. Woofenden, 1; T. Whitworth, 2; A. J. Plowman, 3; J. H. Brothwell, 4; S. Walker, 5; W. Lambert, jun., 6. On Sunday, November 4th, for Divine Service, 360 Plain Bob. J. Tinkler, 1; T. Whitworth, 2; S. Walker, 3; A. J. Plowman, 4; W. J. Nicholson, 5; W. Lambert, 6. And for evening service, 360 London Scholars Pleasure. A. Woofenden, 1; the rest as above. This is A. J. Plowman's first in the method. All the above were conducted by W. Lambert, jun.

#### THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS.—On Sunday, October 14th, for Divine Service in the morning, 720 Plain Bob Minor (fourteen singles four bobs), in 23 mins. R. W. Burrows, 1; T. Townson, 2; A. E. Sheppard, 3; T. Suart, 4; T. R. Jackson (conductor), 5; J. Burrows, 6. On Sunday, October 21st, for evening service, 720 Plain Bob Minor (eighteen bobs two singles), in 25 mins. R. W. Burrows, 1; T. Suart, 2; G. Spencer, 3; A. E. Sheppard, 4; T. R. Jackson (conductor), 5; J. Burrows, 6.

#### THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BRAINTREE (Essex).—On Saturday, October 27th, at St. Michael's church, on the occasion of a district meeting of the above association, 720 Double Court Bob. T. Jordan, 1; G. Jordan, 2; W. Watts (conductor), 3; G. Gray, 4; T. Luckey, 5; C. H. Howard, 6. Also 240 College Single Bob, 240 Cambridge Surprise, 360 Oxford Treble Bob, and 360 Bob Minor by mixed bands from Maldon, Tottenham, Stisted, Stanstead, Braintree, Bocking, Witham, and Writtle. Also 720 Oxford Treble Bob. W. Hammond, 1; W. Chalk, 2; W. Moore, 3; S. Sargent, 4; W. Elliott, 5; H. Sayer (conductor), 6. And 720 Wood-

bine Treble Bob. A. Chaplin, 1; W. Moore, 2; W. Grimwade, 3; F. Warren, 4; W. Hammond, 5; E. Radley (first in the method as conductor), 6. On Sunday, October 28th, for Divine Service in the morning, 720 Kent Treble Bob (fifteen bobs, 3rd the observation, all 5-6s at back-stroke). T. Watson, 1; F. Calthorpe, 2; F. Rudkin, 3; W. Grimwade, 4; W. Hammond, 5; C. H. Howard (conductor), 6. And on Sunday, November 4th, for morning service, 720 College Exercise, T. Watson, 1; F. Calthorpe, 2; H. E. Hammond (conductor), 3; W. Hammond, 4; F. Rudkin, 5; W. Grimwade, 6. And on Sunday, November 11th, for Divine service in the morning, 720 Violet Treble Bob. \*C. H. Howard (conductor), 1; F. Calthorpe, 2; F. Rudkin, 3; \*W. Grimwade, 4; \*W. Hammond, 5; H. E. Hammond, 6. \*First 720 in the method. And for evening service, 480 Bob Minor. G. Melbourne, 1; F. Calthorpe, 2; C. H. Howard (conductor), 3; H. E. Hammond, 4; W. Hammond, 5; M. Grimwade, 6. Tenor 12 cwt.

BOOKING (Essex).—On Tuesday, October 16th, for practice at St. Mary's church, 720 Kent Treble Bob (twelve bobs). H. Butcher, 1; W. Moore, 2; W. Grimwade, 3; F. Warren, 4; S. Sargent, 5; C. H. Howard (conductor), 6. And on Saturday, October 27th, 720 Bob Minor. Rev. D. Hamer, 1; E. Chaplin, 2; W. Moore, 3; A. Chaplin, 4; E. Beckwith, 5; E. Radley (conductor), 6. And 720 Cambridge Surprise. T. Watson, 1; G. Jordan, 2; W. Hammond, 3; T. Luckey, 4; G. Gray, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. Also 360 Oxford Treble Bob. W. Last, 1; R. Hutson, 2; S. Mansfield, 3; G. Mansfield, 4; W. Chalk (conductor), 5; W. Elliott, 6. And on Sunday, October 28th, for morning service, 720 Kent Treble Bob. H. Butcher, 1; F. Radley, 2; W. Moore, 3; F. Warren, 4; W. Chalk, 5; C. Bearman (conductor), 6. On Friday, November 9th, for practice, 720 Boocking Treble Bob. S. Sargent, 1; W. Moore, 2; W. Grimwade, 3; F. Warren (first 720 in the method), 4; F. Rudkin (conductor), 5; C. H. Howard, 6. On Sunday, November 11th, for Divine Service in the afternoon, 720 Double Court Bob. H. Butcher, 1; W. Moore, 2; W. Grimwade, 3; F. Warren, 4; S. Sargent, 5; C. H. Howard (conductor), 6. Tenor 18½ cwt.

STISTED (Essex).—On Sunday, October 28th, after Divine Service in the afternoon, 720 Bob Minor. Rev. D. Hamer, 1; C. H. Howard, 2; E. Chaplin, 3; Ernest Chaplin, 4; A. Chaplin, 5; E. Radley (conductor), 6. The above was rung as a farewell compliment to the Rector, Canon Cromwell, who has resigned the living, all the ringers much regretting it, as he took a great interest in ringers and ringing. On Tuesday, October 30th, 720 Bob Minor. Rev. D. Hamer, 1; E. Chaplin, 2; E. Chaplin, 2; E. Radley (conductor), 3; C. Duncombe, 4; Edgar Chaplin, 5; A. Chaplin, 6. Rung on the occasion of the birth of a daughter to Mr. W. Paxman, and grand-daughter to the present Squire of Stisted Hall. On Saturday afternoon, November 10th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor. Rev. D. Hamer, 1; W. Moore, 2; W. Hammond, 3; F. Warren, 4; F. Rudkin (conductor), 5; F. Saunders, 6. And 720 Woodbine (first on the bells). A. Chaplin, 1; W. Moore, 2; W. Hammond, 3; F. Warren, 4; F. Rudkin, 5; E. Radley (conductor), 6. Also 720 Kent Treble Bob. A. Chaplin, 1; Ernest Chaplin (first in the method), 2; W. Moore, 3; F. Warren, 4; F. Saunders, 5; E. Radley (conductor), 6. And upon handbells, 240 Bob Minor. A. Chaplin, 1; W. Moore, 2; Rev. D. Hamer, 3; F. Warren, 4; F. Rudkin (conductor), 5; W. Hammond, 6. And a 6-score of Oxford Treble Bob. F. Rudkin, 1; A. Chaplin, 2; W. Moore, 3; W. Hammond, 4; F. Warren, 5; F. Saunders, 6.

#### THE WORCESTER CATHEDRAL GUILD.

On Tuesday, October 23rd, at St. John's church, for practice, 720 Grandsire Minor in 25 mins. B. S. Hill, 1; W. Stone (first 720 with a bob bell), 2; E. Davis, 3; R. Horton, 4; W. Page (conductor), 5. W. Bradford, 6. And on Thursday, October 25th, at St. Helen's church, for practice, 1216 Grandsire Major. W. Bright, 1; W. Cotton, 2; W. Powell, 3; B. S. Hill, 4; W. Bradford, 5; W. H. Johnson, 6; W. Page (conductor), 7; E. Davis, 8.

#### THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

WEST RETFORD (Notts).—On Sunday, October 14th, for Divine Service, 720 Grandsire Minor in 26 mins. R. Potter, 1; T. H. Denman, Esq. (first 720 in the method), 2; W. Skelton, 3; H. Haigh (conductor), 4; W. H. Hopkinson, 5; H. Wilson, 6.

ORDSALL.—On Sunday afternoon, October 28th, for children's service, a 720 College Single in 25 mins. H. Merrills, 1; G. Swannack, 2; H. Blagg, 3; H. Lambert, 4; H. Haigh (conductor), 5; J. White, 6. First 720 in the method by G. Swannack. Also on Thursday, November 1st, for practice, 720 Grandsire Minor in 25½ mins. H. Merrills, 1; J. White, 2; W. H. Hopkinson, 3; H. Lambert, 4; H. Blagg (conductor), 5; H. Wilson, 6. Messrs. Hopkinson and Wilson hail from West Retford. Also on Sunday, November 4th, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor in 25 mins. H. Merrills, 1; G. Swannack, 2; W. Preston, 3; H. Lambert (conductor), 4; J. F. Haigh, 5; J. White, 6. Messrs. Haigh and Preston hail from Workop; and Swannack from East Retford.

#### THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

WOOBURN (Bucks).—Recently, at St. Paul's church, on the occasion of the harvest festival, after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal of Grandsire Triples, a quarter-peal was rung in 46 mins. C. Smith, 1; W. E. Taylor, 2; J. West, 3; J. Garrell, 4; F. Healey, 5; J. C. Truss, jun., 6; W. E. Yates (conductor), 7; F. Cousens, 8. On Monday, October 21st, an attempt was made for Holt's Original peal of Grandsire Triples, but was lost after ringing about 1 hr. 5 mins. through a change-course. C. Smith, 1; W. Wheatley, 2; J. West, 3; J. Garrell, 4; W. Truss, 5; J. C. Truss, jun., 6; W. E. Yates (conductor), 7; F. G. Healey and F. Cousens, 8.

BALCOMBE (Sussex).—Recently, at the parish church, 720 London Scholars Pleasure. F. Streeter, 1; \*A. Gasson, 2; E. Streeter, 3; \*C. Holman, 4; \*J. Wedge, 5; J. Gasson (conductor), 6. Also 720 Oxford Treble Bob. E. Stoner, 1; A. Gasson, 2; C. Holman, 3; J. Wedge, 4; R. Streeter, 5; E. Streeter (conductor), 6. On Sunday, October 28th, 480 Grandsire Doubles. M. Williams, 1; J. Wedge, 2; J. Gasson, 3; A. Thomsett, 4; E. Streeter, 5; F. Streeter, 6. And two 6-scores conducted by J. Gasson, and two by E. Streeter. Messrs Williams and Thomsett hail from Lindfield. Also 720 of Violet Treble Bob. J. Gasson, 1; C. Holman, 2; F. Streeter, 3; A. Gasson, 4; R. Streeter, 5; E. Streeter (conductor), 6. And 720 Woodbine Treble Bob. A. Gasson, 1; F. Streeter, 2; R. Streeter, 3; E. Streeter, 4; C. Holman, 5; J. Gasson (conductor), 6. \*First attempt in the method.

CHICHESTER (Sussex).—On Tuesday, October 23rd, at the cathedral, an attempt was made for a peal of Grandsire Triples, a variation of Holt's ten-part by the Rev. C. D. P. Davis, but after ringing about 4060 changes, in 2 hrs. 25 mins., it came to grief through the conductor making a false call. H. D. Falconer, 1; G. T. Farley, 2; G. Attfield, 3; F. B. Tompkins, 4; D. Falconer, 5; J. H. Blake, 6; R. Walters (conductor), 7; W. Spurlock, 8. The above are all members of the cathedral band.

CLENT (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, September 30th, after Divine Service in the evening, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. W. Huxley, 1; T. Barber, 2; W. Shilcock, 3; W. Short, 4; W. H. Barber, 5; C. Boughton (conductor), 6. And on Monday, October 1st, 720 Canterbury Pleasure. W. Huxley, 1; C. Boughton, 2; W. Shilcock, 3; T. Barber, 4; W. H. Barber, 5; J. Barber (composer and conductor), 6. On Saturday, November 3rd, in honour of the wedding of Mr. John Barber, 360 Bob Minor. G. Workman, 1; W. Huxley, 2; A. Short, 3; T. Barber, 4; W. H. Barber, 5; C. Boughton (conductor), 6. And 360 Double Court. W. Huxley, 1; W. H. Barber, 2; W. Shilcock, 3; T. Barber, 4; W. Short, 5; C. Boughton (conductor), 6.

COOKLEY (Worcestershire).—On Friday, October 12th, at St. Peter's church, for harvest thanksgiving, two 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. N. Davis, 1; T. Salter, 2; W. Smith, 3; W. Plevy, 4; E. C. Hunt (conductor), 5; A. Marchant, 6. Also 360 Grandsire Minor. T. Salter (conductor), 1; W. Plevy (first with a bob bell), 2; G. Salter, 3; N. Davis, 4; E. C. Hunt, 5; W. Smith, 6. On Sunday, October 14th, for harvest thanksgiving, 720 Bob Minor. J. Hickman, 1; G. Davis, 2; G. Salter, 3; T. Salter (conductor), 4; E. C. Hunt, 5; A. E. Parsons, 6. And in the evening, 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor. T. Salter (conductor), 1; G. Davis, 2; G. Salter, 3; E. C. Hunt (first in the method), 4; W. Smith, 5; A. E. Parsons, 6. On Friday, November 9th, 900 changes in the following methods: Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, College Single, Plain Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, and Grandsire. T. Salter (conductor), 1; G. Davis, 2; N. Davis, 3; W. Smith, 4; G. Salter, 5; E. C. Hunt, 6.

ERITH (Kent).—On Sunday, October 28th, at the church of St. John the Baptist, an attempt was made for a peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major, 5040 changes, but it came to grief after ringing 2 hrs., through a change-course. F. Davis, 1; H. N. Davis, 2; B. Foskett, 3; J. E. Davis, 4; G. Smith, 5; A. W. Brighton, 6; P. Howard, 7; J. C. Truss, jun. (conductor), 8. J. C. Truss, jun. hails from Marlow, Bucks; A. W. Brighton from Norwich.

GLANADDA BANGOR (North Wales).—On Tuesday, October 23rd, on handbells, 336 Grandsire Triples. T. P. Owen, 1; J. Gayton, 2; Rev. T. Lewis Jones, 3; C. A. Rowlands, 4; M. J. Morris (conductor), 5-6; W. P. Davies, 7; W. Crane, 8. And on Thursday, October 25th, 168 and 210 Grandsire Triples, with R. J. Hughes, 1; W. Owen, 4; the rest as above.

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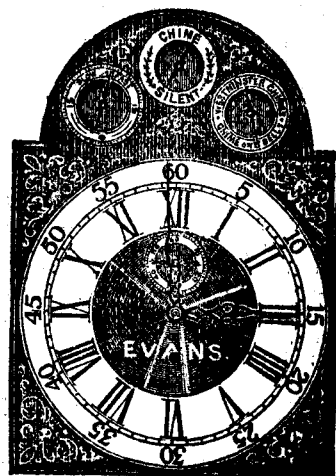
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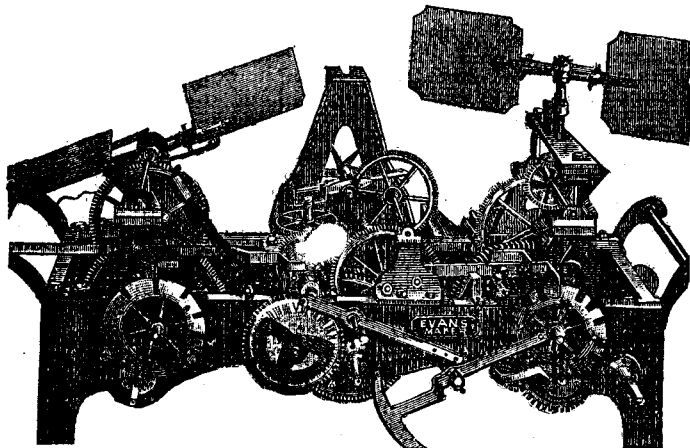
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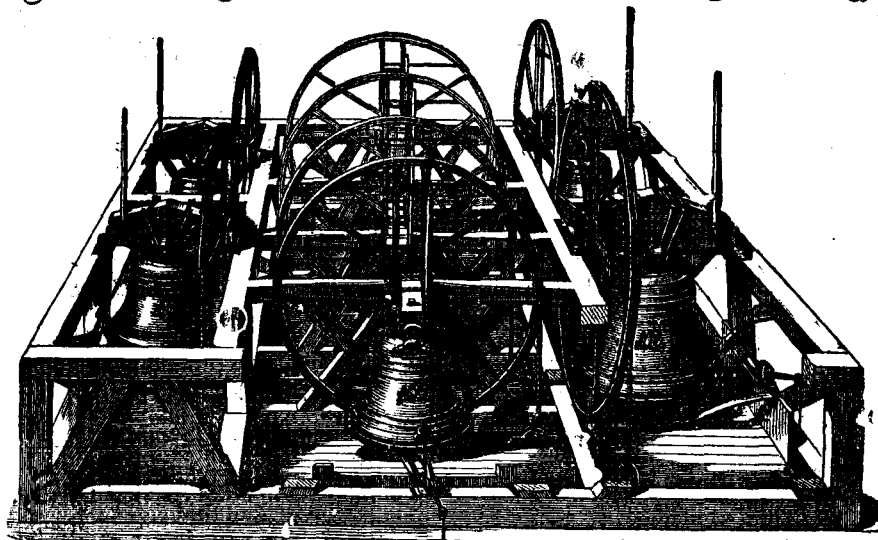
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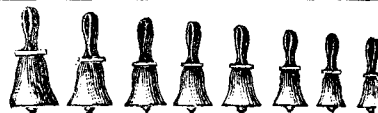
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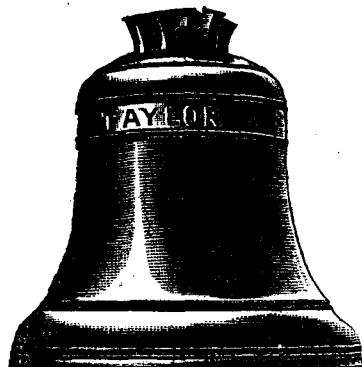
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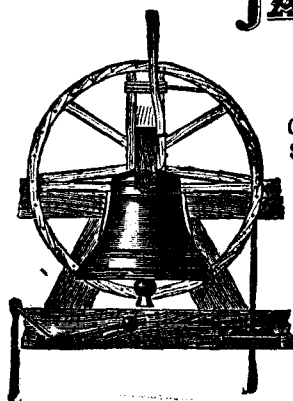
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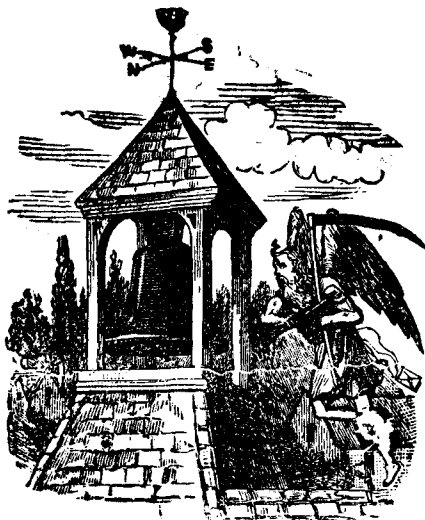
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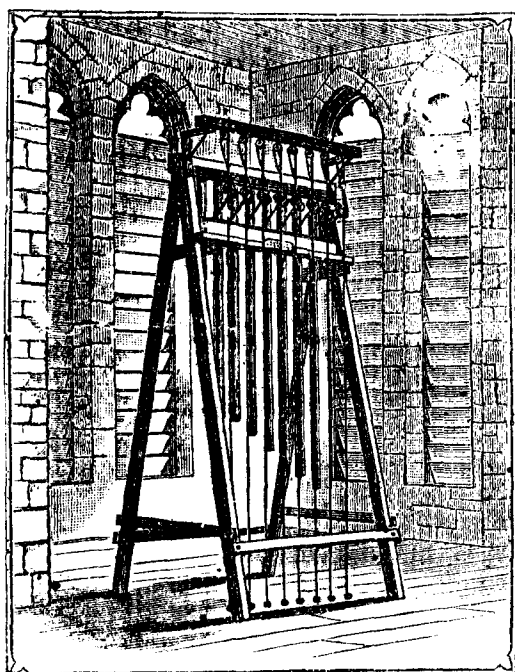
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For many years the Priory Church of Leominster had a peal of eight bells said to have been recast by Evans, of Chepstow, about 1755. No ringing, in the sense in which we use the word, has ever been known here. The old bell frame just removed was a curiosity in its way, and its existence quite mimical, we should think, to ringing of any sort—scientific or otherwise. Churchmen throughout the land will be gratified to read of its removal, and of the restoration and augmentation of the peal. They will without hesitation applaud the action of their brethren of Leominster in carrying out this noble work. It has not been accomplished easily. Many thousands of pounds have been raised to bring this holy temple of God into a proper condition for His worship. But before other pressing needs the bells were thought of, and it was rightly determined that their restoration should not be left till the last. A peal-restoration committee was formed which comprised the rev. the Vicar and Curate, the Churchwardens, the Choirmaster, and a few other leading churchmen. They sought counsel from more quarters than one, and happily they entertained a most important suggestion made to them, and this was the augmentation of the peal to ten bells. Estimates were solicited from various bell-founders, and it was decided to accept the lowest tender, that of Messrs. Warner, who have carried out the work in a very satisfactory manner. A double sound-floor has been put in the belfry, lined with slag-wool, and a few other improvements for the ringers' comfort and convenience are shortly to be effected. When all is complete, Leominster will be a grand place at which to ring a peal. A numerous body of resident young men, many among them being gentlemen of position and influence, are anxious to be converted into practical change-ringers at the earliest possible moment, and they have already signified their desire to become members of the Diocesan Guild. That organization will do well to nourish and foster the ambition of such aspirants to ringing fame.

And here we would like to make an allusion to the agencies which have effected this important alteration in ringing affairs in Leominster. We have said that the restoration committee comprised the rev. the Vicar and Curate. The former of these is a fine specimen of an English parson. But his age is near four-score, and therefore his former activity has ceased. A

graduate of St. John's College, Cambridge, and for thirty-three years vicar, his personality has been a prominent feature in the life of such a town as Leominster. Given to hospitality of a most genial kind, though not so apt to teach as in the days of his strength and the prime of his manhood, he wisely delegates the functions of Vicar to his indefatigable curate, the Rev. George Whitehouse, who seems none the worse for bearing upon his shoulders the cares of the parish. Without assistance this gentleman conducts the whole of the services of the church. Daily matins, with two week-day services, and on Sunday two sermons, is no small matter for one gentleman, and constitute what the late Jasper Snowdon described to us as a terrible grind. His devotion to his duties is proverbial in Leominster, and we hear on all sides testimony to his ministerial value and his private worth. Yet this gentleman finds he can make time to go in for change-ringing! To his exertions principally, in company with Mr. Preston Robinson, an energetic local solicitor, we may ascribe the merit of the restoration of the peal. To such men as Mr. Whitehouse, preferment in the Church ought to be rapid and not long deferred, but for the benefit of the Church folk of Leominster, we say, may he long be with them.

But it is time we referred to the opening of the bells. Fortunately the selection of the company of ringers for this ceremony was entrusted to a practical ringer, who for the purpose composed a peal of just over 6000 Stedman Caters, and gave it into the hands of John Carter, of Birmingham, to call. Strenuous efforts were made to make it a Hereford Guild peal, and after some little difficulty this was accomplished, three members of the band being proposed in the tower previous to starting. The official record of this peal has already been published, but to this may be added that the 6000 was attempted on the 20th ultimo, but after 5000 had been rung, the tenor-man suddenly became indisposed, and the conductor, seizing a favorable opportunity, called the bells round at 5295 changes. The event brought a great many people into the ancient town, and had it not been for the inclement weather which unfortunately prevailed, many more would have arrived. The striking during the peal, after two or three courses had been got through, was simply perfect, and elicited the most favorable eulogies from all, many of whom had never heard of a performance of this kind; others believing it to be quite impossible. A large flag waved from the summit of the tower, and bunting was displayed at several of the principle tradesmen's establishments. In spite of the weather, knots of persons congregated here and there, listening to the rolling of the bells, and being very solicitous about the physical welfare of the ringers. The Lord Bishop of Shrewsbury (owing to the illness of the Diocesan) dedicated the bells in accordance with the usual form. After the peal the ringers, most of whom arrived the preceding evening, dined at the Temperance hotel.

At the conclusion of this repast Mr. J. S. Pritchett expressed the pleasure the visiting ringers felt at the manner in which they had been received in Leominster. They had been most hospitably treated during their stay, a stay which it would take them some time to forget. They (the ringers) were gratified in having rung the peal—the first peal on ten bells in the Diocese. It must also be gratifying to Mr. Whitehouse and the inhabitants of Leominster to hear their bells again, and improved by the increase of two trebles.

The Rev. George Whitehouse, in replying, was received with applause. He said he had been very pleased with the extraordinary ringing performed that day. He had no idea that such an achievement was possible. Throughout this movement he had received some valuable hints and suggestions, which led to its success, crowned that day by the peal which those gentlemen present had so very ably rung.

So far as the "opening" ceremony was concerned, we may say it ended at this juncture, but on the following Sunday the services had a prominent connection with the event. In the morning, the Rev. G. Whitehouse preached from the text—"And the Lord commanded Moses to make two silver trumpets," etc. The sermon was most appropriate for the occasion, and coming from the tongue of one who must for the present be considered a tyro in the Exercise, was very practical indeed. In the afternoon, an attempt was made for a peal of Grandsire Caters, but after nearly an hour's ringing, the author of that method known as "Forward" detected a flaw in the

shape of a change-course, which brought it to an untimely end. Touches in various methods were afterwards rung. The sermon at Evensong was preached by the Rev. A. C. Lee, vicar of Lugwardine, and Hon. Secretary of the Hereford Guild. Collections were made at both services on behalf of the bell fund, and very good results were obtained. We hear that one gentleman, a very old inhabitant of Leominster, who is confined to his house by age and infirmity, in the evening sent a cheque for £50. The interest exhibited by the Leominster people in this movement leaves not the slightest doubt that the cost incurred will very shortly be liquidated.

The bells are now a ring of ten in E flat, tenor about 22 cwt. Messrs. Warner have quarter-turned the old eight, cast the two trebles, and rehung the whole in new frame and fittings. It is hoped that this restoration may result in similar movements being made in the neighbourhood. There are many rings of bells round about requiring attention, notably the bells of All Saints, Hereford, and we should like to hear of a crusade being entered upon in Herefordshire, having for its objects "bell-restoration." Difficulties no doubt present themselves, but how they may be surmounted, Leominster affords a splendid example.

### THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

[ESTABLISHED 1637.]

The 257th Anniversary banquet of this society was held at the Bridge House hotel on Saturday evening, November 17th. Prior to the dinner touches of Grandsire Caters, Stedman Triples, and Stedman Cinques were rung at St. Michael's church, Cornhill. Tenor 41 cwt. The Master (Mr. Francis E. Dawe), presided, and there were also present the Ven. the Archdeacon of London, Sir Somers Vine, F.R.G.S., F.S.S., the Rev. H. B. Coward (Holy Trinity, Westminster), the Rev. R. H. Sinclair (St. Michael's, Cornhill), and about ninety members of the society. Dr. Thompson (St. Saviour's, Southwark), and the Rev. W. J. Watson (St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside), and Miss Rosa Macalpine Leny (Speldhurst), were unavoidably not able to be present.

After dinner, in proposing "Church, Queen, and the Royal Family," the chairman alluded with pleasure to the presence of Archdeacon Sinclair, and Sir Somers Vine, the assistant-secretary of the Imperial Institute.

The Ven. Archdeacon Sinclair, in responding to the toast, said that the Church had always been the patron of bell-ringing, and the connexion between the society and the great national Church of England had been exceedingly close and intimate. If they considered the countless stories of joy and sorrow which were wafted in association and recollection with every peal of bells, it was a subject worthy of poetry, and worthy of the highest flights of the imagination. Referring to the society in particular, the Archdeacon said that the visits which the members paid from time to time to the different churches and towns throughout the country, and the interchange of visits between the different sets of bell-ringers were very interesting features of the craft. The Master had told him that evening that he had visited no less than 600 cathedral and church towers throughout England. This encouraged the study of architecture and other subjects, for every peal of bells was replete with old history and old stories.

In giving the toast of the evening, "The Ancient Society of College Youths," the chairman referred to many names well-known and remembered by bell-ringers, and expressed the pleasure it gave him to see so many young faces among them that night. Such could not do better, he declared, than follow in the footsteps of their elders, to whose guidance in the past the flourishing condition of the society was at present due.

Mr. J. R. Haworth, the oldest member present, responded to this toast.

Mr. W. D. Smith proposed the next toast—"The Visitors."

Sir Somers Vine in responding, said that it gave them very great pleasure to be the guests of such an old established society, evidence of its antiquity being shown by the good old-fashioned dinner which they had enjoyed. Being the custodian of the bells of the Imperial Institute, he detailed a conversation which he had with Mrs. E. M. Millar, of Melbourne. She asked for his opinion as to what he thought would be a suitable gift to the

Imperial Institute, and he told her that a peal of bells would best carry out his idea of a grand ornament to the tower, which would form part of the building to commemorate Her Majesty's Jubilee. She at once acquiesced, and the result was the founding of the Alexandra peal. Referring to his great liking for bell music, he said that he always enjoyed listening to the Alexandra peal on the occasions when the bells were rung. He sincerely hoped that change-ringing would always flourish and be raised from its somewhat present hidden state, and be more generally acknowledged as an Art deserving all the patronage and support that could be extended towards its progress.

The other toasts, "London and Provincial Ringing Societies," "The Officers of the Society," and "The Press," were duly honoured.

The musical items of the programme, which were interspersed with the toasts, included glees, songs, etc. Mr. E. E. Vinen, F.R.C.O. very kindly officiated as accompanist on the piano-forte. A course of Stedman Caters was rung by Messrs. Winney, Buckingham, Newton, McLaughlin, and Oxborrow, on a fine peal of handbells, lately supplied to the Hon. Secretary, Mr. W. T. Cockerill, by Messrs. Shaw and Son, Bradford.

This very successful anniversary concluded with the singing of "Auld Lang Syne."

### Obituary.

#### CHARLES CHAMBERS.

It is with regret we have to announce the death of the above ringer, who died on November 21st, 1894, after about ten hours' suffering, in great pain. The deceased, who had been ailing in health since the death of his wife, who died in February of the present year, was through medical aid advised not to ring for a time, but, being a lover of ringing, was found with them the same, although not taking part in any long peals. Mr. Chambers attended for ringing on the Sunday previous to his death, when he appeared in his usual health, but did not ring. The deceased had a fit on Tuesday evening, November 20th, and succumbed the following morning at 4.30. The deceased began ringing in 1869, at the age of thirteen. He joined the Sussex County Association on May 21st, 1885, but not till January 11th, 1887, did he score his first peal, being 5040 in seven different Minor methods, at St. Andrew's church, Steyning, ringing the 3rd. During the same year the deceased took part in seventeen peals on six bells, and it will be remembered that the Steyning branch won the Challenge Bell presented to the Sussex County Association in that year. On February 18th, 1889, the deceased rang the 4th in 5040 on six bells, comprising 360 each in fourteen Minor methods, and rang his last peal on March 4th of the same year, and this was also the last rang on the old ring of six, for they were augmented to eight, through the cracking of the tenor, in the same month. The deceased took part in twenty-eight peals. The funeral took place at the parish church, Steyning, on Saturday, November 24th, and was followed by deceased's friends, also by members of the Hall of Justice Lodge of Oddfellows, in which deceased was Past Grand, and by members of the Steyning branch. The service was conducted by the Rev. A. Pridgeon, vicar of Steyning; Past Grand, W. E. Brackley, reading the service over the grave for the Oddfellows Lodge. The deceased was carried to his last resting place by four members of the Steyning branch. Messrs. G. Gatland (Captain), C. Smart (Secretary), J. Smart (Treasurer), and W. E. Brackley, late treasurer to the above branch. Shortly after the funeral service 504 Stedman Triples was rung with the bells deeply muffled. G. Gatland, 1; W. E. Brackley, 2; J. Woolgar, 3; E. Rapley, 4; J. Smart, 5; W. Woolgar, 6; C. Smart (conductor), 7; A. Gatland, 8. And on Sunday, November 25th, for evening service, with the bells half-muffled, 504 Stedman Triples. G. Gatland, 1; W. Woolgar, 2; E. Rapley, 3; J. Smart, 4; H. Meetens (Heene), 5; J. Woolgar, 6; C. Smart (conductor), 7; A. Gatland, 8. The coffin, which was covered with wreaths by deceased's friends, by the Rev. A. and Mrs. Pridgeon, and by the Steyning Society of Change-ringers, bore the following inscription: "Charles Chambers, Died November 21st, 1894, aged 38 years."

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**A DIAGRAM OF A SYSTEM OF PEALS OF UNION TRIPLES.** In imitation of Shipway's peal, with the bobbing of three 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.*

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## WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 17th, a Committee and Quarterly Meeting of this Association was held at Kings Norton, when members assembled from Bromsgrove, Cookley, Dudley, Inkberrow, Kings Norton, Kidderminster, Netherton, Old Hill, Pershore, Rugby, Tipton, and Worcester. The chair was occupied by the Rev. C. W. Barnard, vicar, who was supported by the Rev. A. B. Timbrell, rector of Oldswinford.

The chairman, in addressing the members at the opening of the meeting, said how very pleased he was to meet them, and give them a most cordial and hearty welcome. Speaking of ringers and their Associations, he remarked that he was pleased to know that the ringers of to-day were quite a different class of men than they used to be, when beer and tobacco were frequently to be seen in the church tower, and after summoning others to worship they themselves rarely or ever entered the church, but spent their Sundays in other enjoyments. This and other like Associations he was pleased to know were doing a great amount of good in this direction, by making ringers better churchmen, and the various belfries in connection with our churches more decent and in harmony with the same.

In the course of the business the rev. chairman, on the motion of the Rev. A. B. Timbrell, was elected an honorary member, who also proposed for election nine performing members belonging to his own church at Oldswinford, and on the motion of Mr. J. S. Pritchett, four performing members were proposed belonging to Kings Norton.

It was proposed by Mr. H. Mason and unanimously carried, that the next meeting be held at Dudley on Saturday, January 26th, 1895.

Messrs' H. Mason (Old Hill), and W. R. Small (Tipton), were elected auditors for the ensuing year; and Messrs. W. Page (Worcester), and A. E. Parsons (Old Hill), were elected Trustees.

On the motion of Mr. W. R. Small a most hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mrs. C. W. Barnard, Mrs. J. S. Pritchett, Mrs. A. Pritchett, and other ladies who had so ably and kindly assisted at the table to the comfort and enjoyment of all present. He remarked that the ladies were on all occasions like the present one, a source of consolation, and their presence added greatly to the enjoyment of the evening.

A hearty vote of thanks was also accorded Mr. J. S. Pritchett, the donor of the tea that had been provided, and to which ample justice had been done by one and all.

Mr. A. Pritchett in moving a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for his presence amongst them, and so ably presiding, remarked that he was fully in accord with the ringers, and was very pleased at all times to hear the bells pealing forth their beautiful music.

The rev. gentleman in responding said it was a pleasure to him to have such a band of ringers at his church, and regretted that the work in the parish prevented him becoming a practical ringer.

Touches of Graudsire Triples, Bob Major, Stedman Triples, and Double Norwich Court Bob Major, were rung on the tower bells during the afternoon and evening.

## SOME RINGING IN THE NORTH.

On Monday, November 19th, the Rev. F. E. Robinson and Mr. Taylor, of Loughborough, met the Messrs. Story and others from Newcastle at Darlington. A peal of Superlative Major was rung at St. Cuthbert's in the evening. On the 20th Mr. Breed, of York, joined the party. A peal of Stedman Triples at St. John's church suddenly collapsed twelve courses from home. Durham Cathedral was next visited, Mr. Dawe, of London, putting in an appearance, but owing to the bad going of the bells, the dimness of the light, and the indisposition of the conductor, only a very few courses of Stedman Triples were rung. The services of the bell-founder and bell-hanger are urgently required here, the bells and their fittings not being at present in such good order as the glorious shrine in which they hang. Only one peal was arranged for the 21st at Hexham Abbey, where there is a melodious ring of eight from the Whitechapel

Foundry. Double Norwich was attempted, but as Mr. Holmes, the conductor, twice had to stop the bells owing to errors in the course-ends, and there was no time for a third attempt, failure was the result. St. George's, Newcastle, was the next fixture, and here on the morning of Thursday, November 22nd, Thurstans' peal was the order of the day. Two hours good ringing raised the hopes of the band, which however were suddenly dashed by the jamming of the treble rope hard and fast between the stock and frame. Nothing daunted the band mustered at North Shields in the evening, where the Oxford Master had the pleasure of conducting an old favourite peal, Mr. H. Johnson's 5079 of Stedman Caters. By the aid of the telephone a band was made up for All Saints, Newcastle, on Friday morning, November 23rd, where a variation of the immortal Thurstan was brought round. Encouraged by two consecutive successes the band met in the evening at St. Stephen's, Newcastle. Four courses of Superlative were correctly gone through, when the tenor rope proved unequal to the task allotted to it, and came down amongst the disappointed ringers. Much credit is due to Mr. R. Story for the excellent arrangements made by him, and to other friends at Newcastle for the regularity with which they turned up by appointment, there being often one man in excess of the number actually required.

## SOUTH AND WEST MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

This Association held its last monthly meeting at the picturesque village of Harmondsworth, on Saturday, November 17th, ringers being present from Ealing, Isleworth, Hillingdon, Heston, Iwer, and Slough, numbering from twenty-five to thirty members. Ringing commenced about five o'clock with a 720 of Grandsire Minor by A. H. Taber, 1; E. J. Walsom, 2; J. Basden (conductor), 3; F. Goddard, 4; W. Foster, 5; R. Flaxman, 6; being followed by numerous 120s of Grandsire Doubles conducted by Messrs. Taber, Flaxman, and Pratt. Also 720 Bob Minor. T. Beadle, 1; J. Pratt, 2; J. Odell, 3; W. Foster, 4; J. Basden (conductor), 5; R. Flaxman, 6. And 360 of Oxford Bob, a plain course of Kent Treble Bob, and several 6-scores of Stedman Doubles, etc., ringing being continued until about nine o'clock.

Mr. J. Blondell, the respected clerk at Harmondsworth, was assiduous in attending to the wants of the members. He expressed his regret at the unavoidable absence of their worthy President, Mr. F. J. Saunders, through family bereavement, but hoped on the next occasion of the Association meeting there, he would be present.

## THE EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly meeting of the above Association was held at Shirland on Saturday, November 24th, members attending from South Normanton, Tibshelt, Shirland, Clay Cross, and North Wingfield, numbering about thirty, who were supplied with a good tea at the expense of the rector of Shirland, the Rev. R. B. Stoney. After tea a very instructive address by the rector was delivered to the ringers, touching on the duties of ringers in general, both as church officials, and also as to their attendance at Divine Service after calling others.

The business meeting was then held. Owing to the absence of the President and Vice-President, the Rev. R. B. Stoney was voted to the chair. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, shewing a balance in hand of only 14s. 1d. in hand, owing to honorary and ringing members subscriptions not being duly paid up. The Secretary was instructed to write to all honorary and ringing members requesting all who had not done so to send in their subscriptions for the current year.

A suggestion was made that the annual meeting be moved each year to every tower in its turn, and met with general approval, but it was decided to hold the annual meeting at Clay Cross next Easter as usual.

A hearty vote of thanks was given to the Rev. R. B. Stoney for providing the tea, for his address, and for the use of the schoolroom and bells, which was suitably acknowledged; after which the members adjourned to the tower, the bells (five in number) being kept merrily going to the tune of Grandsire and Bob Doubles till nearly 9.30 p.m.



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

	January. to August.		September.	Total.	Maximus.	Royal.	Major.	Treble Bob Minor methods. Cinquies.	Caters.	Royal.	Major.	Triples.	In 1, 2, or 3 Minor methods. In 4, 5, 6 or 7 Minor methods. Dble. Norwich C.B. Caters	On 6 bells. Dble Mth C.B. Major, Double Oxford Bob Major.	Plain Methods.	Surprise Methods.	Stedman.	Value in points see*											
1 Norwich Diocesan Assn.....	53	2	55	2	—	18	—	1	—	1	2	1	4	1	14	2	6	1											
2 Kent County Assn.....	38	5	43	—	—	11	—	1	—	18	2	2	—	—	1	4	1	3											
3 Yorkshire Association.....	35	2	37	—	—	18	7	—	—	5	—	—	2	—	4	—	—	628											
4 Midland Counties Assn.....	32	4	36	—	—	1	—	4	—	10	1	2	1	1	1	3	3	2											
5 Oxford Diocesan Guild....	30	6	36	—	—	1	—	1	—	13	—	—	—	1	6	1	1	8											
6 Sussex County Assn.....	28	4	32	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	—	2	1	1	1	2	1	940											
7 Lancashire Association....	28	2	30	—	—	3	1	—	—	21	—	—	—	3	1	1	—	1											
8 Anc. Soc. Coll. Youths....	24	6	30	—	1	7	—	1	—	4	—	—	2	—	2	1	3	6											
9 Winchester Dio. Guild....	17	12	29	—	—	—	—	1	—	17	—	—	3	—	2	2	3	1											
10 Durham & New'cle Assn....	19	5	24	1	—	9	—	—	1	—	—	—	3	—	2	1	3	4											
11 Gloucstr. & Bristol Assn....	19	3	22	—	—	1	—	1	—	12	—	1	1	—	1	2	1	1											
12 Soc. Archdny. of Staff....	17	2	19	—	—	—	2	3	—	8	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	1											
13 Royal Cumberland Yths....	12	2	14	1	—	1	—	3	—	2	—	—	5	—	2	—	—	—											
14 Surrey Association.....	13	0	13	—	—	3	—	1	—	6	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	1											
15 Worstr. & Dists. Assn....	12	0	12	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	2	—	1	—	2	1											
16 Salisbury Dio. Guild.....	12	0	12	—	—	—	—	2	—	4	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	3											
17 Bedford Association.....	9	3	12	—	—	3	—	—	—	1	—	4	—	3	—	—	—	1											
18 Essex Association.....	9	1	10	—	1	—	1	—	—	2	1	—	—	—	1	1	1	2											
19 North Lincs. Assocn.....	6	2	8	—	—	4	—	—	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—											
20 Waterloo Society Lond....	5	3	8	—	—	1	—	2	—	3	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—											
21 Raunds Wellnboro' Assn....	6	0	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—											
22 Hertford Association.....	5	1	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—											
23 Chester Diocsn. Guild....	3	1	4	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—											
24 St. Martin's Soc. Birm....	3	1	4	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1											
25 Bath and Wells Assn.....	3	0	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—											
26 Hereford Dio. Guild.....	3	0	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	2	—	—	—											
27 Stoke Archidcnl. Assn....	2	1	3	—	—	1	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—											
28 United Counties' Assn....	2	0	2	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—											
29 Middlesex Association....	2	0	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—											
30 South Lincs. Assocn....	2	0	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—											
31 Sth. & Wst. Middlx. Assn....	2	0	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—											
32 S. James' Soc., Lond....	1	1	2	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—											
33 Liverpool Dio. Guild.....	1	0	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—											
34 Old East Derby Assn....	1	0	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—											
35 Heavy Wlln Dist. Assn....	1	0	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—											
36 Llandaff Dio. Assocn.....	1	0	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—											
Independent Societies.....	35	4	39	—	—	4	—	4	—	20	—	2	2	—	3	2	—	1											
Totals .. .. .	491	73	564	4	3	87	11	3	27	1	4	179	9	18	1	23	1	57	28	10	2	7	31	1	1	3	6	46	9088

The peals of Triples, Major and Royal comprised:—Bob Triples 13; Bob Major 52; Bob Royal 1; Oxford Bob Triples; 10 Union Triples 3; Darlaston Bob Triples 2; Canterbury Pleasure Triples, 1; Canterbury Pleasure Major, 4. The 39 peals by Independent Societies were rung as follows:—In Lancashire 10; Worcestershire, 5; Shropshire, 3; Suffolk, 3; Sussex, 3; Gloucestershire 2; Staffordshire, 2; Middlesex, 2; Berkshire 1; Cheshire 1; Cambridgeshire 1; Essex, 1; Somersetshire 1; Surrey 1; North Wales, 1; Wiltshire, 1; Yorkshire, 1.

1892—January ..	79	1893—January ..	77	1894—January ..	65
February ..	63	February ..	90	February ..	59
March ..	72	March ..	44	March ..	80
April ..	62	April ..	82	April ..	69
May ..	54	May ..	48	May ..	81
June ..	39	June ..	38	June ..	66
July ..	34	July ..	29	July ..	26
August ..	48	August ..	29	August ..	45
September ..	49	September ..	33	September ..	73
500		470		564	

Increase on the corresponding nine months of 1893:—94.

\*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.

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GEORGE F. ATTREE.

N.B.—Performances on six bells not in accord with the Central Council's definition, are omitted from the above analysis.—G. F. A.

## Notices.

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**Preliminary Notice.—Hollingsworth Silver Challenge Cup.**—The annual change-ringing contest on handbells, for the above cup, will take place on Saturday, February 9th, 1895. For further particulars apply Sec.

JONATHAN PILLING.

Lee Street, Uppermill, near Oldham.

**The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Diocesan Branch.** The usual monthly meeting will be held at St. Thomas's church, St. Helen's, to-day, Saturday, December 1st, 1894. Tower open for ringing at 2 o'clock. Business meeting at 5 o'clock, prompt. Knife and fork tea to be provided free of cost at The Fleece hotel at 6 o'clock. J. J. M. MOORE.

9, Mill Street, Warrington.

**Stoke Archidiaconal Association.**—The next monthly meeting of this Association will be held at St. Giles, Newcastle-under-Lyme, to-day, Saturday, December 1st, by the kind permission of the Rector.

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

**Winchester Diocesan Guild.**—A district meeting will be held at Basingstoke, to-day, Saturday, December 1st. Bells available afternoon and evening. Committee meeting at the cafe at 5 p.m. Members desiring tea are requested to communicate with the Hon. Sec.,

R. C. M. HARVEY,

Eastleigh Vicarage, Southampton.

**Sussex County Association (Central).**—A district meeting will be held at West Grinstead, to-day, Saturday, December 1st. Tower open 3.30 p.m., tea in schoolroom at 5.30. Henfield tower open after tea.

GEORGE WILLIAMS, Hon. Div. Sec.

49, Clifton Street, Brighton.

**Kent County Association.**—Tunbridge District.—The annual district meeting will be held at the Old Town Hall, Tunbridge, to-day, Saturday, December 1st, at 4.30 p.m. Tea will be provided for members at 3.30 p.m.

T. S. CURTEIS, District Sec.

**The Kent County Association.—Maidstone District.**—By kind permission of the Vicar, All Saints' belfry will be open for practice, on Saturday, December 8th, from 5 to 9 p.m., except during service, 6-6.30.

A. L. BRINE, Hon. District Sec.

Bearsted Green.

**Kent County Association.—Rochester District.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Helen's church, Cliffe-at-Hoo, on Saturday, December 8th. The tower will be open for ringing at 4 o'clock by kind permission of the Rector.

A. OSBORNE, Hon. District Sec.

Clive Road, Rochester.

**Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—Bath Branch.**—A quarterly meeting will be held at Christ Church, on Monday next, December 3rd. Ringing commences at 7.30 p.m., business meeting in the vestry at 8.30 p.m.

JAMES FUSSELL, Hon. Local Sec.

**Norwich Diocesan Association.—Saxmundham District.**—The nineteenth quarterly district meeting will be held at Saxmundham, on Saturday, December 8th. The tower will be open from 3 till 9 o'clock. Business meeting in the Church room at 5 o'clock. The Rector will preside. All friends cordially welcome.

WILLIAM TAYLOR, Hon. District Sec.  
Leiston.

**The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.**—The next monthly meeting will be held at the parish church, Didsbury, on Saturday, December 15th. This being the first meeting of the Association ever held at Didsbury, a good muster is expected. Bells ready at 4 p.m., business meeting at 7 p.m.

WALTER BROWN, Branch Sec.

54, Wenlock Street, Hulme, Manchester.

**South and West Middlesex Association.**—By kind permission, the next monthly meeting will be held at Hillingdon, Middlesex (St. John's church), on Saturday, December 15th, 1894. Ringing at 5 o'clock. Members are specially requested to make a point of being present, there being important business to be got through.

E. J. WALSOM, Hon. Sec.

11, Venetia Road, South Ealing.

**North Notts. Association.**—The quarterly meeting will be held at Shireoaks, on Saturday, December 15th, 1894. Belfry open at 2 p.m., by kind permission of the vicar. Tea at 4 p.m., price one shilling. Members intending to be present should inform Mr. D. Russon, Shireoaks, near Worksop, not later than December 11th.

HENRY T. SLODDEN, Secretary.

**Yorkshire Association.—Hull Branch.**—Will ringers kindly note that J. Highfield, 85, Constable St., Hull, is the present Secretary of this Branch, and any communications relative to the Branch's business should be addressed to him at the address given.

**NOTE TO THE PEAL AT ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL, LONDON.**—The peal of Treble Bob Maximus which was rung by members of the Ancient Society of College Youths, on Saturday, November 24th, and recorded in this week's peal column, was listened to by upwards of fifty ringers from all parts of London, including Messrs. Foskett, Dains, Newson, Jacob, Gray, Haworth, Dorrington, Davidson, Rewbotham. Heartly congratulations were accorded the ringers on their achievement as they came from the Cathedral gate. Miss Rosa Macalpine Leny was so far interested as to journey from Speldhurst specially to hear the ringing from one of the rooms of Evans' Restaurant.

**PORTRAIT NUMBER.**—Next week will appear the Portrait, with memoir, of MR. JAMES GEORGE, of Rugby.

## 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.

**ADVERTISER,** with good references, desires situation as clerk. Six years experience. Good change-ringer. State salary, etc., to H.W., care of the Editor,

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## A PEAL OF ALLIANCE MAJOR.

By F. E. W. MEADOWS, Otley, Suffolk.

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This peal has the 4th ten, the 5th ten, and the 6th eleven consecutive courses in 6th's place, they being the only bells in that position, the 2nd and 3rd never being there.

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS.**—Mr. Ernest E. Vinen, F.R.C.O., has moved to 57, Jerningham road, New Cross, S.E., where all communications should in future be sent. E. E. V.

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1, 1894.

## The Metropolis.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, November 24, 1894, in Four Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL, LONDON,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5088 CHANGES;**  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 62 cwt.

JAMES PETTIT .. .. . Treble	WILLIAM D. SMITH .. .. . 7.
HENRY SPRINGALL .. .. . 2.	GEORGE T. McLAUGHLIN .. .. . 8.
WILLIAM BURKIN .. .. . 3.	FRANCIS E. DAWE .. .. . 9.
RICHARD FRENCH .. .. . 4.	EZRA CARTER .. .. . 10.
FREDERICK G. NEWMAN .. .. . 5.	EDWIN HORREX .. .. . 11.
CHALLIS F. WINNEY .. .. . 6.	WILLIAM F. COCKERILL .. Tenor.
	WALTER PRIME .. .. .

Composed by JOHN COX and Conducted by JAMES PETTIT.

Reference to this peal will be found on another page.

## THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 24, 1894, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, FULHAM,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5151 CHANGES.**  
Tenor 21 cwt.

GEORGE WELLING .. .. . Treble	JOHN HARDING .. .. . 6.
ROBERT SEWELL .. .. . 2.	EDWARD H. ADAMS .. .. . 7.
DR. A. B. CARPENTER .. .. . 3.	THOMAS KING .. .. . 8.
CHARLES E. MALIM .. .. . 4.	JOSEPH FAYERS .. .. . 9.
WILLIAM S. SMITH .. .. . 5.	GEORGE PELL .. .. . Tenor.

Composed by the late HENRY JOHNSON and Conducted by G. WELLING.

This peal was rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. R. Sewell, he having attained his seventieth year, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns. This peal contains the 6th behind the 9th and 8th respectively.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 24, 1894, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST, WATERLOO ROAD,  
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,  
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM WARD .. .. Treble.	FREDERICK W. CRIPPS .. 5.
JOHN RICE .. .. 2.	ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. 6.
FREDERICK S. BAYLEY .. 3.	JAMES PARKER .. .. 7.
FREDERICK DENCH .. .. 4.	FREDERICK W. RICE .. Tenor.

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY and Conducted by JAMES PARKER.

The above is the first peal by the Sussex County Association rung in London, and was rung at the first attempt. The band wish through "THE BELL NEWS" to thank the vicar, the Rev. A. H. Powell, for the use of the bells, and also the steeplekeeper for having everything in readiness.

## THE ALL SAINTS, FULHAM SOCIETY.

On Monday, November 26, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, MORTLAKE.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES.

JOHN G. GREEN .. .. Treble.	*ROBERT E. CHICHESTER .. 5.
ALLEN H. TABER .. .. 2.	JAMES W. DRIVER .. .. 6.
WILLIAM T. ELSON .. .. 3.	CORNELIUS CHARGE .. .. 7.
WILLIE MEATON* .. .. 4.	EDWARD H. ADAMS .. Tenor.

Composed by C. CHARGE and Conducted by EDWARD H. ADAMS.

\*First peal of Major.

## The Provinces.

## RAWMARSH, YORKS.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 17, 1894, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 10 cwt.

H. BONCE .. .. Treble.	J. ENSOR .. .. 5.
FRED COATES .. .. 2.	WALTER HAWKINS .. .. 6.
V. HAWKINS .. .. 3.	A. ROGERS .. .. 7.
WALTER COATES .. .. 4.	T. WILD .. .. Tenor.

Composed by the late H. HUBBARD, of Leeds, and conducted by T. WILD.

## DARLINGTON, DURHAM.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 19, 1894, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST CUTHBERT,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,  
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 16 cwt.

J. BAXTER .. .. Treble.	WM. HOLMES .. .. 5.
WM. STORY .. .. 2.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 6.
FRANCIS LEES .. .. 3.	FRED. J. HARRISON .. 7.
R. S. STORY .. .. 4.	J. W. TAYLOR, JUN. .. Tenor.

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

Mr. Robinson was elected a member of the above Association before starting.

## NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 20, 1894, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes.

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. PAULSON, WHEAT STREET,

ON HANDBELLS RETAINED IN HAND,

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

JOHN H. PAULSON* .. 1-2.	*THOMAS W. CHAPMAN .. 5-6.
HARRY ARGYLE* .. .. 3-4.	†HARRY HORWOOD .. .. 7-8.

Conducted by THOMAS W. CHAPMAN.

Referee—Mr. W. Stone. \*First peal in the method on handbells. †First peal on handbells. This peal was accomplished after several attempts had been made with varying success, one attempt failing after 4900 changes had been rung. The thanks of the band are due to Mr. Stone for acting as referee on all occasions.

## HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 21, 1894, in Three Hours and Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

F. E. W. MEADOWS .. Treble.	†WALTER WHITING .. .. 5.
WALTER W. MILLER* .. 2.	FREDERICK CLAYTON .. .. 6.
FRED. C. LING .. .. 3.	†HARRY LAST .. .. 7.
GEORGE THURLOW .. .. 4.	WILLIAM G. CRICKMER .. Tenor.

Composed by F. CLAYTON and Conducted by W. G. CRICKMER.

\*First peal. †First peal in the method. This peal, a three-part one, has the 2nd and 3rd never in 6th place, and is now rung for the first time.

## NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

(THE NUNEATON SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, November 22, 1894, in Three Hours and Five Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES.

Tenor 14½ cwt. in E.

WILLIAM ADLER .. Treble.	HARRY ARGYLE .. .. 5.
WALTER STONE* .. .. 2.	*JOHN H. PAULSON .. .. 6.
JAMES F. CLARKE .. .. 3.	HARRY HORWOOD .. .. 7.
GLADSTONE J. WINTER .. 4.	†THOMAS W. CHAPMAN .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER and Conducted by THOMAS W. CHAPMAN.

\*First peal of Major. †First peal of Major as conductor.

## WORCESTER.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WORCESTER CATHEDRAL GUILD).

On Thursday, November 22, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 19 cwt. in E.

B. S. HILL .. .. Treble.	W. BRADFORD .. .. 5.
W. COTTON .. .. 2.	W. PAGE .. .. 6.
W. POWELL .. .. 3.	E. DAVIS .. .. 7.
W. H. JOHNSON .. .. 4.	T. MALIN & T. PENNY .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. PAGE.

This is W. Cotton's first peal.

## QUORNDON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 22, 1894, in Three Hours Eleven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' FIVE-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt.

THOMAS HERBERT .. Treble.	JOHN BARKER .. .. 5.
ARTHUR W. MATTHEWS .. 2.	ISRAEL LOVETT .. .. 6.
WILLIAM DEXTER .. .. 3.	W. H. INGLESANT .. .. 7.
JOHN SHARPE .. .. 4.	JOHN KING .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. H. INGLESANT.

This peal was rung with the bells half-muffled, as a mark of respect to an old inhabitant of the parish, who died on the 19th at the age of 97, and was interred on that day. It is Israel Lovett's first peal of Triples, and he hails from Sibley, Barker from Syston, A. W. Matthews from Loughborough, the rest belong to the local company.

## NORTH SHIELDS, NORTHUMBERLAND.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 22, 1894, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes.

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES.

Tenor 19 cwt.

FRANCIS LEES .. .. Treble.	HUGH DALL .. .. 6.
R. S. STORY .. .. 2.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
W. STORY .. .. 3.	ALFRED HILLIER .. .. 8.
A. E. HIND .. .. 4.	WM. HOLMES .. .. 9.
FRED J. HARRISON .. .. 5.	GEO. DIXON .. .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON and Conducted by Rev. F. E. Robinson.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE, NORTHUMBERLAND.  
DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, November 23, 1894, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS. Tenor 19 cwt.

G. HOLMES* .. .. .Treble.	*S. POWER .. .. . 5.
R. C. HUDSON .. .. . 2.	WM. STORY .. .. . 6.
R. S. STORY .. .. . 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
JOHN SIMM .. .. . 4.	T. T. GOFTON .. .. .Tenor.

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON and Conducted by  
REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

\*First peal of Stedman.

STAVELEY, DERBYSHIRE.  
YORKSHIRE AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.

On Saturday, November 24, 1894, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 19 cwt.

JOHN WORTHINGTON.. ..Treble.	SAMUEL SMEDLEY .. .. 5.
WILLIAM DAFFIN .. .. . 2.	ARTHUR CRAVEN .. .. 6.
WILLIAM PRICE.. .. . 3.	JOHN HARRIS .. .. . 7.
ARTHUR WORTHINGTON .. 4.	HERBERT MADIN .. ..Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR CRAVEN.

This peal which is now rung for the first time contains the 5th and 6th the extent in 5th place, and the 4th and 6th the extent in 6th place, with 11 of the 12 8-6s, and it was rung to commemorate the 62nd birthday of H. Madin, his fellow ringers wishing him many happy returns. W. Price hails from Eckington; the rest belong to the local company.

BRIGHOUSE, YORKSHIRE.

THE HEAVY WOOLLEN DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 24, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

C. NIELD .. .. .Treble.	W. WOOD .. .. . 5.
J. WHITELEY .. .. . 2.	J. RUSHWORTH .. .. 6.
F. CROSSLEY .. .. . 3.	W. F. PRINCE .. .. . 7.
J. W. WALKER .. .. . 4.	H. MARSHALL .. .. .Tenor.

Composed by WM. SOTTANSTALL and Conducted by W. F. PRINCE.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.

THE SOUTH AND WEST MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 24, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF UNION TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S SIX-PART NO. 3. Tenor 18½ cwt.

THOMAS, BEADLE .. ..Treble.	WILLIAM FOSTER .. .. 5.
EVERED J. WALDOM .. .. 2.	JOHN BASDEN .. .. . 6.
FREDERICK GODDARD .. 3.	ALLEN H. TABER .. .. 7.
EDWARD HARRIS .. .. . 4.	WILLIAM WARD .. .. .Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN BASDEN.

This is the first peal in the method by the above Association, and by all the band

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 24, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lbs.

ALPHAUS PERKINS .. ..Treble.	JAMES GARRATT .. .. 5.
CLIFTON NEWMAN .. .. . 2.	ANDERSON YORK TYLER .. 6.
WILLIAM GILBERT .. .. . 3.	JAMES HOUGHTON, SEN. .. 7.
HERBERT SHARP .. .. . 4.	†JAMES HOUGHTON, JUN. ..Tenor.

Composed by J. REEVES and Conducted by JAMES HOUGHTON, JUN.

†First peal as conductor. This is the quickest peal on the bells.

GILLINGHAM, KENT.—KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday November 24, 1894, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt.

PERCY TAFFS .. .. .Treble.	WILLIAM BAKER .. .. 5.
WILLIAM KINGS .. .. . 2.	CHARLES WATERMAN .. 6.
JAMES BAKER .. .. . 3.	WALTER HOBBS .. .. 7.
CHARLES WILLSHIRE .. 4.	WILLIAM HAIGH .. ..Tenor.

Composed by T. Lockwood and Conducted by WILLIAM HAIGH

It was intended to start for Double Norwich, but meeting one short, the above was rung instead. Messrs. Willshire and Hobbs belong to Borden, Kent, the rest to Gillingham.

SKIPTON, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION,

On Saturday, November 24, 1894, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 18½ cwt.

E. B. METCALF .. ..Treble.	W. L. MASON .. .. . 5.
J. BOOTHMAN .. .. . 2.	C. LANGSTRETH .. .. 6.
W. CLARK .. .. . 3.	W. BILLOWS .. .. . 7.
W. TOWNSON .. .. . 4.	W. D. HILLARY .. ..Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS and Conducted by W. BILLOWS.

This peal, which is in one part, contains the 4th, 5th, and 6th the extent in 6th place, and the 6th the extent wrong, and is now rung for the first time. Messrs Clark, Townson, Mason, and Langstreth hail from Gargrave, the rest belong to the local company.

BLOXWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, November 24, 1894, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

ERNEST WASHBROOK* ..Treble.	DAVID CHAPMAN .. .. 5.
THOMAS J. ELTON† .. .. 2.	*ALFRED TURLEY .. .. 6.
JOHN BARTON† .. .. . 3.	*JOHN C. ADAMS .. .. 7.
WILLIAM BARTON* .. .. 4.	*RICHARD W. FROST ..Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS J. ELTON.

\*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. †First peal as conductor. Mr. Frost was elected a member of the society before starting for the peal.

LEICESTER.—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 24, 1894, in Two Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

AT THE HOUSE OF MR. S. COOPER, 67 HIGH ST., LEICESTER,

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTAMS' FOUR-PART.

JOHN O. LANCASHIRE .. 1-2.	GEORGE CLEAL .. .. 5-6.
SAMUEL COTTON .. .. 3-4.	JOHN BUTTERY .. .. 7-8.

Conducted by JOHN BUTTERY.

Referee—Mr. J. Marlow. Mr. J. Wilson also marked off the bobs, and witnessed the performance.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 27, 1894, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qrs. 27 lbs.

KEITH HART .. .. .Treble.	WILLIAM H. ALLFREY .. 5.
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH† .. 2.	JAMES N. FROSSELL .. 6.
J. THORNTON RICKMAN* .. 3.	ALFRED J. TURNER .. .. 7.
GEORGE A. KING .. .. . 4.	*JOHN F. STEADMAN ..Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN S. GOLDSMITH.

\*First peal. †First peal as conductor, and rung at the first attempt J. S. Goldsmith is only 16 years of age.



## DERBY.—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 26, 1894, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 28 cwt.

L. LOMAS .. .. .	Treble.	W. WALLACE .. .. .	5.
WILLIAM POYSER .. .. .	2.	C. DRAPER .. .. .	6.
J. W. THOMPSON .. .. .	3.	A. E. THOMPSON .. .. .	7.
J. NEWBOLD .. .. .	4.	G. BEESTON .. .. .	Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, of Chesterfield, and  
Conducted by A. E. THOMPSON.

## THORNBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 26, 1894, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S BOB-AND-SINGLE.

Tenor 24 cwt. in Eb.

HENRY J. THURSTON* .. .. .	Treble.	FRANK HOWELL .. .. .	5.
HENRY HOWELL* .. .. .	2.	FRANCIS PRICE .. .. .	6.
JAMES W. POOLE* .. .. .	3.	W. JAMES HINTON .. .. .	7.
JAMES YORK .. .. .	4.	JOHN PHILLIPS .. .. .	Tenor.

Conducted by FRANCIS PRICE.

\*First peal. Messrs. H. Howell, Price, and Hinton hail from Bristol; the rest are local men.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The following seven peals are the result of eight evening's  
ringing by ten members of the Brighton Parish Church (St.  
Peter's) Society of Change Ringers.

## BOLNEY, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 17, 1894, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

## A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 15 cwt.

HARRY WESTON .. .. .	Treble.	EDWARD C. MERRITT .. .. .	5.
GEORGE F. ATTREE .. .. .	2.	JAMES N. FROSSELL .. .. .	6.
ARTHUR A. FULLER .. .. .	3.	KEITH HART .. .. .	7.
GEORGE A. KING .. .. .	4.	GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. .	Tenor.

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

First peal of London Surprise on the bells.

## BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 19, 1894, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

GEORGE BAKER .. .. .	Treble.	HARRY WESTON .. .. .	5.
GEORGE F. ATTREE .. .. .	2.	*GEORGE SMART .. .. .	6.
GEORGE A. KING .. .. .	3.	KEITH HART .. .. .	7.
ARTHUR A. FULLER .. .. .	4.	GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. .	Tenor.

Composed by the REV. H. LAW JAMES and Conducted  
by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

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

## SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 21, 1894, in Three Hours and Twenty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR,

5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qrs. 27 lbs.

JAMES N. FROSSELL .. .. .	Treble.	GEORGE A. KING .. .. .	5.
GEORGE F. ATTREE .. .. .	2.	*GEORGE SMART .. .. .	6.
GEORGE BAKER .. .. .	3.	HARRY WESTON .. .. .	7.
KEITH HART .. .. .	4.	GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. .	Tenor.

Composed by C. MIDDLETON and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

First peal of Cambridge Surprise Major on the bells. \*First peal in the method.

## BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 22, 1894, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

## A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,

5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 14 cwt.

KEITH HART .. .. .	Treble.	*GEORGE SMART .. .. .	5.
GEORGE F. ATTREE .. .. .	2.	HARRY WESTON .. .. .	6.
GEORGE A. KING .. .. .	3.	*JAMES N. FROSSELL .. .. .	7.
ARTHUR A. FULLER .. .. .	4.	GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. .	Tenor.

Composed by J. THORPE and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

First peal of Superlative Surprise on the bells. \*First peal in the method. †First peal in the method with a bob bell.

## HURSTPIERPOINT, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, November 23, 1894, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

## A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088

CHANGES.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

JAMES N. FROSSELL .. .. .	Treble.	GEORGE BAKER .. .. .	5.
GEORGE F. ATTREE .. .. .	2.	HARRY WESTON .. .. .	6.
GEORGE A. KING .. .. .	3.	KEITH HART .. .. .	7.
GEORGE SMART .. .. .	4.	GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. .	Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

First peal of Major on the bells.

## CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 24, 1894, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR,

5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 15 cwt.

GEORGE A. KING .. .. .	Treble.	KEITH HART .. .. .	5.
GEORGE F. ATTREE .. .. .	2.	JAMES N. FROSSELL .. .. .	6.
ARTHUR A. FULLER .. .. .	3.	HARRY WESTON .. .. .	7.
EDWARD C. MERRITT .. .. .	4.	GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. .	Tenor.

Composed by C. MIDDLETON and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

First peal of Cambridge on the bells.

## BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 26, 1894, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR,

5184 CHANGES.

Tenor 17 cwt.

GEORGE SMART .. .. .	Treble.	HARRY WESTON .. .. .	5.
GEORGE F. ATTREE .. .. .	2.	JAMES N. FROSSELL .. .. .	6.
GEORGE A. KING .. .. .	3.	KEITH HART .. .. .	7.
EDWARD C. MERRITT .. .. .	4.	GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. .	Tenor.

Arranged by JAMES W. WASHBROOK and Conducted  
by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

First peal of Surprise Major on the bells.

## Performances on Five and Six Bells.

## EASTHAM, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 24, 1894, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## SEVEN 720s OF MINOR,

In the following Methods:

Two 720s of Oxford Single, two 720s Canterbury Pleasure, two  
720s Plain Bob, and one 720 of Grandsire.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

JAMES SMITH* .. .. .	Treble.	*JOHN ROWLANDS .. .. .	4.
JOSEPH WOODS .. .. .	2.	EDMUND BREEZE .. .. .	5.
WILLIAM SMITH* .. .. .	3.	†H. E. HOUGH .. .. .	Tenor.

Conducted by H. E. HOUGH.

\*First 5040. †First 5040 as conductor, also first 5040 on the bells. Messrs. Breeze  
and Hough hail from Bebbington; the rest are local men.

## Date Touches.

## YORKSHIRE AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.

STAVELEY (Derbyshire).—On Tuesday evening, October 30th, at the parish church, a date touch of Kent Treble Bob Major (1894 changes), in 1 hr. 13 mins. J. Worthington, 1; W. Daffin, 2; H. Mottershall, 3; H. Madin, 4; S. Smedley, 5; A. Craven (composer and conductor), 6; A. Worthington, 7; J. Harris, 8. Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLENHALL (Staffordshire).—On Sunday night, November 4th, for Divine Service at the church of St. Giles, a date touch, 1894 changes, in 1 hr. G. Goodchild, 1; S. Dace, 2; B. Hodson, 3; H. V. Wilkins, 4; W. Johnson (composer and conductor), 5; J. Appelby, 6; J. Adams, 7; N. Kebble, 8. W. Johnson hails from Darlaston; H. V. Wilkins from Sutton Coldfield; the rest are local men.

## Miscellaneous.

## THE STOKE-ON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

KINGSLEY (Staffordshire).—On Monday evening, October 29th, at St. Werburgh's church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor in 27 mins. E. Bradshaw, 1; J. Burnett, 2; J. Moreton, 3; I. Moreton, 4; H. Carnwell, 5; H. Booth (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method by all except the ringer of the 5th.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

UPCHURCH (Kent).—On Tuesday evening, October 30th, at St. Mary's church, 720 Oxford Bob Minor (eighteen bobs two singles), in 25½ mins. A. T. Hyland, 1; H. Shipp (first 720 in the method), 2; W. T. Hyland, 3; W. Laker, 4; G. Dennis (first 720 in the method), 5; W. Seamer (conductor), 6. On Tuesday evening, November 6th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor (eighteen bobs two singles), in 26 mins. A. T. Hyland, 1; H. Witherden (first 720 with a bob bell), 2; W. T. Hyland, 3; H. Shipp, 4; G. Dennis, 5; W. Seamer (conductor), 6.

OSPRINGE (Kent).—On Sunday, November 4th, for evening service at the parish church, 504 Grandsire Triples. H. Baker, 1; E. Bridges, 2; W. Willis, 3; A. Biggs, 4; F. Hunt, 5; R. Staines, 6; H. Burling (conductor), 7; J. Austin, 8. R. Staines hails from Borden, the rest belong to the local band. On Monday, November 5th, for practice, 336 Bob Major. S. Croucher, 1; H. Baker, 2; H. Foster, 3; C. Drake, 4; E. Holladay, 5; E. Bridges, 6; F. Hunt, 7; H. Burling (conductor), 8.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

IPSWICH (Suffolk).—On Tuesday, October 30th, at St. Mary-le-Tower church, 792 Double Norwich Court Bob Maximus in 43 mins. W. Watling, 1; E. Pemberton, 2; I. S. Alexander, 3; W. P. Garrett, 4; J. W. Lines, 5; W. Motts, 6; C. Saul, 7; J. Motts (conductor), 8; E. Reeve, 9; A. E. Durrant, 10; W. L. Catchpole, 11; F. Tillett, 12. Tenor 32 cwt.

NORWICH (Norfolk).—On Sunday, November 4th, at St. Andrew's church, on the front six, for morning service, 726 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. C. E. Borrett (conductor), 1; G. Howchin, 2; J. A. Trollop, 3; G. P. Burton, 4; A. W. Brighton, 5; F. J. Howchin, 6. And on Friday, November 9th, on handbells, at the parish rooms, St. Peter Mancroft, 700 Bob Triples. J. E. Miles, 1-2; G. P. Burton, 3-4; J. Howes, 5-6; J. A. Trollop (conductor), 7-8. And touches of Bob Major and Canterbury Major. Messrs. Howes and Miles hail from Attleborough, and this is their longest length in the method.

## THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

EASTBOURNE (Sussex).—On Sunday, October 28th, for evening service, at the parish church of St. Mary, in 18 mins., 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Rollison, 1; E. Willoughby, 2; J. Billings, 3; G. Ades, 4; B. Hobbs (conductor), 5; T. Willoughby, 6; T. Lewis, 7; J. Newman, 8. On Thursday, November 1st, by a local band of Royal Cumberlands, an attempt was made for a peal of Grandsire Triples, but unfortunately two bells changed course which brought it to grief. It being then too late to make another start the band rung a well struck quarter-peal in 43 mins., it being the first quarter-peal rung in the borough by local Cumberlands. J. Rollison, 1; T. Willoughby, 2; H. Vernon, 3; N. Avann, 4; B. Hobbs (conductor), 5; E. Willoughby, 6; T. Lewis, 7; T. Deadman, 8.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

BURFORD (Oxon).—On Friday, November 2nd, a half-peal of Grand-

sire Triples, 2520 changes, in 1 hr. 34 mins. Taylor's Bob and Single. C. Packer, 1; H. Bond, 2; T. Bond, 3; W. Shirley, 4; W. Launchbury, jun., 5; H. Smith, jun., 6; W. Large (conductor), 7; H. Humphries, 8.

WITNEY (Oxon).—On Sunday, November 4th, 630 Grandsire Triples. E. Large, 1; W. Shirley, 2; T. Bond, 3; J. Monk, 4; W. Launchbury, 5; H. Smith, 6; W. Large (conductor), 7; J. Faulkner, 8. And for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 1260 changes, in 50 mins. H. Morley, 1; J. Monk, 2; T. Bond, 3; M. Woodcock, 4; W. Launchbury, 5; W. Shirley, 6; W. Large (conductor), 7; J. Gould, 8. This is H. Morley and J. Gould's first quarter-peal. Messrs. Large (2), Shirley, Launchbury, Bond, Smith, and Faulkner belong to Burford; the rest to Witney. And on handbells, 216 Grandsire Minor. W. Gould, 1; W. Large, 2; M. Woodcock, 3-4; J. Monk, 5-6.

BEACONSFIELD (Bucks).—On Saturday, November 3rd, at the church of St. Mary and All Saints, the local company rang forty-two 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles in 2 hrs. and 53 mins. A. Worley, 1; R. Price, 2; G. Leslie, 3; R. Buckland, 4; G. Tapping (conductor), 5; F. Price, 6. This was rung muffled as a mark of respect to the late Czar.

## LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—ROSSENDALE BRANCH.

BACUP (Lancashire).—On Friday evening, November 2nd, for practice at St. Saviour's church, a silent 504 Grandsire Triples in 16 mins. F. Howarth, 1; J. A. Brown, 2; A. Whitworth, 3; J. F. Standing, 4; J. Shephard, 5; J. Sutcliffe, 6; T. Lord, 7; W. Ashworth, 8. Rung at the first attempt.

## THE WORCESTER CATHEDRAL GUILD.

WORCESTER.—On Sunday, November 4th, at the cathedral, for morning service, 800 Grandsire Royal. B. S. Hill, 1; W. Cotton, 2; W. Powell, 3; G. Hinton, 4; W. Pudge, 5; L. Longney (conductor), 6; W. Bradford, 7; W. H. Johnson, 8; W. Page, 9; E. Davis, 10. And a plain course of Grandsire Cinques with W. Bright, 2, and T. Malin tenor. And on Monday, November 12th, for practice, 840 Grandsire Royal, standing as before, except W. H. Johnson, 6; R. Horton, 8; conducted by W. Page. On Tuesday, November 6th, at St. John's church, 720 Bob Minor. T. Penny, 1; B. S. Hill, 2; W. Powell, 3; W. Page (conductor), 4; E. Davis, 5; W. Bradford, 6.

## THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

Bow (Middlesex).—On Sunday, November 4th, for evening service, at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Union Triples (1260 changes), in 40 mins. C. Dempsey, 1; H. Springall (conductor), 2; E. Lucas, 3; Y. Green, 4; E. Hall, 5; W. Dallimore, 6; S. Hayes, 7; D. Sutton, 8. Composed by H. Johnson.

## THE SOUTH AND WEST MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

ISLEWORTH (Middlesex).—On Sunday afternoon, November 4th, for mens' service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 40 mins. J. Basden, 1; \*E. J. Walsom, 2; A. H. Taber, 3; \*R. E. Chichester, 4; C. Charge, 5; W. Meaton, 6; E. Adams (conductor), 7; T. Beadle, 8. \*First quarter-peal.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

NUNEATON (Warickshire).—On Sunday, November 4th, for Divine Service, 576 Kent Treble Bob Major. A. Measures, 1; W. Stone, 2; T. Lingard, 3; G. Winter, 4; H. Argyle, 5; H. Paulson, 6; H. Horwood, 7; T. W. Chapman, 8. Also 216 Stedman Triples. W. Stone, 1; T. Lingard, 2; T. W. Chapman, 3; H. Argyle, 4; H. Paulson, 5; J. Clarke (conductor), 6; H. Horwood, 7; W. Johnson, 8. On Thursday, November 8th, an attempt for a peal of Bob Major was lost through a change-course. W. Adler, 1; W. Stone, 2; J. Clarke, 3; G. Winter, 4; H. Argyle, 5; H. Paulson, 6; H. Horwood, 7; T. W. Chapman (conductor), 8. Afterwards, 504 Stedman Triples. W. Stone, 1; H. Argyle, 2; H. Paulson, 3; G. Winter, 4; T. W. Chapman, 5; J. Clarke (conductor), 6; H. Horwood, 7; W. Adler, 8. On Friday, November 9th, an attempt was made for a peal of Grandsire Triples on handbells, but was lost after ringing over 4800 changes. H. Paulson, 1-2; H. Argyle, 3-4; T. W. Chapman, 5-6; H. Horwood, 7-8. Two previous attempts were lost during the week after ringing half-way. On Sunday, November 11th, 224 Bob Major. J. Warren, 1; W. Stone, 2; T. Lingard, 3; G. Winter, 4; H. Argyle, 5; H. Paulson, 6; H. Horwood, 7; T. W. Chapman, 8. Also 576 Treble Bob Major. J. Clarke, 1; T. Lingard, 2; W. Stone, 3; G. Winter, 4; H. Argyle, 5; H. Paulson, 6; H. Horwood, 7; T. W. Chapman (conductor), 8.

## THE NORTH AND EAST LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

FRIESTON (Lincolnshire).—On Sunday morning, November 4th, at St. James' parish church, for Divine Service, a 6-score of Plain Bob,

and a 6-score of St. Dunstan. J. Colman, 1; A. Barber, 2; H. Staffurth, 3; E. Clayton, 4; C. P. Lilley, 5. Also a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles. A. Barber, jun., 1; the rest as before. Also a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles with E. Copping, 2; A. Barber, sen., 4; the rest as before. On Monday, November 5th, a 6-score of Antelope. A. Barber, jun., 1; A. Barber, sen., 2; E. Clayton, 3; C. R. Lilley, 4; J. Sharp, 5; Also a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles. A. Barber, sen., 1; E. Clayton, 2; H. Staffurth, 3; C. R. Lilley, 4; J. Sharp, 5. Also a 6-score of London Doubles. E. Clayton, 1; A. Barber, sen., 2; the rest standing as before. And a 6-score of Lincolnshire Singles. A. Barber, jun., 1; E. Clayton, 5; the rest standing as before. It is the first 6-score of St. Dunstan by the 1st, 3rd, and 5th ringers, and the first 6-score of London Doubles by the 3rd ringer. All conducted by A. Barber, sen. Messrs. J. Colman and C. Lilley hail from Skirbeck; the rest belong to Frieston.

**BANHAM (Norfolk).**—On Sunday, November 4th, at St. Mary's church, 720 Bob Minor in 26 mins. F. Kerrv, 1; J. Howes, 2; R. Patrick, 3; W. Nudds, 4; J. Woods (conductor), 5; J. W. Nudds, 6. Also a 6-score each of Grandsire and Bob Doubles. F. Kerry, 1; W. Nudds, 2; J. Woods, 3; J. Howes (conductor), 4; J. W. Nudds, 5. Also on handbells, 360 Bob Minor. F. Kerry, 1; W. Nudds, 2; J. Howes (conductor), 3-4; J. W. Nudds, 5-6. Kerry and Howes hail from Attleboro.

**BLETCHINGLEY (Surrey).**—On Sunday, November 4th, at the parish church, 408 Stedman Triples. W. Hawkins, 1; C. Maynard, 2; F. Linter, 3; F. Smith, 4; J. Bashford, jun., 5; H. Reeves, 6; W. Burkin (conductor), 7; G. Brown, 8. And 224 College Exercise Major. J. Bashford, sen., 1; W. Hawkins, 2; F. Smith, 3; W. Mayne, 4; G. Bourne, 5; H. Reeves, 6; T. Boniface, 7; W. Burkin, 8. And 168 Grandsire Triples. C. Maynard, 1; C. Wilson, 2; J. Balcombe, 3; F. Linter, 4; J. Bashford, sen., 5; H. Reeves, 6; J. Bashford, jun., 7; G. Brown, 8. Tenor 19 cwt. Messrs. Reeves and Linter hail from Reigate.

**BOBBING (Kent).**—On Sunday afternoon, November 4th, for Divine Service, 720 Plain Bob Minor (eight bobs and six singles), in 25 mins. H. Kite (Sittingbourne), 1; A. Hardy (Borden), 2; E. Allen (Borden), 3; J. G. Grensted (Rodmersham), 4; C. Milway (Borden), 5; H. Wood (Rodmersham, conductor), 6. And a 6-score of Bob Doubles. A. Hardy, 1; H. Goord (Bobbing), 2; W. Wilkins (Bobbing), 3; F. Shedd (Sittingbourne), 4; H. Wood (conductor), 5; A. Day (Bobbing), 6. With the exception of Messrs. Kite, Goord, Wilkins, and Day, all the above ringers are members of the Kent County Association.

**BURSLEM (Staffordshire).**—On Saturday, November 3rd, 720 Kent in 27 mins. W. Harratt, 1; J. H. Naylor, 2; E. Johnson, 3; J. Gibson (conductor), 4; E. Horne, 5; J. Johnson, 6.

**FULHAM (Middlesex).**—On Sunday, November 4th, at the church of All Saints, with the bells half-muffled, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, 1250 changes, in 50 mins. A. Ough, 1; W. Elson, 2; \*T. Taffenden, 3; J. Nicholls, 4; \*H. Adams, 5; C. Charge (composer), 6; R. Chichester, 7; E. Adams (conductor), 8; W. Meaton, 9; S. How, 10. \*First quarter-peal.

**HAVANT (Hants).**—On Sunday, November 4th, at the parish church, for morning service, 377 Grandsire Triples. Rev. J. H. Selmes, 1; E. Irish, 2; J. Staples, 3; H. Shirley, 4; \*I. Pullen, 5; \*A. Langtry, 6; G. Instrall (conductor), 7; \*F. Kill, 8. And for evening service, a quarter-peal in the same method, standing as before, in 46 mins. \*First quarter-peal. All are members of the Winchester Diocesan Guild with the exception of F. Kill. A. Langtry hails from Hambledon.

**MITCHAM (Surrey).**—On Sunday, November 4th, at the church of SS. Peter and Paul, for Divine Service in the evening, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 44 mins. R. Sewell, 1; J. D. Drewitt, 2; W. S. Smith, 3; \*J. A. Lambert, 4; \*J. Calver, 5; J. Fayers, 6; †F. M. Butler (conductor), 7; J. Currell, 8. \*First quarter-peal in the method. †First quarter-peal as conductor. Tenor 16 cwt.

**NORTON (Staffordshire).**—On Sunday, September 23rd, 720 Kent in 28 mins. J. Naylor, 1; J. F. Naylor, 2; E. Johnson, 3; T. Johnson, 4; J. Brindley, 5; E. Glover (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, September 25th, 720 Plain Bob in 25 mins. A. Ryles, 1; J. Naylor, 2; E. Johnson, 3; J. F. Naylor, 4; E. Glover, 5; J. Gibson (conductor), 6. On Friday, October 5th, 720 Woodbine in 28 mins. J. Naylor, 1; J. F. Naylor, 2; E. Johnson, 3; J. Gibson, 4; T. Johnson, 5; E. Glover (conductor), 6. And on Sunday, October 7th, 720 Kent in 27 mins. A. Ryles, 1; J. Gibson, 2; E. Johnson, 3; J. H. Naylor, 4; T. Johnson, 5; E. Glover (conductor), 6. And for evening service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob in 27 mins., standing and conducted as in the morning. On Tuesday, October 14th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob in 26 mins. F. Shooker (Leek), 1; J. H. Naylor, 2; J. Gibson, 3; W. Carter (Biddulph), 4; — Shelton (Leek), 5; E. Glover (conductor), 6. Rung on

the occasion of the harvest festival. On Sunday, October 21st, 720 Kent in 27 mins. E. Glover (conductor), 1; T. Johnson, 2; E. Johnson, 3; J. F. Naylor, 4; J. Gibson, 5; J. Brindley, 6. On Sunday evening, October 28th, 720 Woodbine in 27½ mins. J. Naylor, 1; T. Johnson, 2; J. Gibson, 3; J. H. Naylor, 4; E. Glover (conductor), 5; J. Brindley, 6. Also on Tuesday, October 30th, 720 Duke of York in 28 mins. J. Naylor, 1; J. H. Naylor, 2; E. Johnson, 3; J. Gibson, 4; T. Johnson, 5; E. Glover (conductor), 6. First in the method by all except the conductor.

**THORNBURY (Gloucestershire).**—On Sunday, November 4th, at the parish church for evensong, 672 Grandsire Triples. W. Davis, 1; C. Eddington, 2; F. Symes, 3; F. Poole, 4; T. Alsopp, 5; J. Poole, 6; F. K. Howell (conductor), 7; J. Phillips, 8. Tenor 24 cwt. in E flat.

**WALDRON (Sussex).**—On Saturday, November 3rd, 1316 Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins. A. Dawes, 1; A. Reid, 2; E. Vine (longest touch), 3; G. Ades, 4; J. Goldsmith, 5; T. Ades, 6; B. Hobbs (conductor), 7; H. Ades, 8. And on Sunday, November 4th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 42 mins. A. Dawes, 1; G. Ades, 2; E. Vine, 3; T. Ades (conductor), 4; A. Reid, 5; E. Jennings, 6; B. Hobbs, 7; H. Ades, 8. Longest touch by T. Ades as conductor.

**WEST BROMWICH (Staffordshire).**—On Sunday morning, November 4th, before Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 1260 changes, in 46 mins. H. Hipkiss, 1; T. Horton, 2; J. Hares, 3; J. Walker, 4; R. Hall, 5; J. Hall, 6; J. R. Frisby (conductor), 7; E. Jones, 8.

### Correspondence.

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

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

#### OBSCURE METHODS.

SIR,—I quite agree with your suggestion to-day (Nov. 24th), that it is high time an attempt was made to collect and compare the very numerous methods, especially for five and six bells, which are in existence. The difficulty is to procure a complete series of the plain leads of these methods to work upon, with such details of date of publication or production as are necessary to distinguish those which are original and sound from those which are not.

Your remarks appear to have been inspired by a performance of great length on five bells at Raveningham, in Norfolk, which appears among the *touches*. The definition of the Central Council of a peal-performance on five bells would not exclude this performance from a place in the peal records, unless it could be shown that the methods rung are unworthy to be so called. It is true that among them are two which are not generally known—Masterpiece and Jolly Dick. I don't defend these titles for a moment; but the grotesqueness of them does not seem to be a sufficient reason for relegating the performance in question to a back seat. The former of these two methods, I confess, I never heard of before, and I know nothing about it; the latter, however, has been named more than once in your Record columns, having on two or three occasions formed a constituent in five-bell performances by the Wightman family at Cretingham. Its history and peculiarities are not perfectly known to me at present; but I believe it was, with some other little known methods for both five and six bells, the production in days gone by of a local ringer. There are, no doubt, many such methods in all parts of the country, only known to a select few, and unpractised except in the immediate neighbourhood of their birthplace.

The Committee of the Central Council on Technical Terms, contemplate the preparation of a Classified list of all known methods, and would desire to make it as complete as possible: but they cannot do this without the co-operation of ringers all over the country, so as to bring to the light these obscure methods, which have so far not found their way into any of the various books on Campanology. It would, therefore, help us very much if those who know of such methods would make a list of them, under proper headings of Doubles, Minor, etc., with, if possible, particulars of authorship and date, and send it to me. If, also, such list were accompanied by a plain lead, and example of bob and single proper to each method, I should be happy to undertake the work of examination and comparison. This would also help the Committee greatly, for from the knowledge thus gained, they would be able to indicate in the classified list such methods as are unworthy the name, or mere reproductions of older originals.

*Stanhoe Rectory, Kings Lynn, November 24th.* H. EARLE BULWER.

#### A CORRECTION.

SIR,—The forty-two 6-scores rang at Woodchester in four methods, which appeared in your last week's issue, should read the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.

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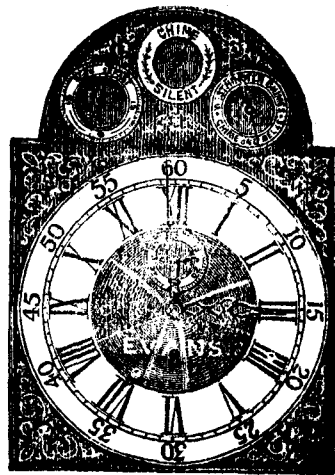
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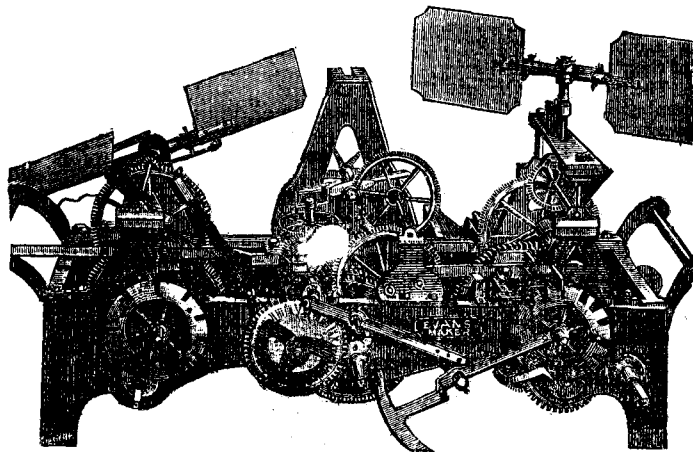
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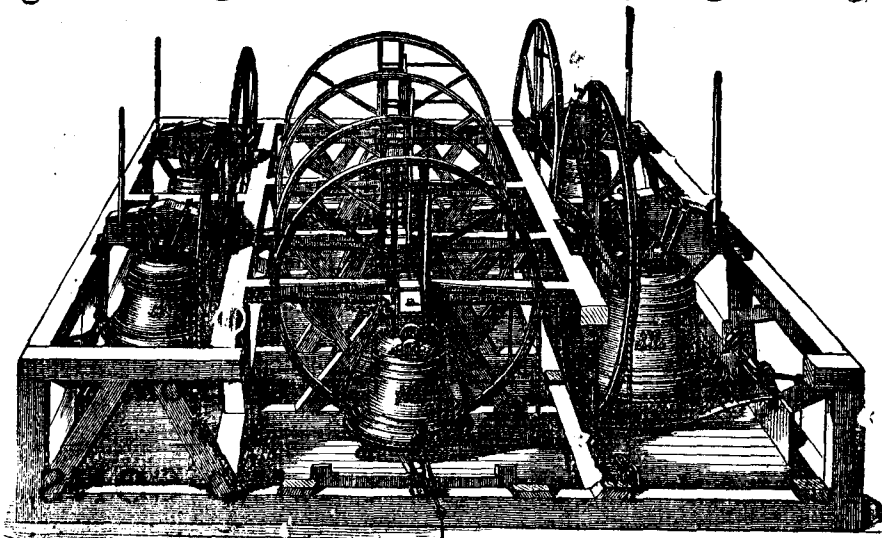
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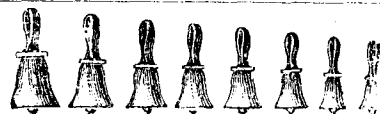
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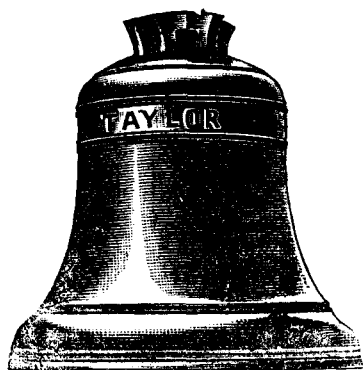
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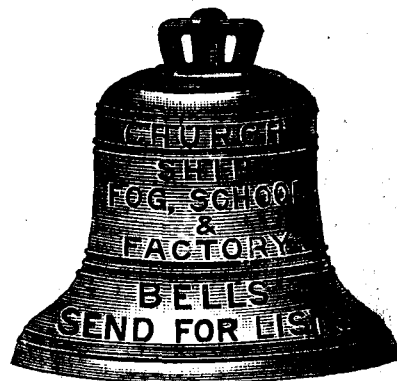
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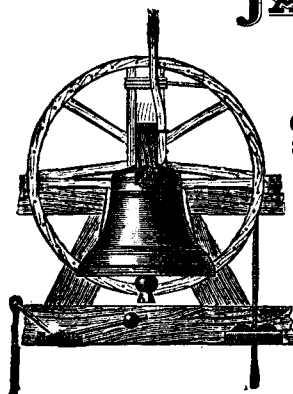
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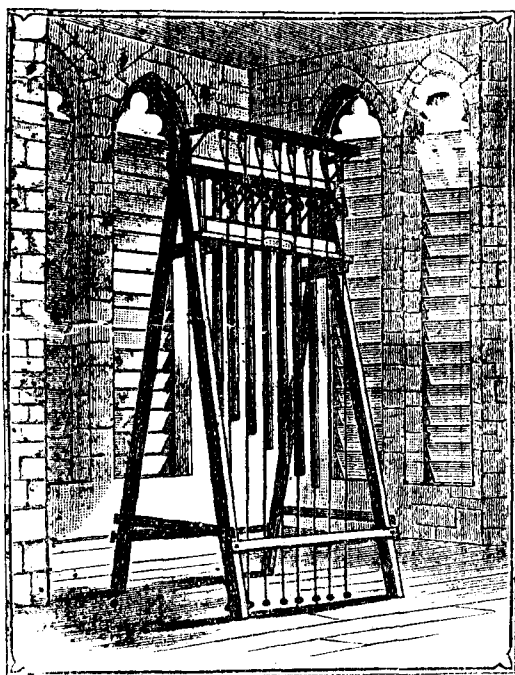
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## MR. JAMES GEORGE, OF RUGBY.

*[Vide Portrait.]*

The subject of this notice, that well-known ringer, JAMES GEORGE, of Rugby, first saw the light of day on November 27th, 1853, at the village of Pinner, Middlesex. He is the second son of James George, who for many years was leader of the ringers at that place. At a very early age the intense love of bells was noticeable, as he was to be found whenever possible in the belfry, and would always choose this in preference to playing with his schoolmates when the bells were being rung, and from the age of ten very frequently rang the service bell. This marked interest in the Art and early association with bells and bell-ringers was undoubtedly an excellent education for the future change-ringer, and the signal success which he has achieved during the past few years in peal-ringing is entirely due to the inbred affection and early enthusiasm which has made him one of the most eager and earnest campanologists in the country.

It was not however until February 16th, 1889, that he had any practical experience of peal-ringing, on which date he rung the tenor in his first peal of Grandsire Triples at St. George's church, Camberwell. From that date, however, he has made such progress that he can now boast of having rung 102 peals, particulars of which are given below, and this within 5½ years is a record which very few ringers have surpassed.

MR. GEORGE entered the service of the London and North-Western Railway Company in 1869, and has been so engaged ever since, the last thirteen years having been spent in the Estate Department at Rugby. One of his fellow-workers at Rugby assured us that very few people can be aware of the intense interest which MR. GEORGE has in bells. The whole of his spare time is devoted to it, and it seems to be almost a necessity to his existence.

Unfortunately there are only five bells in the parish church of Rugby, and therefore he has been unable to get any practice without a journey, the nearest towers being at Nuneaton and Northampton, distances of fourteen and eighteen miles respectively, and these journeys had to be made after his day's business. It is a remarkable fact that the 100 peals have been rung in sixty-three different towers in all parts of the country from Newcastle-on-Tyne and North Shields in the north, to Brighton and Christchurch in the south. The number of miles which MR. GEORGE has travelled in order to ring these peals is over 11,000, independent of journeys for practice and unsuccessful attempts.

It is hardly necessary to add that MR. GEORGE spares neither time nor expense in the pursuit of ringing. He is always to be depended on to turn up for a peal when he has promised, however inconvenient it may be for him, and he is at home equally on a light or heavy, easy or hard, going bell. He is well-known throughout the country as a gentleman possessing a most even temper, which is never disturbed by the most pointed criticism, or jest. He therefore stands high in the estimation of all who know him. Sometimes however, his eagerness in the pursuit of ringing is apt to exceed that of those with whom he wishes to co-operate. He has entered the field of composition, and his efforts in this direction have not been without success.

The longest peal MR. GEORGE has rung is 8009 Grandsire Caters at Wolverhampton in 5 hrs. 11 mins.

The following is a list of the peals rung by MR. GEORGE.

	Rang	Conducted
Grandsire Triples ... ..	30	2
" " (handbells) ... ..	1	
Grandsire Caters... ..	18	
Grandsire Cinques ... ..	3	
Grandsire Major ... ..	1	

	Rang	Conducted
Union Triples (handbells) ... ..	1	
Stedman Triples ... ..	19	
Stedman Caters ... ..	2	
Stedman Cinques ... ..	1	
Bob Major ... ..	10	
Darlaston Bob Triples ... ..	1	
Kent Treble Bob Major ... ..	12	
Kent Treble Bob Royal ... ..	2	
Bob Triples ... ..	1	

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MR. GEORGE is a member of the following Associations:—

The Essex Association; Midland Counties' Association; Middlesex Association; Winchester Diocesan Guild; Salisbury Diocesan Guild; Sussex County Association; Hertford Association; Oxford Diocesan Guild; Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford; Worcester and Adjoining Districts Association; Hereford Diocesan Guild; Lancashire Association; Kent County Association; Society of Trinity Youths; Birmingham Amalgamated Society; Ancient Society of College Youths; St. James Society; Waterloo Society; All Saints Fulham Association; St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham; Raunds, Wellingborough and District Association; Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association; St. Margaret's Society, Westminster; Bedfordshire Association; St. Peter's Guild, Wolverhampton; United Counties' Association.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

WIRRAL BRANCH.—The usual monthly meeting was held at Wallasey, on Saturday, November 17th, at which there were about seventeen ringing members present from the following towers: Bebington, Bidston, Bromborough, Eastham, Wallasey, West Kirby, and Woodchurch. The Rev. C. E. P. Gray, Rector of Wallasey, very kindly gave the tea on this occasion, and presided at the meeting; he received the warmest thanks from those present for his generous hospitality. This is the tenth monthly meeting held during the present year and completes the round of the towers in the branch. These meetings were started in February last, and there is no doubt that they have been very beneficial in increasing the interest in the Art of bell-ringing amongst the ringers and others in the district. The ringers wish most cordially to thank the clergy and other friends in the various parishes for the kind hospitality which they have received on each occasion.

Touches were rung on the bells during the afternoon and evening, the only two worthy of record were a 720 of Oxford Single Bob (eighteen bobs and two singles). N. Williams, 1; G. R. Rogers (conductor), 2; W. Webster, 3; J. Hughes, 4; S. Wood, 5; J. Dillon, 6. Also a 720 of Oxford Single Bob. J. Pickin, 1; J. Rogers, 2; J. Walters, 3; R. Voas, 4; W. Wilcox, (conductor), 5; J. Dillon, 6.

The annual branch meeting will be held at Braeside, West Kirby, on Saturday, January 26th, of which due notice will be given.

## CAPEL, SURREY.

On Friday, November 16th, for practice, 720 Oxford Bob Minor. E. Holloway (first 720), 1; T. M. Stedman, 2; C. Weeden, 3; E. Jordan, 4; T. Fairs, 5; D. Jordan, 6. Also 720 College Exercise, being the first in the method by T. Fairs, J. Akehurst ringing the treble, the rest as above. On Saturday, November 24th, as a last tribute of respect to the late vicar, the Rev. T. R. O'Flahertie, who had been vicar of Capel for the past forty-six years, who died on Tuesday, November 20th, and was interred on Saturday, the usual whole pull and stand was rung with the bells deeply muffled, as the cortege was coming from the vicarage to the church, and rounds were rung as the corpse was borne from the church to the grave. After the service, which was fully choral, the ringers rang a short touch, and on the following Sunday the bells were rung muffled for all the services.



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MR. JAMES GEORGE.  
(OF RUGBY.)



### DARLINGTON, DURHAM.—UNVEILING OF A PEAL TABLET.

On Tuesday evening, November 27th, a peal tablet erected in St. John's belfry to commemorate the first peal of Kent Treble Bob Major rung in Darlington by a local company was unveiled by the vicar, the Rev. A. Boot, M.A. A large number of ringers were present, all the towers in the town being represented.

Mr. R. Moncaster, the esteemed captain of the local company presided, and in his opening remarks gave a hearty welcome to the visitors, and hoped it would not be the last time he would have the pleasure of their company. He also thanked the vicar for the many acts of kindness he had shown the ringers, especially in their efforts to increase the peal from six to eight, which was accomplished mainly through the exertions of the vicar and his two churchwardens. In conclusion he called upon the Vicar to unveil the peal tablet.

The Vicar, after unveiling the peal tablet, apologised for the absence of the two churchwardens who were prevented from being present by business appointments. The Vicar said it gave him great pleasure to come among the ringers, and congratulated them upon the progress they had made since the peal was increased to eight, and although he did not know much about change-ringing, he appreciated anything that was done upon the bells, and was sure that anything well done was worth recording. He contrasted the present state of the belfry with what it was when he first came to the parish, and said it was mainly owing to the perpetual care and attention bestowed upon the bells by Mr. Moncaster. He was very pleased to see such a muster of ringers at service on Sunday evenings, but would like to see the same at morning service. He hoped all the ringers would become Communicants. He heartily welcomed the visitors, and assured them that they were at liberty to visit the belfry at any time. In conclusion he very generously offered to give a peal tablet to record the next peal rung upon the bells, for which offer the ringers are very grateful.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar for unveiling the tablet was proposed by the conductor of the peal (Mr. J. Baxter), and seconded by Mr. W. Patton, the oldest member of the local company.

The Vicar briefly returned thanks.

Mr. G. J. Lungley (Holy Trinity), thanked the Vicar for his kind invitation, and remarked that he for one would gladly make use of the offer.

A 504 of Grandsire Triples was then rung by C. W. Moncaster, 1; R. Moncaster, 2; W. D. Lister, 3; G. J. Lungley, 4; J. Baxter, 5; W. Porter (conductor), 6; J. Coverdale, 7; W. Allen, 8. A 640 of Kent Treble Bob Major was also attempted, but came to grief after ringing about 500 changes.

### CHIPPING NORTON, OXON.

On Sunday evening, November 25th, before ringing for Divine Service, the ringers of this parish were called together to offer to the Rev. C. S. Rowland and Mr. R. H. Busden, who were shortly leaving the parish, their appreciation of the assistance they had rendered in this part of the diocese to further the Art of change-ringing; the former having acted as hon. secretary to the Chipping Norton Deanery Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, and the latter as instructor for this neighbourhood. The foreman of the tower (Mr. Alfred Joyner), on behalf of the members, in a few well-chosen words, expressed regret that they were losing two such highly esteemed and hard-working friends, and asked each gentleman to accept a small present from the ringers as a token of the respect and high esteem in which they were held.

The Vicar, who was present, referred kindly to the occasion for which they were called together.

The Rev. C. S. Rowland and Mr. Busden both expressed themselves pleased to receive something as a parting token from old friends, and regretted that they were leaving the town.

A 630 of Grandsire Triples was then rung for the evening service. H. Hurcomb, 1; H. Cook, 2; W. Stockford, 3; Rev. C. S. Rowland, 4; J. F. Barlow, 5; R. Joyner, 6; R. H. Burden (conductor), 7; G. Bull, 8.

### HUGHENDEN RINGERS IN LONDON.

Some time ago while on a ringing tour in Bucks. it was decided by a few of the Hughenden ringers and J. C. Truss, of Marlow, to have a day or two in London for ringing purposes. Accordingly on Saturday, November 17th, four of the Hughenden band, viz., Messrs. Evans, Biggs, Goodchild, and Boreham, journeyed by train from Great Missenden to Baker Street, where they were met by H. N. Davis and J. C. Truss, jun. After a hasty meal we went by 'bus to St. Margaret's, Westminster, where they had obtained permission to attempt a peal of Grandsire Caters, but arrived too late to attempt a peal there that day, there being evening service at 8 o'clock. However the steeple-keeper (Mr. C. Ward) kindly gave us permission to attempt the peal on Monday, November 19th. As we could not ring at St. Margaret's, we went to St. John's, Waterloo Road, and saw the steeple-keeper who readily consented for us to attempt a peal there, which unfortunately came to grief after ringing two hours through a mistake in the slow work. After this disappointment most of the band journeyed on foot to London Bridge house hotel, where the College Youths were holding their annual festival, and were enlivened by some excellent songs, handbell ringing, etc., by some of the leading members of the society. Sunday morning found us astir early, some of our party wanting to hear the grand peal of bells at St. Paul's Cathedral, to which place we were conducted by Mr. E. P. O'Meara, who with Mr. McLaughlin very kindly shewed us round the interior and took us up to see the bells, etc. After a good dinner we were soon on the way to Erith where we rang a good peal of Double Norwich in 3 hrs., and we now take this opportunity of thanking the obliging steeplekeeper (Mr. John Garard) for having everything in readiness as usual. On the return journey we alighted at New Cross, and went by tram to Brixton, having been kindly invited to ring the first touch of Double Norwich on the grand peal of bells at the church of St. John the Divine, by Mr. G. Wild. We hope to have the pleasure of ringing a peal there some day. Monday, November 19th, was a big day for us, having to attempt two peals, viz., Stedman Triples at Walworth, and Grandsire Caters at Westminster, both of which were successfully brought round. We also went to see the new tower bridge in the morning, and caught the 9.33 train from Baker Street, all having enjoyed their holiday, arriving home in the early hours of the morning. Our heartiest thanks are due to Mr. H. N. Davis for kindly making all ringing arrangements; and also Mr. E. P. O'Meara who very kindly left his work and spent several hours greasing and splicing at St. Peter's, Walworth, and did his best to make our outing a success. We may add that at any time any of our friends like to come to Hughenden, they will receive a hearty welcome.

J. C. T.

### LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

The monthly meeting of the above society was held at St. Chad's church, Far Headingley, on Saturday, November 24th. Members were present from St. Michael's, Headingley, Armley, Leeds, Holbeck, and Ripon. Ringing commenced with Treble Bob, followed at intervals with Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob. The business meeting was held at The New inn, the President presiding. A resolution was moved to appoint a sub-committee to consider the advisability of Federation. No seconder being forthcoming, the subject dropped. A hearty vote of thanks to the vicar, churchwardens, local ringers, and steeple-keeper for the use of the bells, etc., was proposed by Mr. J. Whitaker, and seconded by Mr. D. Yorke, which was carried unanimously. The usual compliment was also paid to the chairman. Handbell ringing followed till near ten o'clock. The next meeting will be held on the first Saturday in January at Bramley.

## BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.

On Sunday, November 18th, several members of the Norwich Diocesan Association paid a long contemplated visit to the above town. The Norwich contingent—the promoters of the excursion—consisting of Messrs. G. Smith, G. Howchin, P. Sadler, E. Ward, C. E. Borrett, and F. W. Muskett, were joined later in the journey by F. R. Borrett, of Pulham Market, and J. Souter, and G. Archer, of Diss. Arrangements had been made to ring at St. Mary's for Divine Service in the morning, and after a hasty look round the splendid church, a 704 of Oxford Treble Eight was rung. E. Ward, 1; G. Howchin, 2; G. Archer, 3; F. R. Borrett, 4; P. Sadler, 5; C. E. Borrett, 6; G. Smith, 7; J. Souter (conductor), 8. Tenor 28 cwt. Mr. S. Slater, of Glemsford, now put in an appearance, with other representatives of Glemsford, Stanstead, and Foxearth towers, and Kent and Oxford Treble Bob was rung by mixed bands. It is most regrettable that this noble ring of eight should so rarely be rung scientifically, as, with the exception of occasional visiting bands, they are always at the tender mercy of a call-change company. A walk through the Abbey grounds, churchyard, and an inspection of St. James' church, satisfied to the full all those of the party who had a liking for archeology. After dinner came the principal item of the day—a ring upon the bells of the Norman tower. This structure, said to be the purest example of Norman architecture in Europe, serves as the bell tower to the church of St. James, and contains a noble peal of ten bells, in every respect worthy of the campanile in which they hang.

A course of Kent Treble Ten was rung for service by E. Ward, 1; S. Slater, 2; G. Archer, 3; F. R. Borrett, 4; O. Garwood, 5; P. Sadler, 6; G. Howchin, 7; C. E. Borrett, 8; J. Souter, 9; G. Smith, 10. Tenor 30 cwt.

After service, touches of Grandsire Caters were rung, with A. Symonds (Lavenham), H. Turner, and other local men taking part.

The ringers wish to thank the Vicars and steeplekeepers of both churches, and especially the officials at the Norman Tower (Messrs. G. Farrants and H. Turner), both of whom, at no little inconvenience to themselves, altered their arrangements, after a slight difficulty had been satisfactorily settled.

The band separated in the evening, after having spent one of the most enjoyable day's possible, the general wish being that they might meet again in the near future, in this most interesting market town.

C.E.B.

## ST. NICHOLAS, GUILDFORD.—RINGERS' SUPPER.

The members of the above band were most hospitably entertained at the Castle Temperance hotel, High Street, on Monday, November 26th, by their zealous foreman, Mr. J. J. Jones. He had very kindly promised his brother-strings a supper as soon as they could ring a peal unassisted by help from outside. He is not a prophet, neither the son of a prophet (at least we think not); otherwise he might have discerned two peals upon the future horizon, and consequently two suppers. His band accomplished two peals, one of Grandsire Triples in the summer, and one of Bob Triples on Thursday, November 22nd; but the men, who are very much smitten with the ringing craze, were quite content to sit down to one supper, though perhaps some day they may manage two in one evening. All, we are confident, greatly appreciated their foreman's kind thoughtfulness. Some fourteen or fifteen members with the Rev. W. S. Sanders, R.D., rector of St. Nicholas, presiding, and the Rev. C. E. Matthews, curate of Shere, sat down to a well served repast. Ample justice having been done to the good things provided, the handbells were soon set going to courses of Triples and Caters, and several well-struck tunes were also played from handbell music arranged by Mr. W. Gordon, of Stockport. These airs would be much more telling if a soft piano accompaniment could be provided; but considering the short time that these tunes have been in practice, the men have made wonderful progress.

The rest of the evening was spent most pleasantly, songs were contributed by several ringers, varied with touches on the handbells; and Mr. Jones intimated his desire to give another supper to his band when they have rung a peal of Bob Major.

The St. Nicholas company have lately lost their "champion" in the person of F. W. J. Rees, Esq., a most accomplished ringer

and benefactor, but this loss has in no way damped their ardour for the entrancing art; and they hospitably welcome into their belfry those who are less fortunately placed than themselves. The company may congratulate themselves on having a splendid going peal of ten bells, a well-fitted, comfortably furnished belfry, a very active and successful conductor, and a foreman who has the interests of all at heart. We can add nothing further, except *O si sic omnes!*

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 1st, the Clun Valley and Teme-side branch of this Guild held a meeting in the belfry of the parish church at Knighton, Radnorshire. The Rev. M. H. Ricketts kindly granted the use of the easy going and musical peal of six bells, tenor 8 cwt., which were cast by Abraham Rudhall, of Gloucester.

Four members, with Mr. W. H. Fussell, Instructor, attended from Ludlow, and were joined at Broome station by J. G. Buchanan, Esq., Master of the Guild, and W. Mead (Clun), the journey by train being enlivened by touches of Minor and Triples on the handbells.

On arriving at the church they were welcomed by the Rev. H. F. Bagshaw and the local men, and were afterwards joined by two other members from Clun, who had drove over the hills.

As the Ludlow members had to leave by an early train, ringing was commenced in earnest, the bells being raised in peal, and a 720 of Grandsire Minor was rung in 23 mins. J. Palmer, 1; W. R. Nash, 2; W. H. Fussell (conductor), 3; A. Chester, 4; R. Marston, Esq., 5; J. G. Buchanan, Esq., 6.

The company then adjourned to the Temperance hotel, fourteen members sitting down to a good spread, presided over by the Rev. H. F. Bagshaw. After rather hurried tea their Ludlow friends left to catch their train; the others ultimately revisited the belfry and kept the bells going in some well-struck 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles in which most of the local men took part.

At 8 o'clock the bells were lowered in peal, and good-byes said with the intention of meeting again at Christmas. The local men being anxious to make progress, but having lost two promising members, it has rather thrown them back, but they have got hold of several good juniors, and they intend doing some good work this winter.

Thanks are due to Mr. T. Burge for making all arrangements for ringing and tea.

## THE HEAVY WOOLLEN DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

The last monthly meeting of the above was held at Batley Carr on Saturday, November 16th, members being present from Batley, Ossett, Dewsbury, Earlsheaton, Brighouse, Kirkburton, Armitage Bridge, Birstal, and other places. Mr. J. Peacock, President, presided. The Secretary read the minutes and correspondence which completed the business, several discussions taking place with regard to extending the radius, but as nothing could be passed without a special meeting, it was decided the leave the subject over until the yearly meeting.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

CHIPPING NORTON DEANERY BRANCH.—A business meeting was held on Wednesday, November 28th, partly to accept the resignation of the chairman, the Rev. Canon Carter, and the Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, the Rev. C. S. Rowland, the former gentleman giving up on account of having so many other duties to attend to, and the latter through his removal to Reading. The Rev. H. Barter, Shipton-under-Wychwood, was appointed chairman in place of Rev. Canon Carter, and Mr. J. F. Barlow, Chipping Norton, Hon. Secretary and Treasurer in place of Rev. C. S. Rowland.

## SURPRISE PEAL-RINGING IN SUSSEX.

The idea of an attempt to establish a fresh record in peal-ringing occurred to some of the band of ringers who took part in the Sussex week last June, when twelve attempts were made for peals of London, Cambridge, and Superlative Surprise Major, resulting in the completion of two peals, each of Cambridge and Superlative. A convenient time could not be found until Saturday, November 17th, when a well-considered programme was commenced. Ten ringers, all members of the St. Peter's, the Brighton parish church society, volunteered, and from that number the whole of the bands were chosen. Seven towers were selected, with tenors varying from 10½ to 17 cwt., and the following is a short account of what was accomplished. Saturday, November 17th, 3.45 train to Haywards Heath, a six-mile drive to Bolney, where Mr. Walden, jun. had everything in readiness for a start after tea about seven o'clock.

"Go" for London was called, and at the end of three hours and thirteen minutes steady ringing, the welcome "this is all" announced the first success. Monday, November 19th, found the band at St. Peter's, Brighton, at six o'clock, where a second peal of London was to be attempted, and one of the best peals of Major rung on these bells was brought round in three hours and ten minutes. For Tuesday evening, November 20th, the St. Nicholas (Brighton) bells were placed at the disposal of the band, the St. Nicholas society kindly foregoing their weekly practice on that night. Here Cambridge Surprise Major was the order of the day, and with good going bells and electric light to ring by, every confidence of success was entertained, but after ringing for 55 minutes it was found that a change-course had taken place, and "stand" was called too late to make another attempt. Wednesday evening, November 21st, eight of the band might have been seen taking their seats at Brighton Station for Lewes, where soon after six o'clock the bells of the Southover parish church were heard to the tune of Cambridge Surprise for the first time. Here better fortune attended their efforts, and a first-class peal was accomplished in 3 hrs. 26 mins. From this point all went well. Thursday, November 22nd, a peal of Superlative Surprise Major was rung in the place of the usual practice at St. Paul's, Brighton, by kind permission of the ringers, who willingly agreed to forego their practice; this occupied 3 hrs. 12 mins. The next afternoon, Friday, November 23rd, the ringers had to make a somewhat earlier start, as a daily evening service is held at the parish church of Hurstpierpoint, the rector of which kindly consented to a peal, provided it could be completed before 6.30. This was done, and another good peal of Superlative was an accomplished fact, taking 3 hrs. 6 mins. Saturday, the last evening on the programme, found the band at Cuckfield, and a start was made at 7 o'clock for Cambridge Surprise Major, and all went well for half-an-hour, when the conductor called "stand." After a few minutes consultation it was decided to start again, and the peal was brought round in 3 hrs. 9 mins. On the return journey to Brighton it was decided that if the St. Nicholas church bells could be again obtained for Monday evening, November 26th, that another attempt should be made for the only peal that had been lost. Permission was given, and the same band that had failed, started with a determination to succeed, and had the satisfaction of closing the eight evening's ringing with one of the best, if not the best, struck peals of Cambridge Surprise Major yet rung in Sussex. The record thus established now stands for eight attempts, two peals of London Surprise Major, three peals of Cambridge Surprise Major, and two peals of Superlative Surprise Major. The band consisted of the following members: G. F. Attree, G. A. King, K. Hart, H. Weston, and G. Williams, each of whom took part in all the ringing; J. N. Frossell in all attempts but one; G. Smart in six attempts; E. C. Merritt in four; and A. A. Fuller and G. Baker in three each. The conducting for the whole of the peals were undertaken by George Williams, and was carried out by him in a manner worthy of the reputation he has formed for himself in that branch of ringing.

G. F. A.

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## RODMERSHAM, KENT.

On Tuesday, November 20th, the St. Michael's ringers were entertained at supper by the vicar (Rev. W. J. Mellor) and curate (Rev. R. B. Barber). Meeting at the church, several touches of Oxford Treble Bob, Grandsire and Plain Bob were rung, including a 6-score of Bob Doubles by A. E. Ash (first 6-score), 1; F. Shedd, 2; S. Beech, 3; E. Day (first as conductor), 4; J. G. Grensted, 5; C. Sellen, 6. They then wended their way to the residence of the Rev. R. B. Barber, where a capital spread was provided. The Rev. R. B. Barber was in the chair, and the secretary (Mr. John Dixon, M.A.) in the vice-chair. The knife and fork touch composed by the chairman, and conducted by the vice-chairman, was brought round in capital style, no change-course occurring. Upon the removal of the cloth, the secretary, in a neat little speech, proposed the health of their President, and (as that gentleman was absent through ill-health), coupled the toast with the name of the chairman. This was received with musical honours.

The Rev. R. B. Barber in reply regretted the absence of the vicar, but he hoped he would soon be well and with them again. On behalf of himself he was very pleased to see them there that evening, and he was glad to notice that they were making a name in the change-ringing world, and this, he thought, was was mainly due to the untiring efforts of their able secretary.

The health of Mr. and Mrs. Dixon was next given, and received with musical honours.

Mr. Dixon, in responding, said he was very much obliged to the chairman for his remarks, and to the company for the cordial manner in which the toast had been received. Alluding to the help that Rodmersham had received from the premier change-ringing society in the district (Borden), he stated that they were very pleased to have Mr. Hardy (as the representative of Borden) with them that evening.

Mr. Hardy, in returning thanks, said it gave him great pleasure to be with them, and he was glad to note their rapid progress in the Art.

The toast of the evening—"Success to the Rodmersham change-ringing society" was then given.

The health of "The Treasurer" was the next, and the vice-chairman remarked that he (Mr. Wood) had taken great pains with the work entrusted to him; moreover he had struggled hard to get the company to go in for a Treble Bob method, and thus get among the first rank of the county association.

Mr. Wood replied that he was glad his efforts were appreciated; everything he had done had been because he was fond of the Art, and he hoped the society would continue to prosper.

The remainder of the evening was spent in harmony, songs being contributed by the Rev. R. B. Barber, Messrs. Dixon, Wood, Grensted, Day, Ash, and Beech. At 12.30 "this is all" was called, and the party separated, each one having thoroughly enjoyed himself.

## LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

A meeting of the members of the St. Margaret's society was held at their meeting-room on Monday evening, November 26th, the occasion being for the purpose of opening a new set of handbells, the property of Mr. John Button. The bells are in the key of F, nineteen in number, and were supplied by Messrs. Shaw and Son, and the quality of tone and excellence of finish, fully maintain the reputation of that firm. The arrangement of the bells is such that nine peals can be obtained upon them, viz., four peals of eight, three peals of ten and two peals of twelve. Many touches in various methods were rung during the evening, and Mr. Button was congratulated upon being the possessor of such a grand peal of bells. It is worthy of note that there is now in Leiston a total number of eighty-six handbells.

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**Preliminary Notice.**—Hollingsworth Silver Challenge Cup.—The annual change-ringing contest on handbells, for the above cup, will take place on Saturday, February 9th, 1895. For further particulars apply Sec.

JONATHAN PILLING.

Lee Street, Uppermill, near Oldham.

**The Kent County Association.**—Maidstone District.—By kind permission of the Vicar, All Saints' belfry will be open for practice, to-day, Saturday, December 8th, from 5 to 9 p.m., except during service, 6-6.30.

A. L. BRINE, Hon. District Sec.

Beasted Green.

**Kent County Association.**—Rochester District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Helen's church, Cliffe-at-Hoo, to-day, Saturday, December 8th. The tower will be open for ringing at 4 o'clock by kind permission of the Rector.

A. OSBORNE, Hon. District Sec.

Clive Road, Rochester.

**Norwich Diocesan Association.**—Saxmundham District.—The nineteenth quarterly district meeting will be held at Saxmundham, to-day, Saturday, December 8th. The tower will be open from 3 till 9 o'clock. Business meeting in the Church room at 5 o'clock. The Rector will preside. All friends cordially welcome.

WILLIAM TAYLOR, Hon. District Sec.

Leiston.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Manchester Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at the parish church, Didsbury, on Saturday, December 15th. This being the first meeting of the Association ever held at Didsbury, a good muster is expected. Bells ready at 4 p.m., business meeting at 7 p.m.

WALTER BROWN, Branch Sec.

54, Wenlock Street, Hulme, Manchester.

**South and West Middlesex Association.**—By kind permission, the next monthly meeting will be held at Hillingdon, Middlesex (St. John's church), on Saturday, December 15th, 1894. Ringing at 5 o'clock. Members are specially requested to make a point of being present, there being important business to be got through.

E. J. WALSOM, Hon. Sec.  
11, Venetia Road, South Ealing.

**North Notts. Association.**—The quarterly meeting will be held at Shireoaks, on Saturday, December 15th, 1894. Belfry open at 2 p.m., by kind permission of the vicar. Tea at 4 p.m., price one shilling. Members intending to be present should inform Mr. D. Russon, Shireoaks, near Worksop, not later than December 11th.

HENRY T. SLODDEN, Secretary.

**The Oxford Diocesan Guild.**—Reading Branch.—The annual dinner and concert will take place on Saturday, December 15th, 1894, at The Broad Face hotel, Market Place. Visitors will be made welcome. Tickets may be obtained of the representatives of the Reading towers, and the Hon. Sec., A. W. PIKE, Caversham.

**The Heavy Woollen District Association, Yorkshire.**—The next meeting will be held at Brighouse, on Saturday, December 15th, at 5 p.m. prompt. Meeting house, Ring of Bells. All members are requested to attend.

GEO. H. SIMON, Hon. Sec.

19, Albert Street, Bailley Carr.

**Lancashire Association.**—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Saviour's, Bacup, on Saturday, December 22nd. Bells ready at 3 p.m. A free tea will be provided to all who send in their names or number from each tower to J. A. Brown, 165, Rochdale Road, Bacup, not later than December 18th. Meeting after tea.

J. B. TAYLOR, Branch Sec.

7, Church Street, Waterfoot.

Will any brother-ringer favour me with a copy of No. 610 to complete my vol., that number being out of print.—W. Mead, Clun, Salop.

## Compositions.

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

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR.

By ARTHUR S. BARRELL, Ufford, Suffolk.

5040.

2	3	4	5	6	I	4	6
6	5	3	2	4	-	-	-
4	2	5	6	3	-	-	-
3	6	2	4	5	-	-	-
5	4	6	3	2	-	-	-
3	6	4	5	2	-	-	-
2	5	6	3	4	-	-	-
4	3	5	2	6	-	-	-
6	2	3	4	5	-	-	-
5	4	2	6	3	-	-	1
6	2	4	5	3	-	-	-
3	5	2	6	4	-	-	-
4	6	5	3	2	-	-	-
2	3	6	4	5	-	-	-
5	4	3	2	6	-	-	-
4	2	3	5	6	-	-	-

Twice repeated.

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR.

By FRED CLAYTON.

5088

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

Twice repeated. First rung at Helmingham on November 21st, 1894, conducted by W. G. Crickmer.

## A PEAL OF ALLIANCE MAJOR.

By F. E. W. MEADOWS, Otley, Suffolk.

9240.

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

Four times repeated.

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

By ARTHUR CRAVEN, Headingley.

5376.

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

Twice repeated. This peal contains the 4th, 5th, and 6th the extent in 6ths place, with all the 8-4s, 8-5s, and 8-6s, and the 2nd never in that position. A variation of this was first rung at Staveley, Derbyshire, on October 6th, 1894, conducted by Arthur Brearley.

**NOTICE OF REMOVAL.**—The address of C. E. Borrett (Secretary to St. Peter Mancroft company) is now Chester Street, York Street, Norwich.

## 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.

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## The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1894.

### The Provinces.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 28, 1894, in Three Hours and Four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CANTERBURY PLEASURE TRIPLES,

5040 CHANGES. Tenor 24½ cwt.

DAVID FARTHING .. .. Treble.	*WILLIAM J. THYNG .. .. 5.
GEORGE TOPLIS .. .. 2.	WILLIAM E. TYDEMAN .. .. 6.
GEORGE DAVIES .. .. 3.	ARTHUR KNIGHTS .. .. 7.
ARTHUR CRAVEN .. .. 4.	JOHN GOODWIN .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

\*First peal, and first peal in the method by all. Rung as a birthday compliment to W. J. Thyng, the band wishing him many happy returns of the day.

WOOLWICH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 24, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

CHARLES WILKINS .. .. Treble.	HARRY WARNETT .. .. 5.
WILLIAM BEDWELL .. .. 2.	ARTHUR NEALE .. .. 6.
WILLIAM G. GROVES .. .. 3.	WALTER INGHAM .. .. 7.
GEORGE CONYARD .. .. 4.	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE .. Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS and Conducted by C. WILKINS.



## MOTTRAM-IN-LONGDENDALE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD AND THE UNITED COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, November 30, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN SIDEBOTHAM .. .. Treble.	SAMUEL SIDEBOTHAM .. 5.
ROBERT WALKER* .. .. 2.	JOHN J. PEMBERTON.. .. 6.
AQUILA ORMROD* .. .. 3.	CHARLES MARSLAND .. 7.
ISAAC SIDEBOTTOM .. .. 4.	JOHN W. HADFIELD.. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN SIDEBOTHAM.

\*First peal.

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

On Saturday, December 1, 1894, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 23 cwt.

WALTER HOBBS.. .. Treble.	ERNEST ALLEN .. .. 5.
STANLEY HUTSON .. .. 2.	EDWARD FOREMAN .. .. 6.
CHARLES MILLWAY .. .. 3.	RICHARD STAINES .. .. 7.
CHARLES WILLSHIRE .. 4.	WILLIAM TASSELL .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES WILLSHIRE.

E. Foreman hails from Hern Hill, the rest belong to the local company.

## HIGHAM FERRERS, NORTHANTS.—THE RAUNDS, WELLINGBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 1, 1894, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 22 cwt. 3 qrs. 17 lbs.

JOHN SHARMAN .. .. Treble.	*WILLIAM HALL .. .. 5.
CHARLES CHASTY .. .. 2.	*JOHN B. MARTIN .. .. 6.
FRED. GILBERT .. .. 3.	ALFRED H. MARTIN .. 7.
ISAAC HILLS .. .. 4.	CHARLES W. CLARKE .. .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS and Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARKE.

\*First peal in the method: This peal, which contains the 4th, 5th, and 6th their extent in 6th's place, and the 2nd and 3rd never in that position, was taken from "THE BELL NEWS" for January 14th, 1893. The above is the first peal in the method by the Association, and the first in the method on the bells.

## FRESSINGFIELD, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 1, 1894, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

PERCY C. ARKIS* .. .. Treble.	JAMES BOUGHTON .. .. 5.
WILLIAM RICHES .. .. 2.	JAMES TANN .. .. 6.
ROBERT WHITING .. .. 3.	ROBERT PEAKE .. .. 7.
FREDERICK R. BORRETT .. 4.	ALFRED W. BRIGHTON .. .. Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS and Conducted by ALFRED W. BRIGHTON.

\*First peal. This peal, which is in one part, contains the 4th, 5th, and 6th the extent in 5-6, and the 2nd never in 6th's place at a course end, and is now rung for the first time. Messrs. Borrett and Boughton hail from Pulham Market, Tann and Whiting from Pulham Mary, Peake from Brockdish, Norfolk, Arkis and Brighton from Norwich, and W. Riches belongs to the local company.

## ASHTEAD, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 1, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST GILES,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S SIX-PART No. 3.

CHARLES READ .. .. Treble.	†HENRY WILKINSON .. .. 5.
STEPHEN WILSON§ .. .. 2.	†GEORGE CHANTLER .. .. 6.
JOHN WYATT† .. .. 3.	ALFRED E. BASSETT.. .. 7.
WILLIAM CHANTLER.. .. 4.	*DAVID ANSCOMBE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE CHANTLER.

\*First peal. †First peal in the method. §First peal in the method with a bob bell. ‡First peal in the method as conductor. Messrs. Ancombe, Wyatt, and Wilkinson belong to Ashtead, Bassett to Epsom, the rest to Ewell.

## WOLVERHAMPTON.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, December 1, 1894, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES.

Tenor 23 cwt.

HERBERT KNIGHT* .. .. Treble.	HENRY DAWKES.. .. 6.
HENRY A. HALL† .. .. 2.	†WILLIAM S. PRITCHETT .. 7.
WILLIAM H. GODDEN .. 3.	JAMES GEORGE .. .. 8.
WILLIAM SMITH .. .. 4.	JAMES E. GROVES .. .. 9.
JOHN S. PRITCHETT .. .. 5.	†WILLIAM PAINTER .. .. Tenor.

Composed by JAMES GEORGE and Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

\*First peal. †First peal of Grandsire Caters. ‡First peal of Caters with a bob bell. The figures of this peal will be found in "THE BELL NEWS" for December 10th last. 'Rang as a birthday compliment to the composer, also to Mrs. H. Dawkes, wife of the ringer of the 6th. Great credit is due to H. Knight, who took the treble after meeting one short, he never having rung in ten before.

## BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 1, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS.

Tenor 20½ cwt.

ARTHUR B. CARPENTER .. Treble.	JAMES W. TRAPPIST .. .. 5.
JOSEPH FAYERS .. .. 2.	FRANK HOLDER .. .. 6.
JOHN HARDING .. .. 3.	CHARLES BANCE .. .. 7.
THOMAS KING .. .. 4.	GEORGE WELLING .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by DR. A. B. CARPENTER.

## SHEFFIELD, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION,

On Saturday, December 1, 1894, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 26 cwt.

THOMAS DIXON .. .. Treble.	ARTHUR WORTHINGTON .. 5.
HENRY WARD .. .. 2.	ARTHUR CRAVEN .. .. 6.
HENRY BOWER .. .. 3.	ARTHUR KNIGHTS .. .. 7.
HERBERT MADIN .. .. 4.	WILLIAM BIGGIN .. .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS and Conducted by WILLIAM BIGGIN.

The peal which is now rung for the first time contains the 4th and 6th the extent each way in 5-6, with the 6th five times at home.

## LLANDAFF.—THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(THE CATHEDRAL COMPANY.)

On Saturday, December 1, 1894, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REEVE'S VARIATION OF HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 23 cwt. in E flat.

JESSE PITCHER* .. .. Treble.	JOHN HARRIS .. .. 5.
CHARLES LLOYD† .. .. 2.	WILLIAM COOMBS .. .. 6.
JOHN W. SMYTHE .. .. 3.	JOHN CLUTTERBUCK .. .. 7.
WILLIAM B. BISS .. .. 4.	RICHARD H. BROTHWELL.. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES LLOYD.

\*First peal. †First peal as conductor. Rung in honour of the birthday of the Princess of Wales, and the birthday of W. B. Biss, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns of the day. The ringers desire to thank the cathedral authorities for so kindly placing the bells at their disposal.

## WINSHAM, SOMERSET.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, December 1, 1894, in Three Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM DRAKE .. .. Treble.	FRANK DAVEY .. .. 5.
WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. 2.	THOMAS BLACKBOURN .. 6.
WALTER S. WISE .. .. 3.	SYDNEY LAWRENCE .. .. 7.
ERNEST BISHOP.. .. 4.	THOMAS GROVES .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WALTER S. WISE.

The above peal was rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect for Dr. Richard Harvey, the late churchwarden.

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

On Saturday, December 1, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 18 cwt.

ALBERT SAXBY* .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM SEVIER .. .. 5.
THOMAS DURLING .. .. 2.	ARTHUR PEILL .. .. 6.
JOHN TURNER .. .. 3.	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE .. 7.
GEORGE CONYARD .. .. 4.	EDWIN BARNETT .. .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS and Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT.

\*First peal in the method. Messrs. Durling and Groombridge hail from Chislehurst; Sevier from Eastleigh (for whom the peal was arranged); the rest from Crayford. The above is a one-part peal taken from Snowden's *Treble Bob*, page 67

## UPTON, ST. LEONARD'S, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(ST. MICHAEL'S JUNIOR SOCIETY).

On Saturday, December 1, 1894, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES.

Tenor about 15 cwt in F.

WALTER T. BENNETT .. Treble.	JOHN AUSTIN .. .. 5.
WILLIAM C. JONES .. .. 2.	WILLIAM T. PEGLAR .. 6.
FRANCIS E. HART .. .. 3.	OWEN C. LE-HANE .. .. 7.
FRANK GARDNER .. .. 4.	ADOLPHUS ROBERTS .. Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF and Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

First peal of Major by Gardner, Peglar, and Le-Hane. Gardner belongs to Cirencester, Peglar to Hempsted, Le-Hane to Upton St. Leonard's, the rest to St. Michael's, Gloucester.

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

On Saturday, December 1, 1894, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
TAYLOR'S SIX-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

EDWARD LARGE* .. .. Treble.	THOMAS BOND .. .. 5.
HENRY BOND, JUN. .. .. 2.	*HENRY SMITH, JUN. .. 6.
WALTER SHIRLEY .. .. 3.	WALTER LARGE .. .. 7.
WM. LAUNCHBURY, JUN. .. 4.	WILLIAM LAUNCHBURY .. Tenor.

Conducted by WALTER LARGE.

\*First peal.

## WINSHAM, SOMERSET.

## THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sunday, December 2, 1894, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
THURSTANS' COMPOSITION. Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM DRAKE .. .. Treble.	FRANK DAVEY .. .. 5.
WALTER S. WISE .. .. 2.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. 6.
FERRIS SHEPPARD .. .. 3.	SYDNEY LAWRENCE .. .. 7.
ERNEST BISHOP .. .. 4.	THOMAS BLACKBOURN .. Tenor.

Conducted by WALTER S. WISE.

## ECCLES, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(MANCHESTER BRANCH.)

On Monday, December 3, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES  
IN THE KENT VARIATION.

H. DERBYSHIRE .. .. Treble.	HARRY CHAPMAN .. .. 5.
J. BARRETT .. .. 2.	THOMAS DERBYSHIRE .. 6.
JOSEPH RIDYARD .. .. 3.	FRED DERBYSHIRE .. .. 7.
GEORGE TURNER .. .. 4.	RICHARD RIDYARD .. .. Tenor.

Composed by J. S. WILDE and Conducted by RICHARD RIDYARD.

Messrs. Derbyshire (3), and Ridyard (2) hail from Worsley; Turner and Chapman from Pendleton; Barret belongs to the local company.

## REDENHALL, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 3, 1894, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 24 cwt.

EDWARD SMITH .. .. Treble.	ERNEST POPPY .. .. 5.
JOHN BENTLEY .. .. 2.	JAMES TANN .. .. 6.
ROBERT WHITING .. .. 3.	FREDERICK SMITH .. .. 7.
FREDERICK BORRETT .. .. 4.	ERNEST POLL .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by EDWARD SMITH.

## YATELEY, HANTS.—WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, December 3, 1894, in Three Hours and Fifty-six Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 6720 CHANGES.  
Tenor 17 cwt.

FREDERICK FRANCIS .. Treble.	FRANK BENNETT .. .. 5.
GEORGE HAWKINS .. .. 2.	HENRY WHITE .. .. 6.
BARZILLAI HAWKINS .. 3.	JOHN J. JONES .. .. 7.
THOMAS CURTIS .. .. 4.	EDGAR COLLINS .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

This is the longest peal of Major by the Guild, and by all the band except Edgar Collins, who rang in the long peal at Debenham. Messrs. Bennett and Jones hail from Guildford, White and Curtis from Basingstoke, Collins and Francis from Bagshot, and Hawkins (2), belong to the local band. The ringers wish to thank the vicar for the use of the bells, and Mr. Hilton for having everything in readiness.

## SOLIHULL, WARWICKSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

(BIRMINGHAM AMALGAMATED SOCIETY BRANCH.)

On Monday, December 3, 1894, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5093 CHANGES;  
Tenor 21 cwt.

GEOFFREY A. MARTINEAU Treble.	CHARLES SPARKES .. .. 6.
THOMAS HORTON .. .. 2.	GEORGE WALKER .. .. 7.
JAMES JONES .. .. 3.	JOHN S. PERRY .. .. 8.
JOHN PRICKETT .. .. 4.	JOHN CARTER .. .. 9.
JOHN JENNINGS .. .. 5.	FRANK MUMFORD .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JOHN CARTER.

This is the first peal since October 18th, 1786, upon the bells which have been augmented to ten by Messrs. J. Barwell and Son, and opened on Friday, July 6th. The peal contains the extent of the 6th wrong and right, and the 5th twelve times right. The ringers wish to thank the Vicar and churchwardens for their kindness in granting them the use of the bells.

## WINSHAM, SOMERSET.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, December 3, 1894, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,  
5152 CHANGES. Tenor 14 cwt.

W. W. GIFFORD .. .. Treble.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 5.
REV. G. F. COLERIDGE .. 2.	JAMES W. WASHBROOK .. 6.
THOMAS BLACKBOURN .. 3.	SYDNEY LAWRENCE .. .. 7.
ERNEST BISHOP .. .. 4.	WALTER S. WISE .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JAMES WILLIAM WASHBROOK.

## WELLS, SOMERSET.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday December 4, 1894, in Three Hours and Forty-four and ½ Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES.  
Tenor 57½ cwt.

REV. G. F. COLERIDGE .. Treble.	REV. H. A. COCKEY .. .. 6.
WALTER S. WISE .. .. 2.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
THOMAS BLACKBOURN .. 3.	FRANCIS PRICE .. .. 8.
ERNEST BISHOP .. .. 4.	WILLIAM JAMES HINTON .. 9.
SYDNEY LAWRENCE .. .. 5.	JAMES W. WASHBROOK .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN COX and Conducted by J. W. WASHBROOK.

This is the heaviest ring of bells on which a peal has ever been rung single-handed.

## WELLS, SOMERSET.

On Wednesday, December 5, 1894, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 28 cwt.

SYDNEY LAWRENCE .. .. Treble.	F. PRICE .. .. . 5.
L. LUSH .. .. . 2.	REV. A. COODE .. .. 6.
W. S. WISE .. .. . 3.	J. HINTON .. .. . 7.
T. BLACKBOURN .. .. 4.	J. W. WASHBROOK .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. S. WISE.

## Performances on Five and Six Bells.

## BEDFORD.—THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 4, 1894, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## SEVEN 720s OF MINOR,

In the Six following Methods:

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

Tenor 7½ cwt. in B.

SAMUEL J. CULLIP .. .. Treble.	*HARRY TYSOE .. .. . 4.
CHARLES WM. CLARKE .. .. 2.	JOHN SHARMAN .. .. . 5.
CHARLES CHASTY .. .. . 3.	ISAAC HILLS .. .. . Tenor.

Conducted by C. W. CLARKE.

\*First peal.

## Date Touches.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BATTLE (Sussex).—On Tuesday, October 29th, for practice, Mr. F. S. W. Butler's date touch, as published in "THE BELL NEWS" of July 21st, 1894, was rung at St. Mary's church in 1 hr. 4 mins. W. Eastland, 1; J. Mathis, 2; S. Saker, 3; C. J. Hyland, 4; H. Elliott, 5; W. Thomas, 6; W. Franks (conductor), 7; W. H. Eldridge, 8. It is the longest length by the ringers of 1st, 3rd, 5th, and 8th. Tenor 23 cwt.

DARTFORD (Kent).—On Sunday, November 11th, for morning service, a date touch, 1894 changes, in 1 hr. 6 mins. J. Henson, 1; F. French, 2; J. Turner, 3; J. Saxby (conductor), 4; G. May, 5; J. Blackman, 6; H. J. Castle, 7; W. Saxby, 8.

RIPON (Yorks).—On Friday, November 9th, at the Cathedral, a date touch of Kent Treble Bob Royal, 1894 changes, in 1 hr. 10 mins. W. Gibson (age 16), 1; J. Baines, 2; W. Orton, 3; J. Strodger, 4; W. Matson, 5; J. Metcalfe, 6; W. Pick, 7; F. Shepherd, 8; T. Metcalfe (composer and conductor), 9; H. Rumbold, 10.

WALTHAM ABBEY (Essex).—On Saturday, November 10th, for practice, at the abbey church, a date touch (1894 changes) of Grandsire Triples in 1 hr. 10 mins. F. Jelf (conductor), 1; \*F. Carter, 2; E. Wallage, 3; G. Pearce, 4; D. Tarling, 5; E. Hall, 6; T. Colverd, 7; G. Cole, 8. Composed by Henry Moore, of Minehead. \*Longest length with a bob bell.

## Miscellaneous.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

WHITLEY (Durham).—On Wednesday, November 14th, 720 Bob Minor. G. Ainsley, 1; J. Barber, 2; Rev. H. T. W. Eyre, 3; H. Ross, 4; J. Hern (conductor), 5; W. Thompson, 6. Rev. H. T. W. Eyre hails from Great Totham, Essex, and the ringers were greatly pleased with his visits to the belfry. Tenor 18 cwt.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HULL (Yorkshire).—On Monday, November 5th, at Holy Trinity church, 720 Bob Minor in 29 mins. J. W. Dale, 1; W. Verity, 3; G. T. Marshall, 4; T. Stockdale, 5; J. Dixey, 6; C. Jackson, 7; G. T. Miller, 8. On Friday, November 9th, in honour of the election of

Mayor and Sheriff, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 1260 changes, in 44 mins. G. T. Marshall, 1; W. Verity, 2; J. Highfield, 3; F. Merrison, 4; T. Stockdale, 5; C. Jackson (conductor), 6; J. Dixey, 7; J. W. Dale, 8. And 630 in the same method. F. Merrison, 1; W. Verity, 2; J. Highfield, 3; G. T. Marshall, 4; T. Stockdale, 5; J. Dixey, 6; C. Jackson, 7; J. W. Dale, 8.

LEEDS (Yorks).—On Sunday, November 25th, for evening service, 915 Stedman Cinques. T. Lockwood (conductor), 1; G. Barraclough, 2; R. Binns, 3; A. Windsor, 4; H. Lockwood, 5; J. Hutchinson, 6; W. Walker, 7; W. Woodhead, 8; J. Woodhead, 9; W. Snowdon, 10; F. Woodhead, 11; H. Smith, 12.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ASHFORD (Kent).—On Tuesday, November 6th, for practice at the parish church, 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-eight bobs twenty-two singles), in 28 mins., with 6-8 covering. A. Elgar, 1; E. Dyson, 2; H. N. Horton, 3; J. Rechenburg, 4; T. Tabrett, 5; T. Swaffer, 6; A. J. Dyson (conductor), 7; A. Collins, 8. Tenor 24 cwt.

CANTERBURY (Kent).—On Sunday, November 25th, at the church of St. Alphege, 720 Plain Bob Minor (twenty-one bobs twelve singles), in 24 mins. E. Beney (first 720), 1; M. W. Pierce, 2; F. Marriott (first 720 with a bob bell), 3; H. G. Fairbrass, 4; G. Sayer, 5; P. H. Pierce (conductor), 6.

## THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

REIGATE (Surrey).—On Monday, November 5th, at the church of St. Mary Magdalene, for practice, 448 Court Bob Triples. P. Knight, 1; F. T. Hoad, sen. (conductor), 2; F. T. Hoad, jun., 3; G. Croucher, 4; H. Reeves, 5; E. Kenward, 6; W. Argent, 7; J. Stedman, 8. And a course of Bob Major. J. Howard, 1; F. T. Hoad, sen., 2; F. T. Hoad, jun., 3; P. Knight, 4; G. Croucher, 5; E. Kenward, 6; W. Argent, 7; H. Reeves, 8. And 210 Oxford Bob Triples. P. Knight, 1; F. T. Hoad, sen. (conductor), 2; G. Croucher, 3; F. T. Hoad, jun., 4; H. Reeves, 5; W. Argent, 6; E. Kenward, 7; A. Moseley, 8. On Sunday, November 11th, for evening service, 252 Stedman Triples. F. T. Hoad, sen. (conductor), 1; F. Linter, 2; E. Moses, 3; G. Croucher, 4; H. Reeves, 5; E. Kenward, 6; W. Argent, 7; A. Moseley, 8. And 504 Grandsire Triples. G. Croucher, 1; F. Linter, 2; E. Moses, 3; H. Reeves, 4; F. T. Hoad, jun., 5; W. Argent (conductor), 6; E. Kenward, 7; A. Moseley, 8. Also after service, 336 Bob Major. E. Moses, 1; F. T. Hoad, sen., 2; F. T. Hoad, jun., 3; G. Croucher, 4; F. Linter, 5; E. Kenward, 6; W. Argent, 7; H. Reeves (conductor), 8. Tenor 21 cwt.

## THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

EAST RETFORD (Notts).—On Thursday, November 1st, in commemoration of the Municipal election, 504 Grandsire Triples. G. E. Sharpe, 1; G. M. Farr, 2; T. Spurr, 3; J. T. Bottomley, 4; J. Swannack, 5; H. Haigh, 6; J. B. Joynes (conductor), 7; W. Metcalfe, 8. Also 1008 of Bob Major. G. E. Sharpe, 1; G. M. Farr, 2; J. T. Bottomley, 3; T. H. Denman, Esq., 4; J. Swannack, 5; H. Haigh, 6; T. Spurr, 7; J. B. Joynes (conductor), 8. After which an attempt was made for a quarter-peal of Union Triples, but was lost after ringing 840 changes. G. E. Sharpe, 1; G. M. Farr, 2; J. T. Bottomley, 3; T. Spurr, 4; J. Swannack, 5; H. Haigh (conductor), 6; J. B. Joynes, 7; W. Metcalfe, 8. On Sunday, November 4th, 360 Bob Royal. G. Winter, 1; G. M. Farr, 2; T. Spurr, 3; J. T. Bottomley, 4; G. E. Sharpe, 5; T. H. Denman, Esq., 6; W. Skelton, 7; H. Warburton, 8; H. Haigh (conductor), 9; J. B. Joynes, 10. And in the evening, a muffled quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, 1259 changes, was rung as a mark of condolence and a tribute of respect to the Rev. Canon Ebsworth and family in their bereavement by the loss of the Rev. G. S. Ebsworth (the vicar's father), of St. Leonard's. G. Winter (first quarter-peal), 1; G. Swannack, 2; T. Spurr, 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. Time 48 mins. And on Friday, November 9th, at the parish church, to commemorate the re-election of J. H. Hewitt, Esq. as Mayor, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1259 changes), in 47 mins. G. Swannack, 1; G. M. Farr, 2; J. T. Bottomley, 3; H. Warburton, 4; G. E. Sharpe, 5; T. Spurr, 6; J. Swannack, 7; H. Haigh (conductor), 8; J. B. Joynes, 9; W. Metcalfe, 10. Composed by Cornelius Charge, of London. Several other touches were rung during the day, and the bells fired at intervals. Also on Sunday, November 11th, for Divine Service, 576 Grandsire Caters. G. Clayton, 1; G. Swannack, 2; G. M. Farr, 3; J. T. Bottomley, 4; G. E. Sharpe, 5; J. Swannack, 6; W. Skelton, 7; H. Haigh (conductor), 8; J. B. Joynes, 9; W. Metcalfe, 10. Also 468 Grandsire Caters. G. M. Farr, 1; G. Swannack, 2; T. Spurr, 3; J. T. Bottomley, 4; G. E. Sharpe, 5; H. Warburton, 6; H. Haigh, 7; R. Potter, 8; J. B. Joynes (conductor), 9; W. Metcalfe, 10. And for evening service, 504 Grandsire Caters. G.

Clayton, 1; G. Winter, 2; T. Spurr (conductor), 3; J. T. Bottomley, 4; J. E. Sharpe, 5; J. Swannack, 6; H. Haigh, 7; H. Warburton, 8; J. B. Joynes, 9; W. Metcalfe, 10.

**ORDSALL.**—On Tuesday evening, November 13th, for practice, a 720 of Yorkshire Court Bob Minor in 25 mins. G. M. Farr, 1; G. Swannack, 2; J. B. Joynes, 3; H. Blagg, 4; H. Haigh (conductor), 5; J. White, 6. First 720 in the method by Messrs. Farr, Swannack, and Joynes who along with H. Haigh hail from East Retford.

#### GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

**BRISTOL.**—On Thursday evening, November 8th, at St. Stephen's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, 1313 changes. C. Millard, 1; H. Pring, 2; C. N. Gordon, 3; W. J. Hinton (conductor), 4; C. Goodenough, 5; J. York, 6; F. Price, 7; C. W. Bell, 8; W. Emery, 9; W. Colston, 10. Messrs. Goodenough and Bell hail from Bath.

#### THE WORCESTER AND ADJOINING DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

**MALVERN (Worcestershire).**—On Thursday, November 8th, the first half of Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples (2520 changes), in 1 hr. 38 mins. A. Layton, 1; J. Morris, 2; R. G. Knowles (conductor), 3; G. Peacey, 4; C. Layton, 5; H. T. Knowles, 6; D. Greening, 7; T. Gunnell, 8. This is the longest attempt by the band.

#### THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

**WINCHESTER.**—On Thursday, November 8th, for practice at the Cathedral, 611 and 503 Grandsire Caters. A. E. Macey, 1; C. J. North, 2; C. J. Choquet, 3; W. C. Lampard, 4; G. Smith, 5; R. Hasted, 6; W. J. Sevier, 7; J. Weaver, 8; W. H. George (composer and conductor), 9; J. Harris, 10. On Thursday, November 1st, 280 Grandsire Triples. J. Harris (longest touch away from the tenor), 1; C. J. Choquet, 2; W. J. Sevier, 3; R. Hasted, 4; W. C. Lampard, 5; C. J. North, 6; W. H. George (conductor), 7; D. Froome, 8. Tenor 32 cwt.

#### THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—BLACKBURN BRANCH.

**BLACKBURN (Lancashire).**—On Friday evening, November 9th, at the parish church, 720 Plain Bob Minor in 32 mins. G. Goodwin, 1; J. Smith, jun., 2; W. Slater, 3; T. H. Thompson, 4; J. Watson, 5; J. Walker (conductor), 6. Tenor 15 cwt. T. H. Thompson hails from Whalley.

**BURNLEY (Lancashire).**—On Saturday, November 10th, at Holy Trinity church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. J. Wilkinson, 1; H. Heyworth, 2; F. Towns (first 720), 3; D. Heys, 4; T. Mouncey, 5; T. Redman (conductor), 6. Also on Sunday, November 11th, for morning service, 704 Kent Treble Bob Major. T. Baldwin, 1; J. Wilkinson, 2; D. Heys, 3; H. Heyworth, 4; N. Townend, 5; R. Ashworth, 6; T. Redman (conductor), 7; T. Mouncey, 8. Also for evening service, 640 in the same method. T. Baldwin, 1; J. Wilkinson, 2; R. Ashworth, 3; H. Heyworth, 4; N. Townend, 5; D. Heys, 6; T. Redman (conductor), 7; T. Mouncey, 8. Also on Sunday, November 18th, 576 in the same method. T. Baldwin, 1; D. Heys, 2; R. Ashworth, 3; T. Porter, 4; N. Townend, 5; H. Heyworth, 6; T. Mouncey, 7; T. Redman (conductor), 8. Also for evening service, two plain courses in the same method. T. Baldwin, 1; E. A. Baker, 2; D. Campbell, 3; J. Wilkinson, 4; N. Townend, 5; H. Heyworth, 6; R. Ashworth, 7; T. Redman, 8. E. A. Baker hails from Padham, and this is his first touch in the method. Also on Sunday morning, November 25th, 240 Kent Treble Bob Minor. H. Heyworth, 1; J. Wilkinson, 2; T. Redman (conductor), 3; R. Ashworth, 4; N. Townend, 5; D. Heys, 6. And on Sunday evening, 720 in the same method (fifteen bobs). T. Baldwin, 1; D. Campbell, 2; H. Heyworth, 3; J. Wilkinson, 4; R. Ashworth, 5; T. Redman (conductor), 6.

#### THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

**BATTLE (Sussex).**—On Sunday, October 21st, for morning service, 360 Grandsire Minor. W. Eastland, 1; W. Thomas, 2; H. Elliott, 3; W. Franks, 4; J. Mathis, 5; J. Curtis (conductor), 6; W. H. Eldridge, 7; C. Carter, 8.

#### THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

**HARLOW (Essex).**—On Sunday, November 11th, for evening service, 1008 Bob Major. F. Perrin, 1; A. Deards, 2; H. Perrin, jun., 3; E. Lucas, 4; C. French, 5; T. Ellis, 6; A. White, 7; H. Perrin, sen. (conductor), 8. And 224 in the same method. E. Parish, 1; F. Perrin, 2; H. Perrin, jun., 3; G. Dent, 4; C. French, 5; T. Ellis, 6; R. Tabor, 7; H. Perrin, sen. (conductor), 8. Messrs. Deards, Lucas, and White hail from East Ham; the rest belong to the local company.

#### STOKE-ON-TRENT APCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

**KINGSLEY (Staffordshire).**—On Saturday, November 10th, for practice, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. H. Carnwell, 1; T. Moreton, 2; J. E. Wheeldon (conductor), 3; J. Moreton, 4; W. Wheeldon, 5; J. Burnett, 6. First 720 in the method by all except J. E. and W. Wheeldon. Also on Sunday, November 11th, for Divine Service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. E. Bradshaw (first 720 in the method), 1; J. Burnett, 2; A. Edwards (first 720), 3; H. Carnwell, 4; J. Moreton, 5; J. E. Wheeldon (conductor), 6. Also for Divine Service in the evening, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. J. Burnett, 1; T. Moreton, 2; A. Edwards (first 720 in the method with a bob bell), 3; J. Moreton, 4; H. Carnwell, 5; J. E. Wheeldon (conductor), 6. J. E. and W. Wheeldon hail from Bucknall; the rest are local men.

#### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

**EAST HARLING.**—On Sunday, November 11th, at Mr. W. Kerry's house, on handbells, 216 Bob Minor. W. Kerry, 1; F. Kerry, 2; J. Adams, 3; W. Secker, 4; H. Secker, 5; J. Lawrence (conductor), 6. And 144 Bob Minor. F. Kerry, 1; J. Adams, 2; A. Hunt, 3; W. Secker, 4; H. Secker, 5; J. Lawrence (conductor), 6. And several other touches. F. Kerry and J. Lawrence hail from Attleboro.

**BOLTON (Lancashire).**—On Sunday, November 11th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 41 mins. P. Ince (conductor), 1; W. Thornley, 2; A. Nuttal, 3; J. Davies, 4; W. Farnworth, 5; F. Gratrix, 6; P. Nuttal, 7; E. Settle, 8. Tenor 15½ cwt.

**BRAMSHOTT (Hants).**—On Monday, November 5th, being the anniversary of the re-opening of the bells, 720 Grandsire Doubles, each called differently, in 27 mins. W. Stilwell, 1; W. Whiting, 2; W. Wheeler, 3; Rev. H. C. Stokes, 4; G. Beagley, 5; Wm. Whiting, 6. Conducted by G. Beagley and W. Wheeler.

**BUTTERWICK (Lincolnshire).**—On Sunday morning, November 11th, for Divine Service at the parish church, a 6-score each of Grandsire, Plain Bob, April Day, and Primrose. J. Philips, 1; J. E. Clarke, 2; C. R. Lilley, 3; H. Palmer (conductor), 4; T. Woods, 5. Also a 6-score each of Earl Soham Delight and Old Doubles. J. Colman, 1; the rest as before. J. Philips belongs to Butterwick, the rest hail from Skirbeck.

**CARDIFF (South Wales).**—On Tuesday, November 6th, for practice at St. John's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung on the back eight. E. Stenner, 1; J. Richards, 2; W. Burkinshaw, 3; A. Rowley, 4; C. Winfield, 5; E. Cook (conductor), 6; G. Hardage, 7; A. Hatton, 8. Composed by J. Carter, and contains nine 4-6s and 7-4s, and twelve 6-7s. Longest length by the ringer of the 5th.

**CHEPSTOW (Monmouthshire).**—On Sunday morning, November 11th, for Divine Service at St. Mary's church, a 6-score of Bob Doubles, with 7-6-8 covering. C. Heyling, 1; W. Andrews, 2; R. Thompson, 3; H. Morgan, 4; J. Morley (conductor), 5; E. Williams, 6; M. Closs, 7; F. Bye, 8. Also two plain courses of Plain Bob Triples. E. Williams, 1; R. Thompson, 2; M. Closs, 3; H. Morgan, 4; W. Freestone, 5; W. Andrews, 6; J. Morley, 7; F. Bye, 8. And for evening service, 252 Plain Bob Triples. E. Williams, 1; S. Hopton, 2; W. Freestone, 3; R. Thompson, 4; G. Williams, 5; W. Andrews, 6; J. Morley (conductor), 7; M. Closs, 8. Tenor 21 cwt. in E. First touch in the method for the ringers of Treble, 2nd, 4th, 5th, and 6th.

**DORKING (Surrey).**—On Thursday, November 8th, for the harvest festival and re-opening of the organ, a quarter-peal of Union Triples, in 45 mins. G. Milton, 1; H. Boxall, 2; W. P. Tarling, 3; J. H. White, 4; E. Dodd, 5; A. Dobinson, 6; E. Moses (conductor), 7; W. Lynch, 8. It is the longest length in the method by all the band except the ringers of the 2nd and 7th.

**ELHAM (Kent).**—On Wednesday, October 31st, four 6-scores of Bob Doubles, each called differently, with 6-7-8 covering. H. Pitcher, 1; E. Bush (conductor), 2; E. Smith, 3; C. Richards, 4; A. Castle, 5; T. Bourne, 6; G. Arnold, 7; A. Hogben, 8. On Monday, November 5th, a plain course and 180 Bob Minor. G. Shepherd, 1; H. Pitcher, 2; E. Smith, 3; C. Richards, 4; E. Bush, 5; A. Castle, 6. On Monday, November 12th, 720 Bob Minor (fourteen singles four bobs), in 28 mins. 7-8 covering. E. Smith, 1; E. Bush, 2; A. Beer, 3; C. Richards, 4; J. Andrews, 5; A. Castle (conductor), 6; T. Bourne, 7; G. Shepherd, 8. And 180 in the same method. G. Shepherd, 1; H. Pitcher, 2; E. Smith, 3; C. Richards, 4; A. Castle, 5; E. Bush (conductor), 6; T. Bourne, 7; A. Hogben, 8.

**FRAMPTON (Lincolnshire).**—On Sunday morning, November 25th, for Divine Service at the parish church, a 6-score each of Grandsire, Plain Bob, April Day, Earl Soham Delight, and Old Doubles. J. Colman, 1; J. E. Clark, 2; C. R. Lilley, 3; H. Palmer (conductor), 4; T. Woods, 5.

**HALESWORTH (Suffolk).**—On Sunday, November 11th, for Divine Service in the evening, 464 Bob Major. W. Nicholls (first touch on eight), 1; F. C. Lambert, 2; E. Easter, 3; J. Larter, 4; R. Howard, 5; G. Tubble, 6; C. Kerrison, 7; A. W. Brighton (conductor), 8. Also after service, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs eighteen singles). C. Scruttin (first 720), 1; F. C. Lambert, 2; W. Nichols (first 720 with a bob bell), 3; J. Larter, 4; C. Kerrison, 5; A. W. Brighton (conductor), 6. Tenor 20 cwt. C. Scruttin hails from Sibton; W. Nichols from Peasenhall; and A. W. Brighton from Norwich.

**HURWORTH-ON-TEES (Durham).**—On Thursday, November 8th, for practice, at All Saints' church, two touches of Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Minor. G. W. Park, 1; J. Gaines, 2; T. Kirby, 3; T. Lungley, 4; G. Park (conductor), 5; G. Garbutt, 6. And 720 Grandsire Minor in 27 mins. G. Garbutt, 1; W. Kingdon, 2; T. Kirby, 3; T. Lungley, 4; G. Park, 5; G. W. Park (conductor), 6. Messrs. Park, Lungley, and Kingdon belong to the Holy Trinity band, Darlington; the rest are local men. Tenor 17 cwt.

**IPSWICH.**—On Tuesday, November 13th, for practice, about 1600 well-struck changes of Double Norwich Court Bob Maximus in 1 hr. 15 mins. R. Hawes, 1; E. Pemberton, 2; I. Alexander, 3; W. Garrett, 4; J. Lines, 5; W. Motts, 6; C. Saul, 7; H. Howell, 8; J. Motts (conductor), 9; W. L. Catchpole, 10; A. E. Durrant, 11; F. Tillett, 12.

**LEOMINSTER (Herefordshire).**—On Monday, December 3rd, at the National School, on handbells, two 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. F. Blomer, 1; H. Taylor, 2; H. Reeves (conductor), 3-4; T. G. Preston-Robinson, 5; R. Blomer, 6. The previous Friday, two other 6-scores in the same method, in which the Rev. George Whitehouse rung the 2nd.

**LYMINGE (Kent).**—On Saturday, November 10th, two 6-scores of Bob Doubles. E. Laker, 1; E. Cheeseman, 2; H. Pitcher, 3; J. Andrews (conductor), 4; A. Castle, 5; A. Hogben, 6. And 180 Bob Minor. J. Prebble, 1; J. Andrews, 2; A. Beer, 3; A. Tanton (conductor), 4; C. Laker, 5; A. Castle, 6. And two 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. C. Laker, 1; A. Castle, 2; J. Andrews, 3; E. Cheeseman, 4; A. Tanton (conductor), 5; A. Beer, 6.

**ROMFORD (Essex).**—On Sunday, November 11th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), taken from Holt's Original. S. James, 1; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 2; W. Watson, 3; G. Pye, 4; H. Bottrill, 5; G. Roughton, 6; E. Pye, 7; H. Vyse, 8.

**SALISBURY (Wilts.).**—On Tuesday, November 13th, at the house of Mr. S. Lawrence, Ivy street, on handbells, retained in hand, 1260 of Stedman Triples (Thurstan's). W. S. Wise (conductor), 1-2; T. Blackburn, 3-4; W. W. Gifford, 5-6; S. Lawrence, 7-8.

**STAMFORD.**—On Friday, November 9th, at St. Martin's church, 108 Bob Minor. And on Sunday, November 11th, being St. Martin's day, 360 Bob Minor. \*R. Cox, 1; \*H. Betts, 2; W. Turner, 3; \*W. Marvel, 4; E. Popple, 5; Rev. H. Law James, 6. \*Longest length of Minor.

**WALTHAM ABBEY (Essex).**—On Thursday evening, November 16th, at the house of Mr. G. Peace, on handbells, retained in hand, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 1260 changes, in 41 mins. F. Jelf, 1-2; D. Tarling, 3-4; W. A. Alps (composer and conductor), 5-6; G. Peace, 7-8.

**WELLINGBOROUGH (Northants).**—On a recent Monday, at the parish church, for practice, 504 Grandsire Triples (twelve bobs), in 23 mins. T. Hensher, 1; G. Turnell, 2; W. Wood, 3; F. Underwood, 4; F. Wood, 5; E. West, 6; W. H. Ette (conductor), 7; T. Craddock, 8. Tenor 30 cwt. in D.

**WEST HAM (Essex).**—On Sunday evening, November 25th, both before and after Divine Service, the bells were rung half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Rev. A. Bloomfield, Bishop Suffragan of Colchester, who died November 5th, aged 61 years. Several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles were rung before service, and afterwards the usual whole pull and stand 61 times. J. Waits, W. Dallimore, A. Norwood, W. Floyd, J. L. Sanderson, and H. F. Crick. The above was also rung as a mark of respect to the late John Holmyard, a member of the church, who died November 3rd.

**WINSHILL (Staffordshire).**—On Monday, November 5th, at St. Mark's church, 720 Plain Bob Minor in 25 mins. T. Gilbert, 1; W. Shephard, 2; F. Shephard, 3; G. Wright, 4; J. Morley, 5; G. Golder (conductor), 6. This was rung to celebrate the wedding of Mr. H. Coates, with Miss S. A. Tilley, which took place at the above church.

## Correspondence.

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

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

### A CORRECTION.

SIR,—In the current number of "THE BELL NEWS" a peal rung at St. John's, Waterloo road, by members of the Sussex County Association, on the 24th ult., is described as the first peal rung in London by that Association. Your correspondent has overlooked a peal which was rung at All Saints, Fulham, on November 10th, 1888, by members of the S.C.A. It is no. 155 in the Association's peal book, and is recorded in "THE BELL NEWS," Vol. vii., page 427.

JNO. C. MITCHELL.

## Obituary.

### CHARLES N. ELVIN, M.A.

We regret to have to record the somewhat sudden death of the above named gentleman, which took place at his residence Eckling Grange, Norwich Road, East Dereham, about eight o'clock on Tuesday evening, November 13th, at the age of 74. He was a Master of Arts, taking his degree at Cambridge, also a strong supporter of the Established Church, whilst his literary works won many laurels for him from all parts of the kingdom, the best known being no doubt that upon "Heraldry." His last published work was "The Order of Chivalry," and at the time of his death he was engaged upon another book. At the last vestry meeting, he sent in his resignation, owing to ill-health, having completed seventeen years as churchwarden, and on the following Monday afternoon his mortal remains were laid to rest in the cemetery, a large number of people attending to pay their last respect to one who in life had endeared himself to all he came in contact with. The burial service was conducted by the Rev. H. J. L. Arnold. On Sunday morning, after Divine Service, the Dead March in *Saul* was played, the congregation meanwhile standing, as a mark of respect to the deceased gentleman. And on Monday evening, the local band rang a quarter-peal of Bob Triples (1260 changes), with the bells half-muffled as a further token of respect. A. Crisp, 1; D. Tye, 2; T. G. Burleigh (conductor), 3; J. W. Marjoram, 4; J. Wells, 5; W. Leggatt, 6; S. F. Burleigh, 7.

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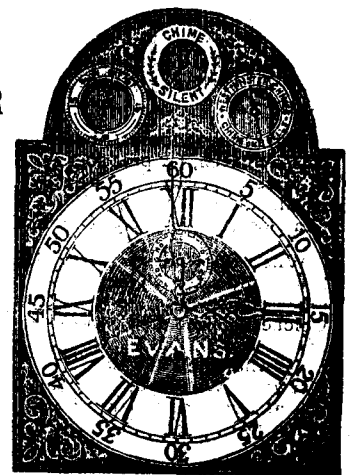
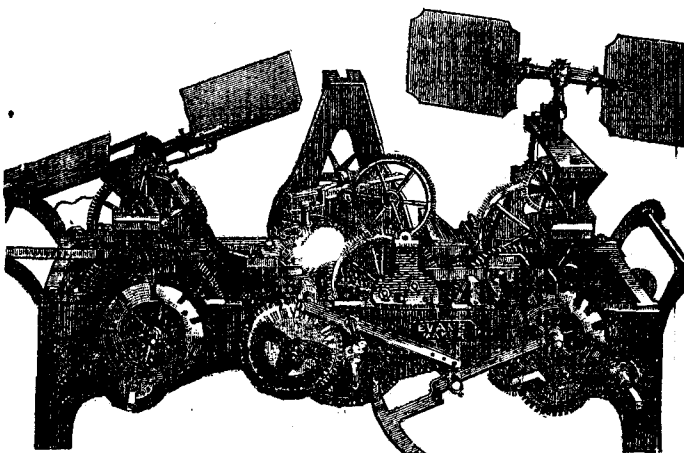
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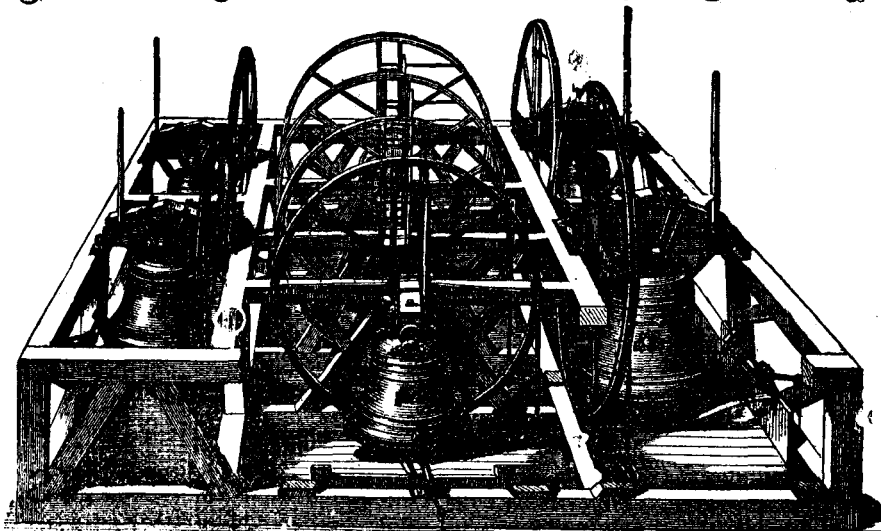
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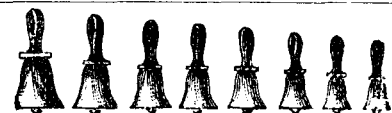
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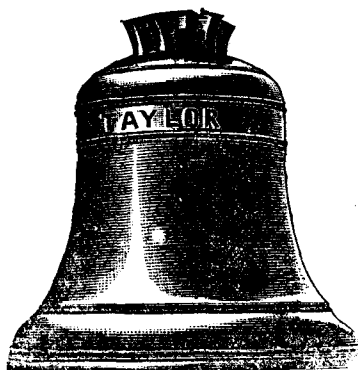
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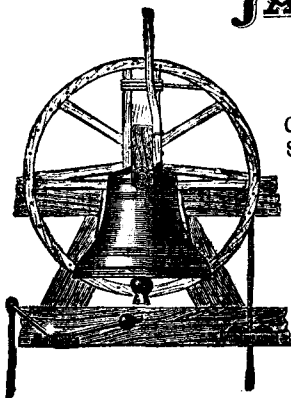
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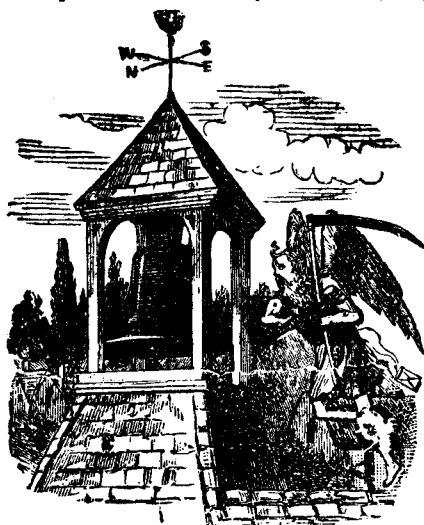
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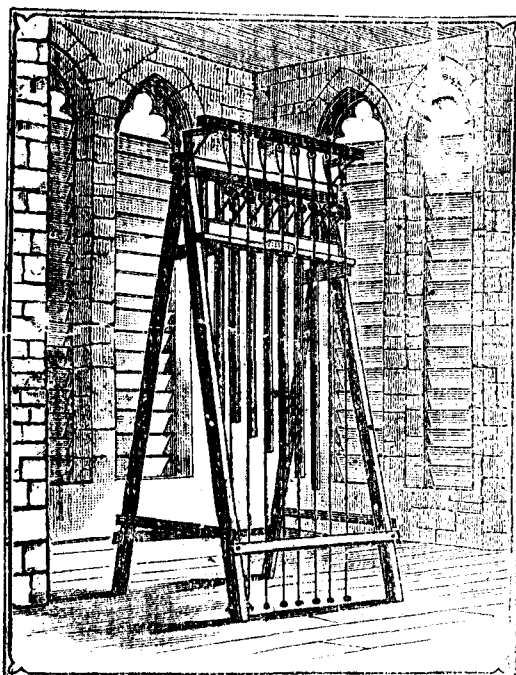
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## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN BRANCH.—On Saturday, December 8th, about forty members of this branch met at St. Thomas's church, St. Helens for their quarterly meeting. Members were present from Garston, Prescott, Huyton, Warrington, Farnworth, Grassendale, and St. Helens. The bells were opened for ringing at two o'clock, and were kept going until five o'clock, when the business was held in the schoolroom, presided over by the Rev. J. C. Pigot, vicar. The minutes of the previous meeting held at Garston were read and confirmed.

The Chairman, in welcoming the ringers to the church, said he had no idea that there were such a body of experienced ringers in the district as were gathered together there that day. He thought that the bell-ringers after they had finished ringing ought to go into church and attend the services, and he was very glad to see that some of them attended regularly. In all churches where there were a peal of bells, he thought they ought to be rung, not chimed, for he thought they could not get a proper sound out of them without. He was glad to see such a good number present. He was very sorry that their tower was so small, and that there were only six bells, for he should like to see a bigger tower and eight bells in it.

The election of new members was proceeded with, when it was proposed by Mr. S. Gough (Garston), and seconded by Mr. Newton (Grassendale), that Mr. G. Hughes (Garston), be elected an honorary member of the Association, which was carried unanimously. Mr. W. Watkinson (St. Helens) proposed, and Mr. J. Clitherow, seconded, that Mr. T. Clitherow (St. Helens) should be elected a member of the Association, which was unanimously carried. It was proposed by Mr. J. Moston (Prescot), seconded by Mr. Gough (Garston), that St. Luke's church, Liverpool, be the next meeting place, which was carried unanimously.

The meeting then terminated with a vote of thanks to the vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells, etc., and to the local company for having everything in readiness; after which the members adjourned to the Fleece hotel to partake of an excellent dinner, kindly provided by Mr. Joseph Robinson, of St. Helens.

After dinner the chair was taken by Mr. Samuel Gough, of Garston, who was supported by Mr. James Wood, of Garston, and Mr. Boardman, late of Garston, and now station-master of St. Helens, while Mr. Hughes, of Garston, and J. J. Moore, of Warrington, the secretary of the Association, occupied the vice-chairs.

The proceedings, which were of a most harmonious and cordial description, were opened by the chairman proposing the usual loyal toasts, which were musically honoured.

The Chairman said he had the greatest pleasure imaginable in proposing the next toast, for it was that of the gentleman who had so kindly provided them with that beautiful feast that night; that was their worthy friend Mr. Joseph Robinson. Mr. Robinson invited him to come up to St. Helens some twenty years ago and ring the bells they had rung that day, but not until last year did he get an opportunity to accept the invitation, and even then, through some misunderstanding, the matter was not properly carried out. However, Mr. Robinson was determined that the members of the association should not be disappointed, and that they should be entertained in St. Helens. Through the kindness of Mr. Robinson, and the arrangements of Mr. Wood, who was Mr. Robinson's right hand man in the matter, they had most thoroughly enjoyed themselves, and he was sure they would all most heartily drink his health.

The toast was received with musical honours, followed by ringing cheers.

Mr. Wood said he was very sorry that Mr. Robinson was not there to thank them, but on his behalf he would do so. He was sure that when he conveyed that most hearty vote and those most hearty thanks to him, he would be more than satisfied. Mr. Robinson had been a very long time in St. Helens, and his father before him, and had always tried to encourage useful recreation. When a man had worked hard all day, it shewed that he had some energy and mind beyond his ordinary labours, whether it be in the belfry, or the cricket field or the football field, and he certainly could say for Mr. Robinson, that there was no man in St. Helens more willing to encourage recreation than he. It was a credit to every man if he would

devote a certain amount of time after his days' work to physical recreation. Mr. Robinson was prevented from being there by a business engagement, but on his behalf he thanked them very much.

Mr. Wood next proposed the health of "The Chairman," and said they all knew the vast interest he had taken in Garston, and the exertions he had made in order to see those beautiful bells that they had put in the steeple. If it had not been for his industry and his perseverance, they would never have had the splendid peal of bells. Mr. Gough had long been before them in other capacities, in assisting that little village of theirs, Garston, and for its relief funds he and those who acted with him never left a stone unturned to relieve the poor. Some of them did not know him, but those friends from Garston did, and they knew that during the many years—he believed about fifty—residence in Garston, he had devoted the principal portion of his life along with the family that he represented, to the good and progress of the Garston village and of the poor especially. He proposed his health.

The toast was musically honoured, and Mr. Gough in reply thanked Mr. Wood and the members present. His motto had always been, so far as lay in his power, to help another if it was needed. He took the golden rule, more especially, as he was a freemason, for they were all taught to do unto another as they would be done by, and when he heard that a brother was in need, he always tried to help him. With regard to what Mr. Wood had said about the bells, they were always his pride, but he would not say much about that, as he had been asked by some friends to have something published about this, and in a few weeks they would be able to see it. While he was on his feet he would propose a vote of thanks to Mr. Wood for coming from Garston to represent Mr. Robinson in that matter. It was no doubt very inconvenient for him to come there, and they were very grateful to him for it. He had great pleasure in proposing his health.

The toast was honoured with cheers and music, and Mr. Wood, in reply, after thanking those present, said that when he came to St. Helens as a boy of nine, it was the pride of his lifetime. He was now some sixty years old, and he had been connected with it since he was nine years of age. The bells that they had been ringing when they first came to St. Helens, were put up in a brewery yard by Mr. Glover, who occupied the White Hart hotel, and the only time that the donor of the bells, Mr. Peter Greenall, ever heard them was then, as his unfortunate and sudden death prevented him hearing them ring in the steeple they were intended for. Mr. Greenall was driving home from Wigan to St. Helens, and when he came home he was never more delighted in his lifetime than he was when he heard the bells being rung in the yard. He (Mr. Wood) had a most profound respect for St. Helens. About four weeks previous he and his wife drove over to St. Thomas' church to the harvest festival. He had not been in the church before for forty-seven years until that day, and he could hardly tell them the pleasure he had in going to that festival service. As regards Garston, he would leave that alone. His life had been before them some forty-two years, and he hoped the remainder of his life, like Mr. Gough's, would be devoted to the benefit of the people of Garston, and the poor especially.

The Chairman proposed the health of "The Vice-Chairmen," coupling with the toast the name of Mr. Hughes, who he said had travelled over Lancashire in his company, ringing at the principal towns, and who he was glad to see had that day become a life member of the Association.

Mr. Hughes, after the toast had been most cordially drunk, responded, and said that although his business did not allow him much opportunity of being with them on a Saturday, still he would do his best for the Association, and if there were any young men wishing to learn to ring, he would be most happy to teach them, if they would turn up to practice.

The toast of "The Visitors" was proposed by Mr. Wood, and responded to by Mr. Boardman, after which the toast of "The Hostess" was duly honoured.

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A very pleasant and unique ceremony took place on Saturday evening, December 1st, in the tower of the Abbey church of St. Margaret, Barking, the occasion being the unveiling of a new peal-board recording a peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major rang by members of the Ancient Society of College Youths on July 7th, 1894, and duly recorded in this paper. The proceedings commenced with a well-struck touch of Stedman Triples by J. Pettit, 1; A. Deards, 2; E. Lucas, 3; H. Springall, 4; S. Hayes, 5; J. M. Hayes (conductor), 6; Y. Green, 7; H. Boar, 8. During the ringing of the touch, Mr. E. A. Davies, the type of a good old English gentleman, who had kindly consented to perform the ceremony of unveiling, arrived, and all being in readiness, Mr. Samuel Hayes said:—

Mr. Davies and gentlemen: We have met here this evening for the purpose of unveiling a new peal-board, and I need hardly say how very pleased the members are, Sir, at the very ready response with which you gave to my invitation to you to perform this ceremony. I will not detain you any longer, but will ask you, Sir, to now unveil this tablet.

Mr. Davies, in taking the cord, said: Gentlemen, brother members of the society of College Youths: Before proceeding to draw the veil, I should like to say a few words in answer to Mr. Hayes' kind remarks. I assure you it is very gratifying to me to meet you here on this auspicious occasion to perform this ceremony. I have been connected with this tower and its bells for a great number of years, and my old friend Mr. Sewell and myself, took part in erecting the first peal-board in this tower, and since then we have worked together and erected several others, some of which I have had the pleasure of taking part in. This tablet completes the first row round the tower, which brings the number up to eighteen, and it is a remarkable fact that this is the first time that myself or any one connected with the church have been invited to perform such a grand ceremony, therefore as I said before it gives me very great pleasure indeed to unveil this tablet. He then proceeded to draw the veil (which by the way consisted of a beautiful flag known as the St. George's ensign).

Mr. Pettit thanked Mr. Davies on behalf of the ringers of the peal, for meeting them that evening, and also for his very kind remarks towards them.

A capital 500 of Stedman Triples was then rang with Mr. Davies at the tenor, the rest standing as before. Other touches of Stedman, Bob Major, and Grandsire Triples followed, in which Messrs. Whight, Faulkner, Hardy, and Carter took part.

A social hour was afterwards spent with Mr. Davies in the chair, when he, in a congratulatory speech, proposed "Prosperity to the Ancient Society of College Youths," coupling with it the name of Mr. Pettit, who briefly replied.

Mr. S. Hayes gave a few practical words of advice to the younger members of St. Margaret's society.

Train time having now arrived, a very pleasant evening was brought to a close, which will not be soon forgotten at Barking.

## HIGHAM FERRERS, NORTHANTS.

A new church clock for this place has been ordered from Messrs. Smith, of Derby, who also made the clock for St. Paul's Cathedral. The total cost for the clock, with new woodwork and new floor for the belfry, will be £200. It is to be hoped that all the parishioners will be pleased to hear of this movement.

## BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

TAUNTON BRANCH.—A monthly meeting of this branch was held at Bradford on Saturday, November 3rd, when the following towers were represented; St. Mary's and St. James', Taunton, Bradford and Wellington. The ringing commenced with 120 Grandsire Doubles. J. Joyce, 1; G. E. Harbour, 2; T. Doble (conductor), 3; T. W. Radford, 4; J. Burge, 5; S. Crocker (first 120), 6. Also some touches of Grandsire and Plain Bob Minor.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

TUNBRIDGE DISTRICT.—The annual meeting of this district was held on Saturday, at Tunbridge, and was attended by members from Tonbridge, Tunbridge Wells, Staplehurst, Headcorn, Horsmonden, Sevenoaks, Seal Chart, Westerham, and Edenbridge. At four o'clock forty-eight members sat down to a capital tea at The George and Dragon hotel, which was followed by the business meeting. Mr. W. Latter (Tunbridge Wells), was voted to the chair. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, and several new members elected. The members received with great regret the resignation of the Rev. T. S. Curteis as District Secretary, and a hearty vote of thanks was passed for his services. Some difficulty was found in getting any one to fill the vacancy, it being offered to several and declined; at last at the request of several members, Mr. W. Latter consented to stand, and was unanimously elected. Mr. E. Dunk, of Westerham, and Mr. W. Steed, of Tunbridge, were nominated for a representative on the Central Committee, and on being put to the vote, Mr. Steed was elected. It was decided to hold the next Annual General Meeting at Folkestone on Whit Monday, and the meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the chairman, to Mr. Steed for arranging the tea, and to the vicar for the use of the bells. Touches of Grandsire, Oxford Bob, Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, and Treble Bob Major, were rung by mixed bands during the evening.

## ST. THOMAS'S CHURCH, PENDLETON.

On Thursday afternoon, December 6th, the ringers of the above church rang several touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples to celebrate the jubilee of the bells, they having been hung in the tower on that date 1844, by Charles and George Mears, London. At 7.30 go was called for dinner which had been provided at The Royal hotel, Church Street, and an excellent repast was thoroughly enjoyed by all. After appropriate speeches had been delivered by the Vicar and churchwardens, songs, and tunes on the handbells, also touches of Grandsire Caters and Triples were rung by the members. The songs of Mr. J. Hayes, accompanied with the banjo were specially acceptable. The evening was brought to a close by votes of thanks to the loyal and generous parishioners who are proud of their peal of bells.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

A very successful district meeting was held at Basingstoke, on Saturday, December 1st, when the following touches were brought round, the ringing being very good throughout. A 503 of Grandsire Triples, two 224s and two 560s of Bob Major, two courses and a 509 of Stedman Triples, and a course of Kent Treble Bob Major. The following ringers took part: J. Hewett (Gosport), C. Giles (Reading), J. Staples (Havant), G. H. Barnett (Farnham), J. Harper (Portsea), Rev. R. C. M. Harvey, W. H. George, C. Tribe (Eastleigh), H. Withers, H. Forder, C. Burgess (Alton), F. Wilson, T. Curtis, A. Knight, C. Hansford, and H. White (Basingstoke). A committee meeting was held during the afternoon at the Cafe, but there was no business of any special importance to be transacted. It was decided if practicable, to hold another meeting at Chertsey, early in the new year.

## Correspondence.

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

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

## INFORMATION WANTED.

SIR,—I should be greatly obliged if any of your readers who are secretaries of bell-ringing associations, or foreman bell-ringers, would let me know if they have any rules governing honorary members of their towers. Any information on the subject will be thankfully received by me.

JOHN MEADOW, Hon. Sec. All Saints, Wigan.  
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## STOKE-ON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

The usual monthly meeting of this association was held on Saturday, December 1st, at St. Giles' church, Newcastle-under-Lyme. The bells, which have recently been rehung, and are now in capital going order, were placed at the disposal of the members for the day, by the kindness of the Rector, Rev. R. R. Cousens. The members, to the number of about thirty, met at four o'clock, and during the afternoon and evening short touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, and Kent Treble Bob Major were rung. At six o'clock the party adjourned to The High Street coffee tavern, where tea was partaken of. After tea the members again made their way to the tower, when the half-yearly meeting of the Association was held, at which, the Secretary, Mr. W. Twigg (Bucknall), presided. Among those present were Messrs. H. Page (Stoke), J. Riley (Newcastle), J. Johnson (Tunstall), J. Woods (Longton), E. Glover (Norton), W. Miller, sen. (Wolstanton), J. Burton, jun. (Cheadle), H. Dean (Kiddsgrove), G. Baddeley (Alsager), etc. The monthly meetings for the ensuing year were arranged, and the annual meeting was fixed to be held at Newcastle, on August Bank Holiday. Mr. H. Page proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector, churchwardens, and ringers of Newcastle for their kindness in allowing the meeting of the Association to be held there that day. The meeting, he said, was, as they knew, to have been held at Stoke, but owing to the bells at that place being in bad going order, they had to look out for another place for the meeting, Newcastle came to their assistance, and they were much obliged. It was very gratifying to know that the Newcastle ringers wished to join the Association, and he had great pleasure in proposing twelve of them for election, and he hoped they soon would be able to welcome them as brother change-ringers. He had lately been instructing them in the Art of change-ringing, and judging from the progress they had made he thought they would soon be efficient. The chairman added a few words in a similar strain. They fully appreciated the privilege of meeting in that tower, which was one of the finest in the Archdeaconry, and they were very glad to find that the Newcastle ringers were willing to join the Association. The motion having been heartily carried, Mr. Riley responded on behalf of the Rector and ringers of Newcastle. A vote of thanks to the Secretary for his services brought the meeting to a close.

## STOKE PARISH CHURCH BELLS.

The Executive Committee constituted for dealing with the repairs necessary to be carried out in connection with the bells have met several times since the matter was first referred to them. The executive committee have not, however, been able to assure themselves that any reduction in the estimated expenditure at first suggested as necessary—£220 to £250—could be effected, without at the same time endangering the guarantee that the work should be entirely satisfactory in its results. The committee felt that by far the largest item of expenditure, that which is involved in the substitution of an iron frame for the present oak frame, in which the bells have hung for the past sixty years, was essential to a satisfactory repair of the bells. The committee are assured that the new frame will secure a great additional advantage by more space being gained in the belfry, both for the better action of the bells, and for the construction of the frame. The committee under these circumstances, on the 24th ult., accepted the tender of Messrs. Warner and Sons, Limited, who are to take out the peal of eight bells, frame, and fittings, to make and fix a strong cast iron frame for eight bells, to quarter-turn the eight bells so as to present a fresh face for the clappers to strike upon, drill heads, fit false staples, eight new clappers, and eight sets of fittings complete (less the wheels), etc. £220 and £250 are the margins of expenditure, which it is hoped will cover the work. About £60 has been promised up to date.

## SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday afternoon, December 8th, at St. Martin's church, there was a special ringing meeting of the members of the above Association for the purpose of practice, the method being Double Norwich Court Bob Major, which method it is hoped

the members will take up in addition to the four Standard methods. Members were present from Dudley, Old Hill, Wolverhampton, Tipton, Walsall, etc. The Rev. D. Jones, of the Cathedral, Lichfield, and Hon. Secretary of the Association, also attended and rang in the practice, and also brought some annual reports which contain all information required to ring the method, so that every member will be able to study the method. The practice consisted of plain courses, with several attempts at a touch, but was not successful. This meeting is the first of which it is intended to hold in the various towers for practice.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

CENTRAL DIVISION.—A district meeting was held at West Grinstead (6 bells), on Saturday, December 1st, when the following towers were represented, viz.: West Grinstead Henfield, Steyning, Horsham, Capel, Brighton (St. Peter's), Angmering, and Heene. Touches of Bob, Oxford, and Kent Minor were rung before tea which was held in the schoolroom, at 5.30. The Rector, the Rev. Knatchbull-Hugesson presided, and was supported by the Master, Mr. G. F. Attree. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Rector, for granting the use of the bells, and for arranging and presiding at the tea. A move was then made to the neighbouring tower of Henfield (8 bells), when touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Triples, Bob, and Double Norwich Court Bob Major were brought round until 9 p.m. The next meeting in this division will be held at Lindfield, in February, 1895.

## CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY ARRANGEMENTS.

EARLY ISSUE OF TICKETS.—The Midland Railway Company, to prevent inconvenience and crowding, have arranged for the booking offices at St. Pancras and Moorgate Street stations to be open for the issue of tickets all day on Friday, Saturday, and Monday, December 21st, 22nd, and 24th, and tickets to all principal stations on the Midland Railway can be obtained beforehand at any of their offices, a list of which can be had on application. The tickets obtained at these offices will be available from St. Pancras station, and will be issued at the same fares as charged at that station, and dated to suit the convenience of passengers.

Cheap Excursion Trains will be run from London (St. Pancras) to Carlisle, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Greenock, Dundee, Aberdeen, etc., and from principal provincial stations to Carlisle, Edinburgh, Glasgow, etc., on Fridays, December 21st, for five or eight days, and December 28th for five or seven days, by which return tickets will be issued at a third class single fare for the double journey. The Single Fare Tickets issued on December 21st will be available for returning on any day up to and including December 29th, and Single Fare Tickets taken on December 28th will be available for returning any day up to and including January 4th, 1895.

Cheap Excursion Tickets will be issued from London (St. Pancras) and principal provincial stations on Thursday, December 20th, to Dublin, Cork, Killarney, Limerick, etc., via Liverpool, available for 16 days, on Friday, December 21st, to Dublin, etc., via Morecambe, available for returning on December 27th, 29th, and January 1st, 3rd or 5th, 1895; on Friday, December 21st, to Belfast, Londonderry, Portrush, etc., via Barrow, available for 16 days, and on Saturday, December 22nd, to Londonderry, via Morecambe, available for returning December 31st, or January 3rd or 7th.

Cheap Excursion Trains will also be run from London (St. Pancras) on Saturday night, December 22nd, to Leicester, Birmingham, Nottingham, Derby, Newark, Lincoln, Burton, Manchester, Liverpool, Blackburn, Bolton, Sheffield, Leeds, Bradford, York, Hull, Scarborough, Newcastle, the Lake District, etc., returning December 26th or 28th.

On Christmas Eve the pressure of traffic will be relieved by the running of duplicate trains from St. Pancras as circumstances may require.

A CORRECTION.—The 5040 rung at St. Mary's, Bedford, and published in our last issue, should have read in seven different methods, instead of six as given. The method omitted was Oxford Treble Bob Minor.

### WINSHAM, QUEEN CAMEL, AND WELLS, SOMERSETSHIRE.

Travellers to the West by the London and South-Western Railway, when nearing Chard Junction, cannot fail to notice that picturesque old building, Forde Abbey, but they probably fail to remember that this charming, historic, edifice, lies in the parish of Winsham, whose church tower stands a conspicuous object at the other side of the line, somewhat nearer to London. This tower a few months ago contained a peal of five bells, the tenor being badly cracked, but at the present moment a tuneful peal of eight, the transformation having been effected through the munificence of a gentleman named Wale, formerly connected with the parish. Mr. Blackburn, Church Bell Hanger of Salisbury, being called in to report, gave it as his opinion that a good peal could be obtained by putting the metal of the cracked bell into smaller moulds, thereby securing four trebles in place of the cracked tenor, and recasting the old second a half-note sharper. Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, of the White-chapel Foundry, were entrusted with this portion of the work. The result is excellent, a tuneful peal of eight, with tenor about 14 cwt. in F. Mr. Blackburn, with his trusty lieutenants, Syd and Tom, made a complete clearance of the tower, and having put in new beams, flooring, compact iron frames, and everything appertaining to successful bell-hanging, had all in readiness by Saturday, December 1st. By way of trial a peal was rung that evening, but under somewhat depressing circumstances, Mr. R. Harvey, churchwarden, who had taken very great interest in the restoration, having been buried on the previous Wednesday. Grandsire Triples with the bells muffled, was rung, and the peal was completed in 3 hrs. 27 mins., the newness of the ropes as well as the muffling contributing to the slowness of speed. On the Sunday a peal of Stedman Triples was successfully negotiated. On Monday the Dedication took place at 2.30 p.m. in the presence of a crowded congregation, many of the *élite* of the neighbourhood being present. The form of service which contained a special hymn by the Rev. S. Childs Clarke, vicar of Thorverton, set to an ancient Hebrew melody, was intoned by the vicar, the Rev. D. H. Spencer, the sermon being preached by an elderly member of the Wale family, whose feeling reference to bygone and future years were much appreciated by those assembled. A course of Grandsire Triples was rung during the service, after which a select band of ringers essayed and successfully accomplished a peal of Double Norwich. This being over, the church speedily filled to overflowing, when another service was held, the sermon on "musical sounds" being preached by the Rev. H. S. King, vicar of Tatworth. A small, but efficient orchestra accompanied the organ at both services. The vicar kindly invited the ringers to supper at the vicarage, well pleased, as were all concerned, with the success which had attended their efforts.

Being in the county of Somerset, what was more natural than that the thoughts of the ringers should concentrate on the Cathedral city of Wells with its renowned peal. Had it not been the desire of more than one of the band that a peal should be rung single-handed? had not previous efforts resulted in failure? What more natural than a wish to again make the attempt? Mr. Blackburn had anticipated all this; the Dean had graciously granted permission, the thing was as good as done, for all were in the best of fettle, but as the attempt could not be made till after evensong, it was resolved to break the journey on the way and have a turn at the far-famed peal of six at Queen Camel—a Queen indeed among churches and villages—with a tenor reputed to be 36 cwt, in all probability considerably more. A courteous vicar, a genial churchwarden, and obliging steeplekeeper were interviewed, and after an examination of the beauties of the stately fane, with its magnificent old screen and Saxon aisle. Under the guidance of the vicar, the lofty and imposing tower was mounted, and the belfry duly reached by six of the ringers, Mr. Gifford having to the regret of all, returned to Salisbury, and Mr. Sydney Lawrence to make ready at Wells. A double rope on the 5th and 6th, and queries put concerning them, elicited from the steeplekeeper the reply that it was not possible for the bells to be rung with fewer than eight men; but "nothing venture nothing have,"

the bells were raised, and a 720 of Bob Minor essayed, but at the request of the ringer of the 5th, was allowed to run round half-way, his left wrist and arm swelling visibly from the unaccustomed weight of six thicknesses of rope, of hawser-like proportions, in his hand. A 6-score of Grandsire Doubles finished the proceedings; this being in all probability the first change-ringing ever done on this noble peal. Needed refreshment was afforded by a round of beef, a grand home-made loaf, and a welcome "moog uv gude Zummerzset zaider."

At Wells the party was reinforced by the Rev. H. A. Cockey and Messrs. Hinton and Price from Bristol, "the long and short of it" coming in for the usual amount of good-natured chaff. But where was the representative from "honest Devon" to shepherd the flock? Wells for that day at least knew him not, or were the glories of St. Andrew's Fair too much for him? 'deponent sayeth not.' The Rev. A. Coode, Vice-Principal of the Theological College, kindly stepped into the breach and remained in the belfry in case assistance should be needed in the last half-hour, but his willing services were fortunately not required, with Messrs. Price, Hinton, and Washbrook at the 8th, 9th, and 10th, John Cox's 5021 of Grandsire Caters was conducted by the tenor-man, and duly accomplished in 3 hrs. 45 mins., the striking from beginning to end being of exceptional merit. Thus was this long-talked of peal brought to a successful issue, both Mr. Blackburn for his masterpiece in bell-hanging, and Mr. Washbrook for his bell-handling, coming in for their due meed of praise and congratulation. A few minutes more and the ringers were stretching their legs under the Rev. A. Coode's mahogany, groaning with good things, and shortly afterwards were discoursing pleasing music on the handbells in the drawing-room in the audience of Mrs. Coode, Miss Frere, a goodly array of town ringers, and of Theological students, who in due time, we hope, will take their proper positions in various belfries in the land. To Mr. Coode for his energetic labours in advancing the Art of ringing in the neighbourhood of Wells, and especially amongst the Theological students, is the Exercise at large deeply indebted. We regret that Wells is shortly to lose him, but that regret is somewhat minimised by the knowledge that in less than a year he will be located in what is at present the most barren soil known to change-ringers, the district around Bodmin, the heart of Cornwall. May he make that wilderness a veritable Paradise, stamping out the noxious weeds of prize-ringing, and causing the proved old 'standards,' with Violet, Tulip, Primrose, Woodbine, and a host of other 'flowery' methods in due course to flourish and abound. "Wy, zartin, zwo! I wish 'ee weel" is the expression which will issue from many an honest lip in Zummerzset, as they wish him God-speed in his new sphere of work.

To put an appropriate finish to the outing, on Wednesday morning four of the party, in the presence of Mrs. Coode, Miss Frere, and several Theological students—keen enthusiasts, everyone—attempted a peal of Stedman on the handbells, the vicar's close resounding with the melody; whether successful or not, the writer of this notice is unable to say. He can only hope that the peal was accomplished as speedily and successfully as his own journey home.

### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SAXMUNDHAM DISTRICT.—The nineteenth quarterly meeting of this branch was held in the Church Room at Saxmundham on Saturday, December 8th, the rector, the Rev. G. F. Richardson, presiding. The bells of the parish church were most kindly placed at the disposal of the members, and were kept going at frequent intervals in various methods. The business meeting was held at 5 o'clock, when the minutes of the last meeting were read, confirmed, and signed by the chairman. Mr. Charles Whiting, of Leiston, was enrolled as a performing member, on the proposition of Mr. J. Button, seconded by Mr. F. Cooper. It was resolved to hold the next meeting at Kelsale, on the proposition of Mr. C. Sampson, seconded by Mr. T. Bell.

A cordial vote of thanks was passed to the rector for presiding, and for the use of the bells and Church Room, which was acknowledged in a kind and encouraging manner, and which brought the meeting to a close.

The meeting was well attended, each of the towers in union being represented.

## 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.—Hollingsworth Silver Challenge Cup.**—The annual change-ringing contest on handbells, for the above cup, will take place on Saturday, February 9th, 1895. For further particulars apply Sec.

JONATHAN PILLING.

Lee Street, Uppermill, near Oldham.

**The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.**—The next monthly meeting will be held at the parish church, Didsbury, to-day, Saturday, December 15th. This being the first meeting of the Association ever held at Didsbury, a good muster is expected. Bells ready at 4 p.m., business meeting at 7 p.m.

WALTER BROWN, Branch Sec.

34, Wenlock Street, Hulme, Manchester.

**South and West Middlesex Association.**—By kind permission, the next monthly meeting will be held at Hillingdon, Middlesex (St. John's church), to-day, Saturday, December 15th, 1894. Ringing at 5 o'clock. Members are specially requested to make a point of being present, there being important business to be got through.

E. J. WALSOM, Hon. Sec.

11, Venetia Road, South Ealing.

**North Notts. Association.**—The quarterly meeting will be held at Shireoaks, to-day, Saturday, December 15, 1894. Belfry open at 2 p.m., by kind permission of the vicar. Tea at 4 p.m., price one shilling. Members intending to be present should inform Mr. D. Russon, Shireoaks, near Worksop, not later than December 11th.

HENRY T. SLODDEN, Secretary.

**The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—Reading Branch.**—The annual dinner and concert will take place to-day Saturday, December 15th, at The Broad Face hotel, Market Place. Visitors will be made welcome. Tickets may be obtained of the representatives of the Reading towers, and the Hon. Sec., A. W. PIKE.

Caversham.

**The Heavy Woollen District Association, Yorkshire.**—The next meeting will be held at Brighouse, to-day, Saturday, December 15th, at 5 p.m. prompt. Meeting house, Ring of Bells. All members are requested to attend.

GEO. H. SIMON, Hon. Sec.

19, Albert Street, Batley Carr.

**The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.**—The next meeting of the above will be held at the parish church, Rochdale, to-day, Saturday, December 15th. The bells will be ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6 o'clock.

**Lancashire Association.—Rossendale Branch.**—The next meeting will be held at St. Saviour's, Bacup, on Saturday, December 22nd. Bells ready at 3 p.m. A free tea will be provided to all who send in their names or number from each tower to J. A. Brown, 165, Rochdale Road, Bacup, not later than December 18th. Meeting after tea.

J. B. TAYLOR, Branch Sec.

7, Church Street, Waterfoot.

**Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.**—Quarterly meeting, Wickwar, six bells on Monday, December 17th, 1894. Short ser-

vice, parish church of the Holy Trinity, at 2.45 p.m., address by the Rev. R. J. Lyon, M.A., Rector. Knife and fork tea 5 p.m., at Beaufort Arms inn, 1s. 9d. per head, towards which all ringing members will be allowed 1s., provided a ticket is bespoken of Mr. Frank Howell, Morton, near Thornbury, Hon. Local Secretary, by the 12th inst. Business Meeting to follow tea. The six bells of St. Leonard's, Tortworth, will also be open, by kind permission of the Rector. A conveyance will be ready to convey members after tea, and to bring them back in time for last trains each way. From Bristol 1.25, arrive Wickwar 1.58; From Gloucester 1.28, arrive Wickwar 2.23; From Wickwar 8.24, arrive Bristol 9.5; From Wickwar 7.56, arrive Gloucester 9.

Bristol. REV. PITT EYKYN, Hon. Sec.

**The Ancient Society of College Youths.**—On Tuesday, December 18th, the ringing meeting will be held at St. Michael's, Cornhill, at 8 p.m., instead of at St. Paul's Cathedral. The sum of 1s. 8d. paid in lieu of booking fees, according to rule vii, is now due.

W. T. COCKERILL, Hon. Sec.

37, Tradescant Road, South Lambeth, S.W.

**Llandaff Diocesan Association.**—The quarterly meeting will be held at Chepstow, Mon., on Boxing Day, December 26th, 1894. Meeting at schools at 3 p.m. All subscriptions for 1895 will be received at this meeting. Bells open all day.

W. A. DOWNING, Hon. Sec.

Llandaff.

**The North Lincolnshire Association.**—The quarterly meeting will be held at Gainsborough, on Bank Holiday, December 26th. There will be a short service in the parish church at 4.30 p.m., with an address by the vicar, Rev. Canon Moor. It is hoped that ringers will attend. Tea will be provided at The Coffee tavern, Market street, at 5 p.m., at 1s. 3d. each. The business meeting will be held immediately afterwards. The bells of the parish church (8), will be open for ringing, also the bells at Blyton (5), Corringham (6), Lea (6), and Stow (6), by kind permission of the incumbents are at the use of ringers during the day.

REGINALD BOND, Hon. Sec.

Church Street, Gainsborough.

## PORTRAIT NUMBER.

Next week will appear the Portrait, with memoir, of MR. JOHN HOLDEN, of Mossley, Lancashire.

**NOTE TO THE PEAL AT DISS.**—This peal was rung as a compliment to Mr. G. Archer, who attained his 24th birthday on that date, his brother ringers wishing him many happy returns. It is also the first rang since the re-hanging of the bells in September last. The ringers connected with this church will gladly welcome any company who may wish to visit them.

Mr. W. Ireland, of Victoria Road, Diss, writes:

Will any brother-string kindly send recipe, or recommend a cure for sciatica. I have not done any ringing for seven weeks, and am anxious for another pull.

Mr. H. J. Sutton, of Eynesbury, St. Neots, writes to say that he has a large quantity of "THE BELL NEWS" for sale.

## 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 TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

By JAMES S. WILDE, Hyde.

5184.

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

Twice repeated. First rung at Hyde, on December 8th, 1894, conducted by its composer.

## A DATE TOUCH OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

By A. SYKES, Huddersfield.

1895.

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

Odd changes.

M B W H

3	2	6	5	4	-	1	1	2
3	6	5	2	4	-	-	1	2
2	3	6	4	5	-	1	-	2
5	2	4	3	6	-	1	2	2
5	4	3	2	6	-	-	1	2
2	3	4	5	6	1	1	-	2

## 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.

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1894.

**The Metropolis.**

**THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, December 8, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, WALTHAMSTOW,

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

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 10½ cwt. in E.

WILLIAM J. COAKHAM .. Treble.	WILLIAM H. FREEMAN .. 5.
FREDERICK RUMENS .. .. 2.	*WILLIAM R. PINSENT .. 6.
RICHARD ELLIOTT* .. .. 3.	WILLIAM PYE .. .. 7.
JOHN NUNN .. .. 4.	FREDERICK A. NUNN .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

\*First peal with a bob bell

**THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**

On Saturday, December 8, 1894, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL, SHADWELL,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,**

5024 CHANGES. Tenor 16½ cwt.

EMANUEL HALL .. .. Treble.	JOHN M. HAYES .. .. 5.
YORK GREEN .. .. 2.	SAMUEL E. JOYCE .. .. 6.
GEORGE J. SMITH* .. .. 3.	HENRY SPRINGALL .. .. 7.
JAMES PETTIT .. .. 4.	SAMUEL HAYES .. .. Tenor.

Composed by YORK GREEN and Conducted by H. SPRINGALL.

\*First peal in the method, also the first in the method on the bells. This composition, now rung for the first time, has the 4th and 6th sixteen times right, and the 5th fourteen times right, without the 2nd and 3rd in 6th's place at the course-ends. Rung on the 35th birthday of Emanuel Hall, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

## THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, December 8, 1894, in Four Hours and Five Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH, SOUTHGATE,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,  
6048 CHANGES. Tenor 25 cwt.

THOMAS TITCHENER* .. .. Treble	*PERCY HOWARD .. .. 5.
BENJAMIN FOSKETT† .. .. 2.	ALBERT PITTAM .. .. 6.
GEORGE SMITH* .. .. 3.	ARTHUR JACOB .. .. 7.
JAMES HANNINGTON* .. .. 4.	GEORGE NEWSON .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE NEWSON.

\*First peal in the method. †First peal in the method with a bob bell. This is the first true peal in the method on the bells, and the composition is taken from one of the late John Cox's peals, with 4-5-6 the extent.

## THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Tuesday, December 11, 1894, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL, HAMMERSMITH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;  
IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt.

GEORGE LANGFORD .. .. Treble.	FREDK. S. BAYLEY .. .. 5.
WALTER J. SORRELL .. .. 2.	CHARLES T. P. BRICE .. .. 6.
HENRY S. ELLIS .. .. 3.	WILLIAM E. GARRARD .. .. 7.
SAMUEL ANDREWS .. .. 4.	HENRY R. NEWTON .. .. Tenor.

Composed by W. HARRISON and Conducted by HENRY R. NEWTON.

This is the first peal of Treble Bob on the bells, also the first peal of Oxford by F. S. Bayley.

## The Provinces.

## NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

(THE NUNEATON SOCIETY.)

On Friday, November 30, 1894, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. PAULSON, WHEAT STREET,

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

JOHN H. PAULSON .. .. 1-2.	THOMAS W. CHAPMAN .. .. 5-6.
HARRY ARGYLE .. .. 3-4.	*JAMES F. CLARKE .. .. 7-8.

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD and Conducted by J. F. CLARKE.

Referee—Mr. W. Stone. \*First peal on handbells. This is the first peal of Major on handbells by all the band.

## DISS, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 4, 1894, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;  
IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 24 cwt.

WILLIAM C. WHISKENS* .. Treble.	CHARLES WEBSTER .. .. 5.
CLARE DIXON .. .. 2.	ARTHUR HAMMOND .. .. 6.
GEORGE ARCHER .. .. 3.	ABEL HART .. .. 7.
ELLIS HAYWARD .. .. 4.	JOHN SOUTER .. .. Tenor.

Composed by the late W. SOTTANSTALL and  
Conducted by JOHN SOUTER.

\*First peal.

## GREAT MARLOW, BUCKS.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, December 5, 1894, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

FRANK O. NICHOLLS* .. Treble.	JOHN C. TRUSS, SEN. .. 5.
WALTER E. TAYLOR* .. 2.	CHARLES SMITH .. .. 6.
LEWIS E. COLLINS .. .. 3.	HARRY COLLINS .. .. 7.
JOHN C. TRUSS, JUN. .. 4.	ARTHUR W. TRUSS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN C. TRUSS.

\*First peal. The above are all members of the belfry, and bona-fide natives of Great Marlow, and this is the first peal ever rung there by an entirely local band.

## HENDON, MIDDLESEX.

## THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 6, 1894, in Two Hours and Thirty-three Minutes,

AT 8, FULLER STREET,

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

HENRY JAMES MARTIN .. 1-2.	CHARLES H. MARTIN .. 5-6.
W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM 3-4.	ERNEST E. PRATCHETT 7-8.

Composed by C. H. MARTIN and Conducted by W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM.

Mr. Pratchett's first peal. Referee, Mr. J. Cummins, who had the course-ends written down, and marked off the bobs as they were called. Messrs. Carroway and F. Jones also heard the peal. The ringers wish to thank Mr. Carroway for the use of his handbells.

## REDENHALL, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 8, 1894, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

EDWARD SMITH .. .. Treble.	*ERNEST POPPY .. .. 5.
ROBERT WHITING .. .. 2.	JAMES TANN .. .. 6.
JAMES BOUGHTON .. .. 3.	FREDERICK SMITH .. .. 7.
FREDERICK BORRETT .. 4.	JAMES SOUTER .. .. Tenor.

Composed by BENJAMIN SMITH and Conducted by EDWARD SMITH.

\*First peal in the method.

## BIRMINGHAM.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

(BIRMINGHAM AMALGAMATED SOCIETY BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 8, 1894, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

A PEAL OF DARLSTON BOB CATERS, 5076 CHANGES,  
Tenor 29 cwt.

JOHN PRICKETT .. .. Treble.	CHARLES SPARKES .. .. 6.
JOHN E. SCOTT .. .. 2.	GEORGE HITCHMAN .. .. 7.
GEORGE WALKER .. .. 3.	JOHN S. PERRY .. .. 8.
JOHN JENNINGS .. .. 4.	JOHN CARTER .. .. 9.
JAMES JONES .. .. 5.	FRANK MUMFORD .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JOHN CARTER.

This is the first peal of Darlston Bob Caters ever rung, and was rung in the titlums position.

## BLOXWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, December 8, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
TAYLOR'S BOB AND SINGLE. Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN BARTON .. .. Treble.	DAVID CHAPMAN .. .. 5.
WILLIAM BARTON .. .. 2.	THOMAS J. ELTON .. .. 6.
ALFRED TURLEY .. .. 3.	JOHN C. ADAMS .. .. 7.
ERNEST WASHBROOK* .. 4.	JOSIAH ELTON .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS J. ELTON.

\*First peal with a bob bell. This was rung as a birthday peal for the conductor and W. Barton, both having recently come of age, and is the quickest on the bells.

## HYDE, CHESHIRE.

On Saturday, December 8, 1894, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qrs. 26 lbs.

JAMES SHAW .. .. Treble.	CHARLES OLLIER .. .. 5.
WILLIAM WILDE .. .. 2.	JOSEPH MELLOR .. .. 6.
SAMUEL WOOD .. .. 3.	THOMAS WILDE .. .. 7.
THOMAS D. MILLER .. 4.	JAMES S. WILDE .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JAMES S. WILDE.

This is peal, an ordinary three-part, contains all the 8-6s and 6-7-8s. Messrs Miller and Ollier hail from Wolstanton, Stoke-on-Trent, Wood and Mellor from Ashton-under-Lyne, the rest are of the local band. \*First peal. The 3rd and 7th of this beautiful peal have recently been rehung.

## ASSTEAD, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 8, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST GILES,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

GEORGE BURT .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM STATES .. .. 5.
EDWIN BENNETT .. .. 2.	FREDK. TRENDALL .. .. 6.
WILLIAM BULPITT .. .. 3.	WILLIAM HILL .. .. 7.
HENRY BROOKER .. .. 4.	THOMAS VERRALL .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY BROOKER.

## LONGTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, December 8, 1894, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

WILLIAM GRICE .. .. Treble.	THOMAS HOLDCROFT .. .. 5.
HENRY ALCOCK .. .. 2.	THOMAS MOUNTFORD .. .. 6.
ALBERT CLEWS .. .. 3.	GEORGE WOODS .. .. 7.
ALFRED CHERRY .. .. 4.	WILLIAM BOWKETT .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY ALCOCK.

This is the first peal by all except Messrs. Grice and Woods. Grice hails from Wolstanton, Clews from Stoke, the rest from Hanley.

## RINGMER, SUSSEX.

On Monday, December 10, 1894, in Two Hours and Thirty-two Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FIVE-PART.

LUTHER FARRANT* .. .. Treble.	JOHN S. GOLDSMITH .. .. 5.
FREDERICK BANKS† .. .. 2.	ALFRED J. TURNER .. .. 6.
THOMAS MILLER .. .. 3.	CHARLES PAINTER .. .. 7.
HENRY JONES .. .. 4.	GEORGE TAYLOR .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by ALFRED J. TURNER.

\*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. This is the quickest peal on the bells Turner and Goldsmith hail from Lewes; the rest are local men.

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

On Sunday, December 9, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 18 cwt.

ALFRED W. BRIGHTON .. Treble.	HAROLD N. DAVIS .. .. 5.
ARTHUR R. DAVIS .. .. 2.	PERCY HOWARD .. .. 6.
ARTHUR J. NEALE .. .. 3.	WALTER INGHAM .. .. 7.
JAMES E. DAVIS .. .. 4.	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE .. Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS and Conducted by A. W. BRIGHTON.

This composition has the 4th and 6th the extent each way in 5-6. Messrs. Groombridge and Ingham hail from Chislehurst, Howard from Bedford, Davis (3) from Camberwell, Neale from Woolwich, and A. W. Brighton from Norwich.

## WORCESTER.

## WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(THE WORCESTER CATHEDRAL GUILD.)

On Monday, December 10, 1894, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES.

Tenor 50 cwt.

B. S. HILL .. .. Treble.	W. BRADFORD .. .. 6.
W. COTTON .. .. 2.	W. PAGE .. .. 7.
W. IOWELL .. .. 3.	R. HORTON .. .. 8.
W. H. JOHNSON .. .. 4.	E. DAVIS .. .. 9.
G. HINTON .. .. 5.	T. MALIN .. .. Tenor.
	T. PENNY .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. PAGE.

First peal of Caters by Messrs. Cotton and Penny.

## Performances on Five and Six Bells.

## ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 8, 1894, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

## SEVEN 720S OF MINOR,

In the following Methods:

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

ERNEST E. PRATCHETT* .. Treble.	CHARLES HENRY MARTIN .. 4.
BENJAMIN C. PRATCHETT .. 2.	FRANCIS CARROWAY .. .. 5.
W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM .. 3.	CHARLES CRAMPTON .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM.

\*First 5040 on tower bells. This is the first 5040 on the bells. The ringers wish to thank the authorities for the use of the bells, also Mr. Godman, the steeple-keeper, for having everything ready.

## BENHALL, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 8, 1894, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## SEVEN 720S OF MINOR, EACH CALLED DIFFERENTLY,

In the three following methods:

Two 720s Oxford Treble Bob, two 720s Kent Treble Bob, and three 720s Plain Bob Minor. Tenor 10 cwt.

ARTHUR BUTTON* .. .. Treble.	ROBERT WELLS .. .. 4.
GEORGE WILSON .. .. 2.	JOHN M. BUTTON .. .. 5.
CHARLES SAMPSON .. .. 3.	HENRY J. BUTTON .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY J. BUTTON.

\*First 5040 and first attempt. This is believed to be the first 5040 on the bells. R Wells belongs to Benhall, the others all hail from Leiston.

## TANNINGTON, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 8, 1894, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ETHELBERT,

## 5040 CHANGES OF DOUBLES:

Being six 6-scores each of the following:

Earl Soham Delight, Morning Star, Evening Star, April day, Old Doubles, Plain Doubles, and Grandsire.

W. ABBOTT* .. .. Treble.	H. CLARKE .. .. 3.
E. ABBOTT .. .. 2.	C. F. LING .. .. 4.
	F. CLAYTON .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by C. F. LING.

\*First peal.

## Date Touches.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—WIRRAL BRANCH.

WALLASEY (Cheshire). On Thursday, November 22nd, a date touch (1894 changes), being 454 Grandsire Minor, composed by W. Wilcox, and 1440 of Oxford Single in 1 hr. J. Rogers, 1; S. Strong, 2; R. Voas, 3; W. Wilcox (Bidston, conductor), 4; J. Wood, 5; G. Rogers, 6. This is the first date touch on the bells, and also first for the ringers of the 1st, 3rd, and 5th bells.

## Miscellaneous.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

WALTHAMSTOW (Essex).—On Sunday, December 9th, after evening service at the church of St. Mary, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, Brook's variation, in 45 mins. A. G. Freeman, 1; F. Rumens, 2; G. Grimwade, 3; J. Nunn (first quarter-peal in the method), 4; W. Pye (first quarter-peal on a bob bell in the method as conductor), 5; F. A. Nunn, 6; W. B. Manning, 7; R. K. Knight, 8. Tenor 19½ cwt.

ROMFORD (Essex).—Handbell Ringing.—On Tuesday, November 13th, on handbells, retained in hand, 840, and 756 of Stedman Triples. G. R. Pye, 1-2; W. Pye, 3-4; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 5-6; W. Watson,

7-8. Also 504 in the same method with E. Pye, 7-8. Also on Tuesday, November 20th, 1008 Stedman Triples, taken from Brook's variation, standing as before. Also at St. Edward's church, on Sunday, November 18th, for evening service, 504 Stedman Triples. A. J. Perkins (conductor), 1; B. Keeble, 2; W. Pye, 3; W. Watson, 4; E. Pye, 5; G. R. Pye, 6; J. Dale, 7; H. P. Vyse, 8. And after evening service, 640 Kent Treble Bob Major. W. Watson, 1; B. Keeble, 2; A. Speller, 3; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 4; E. Pye, 5; G. R. Pye, 6; J. Dale, 7; W. Pye, 8.

#### GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

PRESTBURY (Gloucestershire).—On Saturday, November 10th, eight members of the above attempted a peal of Stedman Triples, but came to grief after ringing 4200 changes in 2 hrs. 18 mins. A. Humphries, 1; W. Dyer, 2; C. Pockett, 3; W. Brinkworth, 4; C. H. Tomkins, 5; C. E. D. Boutflower, 6; F. E. Ward (conductor), 7; D. Davis, 8. Messrs. Boutflower and Tomkins hail from Bristol, the rest belong to the Cheltenham Guild.

#### THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

GOSPORT (Hants).—On Sunday, October 28th, for evening service, at Holy Trinity church, 585 Grandsire Triples. R. Davies, 1; J. Hewitt, 2; R. Gardner, 3; H. Reynolds, 4; H. Westbrook, 5; A. Peckham, 6; A. E. Thompson (conductor), 7; R. Fuge, 8. On Sunday, November 4th, for evening service, 378 Grandsire Triples. R. Gardner, 1; A. Peckham, 2; H. Reynolds, 3; F. Burnett, 4; E. Reynolds, 5; R. Davies, 6; A. E. Tomlins (conductor), 7; R. Fuge, 8. On Sunday, November 11th, for morning service, 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Nicholson, 1; A. Peckham, 2; H. Reynolds, 3; R. Gardner, 4; E. Reynolds, 5; R. Davies, 6; A. E. Tomlins (conductor), 7; R. Fuge, 8. On Sunday, November 25th, for morning service, 252 Stedman Triples. \*R. Gardner, 1; E. Reynolds, 2; H. Reynolds, 3; \*A. Peckham, 4; \*H. Westbrook, 5; T. Burnett, 6; A. E. Tomlins (conductor), 7; R. Fuge, 8. First touch of Stedman by the local band. \*Longest length. And for evening service, 420 Grandsire Triples. R. Gardner, 1; E. Reynolds, 2; H. Reynolds, 3; A. Peckham, 4; A. E. Tomlins, 5; R. Davies, 6; \*F. Burnett (conductor), 7; R. Fuge, 8. \*Longest length as conductor.

WINCHESTER.—On Thursday, November 15th, at the Cathedral, on the back eight, 504 Grandsire Triples. \*J. Harris, 1; W. C. Lampard, 2; W. J. Sevier, 3; C. J. North, 4; R. Hasted, 5; J. Weaver, 6; W. H. George (conductor), 7; J. W. Elkins, 8. \*Longest length away from the tenor. On Thursday, November 22nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 48 mins. A. E. Macey, 1; W. C. Lampard, 2; G. Smith, 3; C. J. North, 4; W. J. Sevier, 5; R. Hasted, 6; W. H. George (conductor), 7; J. Harris, 8. Taken from *Troyte*. Rung as a birthday compliment to R. Hasted, his brother ringers wishing him many happy returns.

#### THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

BIDSTON (Cheshire).—On Wednesday, October 10th, for practice, 720 Plain Bob (thirty-two bobs two singles). J. Povall, 1; C. Rimmer, 2; J. Walter, 3; W. Joynson, 4; W. Wilcox, 5; T. Povall, 6. On Sunday, October 14th, 720 Plain Bob (six bobs thirty singles). J. Povall, 1; C. Rimmer, 2; J. Walter, 3; W. Joynson, 4; W. Wilcox, 5; J. Griffiths, 6. On Sunday, October 21st, 720 Plain Bob (thirty bobs two singles). J. Povall, 1; J. Griffiths, 2; J. Walter, 3; W. Joynson, 4; W. Wilcox, 5; T. Povall, 6. On Sunday morning, October 28th, 720 Kent (fifteen bobs). W. Joynson, 1; C. Rimmer, 2; J. Walter, 3; W. Wilcox, 4; J. Griffiths, 5; T. Povall, 6. On Sunday evening, November 11th, 720 Plain Bob (sixteen bobs twenty-six singles). J. Povall, 1; C. Rimmer, 2; J. Walter, 3; W. Joynson, 4; W. Wilcox, 5; T. Povall, 6. And on Wednesday, November 21st, for practice, 720 Oxford Treble Bob (nine bobs). J. Povall (first in the method), 1; C. Rimmer (first in the method), 2; J. Walter (first in the method with a bob bell), 3; J. Griffiths, 4; W. Wilcox, 5; T. Povall (first in the method from treble), 6. On Sunday morning, November 25th, 360 Plain Bob. J. Povall, 1; C. Rimmer, 2; W. Wilcox, 3; W. Joynson, 4; J. Griffiths, 5; T. Povall, 6. And for evening service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob (nine bobs). J. Povall, 1; C. Rimmer, 2; W. Wilcox, 3; J. Griffiths, 4; G. Rogers (Wallasey), 5; T. Povall, 6. Conducted by W. Wilcox.

#### THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

TAUNTON (Somerset).—On Monday, August 27th, at St. James' church, 720 Grandsire Minor in 23 mins. S. Wyatt, 1; H. Pearce, 2; S. Radford, 3; J. Maddock, 4; G. Yandall (conductor), 5; W. Thorne, 6. On Saturday, September 10th, 720 Grandsire Minor in 25 mins. S. Wyatt, 1; J. Maddock, 2; H. Pearce, 3; H. Poole, 4; G. Yandall (conductor), 5; W. Thorne, 6. And on Sunday, September

2nd, 720 Grandsire Minor in 25½ mins. J. Maddock, 1; H. Pearce, 2; W. Thorne, 3; H. Poole, 4; F. Millard, 5; G. Yendall (conductor), 6. On Saturday, November 24th, 720 Grandsire Minor in 25 mins. G. Yendall, 1; S. Wyatt (first 720 with a bob bell), 2; H. Pearce, 3; F. Millard, 4; H. Poole, 5; J. Maddock (conductor), 6.

#### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

GRUNDISBURGH (Suffolk).—On Sunday, September 23rd, on the occasion of the harvest festival, 720 Oxford Treble Bob in 28 mins. J. Last (conductor), 1; G. Lankester, 2; F. E. W. Meadows, 3; W. Whiting, 4; H. Groom, 5; J. Ward, 6. F. E. W. Meadows and W. Whiting hail from Otley. Tenor 10 cwt.

MONOWDEN (Suffolk).—On Friday, October 15th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob, in 23 mins. B. H. Hayward (conductor), 1; J. Durrant, 2; J. Hunt, 3; F. E. W. Meadows, 4; E. Wightman, 5; S. Wightman, 6; Rung on the occasion of the harvest festival. On Friday, November 2nd, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). R. H. Hayward, 1; W. W. Miller, 2; J. Hunt, 3; G. Wicks, 4; J. W. Miller, 5; F. E. W. Meadows (conductor), 6. And 720 Oxford. E. Wightman (conductor), 1; W. W. Miller, 2; F. E. W. Meadows, 3; J. Hunt, 4; G. Wicks, 5; S. W. Martin, 6. On handbells, a course of Caters. \*W. W. Miller, 1-2; J. Tarrant, 3-4; \*F. E. W. Meadows, 5-6; R. H. Hayward, 7-8; S. W. Martin, 9-10. \*First course of Grandsire Caters. And three courses of Bob Major. W. W. Miller (longest touch in the method), 1-2; F. E. W. Meadows (longest touch in the method, conductor), 3-4; R. H. Hayward, 5-6; J. Tarrant, 7-8. And a course of Oxford Treble Bob Minor. R. H. Hayward, 1-2; J. Tarrant, 3-4; F. E. W. Meadows, 5-6. On Friday, November 9th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. J. W. Miller (first 720 in the method), 1; W. W. Miller, 2; A. S. Wightman, 3; R. H. Hayward, 4; F. E. W. Meadows (conductor), 5; S. W. Martin, 6. And 720 Kent Treble Bob, in 21 mins. E. W. Brook, 1; W. W. Miller (first 720 in the method), 2; J. Hunt, 3; F. E. W. Meadows, 4; A. S. Wightman (conductor), 5; S. W. Martin, 6. Tenor 6 cwt. On handbells, a course of Grandsire Caters. W. W. Miller, 1-2; F. E. W. Meadows, 3-4; A. S. Wightman, 5-6; S. W. Martin, 7-8; R. H. Hayward, 9-10. And three leads of Oxford Treble Bob Major. R. H. Hayward, 1-2; F. E. W. Meadows (first in the method), 3-4; A. S. Wightman, 5-6; S. W. Martin, 7-8.

OTLEY (Suffolk).—On Tuesday, October 30th, 720 Bob Minor (nine bobs and six singles). G. Durrant, 1; Dr. G. F. W. Meadows, 2; J. W. Miller, 3; W. Whiting (conductor), 4; W. Shipp, 5; F. E. W. Meadows, 6. On Tuesday, November 6th, 720 Oxford, in 26 mins. W. W. Miller, 1; H. Last (Helmingham), 2; F. E. W. Meadows (first 720 in the method as conductor), 3; W. Whiting, 4; W. Shipp, 5; A. Hatcher, 6. On handbells, a course of Grandsire Caters. Miss Constance Meadows, 1-2; H. Last, 3-4; F. E. W. Meadows, 5-6; W. Whiting, 7-8; W. W. Miller, 9-10. On Sunday, November 11th, 720 Plain Bob, in 25 mins. F. E. W. Meadows, 1; W. W. Miller, 2; H. R. Mortimer, 3; W. G. Crickmer, 4; W. Whiting, 5; F. Clayton (conductor), 6. W. G. Crickmer hails from Earl Soham; F. Clayton from Worlingworth. On Tuesday, November 20th, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 27 mins. G. Durrant, 1; J. W. Miller, 2; H. R. Mortimer, 3; W. Whiting, 4; F. E. W. Meadows, 5; W. W. Miller (first 720 as conductor), 6. Tenor 11½ cwt.

#### THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BEDFORD.—On Sunday, October 21st, at St. Paul's church, 504 Grandsire Triples. H. Shimmans, 1; F. Smith, 2; H. Tysoe, 3; C. Chasty (conductor), 4; F. C. Chasty, 5; I. Hills, 6; C. W. Clarke, 7; D. Thompson, 8. Also 432 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. F. Keech, 1; C. Chasty, 2; W. H. L. Buckingham, 3; S. J. Cullip, 4; I. Hills, 5; W. Shimmans, 6; H. Sharp, 7; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 8. Also 224 Double Norwich. F. Keech, 1; C. Chasty, 2; H. Tysoe, 3; F. Smith, 4; I. Hills, 5; J. Sharman, 6; C. W. Clarke, 7; H. Sharp, 8. And 216 and 252 Stedman Triples. On Sunday, October 28th, 418 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. F. Keech, 1; C. Chasty, 2; S. J. Cullip, 3; F. Smith, 4; I. Hills, 5; J. Sharman, 6; H. Sharp, 7; C. J. Clarke (conductor), 8. And 216 Stedman Triples and 265 Grandsire Triples. On Sunday, November 4th, 544 Double Norwich. F. Smith, 1; C. Chasty, 2; H. Tysoe, 3; S. J. Cullip, 4; I. Hills, 5; J. Sharman, 6; H. Sharp, 7; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 8. Also 224 Double Norwich, 168 Stedman Triples, and 265 Grandsire Triples. And on Friday, November 9th, 504 Stedman Triples. J. Sharman, 1; C. Chasty, 2; S. J. Cullip, 3; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 4; F. Keech, 5; W. Shimmans, 6; I. Hills, 7; J. Spencer, 8. Also 418 Stedman Triples. J. Sharman, 1; S. J. Cullip, 2; C. Chasty, 3; F. Keech, 4; I. Hills, 5; W. Shimmans, 6; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 7; J. Spencer, 8. Also 400 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. F. Keech, 1; C. Chasty, 2; H. Tysoe, 3; S. J. Cullip, 4; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 5; W. Shimmans, 6; J. Sharman, 7; I. Hills, 8. Also 504 Stedman

**Triples.** C. Chasty, 1; S. J. Cullip, 2; J. Sharman, 3; I. Hills, 4; F. Keech, 5; W. Shimmans, 6; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 7; J. Spencer, 8. And 224 Bob Major, and 195 and 139 Grandsire Triples. And on Sunday, November 11th, 336 Double Norwich. F. Smith, 1; C. Chasty, 2; H. Tysoe, 3; S. J. Cullip, 4; I. Hills, 5; J. Sharman, 6; H. Sharp, 7; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 8.

**TURVEY (Beds).**—On Sunday, November 18th, at All Saints' church, the bells were rung in the morning and evening to celebrate the 21st birthday of Gustavus Francis, eldest son of Major W. F. Higgin, of Turvey House. In the morning several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles were rung. W. Gardener, 1; A. Savage, 2; G. Allen, 3; W. Hinde, 4; C. Vale, 5; T. Hinde, 6. Conducted by G. Allen. In the evening some more 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, each called differently. W. Gardener, 1; A. Savage, 2; G. Allen, 3; W. Hinde, 4; W. Sargent, 5; T. Hinde, 6. Conducted by W. Sargent. Also a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles. C. Vale, 2; the rest standing as above. Tenor 20 cwt.

#### THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

**Ross (Herefordshire).**—On Sunday, October 21st, at St. Mary's church, for evening service, the first 500 of Parker's ten-part peal of Union Triples. J. King, 1; J. G. Wall (conductor), 2; A. Bird, 3; H. Price, 4; W. H. Fussell, 5; J. Clark, 6; E. Turner, 7; J. Sykes, 8.

**LUGWARDINE (Herefordshire).**—On Thursday evening, October 25th, six different 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. E. Brooks, 1; W. H. Fussell (conductor), 2; T. Lewis (Hereford), 3; C. H. Dutton (Hereford), 4; James Jones, 5; John Jones, 6. Also on Saturday, October 27th, ten different 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles in 41 mins. John Jones, 1; W. H. Fussell, 2; J. Jones (Hagley), 3; C. Glifford, 4; James Jones, 5; T. Jones, 6. Several 6-scores were rung with the Vicar, the Rev. A. C. Lee, treble.

**WOOLHOPE (Herefordshire).**—On Tuesday, November 6th, for practice, four 6-scores of Bob Doubles. W. H. Fussell (conductor), 1; A. Emery, 2; W. Preece, 3; E. Hodges, 4; C. Williams, 5; John Edwards, 6.

**HOLMLACY (Herefordshire).**—On Saturday, November 10th, the following Hereford ringers visited this tower and took part in several long touches of Grandsire Triples, those marked \* ringing their longest length. C. H. Dutton, H. Dew, W. Greenleaf, C. Watts, \*J. J. Jones, \*T. Lewis, \*T. Hobby, \*H. Gains, \*T. Chamberlain, J. Trystram, and W. H. Fussell. Permission to hold the practice was kindly given by the Vicar, and Mr. Dew went down early to get the bells and ropes in readiness.

**HEREFORD.**—On Wednesday evening, November 14th, at the cathedral, for practice, a 504 of Grandsire Triples on the back eight, in 21 mins. R. Chamberlain, 1; W. Greenleaf, 2; J. J. Jones, 3; C. H. Dutton, 4; W. H. Fussell (conductor), 5; J. Davies, 6; T. Lewis, 7; J. Belcher, and J. Matthews, 8. Longest touch by treble and 3rd ringers, and first 504 on the bells by the cathedral society.

#### THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—FYLDE BRANCH.

**LYTHAM (Lancashire).**—On Wednesday night, November 21st, 720 College Single (eighteen bobs two singles). W. Bamber, 1; J. Fell, 2; A. E. Wilson, 3; J. Salthouse, 4; C. H. Kerr (conductor), 5; R. Cookson, 6. And 240 Plain Bob Minor. A. Wilson, 2; J. Fell (conductor), 3; the rest as before. And on Thursday night, November 22nd, at St. Peter's church (R.C.), 720 College Single in 27 mins, being the first in the method on the bells. W. Bamber, 1; T. H. Mark, 2; A. E. Wilson, 3; J. Salthouse, 4; C. H. Kerr (conductor), 5; R. Cookson, 6. These are a sweet going ring of six, lately cast, with the exception of the tenor, by Mears and Stainbank. And on Sunday, November 25th, at St. John's church, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs two singles), in 29 mins. W. Bamber, 1; T. H. Mark, 2; A. E. Wilson, 3; J. Salthouse, 4; J. Fell (conductor), 5; R. Cookson, 6. Rung half-muffled for the late Lacey C. E. Clifton, a former resident of Lytham Hall, who died at Towcester, Northamptonshire, on Saturday, November 24th.

#### THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

**TREETON (Yorks).**—On Tuesday, November 9th, for practice at the parish church, 720 Violet and 720 Duke of York. A. Woofenden, 1; J. H. Brothwell, 2; S. Walker, 3; A. J. Plowman, 4; W. J. Nicholson, 5; W. Lambert, jun., 6. On Sunday, November 11th, for morning service, 360 New London Pleasure. T. Whitworth, 2; the rest as above. For evening service, 720 Woodbine. A. Woofenden, 1; T. Whitworth, 2; S. Walker, 3; A. J. Plowman, 4; W. J. Nicholson, 5; W. Lambert, jun., 6. And 360 Duke of York. J. H. Brothwell, 1; the rest as above. On Sunday, November 25th, for morning service, 720 New London Pleasure. A. Woofenden, 1; J. H. Brothwell, 2; S. Walker, 3; A. J. Plowman, 4; W. J. Nicholson, 5; W. Lambert, jun., 6.

jun., 6. For evening service, 240 each of College Pleasure, London Scholars, College Exercise, and City Delight. T. Whitworth, 2; J. H. Brothwell, 4; the rest as above. All the above were conducted by W. Lambert, jun. Also 720 Oxford. A. J. Plowman, 4; J. H. Brothwell (conductor), 6; the rest as above.

#### THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

**WALKDEN MOOR (Lancashire).**—On Wednesday, September 12th, for practice, 720 Kent Treble Bob in 24 mins. J. Brooks, 1; J. Potter, 2; J. Dennes, 3; John Potter, 4; James Potter, 5; W. Dennes (conductor), 6. On Sunday, September 30th, for service, 720 Grandsire Minor in 24 mins. J. Worthington (conductor), 1; A. Potter, 2; J. Dennes, 3; John Potter, 4; J. Potter, 5; W. Dennes, 6. On Sunday, October 7th, for service, 720 Bob Minor in 23 mins. J. Brooks, 1; S. Oaks, 2; J. Dennes, 3; John Potter, 4; A. Potter, 5; W. Dennes (conductor), 6. On Sunday, October 14th, for service, 720 Kent Treble Bob in 24 mins. J. Brooks, 1; J. Worthington, 2; S. Oaks, 3; J. Potter, 4; J. Welsby, 5; W. Dennes (conductor), 6. On Sunday, October 28th, for service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob in 24 mins. J. Worthington, 1; J. Potter, 2; J. Dennes, 3; John Potter, 4; A. Potter, 5; W. Dennes (conductor), 6. On Sunday, November 11th, for service, 720 Bob Minor in 24 mins. J. Brooks (conductor), 1; A. Potter, 2; S. Oaks, 3; John Potter, 4; J. Potter, 5; W. Dennes, 6. On Thursday, November 15th, for practice, 720 Oxford Treble Bob (sixteen bobs), in 25 mins. W. Dennes, 1; J. Potter (composer and conductor), 2; J. Dennes, 3; John Potter, 4; A. Potter, 5; J. Brooks, 6.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

**BORDEN (Kent).**—On October 28th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins. T. E. Collard, 1; S. Hutson, 2; C. Millway, 3; E. Allen (conductor), 4; C. Willshire, 5; A. Hardy, 6; W. Hobbs, 7; W. Tassell, 8. On November 9th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins. S. Hutson, 1; W. Hobbs, 2; C. Millway, 3; R. Staines, 4; C. Duttall, 5; W. Tassell, 6; C. Willshire (conductor), 7; A. Hardy, 8. On November 18th, 574 Grandsire Triples. T. E. Collard, 1; E. Allen, 2; S. Hutson, 3; W. Hobbs, 4; A. Hardy, 5; C. Duttall, 6; W. Tassell, 7; C. Willshire (conductor), 8. On November 19th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. W. Tassell, 1; C. Duttall, 2; W. Hobbs, 3; C. Millway, 4; A. Hardy, 5; C. Willshire (conductor), 6.

#### THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

**EPSOM (Surrey).**—On Sunday, November 18th, for evening service, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples (1260 changes), in 43 mins. G. Kelly, 1; A. E. Bassett, 2; H. Federick, 3; S. Wilson, 4; J. Easton, 5; T. Miles (conductor), 6; H. Kenten, 7; T. Everett, 8. S. Wilson hails from Ewell.

**BOLNEY (Sussex).**—On Monday, November 19th, for practice, 630 Grandsire Triples. T. King, 1; G. Walder, jun., 2; T. Privett, 3; F. Scutt, 4; H. H. Chandler, 5; E. Boniface, 6; B. Bassett, 7; G. Osbourne, 8. Also 504 Grandsire Triples. G. Walder, sen., 1; H. Chapman, 2; T. Privett, 3; W. Walder, 4; E. Boniface, 5; B. Bassett, 6; H. H. Chandler, 7; A. Scutt, 8. And 168 in the same method. T. King, 1; G. Walder, 2; F. Scutt, 3; E. Boniface, 4; B. Bassett, 5; H. Chapman, 6; H. H. Chandler, 7; T. Osbourne, 8. Conducted by H. H. Chandler.

**BRIXTON (Surrey).**—On Sunday, November 18th at the church of St. John the Divine, after the re-dedication service in the evening, 336 Double Norwich Court Bob Major, being the first touch in the method on this grand peal of eight. G. Wild, 1; H. N. Davis, 2; R. H. Biggs, 3; S. T. Goodchild, 4; F. Boreham, 5; J. E. Davis, 6; J. Evans, 7; J. C. Truss, jun. (conductor), 8.

**BURY ST. EDMUNDS (Suffolk).**—On Sunday, November 18th, at St. Mary's church, for morning service, a double course of Oxford Treble Bob Major by the St. Peter Mancroft company, from Norwich, and afterwards a touch in the same method by the Norwich and other friends. And for afternoon service at St. James' church, at the Norman Tower, a capital course of Kent Treble Bob Royal. E. Ward, 1; S. Slater, 2; G. Archer, 3; F. Borrett, 4; O. Garwood, 5; P. Sadler, 6; G. Howchin, 7; C. E. Borrett, 8; J. Souter, 9; G. Smith, 10. Three bob leads were also rung to oblige the following, as time would not allow of another course before the service. E. Ward, 1; S. Slater, 2; S. Evans, 3; F. Borrett, 4; O. Garwood, 5; P. Sadler, 6; R. Gowers, 7; G. Smith, 8; G. Smith, 9; J. Souter, 10. After service, the Norwich and Bury companies united rang two excellent touches of Grandsire Caters, conducted respectively by C. E. Borrett and J. Souter.



**CAMBERWELL.**—On Sunday, November 25th, at the church of St. Giles, for evening service, 1016 Stedman Caters. \*F. J. Pitts (composer and conductor), 1; †H. Barton, 2; †T. H. Taffender, 3; E. P. O'meara, 4; †A. R. Davis, 5; W. Baron, sen., 6; J. E. Davis, 7; H. N. Davis, 8; F. G. Newman, 9; †G. Turl, jun., 10. \*Longest as conductor. †Longest touch of Stedman Caters.

**CRADLEY (Herefordshire).**—On Saturday, November 19th, 720 Bob Minor in 26 mins. F. Smith, 1; C. Watkins, 2; H. Pritchard, 3; A. Layton, 4; H. T. Knowles, 5; C. Layton (conductor), 6. H. T. Knowles hails from Malvern.

**CREWE (Cheshire).**—On Tuesday, November 13th, at Christ church, for practice, several touches of Grandsire Triples, including three 168s and a 42, consecutively conducted by J. Wright, A. Jervis, A. Harding (17 years), and W. Evetts. W. Evetts, 1; J. Broome, 2; A. Harding, 3; J. Wright, 4; A. Jervis, 5; A. Dudley, 6; G. Harding, 7; J. Edwards, 8. In the last two touches the treble and second changed places, and A. Dudley made way for J. Davies on the 6th.

**DIDSBURY (Cheshire).**—On Saturday, November 17th, at the parish church, 720 Kent Treble Bob. T. G. Down, 1; W. Brown, 2; H. Chapman, 3; J. Welsby, 4; J. Potter (conductor), 5; J. Brickill, 6. Messrs. Downs, Brown, and Chapman hail from Manchester. Welsby from Worsley; J. Potter from Walkden; and Brickill from Barley-moor.

**EASTBOURNE (Sussex).**—On Monday, November 19th, for practice at the parish church, 210 Grandsire Triples. C. Carter, 1; A. Midmore, 2; T. Hunnisett, 3; N. Cruttenden, 4; C. Lewis, 5; W. Avann, 6; T. Lewis, 7; E. Willoughby, 8. And 336. J. Page, 1; A. Midmore, 2; J. Hunnisett, 3; N. Cruttenden, 4; H. Vernon, 5; T. Hunnisett, 6; B. Hobbs, 7; J. Newman, 8. Also 210 Grandsire Triples. J. Page, 1; J. Clark, 2; J. Hunnisett, 3; N. Cruttenden, 4; A. Midmore, 5; E. Willoughby, 6; J. Lewis, 7; J. Osborne, 8. And 504 in the same method. A. Midmore, 1; T. Hunnisett, 2; J. Billings, 3; N. Cruttenden, 4; W. Avann, 5; E. Willoughby, 6; J. Lewis, 7; J. Newman, 8. And on Friday, November 23rd, 504 Graedsire Triples. E. Brant, 1; J. Billings, 2; H. Vernon, 3; J. Newman, 4; A. Midmore, 5; T. Lewis, 6; J. Lewis, 7; C. Lewis, 8.

**ELMLEY LOVETT (Worcestershire).**—On Sunday afternoon, November 25th, at the parish church, a 720 of Grandsire Minor. J. Horne, 1; A. Jackson, 2; F. Jackson, 3; E. Gilbert, 4; E. Playdon, 5; J. Chance (conductor), 6. Also a 6-score of Stedman Doubles. E. Playdon, 1; J. Chance, 2; F. Jackson, 3; A. Jackson (conductor), 4; E. Gilbert, 5; T. Roberts, 6. Also a 6-score in the same method standing as before conducted by E. Playdon. Also two 6-scores in the same method with J. Twigg tenor, conducted by J. Chance. And a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles. J. Twigg, 1; E. Playdon, 2; F. Jackson, 3; A. Jackson (conductor), 4; E. Gilbert, 5; J. Horne, 6. J. Twigg belongs to the local company; the rest hail from Chaddesley, Corbett.

**FARNHAM ST. MARTIN (Suffolk).**—On Sunday, November 18th, on the musical ring of six at the parish church, touches of Double Court and Kent Treble Bob. S. Evans, 1; O. Garwood, 2; S. Slater, 3; P. Sadler, 4; G. Smith, 5; R. Gowers (conductor), 6. Tenor 7 cwt.

**HEADINGLEY (Yorks).**—*Handbell Ringing.*—On Tuesday, November 20th, in the tower of St. Michael's church, an attempt was made for Mr. Craven's 8064 of Bob Mjor, but came to grief after ringing 4300 changes in 2 hrs. 2 mins., owing to a change-course. John Thackray, 1-2; J. Thackray, 3-4; H. Williams (conductor), 3-6; \*A. Taylor, 7-8. Referee, Mr. W. Child. \*First attempt for a handbell peal.

**HORSHAM (Sussex).**—On Sunday, November 18th, through the generosity of Mr. H. Burstow, of Horsham, permission was given for a few friends to have a pull on the fine peal at the parish church, tenor 24 cwt., when a well-struck 504 of Grandsire Triples was rung for evening service in 15 mins. W. Hillman (Henfield), 1; W. Wady (Warnham), 2; J. W. Alliss (Henfield), 3; J. Smart (Steyning), 4; W. Short (Warnham), 5; C. Smart (Steyning, conductor), 6; B. Bassett (Heene), 7; W. J. Sevier (Eastleigh, Hants), 8. The ringers wish through the medium of "THE BELL NEWS" to thank their Horsham friends for kindly placing the bells at their disposal, also Mr. H. Burstow for kindly assisting them in the same.

**HOUGH-ON-THE-HILL (Lincolnshire).**—On Sunday morning, November 18th, at All Saints' church, 1260 Grandsire Doubles, each 6-score called differently, in 46 mins. W. Maw, 1; C. Nicholson, 2; J. Hoyes (conductor), 3; F. Tunnadine, 4; S. Nicholson, 5; W. Nicholson, 6. And for morning service, 480 Bob Doubles. J. Lamb, 1; W. Maw, 6; the others as before. And after evening service, 180 Bob Minor, standing as at early morning service, and conducted by John Hoyes.

**LOUGHTON (Essex).**—On Tuesday, November 20th, for practice, 960 Kent Treble Bob Major, and 756 Stedman Triples. F. Freeman, 1; G. Pearl, 2; E. Bacon, 3; W. Doran, 4; J. Rann, 5; G. Carter, 6; W. Clark, 7; W. Lebbon (conductor), 8. Messrs. Doran and Pearl hail from West Ham.

**LYMINGE (Kent).**—On Saturday, November 17th, two 6-scores of Plain Bob and two of Grandsire Doubles. J. Prebble, E. Laker, E. Cheeseman, A. Castle, A. Tanton, W. Fordred, J. Andrews. And 180 Bob Minor. J. Prebble, 1; E. Cheeseman, 2; A. Castle, 3; A. Tanton, 4; W. Fordred, 5; J. Andrews, 6. All conducted by A. Tanton.

**ELHAM (Kent).**—On Wednesday, November 14th, two 6-scores of Bob Doubles. G. Shepherd, 1; H. Pitcher, 2; E. Smith, 3; C. Richards, 4; A. Castle (conductor), 5; T. Bourne, 6. On Monday, November 19th, 720 Bob Minor, 7-8 covering (eighteen bobs and two singles. E. Smith, 1; A. Castle, 2; A. Beer, 3; C. Richards, 4; J. Andrews, 5; E. Bush (conductor), 6; T. Bourne, 7; A. Hogben, 8. And 180. G. Shepherd, 1; H. Pitcher, 2; E. Smith, 3; C. Richards, 4; E. Bush, 5; A. Castle, 6; T. Bourne, 7; A. Hogben, 8.

**SALISBURY (Wilts.).**—On Friday, November 16th, at the house of Mr. Blackbourn, 40, New Street, 1260 Stedman Triples (Brook's), on handbells, retained in hand. W. S. Wise (conductor), 1-2; T. Blackbourn, 3-4; W. W. Gifford, 5-6; T. Groves, 7-8.

**STEYNING (Sussex).**—On Sunday, November 4th, for morning service, a 504 of Stedman Triples. C. Smart (conductor), 1; J. Matthews, 2; F. Morriss (St. Nicholas, Brighton), 3; E. Rapley, 4; J. Smart, 5; A. Gatland, 6; G. Smart (St. Peter's, Brighton), 7; G. Gatland, 8. Also a 252 in the same method. J. Smart, 1; J. Matthews, 2; A. Gatland, 3; F. Morriss, 4; E. Rapley, 5; C. Smart, 6; W. Woolgar (conductor), 7; G. Smart, 8. Also for childrens service in the afternoon, Thurstan's quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 45 mins. G. Gatland, 1; J. Woolgar, 2; E. Rapley, 3; J. Smart, 4; G. Smart, 5; A. Gatland, 6; W. Woolgar (conductor), 7; C. Smart, 8. Also for evening service, a 504 of Stedman Triples. W. Woolgar, 1; J. Matthews, 2; E. Rapley, 3; G. Smart (conductor), 4; C. Smart, 5; G. Gatland, 6; J. Smart, 7; Rev. A. Pridgeon, 8. Also a 504 of Grandsire Triples. J. Woolgar, 1; G. Smart, 2; J. Smart, 3; E. Rapley, 4; J. Matthews, 5; C. Smart (conductor), 6; W. Woolgar, 7; A. Gatland, 8. On Thursday, November 8th, for practice, the first 518 of Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples. G. Gatland, 1; W. Woolgar, 2; E. Lindup (Heene, first touch in the method with a bob bell), 3; H. Meeters (Heene), 4; C. Smart (conductor), 5; E. Rapley, 6; J. Smart, 7; A. Gatland, 8. Also on Sunday, November 11th, for evening service, a 504 of Stedman Triples. C. Smart, 1; J. Matthews, 2; E. Rapley, 3; W. Woolgar, 4; G. Payne (Henfield), 5; J. Smart, 6; L. Payne (Henfield, conductor), 7; G. Gatland, 8. Also a 504 of Grandsire Triples. E. Rapley, 1; J. Smart, 2; J. Matthews, 3; G. Payne, 4; C. Smart, 5; W. Woolgar (conductor), 6; L. Payne, 7; J. Woolgar, 8. On Tuesday, November 13th, for practice, a 576 of Kent Treble Bob Major. J. Matthews, 1; G. Gatland, 2; E. Rapley (first touch in the method), 3; J. Smart, 4; J. Woolgar, 5; W. Woolgar (first touch in the method), 6; C. Smart, 7; C. Tyler (Henfield, conductor), 8.

**WEST GRINSTEAD (Sussex).**—On Thursday, November 22nd, for practice, 288 Kent Treble Bob Minor. R. Summersall, 1; W. Pierce, 2; E. Boniface, 3; B. Bassett, 4; T. Woolgar, 5; H. H. Chandler (conductor), 6. Also 720 Bob Minor. T. Woolgar, 1; W. Pierce, 2; E. Boniface, 3; R. Summersall, 4; T. Woolgar, 5; B. Bassett (conductor), 6.

**WHITEFIELD (Lancashire).**—On Sunday, November 26th, for evening service, a 504 of Grandsire Triples, this being the longest touch since the bells were re-hung. W. Hall, 1; F. Bradshaw, 2; W. Warburton, 3; W. Houghton, 4; J. Barlow, 5; S. Morris, 6; W. Hilton (conductor), 7; T. Rushton, 8. Messrs. Hall and Rushton hail from Pendlebury; the rest belong to the local company.

**WIVELISCOMBE (Somerset).**—On Saturday, November 10th, at St. Andrew's church, by the Milverton ringers, a 350 of Grandsire Triples. T. Andrews, 1; A. Andrews, 2; R. Scott (conductor), 3; W. Andrews, 4; J. Richards, 5; W. Chapman, 6; R. Andrews, 7; W. Warman, 8. And several other touches with the Rev. C. De Salis on the 6th, and G. Andrews on the tenor. The above is supposed to be the first on the bells, and is W. Warman's first touch. Tenor about 23 cwt.

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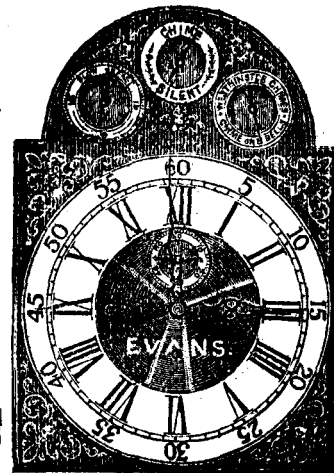
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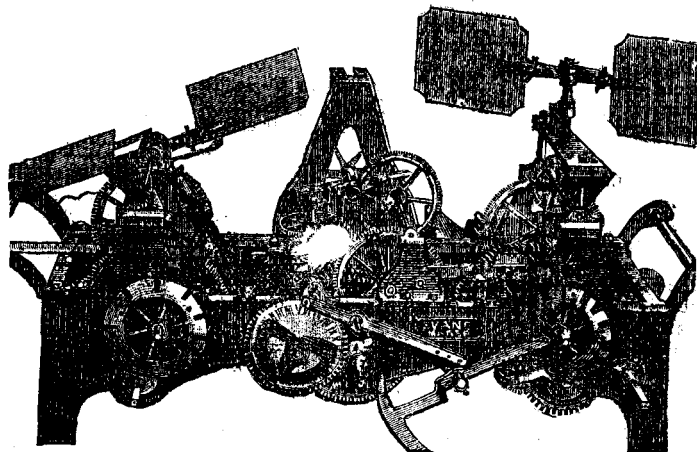
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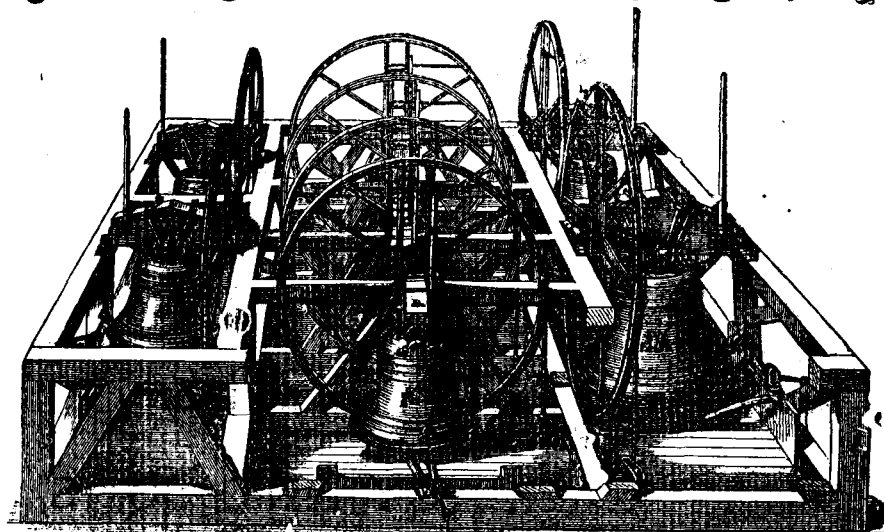
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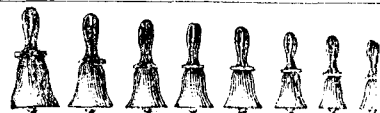
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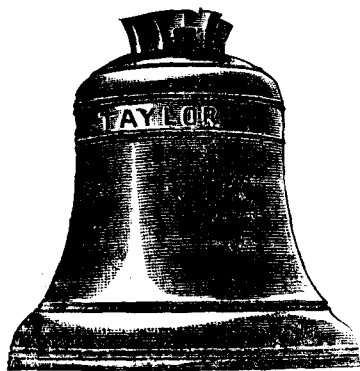
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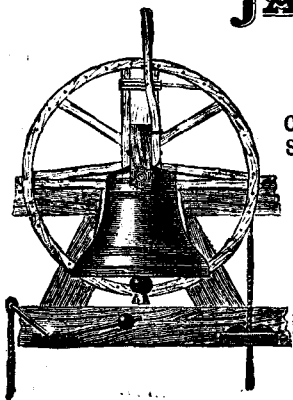
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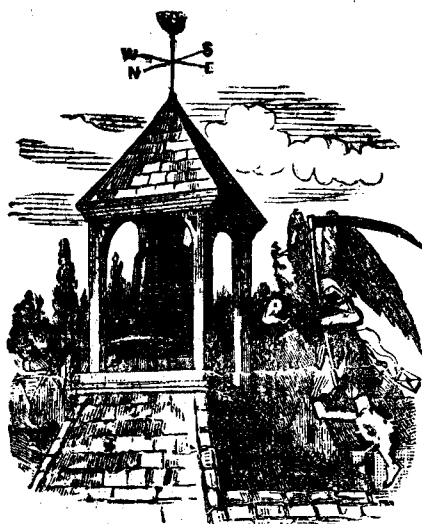
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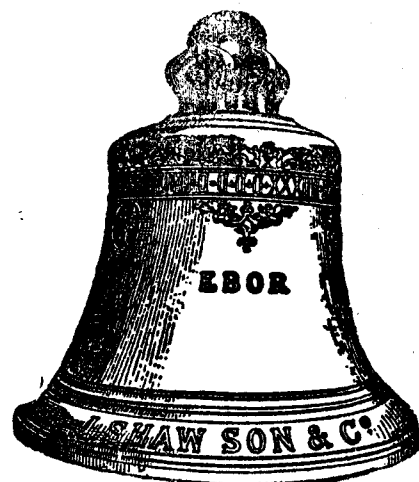
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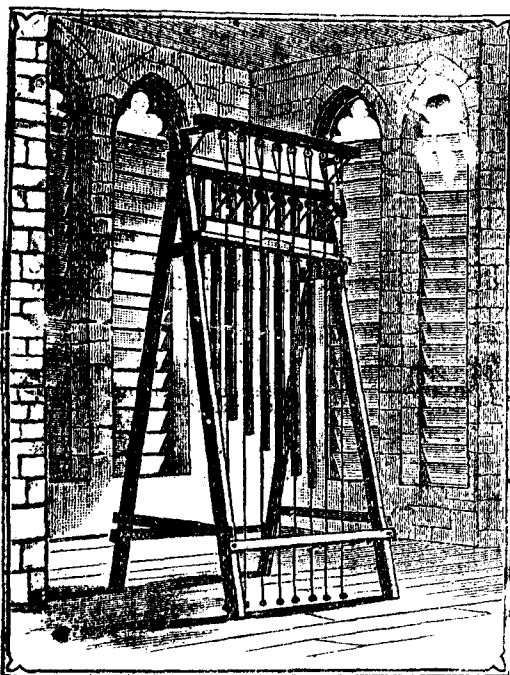
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## MR. JOHN HOLDEN, OF SADDLEWORTH.

*[Vide Portrait.]*

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For three-score years a counter singer,  
And longer still a first-rate ringer;  
Was he whose name is but before,  
Whose skill in tune and time is o'er.  
While some with changes are affrighted,  
He with changes was delighted;  
Of changes yet, he must have one,  
And then with changes he'll have done.

He and five of his sons frequently rung together.

JOHN HOLDEN has one son and two daughters; the former is a ringer, and a member of the Christ Church society, Southport, and his eldest daughter is a member of the Saddleworth church choir.

On Easter Monday, March 26th, 1883, he conducted fourteen 360s of different Treble Bob Minor methods, which was completed in 3 hrs. 5 mins. At the vestry meeting held later on the same day, he was elected churchwarden, which office he held for three years. He at once began to collect subscriptions, and get up entertainments to raise a fund for two new trebles, and assisted by the ringers and choir and his colleagues in office, he was soon able to see a long cherished wish, viz., a ring of eight bells an accomplished fact, which were opened on Saturday, February 16th, 1884. On leaving Saddleworth for Mossley, he was presented with an illuminated address, a report of which appeared at the time in "THE BELL NEWS," vol. 5, page 96. At this latter town, where the new church of St. George had just been built, he was elected sidesman at the vestry meeting at Easter, 1887, and joined a Committee which was collecting subscriptions for a new peal of eight bells. On Easter Sunday morning, April 1st, 1888, he conducted the first peal on the new bells (5088 Kent Treble Bob Major), and with the assistance of two old and valued ringing friends, Messrs. T. B. Dicken and M. Bradbury (the latter since deceased), and his old colleagues from Saddleworth, taught a young band, with whom he rings at the present time. An account of this opening appeared in "THE BELL NEWS," vol. 6, pages 37 and 45.

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His first peal of Major he rung with the late Jasper Snowden, at Mottram. The late William Harrison walked from Mottram to Saddleworth to ring at his wedding, a distance of about eight miles; and we may mention that he was Secretary to the Committee for the Harrison Monument, in Mottram churchyard, which was unveiled by the late Jasper W. Snowden.

He has been a member of the Friendship Lodge (with over 400 members) of Independent Oddfellows, Saddleworth District, M.U. for thirty-three years, and has served all the offices of the Lodge and District; being permanent secretary of the above-named Lodge for over twenty-one years, and Prov. C.S. of the District for nineteen years, and has represented his district at seventeen Annual Movable Committees of this world-renowned Order. These duties, combined with the fact that he is one of the principals of the firm of Wild and Holden, Auctioneers, Valuers, and Agents, leaves him very little time for peal-ringing. He is also a member of the Yorkshire Association; President of United Counties' Association, and a member of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.

## THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

The second quarterly meeting in connection with the above Association was held at Shireoaks on Saturday, December 15th. There was a fair representation of members from Anston, Harthill, Killamarsh, Treeton, Work sop, Ordsall, East and West Retford, and Shireoaks. The bells, by the kind permission of the Rev. H. Cowgill, were placed at the disposal of ringers from 2 p.m. until 9 p.m. At 4 p.m. the members to the number of about thirty, adjourned to the schoolroom, where the usual business meeting was held, presided over by the Rev. H. Cowgill, and supported by the Secretary, the Rev. H. T. Slodden. The minutes of the previous meeting held at Harthill were read and confirmed, after which Mr. White proposed, and Mr. R. Smith seconded, that the next quarterly meeting be held at Misson on Easter Monday 1895, and it is needless to say it was unanimously carried.

At this stage of the proceedings it was pointed out that the Work sop ringers were very anxious to learn the Art of change-ringing, and after some discussion, Mr. D. Russon, of Shireoaks, was appointed to give them instruction, half of the cost to be borne by the Work sop members, and the other half by the Association.

The business meeting then terminated with votes of thanks to the Rev. H. Cowgill for the use of the bells and schoolroom, and also for presiding; to the Rev. H. T. Slodden for his presence and conducting the business, to which both gentlemen suitably and briefly responded.

At 5 o'clock the ringers adjourned to partake of a good meat tea, kindly provided by the local ringers and their wives, and the greatest credit is due to them for their excellent catering.

After tea three 720s in Treble Bob methods were rung in addition to several other shorter touches. Train time having now arrived, a very pleasant evening was brought to a close, and the bells lowered in peal.

CENTRAL COUNCIL REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CALLS AND COLLECTION OF PEALS.—Now ready. Price Twopence, post free. Stamps with order to Rev. H. E. BULWER, Stanhoe Rectory, King's Lynn.



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(OF SADDLEWORTH).

# ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, LEICESTER.—REOPENING OF THE TOWER AND DEDICATION OF A NEW BELL.

The Bishop of Peterborough attended a special service at All Saints' church, Highcross Street, on Thursday afternoon, December 13th, for the purpose of formally reopening the tower after restoration, and re-dedicating the bells. The tower, which occupies a peculiar position at the north side of the north aisle, dates from the 13th century, and was prior to alteration in a deplorable state. The outer stonework had perished to a great extent, very little of the original facing being left. The belfry windows had more or less fallen to pieces; the masonry of the battlement was loose, and the lead roof failed to keep out the wet. Inside, things were even worse. The framework of the bells was old and dilapidated, and (much to the detriment of the building) was wedged in places to the walls. The bells themselves were largely exposed to the weather, and the tenor (which was made by John Stafford, a Leicester bell-founder, who was Mayor of the town in 1366 and 1370) was unfortunately cracked by the frost of last Christmas Day. Under these circumstances, although there were other parts of the building requiring attention, the estimate for the whole work being over £2000, it was decided to make a start on the tower. This has been thoroughly restored, a tenor bell has been supplied, and the whole peal has been rehung. This work has entailed a cost of about £800, over £700 of which has been already obtained.

The service was choral throughout, commencing with the processional hymn, "Lift the strains of high thanksgiving," the Bishop and his attendant clergy taking up a position underneath the tower. At the conclusion of the hymn, the churchwardens handed the Bishop the keys of the tower, and he offered up dedication prayers for the tower and for the peal of bells, and the service for the day was gone through, with special Psalms and lessons.

The Bishop of Peterborough preached the sermon, basing his address upon the words, "I will lift up mine eyes unto the mountains; from whence shall my help come? My help cometh from the Lord, who hath made heaven and earth." After explaining the particular sense in which the words were used in the Psalm, Dr. Creighton said in all times mountains and hills had been looked upon as places of protection and safety. Hence it was that in olden times people lived upon the hills and built their dwellings there. But in course of time they were compelled through the changes in the conditions of life to live in valleys, but they had their castles and towers erected on natural or artificially-made mounds, as a sort of substitute for the protection the mountains had previously afforded them. Still, as time went on, and civilisation, with its laws for the repression of violence improved, even these became unnecessary and sank into decay. Yet, however, people were faced with the question of "Whence cometh my help?" and having found the answer, that true help cometh from the Lord, they expressed that answer very simply and exactly in the way we in the present day would suppose they would, by carrying on those old traditions, and they erected towers to their churches as a symbol that they still wanted protection and help in the dangers and difficulties of life. As they knew, towers were in many cases the last additions to churches. It was so in that church of All Saints. The tower was built on one side, and formed no part of the original structure, being simply an appendage to the church. In construction the towers were as a rule, massive and grand, and they stood high above everything else as something for the people to look up to to lead them to think of higher and nobler things. They were a message to them of the true source from which help was derived, and it was because of this that the congregation he was addressing, had laboured and restored that tower to its former beauty, and had preserved it for generations yet to come. In the struggle for life there was a tendency to fix one's thoughts more and more on the things of earth, and the symbols of protection and help—the tower and the bells it contained—were increasingly necessary to lead their thoughts to higher things.

A parochial tea and a tea for visitors followed, and in the evening a further service was held, the preacher being Bishop Mitchinson, Archdeacon of Leicester.

Several touches of Grandsire Doubles were rung by members

of the St. Margaret's Society, Leicester, by desire of the vicar of All Saints. J. Jarvis, 1; S. Cooper, 2; W. Cooper, 3; W. Willson, 4; J. Buttery, 5. This is the first meeting of its kind since the tenor bell has been recast, and was conducted by John Buttery.

## STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.

A large number of ringers assembled at The King's Head hotel at noon on Thursday, December 6th, at the invitation of the vicar and churchwardens, to partake of dinner in celebration of the reopening of the belfry of the parish church. Ringers were present from Ipswich, Diss, Buxhall, Aldeburgh, and other neighbouring churches. The Bishop of Norwich had promised to speak, but having to visit some of his clergy in the outlying districts, he was unable to be present. The Rev. J. L'Estrange Fawcett, on his behalf, tendered an apology for his absence. The vicar took the chair, being supported by the Rev. J. Hancock, Great Finboro'; Rev. — Sheppard, Rev. G. M. Shallard, M.A., Mr. C. C. Tuck, Mr. W. G. Ranson and Mr. C. Marriott (churchwardens), Messrs. Hayward, Turner, and Peddar. Many of those present had been taking their turn on the bells during the morning, so that ample justice was done to the good things provided for them by host T. G. Tweed. The work of taking down quartering, and rehanging the bells was commenced on July 27th last. It had not proceeded far when it was found that the spire was in such a dilapidated state that it would be necessary to support it with girders and iron work, to ensure the public safety. The necessary alterations and repairs have been carried out to the entire satisfaction of the vicar and churchwardens. The bells are hung on solid oak beams, the clock floor has been removed, and the carillon, which was made in 1602, it is believed, by a blacksmith at Buxhall, and which used to play old English tunes every four hours, has been thoroughly cleaned and put in working order. The ringing-chamber has been wainscoted, and a new window into the church added, the latter having been unveiled during the morning. The peal of eight bells have been tuned to Cambridge chimes; the tenor weighs 25 cwt. After dinner the Rev. J. L. Fawcett, M.A., congratulated those present on the work which had been brought to a successful issue that day. He was especially pleased because it was the first work which he had taken in hand with his wardens since he had been vicar. He was proud to record the unselfish and generous response which was made to their appeal to funds, both from Church and Nonconformist friends alike.

Mr. Ranson, who was received with applause, said the churchwardens' task had been a pleasant one. Subscriptions had never been refused them, and he publicly tendered his thanks to the donors of the fund. The repairs would cost, roughly, £300, and up to the present time £272 had been collected, and they quite hoped after the special services that night, and on Sunday next, to leave the bells entirely free from debt.

Mr. C. Marriott also confirmed the previous speaker's remarks. Several other gentlemen having spoken, an adjournment was made to the church, where the various improvements were pointed out, changes being rung at intervals during the afternoon and evening.

A special service was held in the evening, at which there was a large congregation, the Bishop of Norwich preaching.

"A lover of music" writes from Ashby, Leicestershire, complaining of the continual practice indulged in by the ringers on the bells of the parish church, and asks whether the humour of the bell-ringers in their efforts to "beat the record" could not be satisfied by indulging in the silent system, at least occasionally. Residents in Wood Street and Church Street are unpleasantly near the sound, affording pleasure no doubt to the ringers under the tower, but torture to those without it. The officials of the church, he thinks, might cause a modification, and assuredly at Christmas the bells would be "heard to advantage."—From the *Leicester Express*.

A memorial window has been placed in the north aisle of St. Stephen's church, Willenhall, in memory of the late Mr. John Wakelam. This window was executed by Mr. T. W. Camm, of The Studio, Smethwick. Subject: "Lord, to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life."

## THE BISHOP BOWLBY MEMORIAL COMMITTEE.

A meeting was held at Birmingham on Thursday, December 13th, when the sub-committee recently appointed to consider various schemes, made a report. Archdeacon Knox (Bishop-designate of Coventry), presided, being supported by Canon Wilkinson, the Rev. T. G. Clarke (hon. sec.), Mr. A. M. Chance, Mr. J. D. Goodman, and others. Three proposals had been considered—one to erect a memorial church, another to place in St. Philip's church, a memorial window, and a third to have executed a bust of the late Bishop. It was decided to erect a marble bust from designs submitted by Mr. Hamo Thorneycroft, and also a west window by Sir Edward Burne Jones, the subject being "Our Lord sitting in judgment." The joint cost of these memorials will be £1000.

## ST. ANNE'S CHURCH, AIGBURTH, LANCASHIRE.

On Thursday, November 22nd, the above church was reopened after considerable alteration and improvement in the internal arrangements, but the vicar (Canon Livingstone) still requires about £700 to complete the scheme proposed. The work now carried out includes the removal of the side galleries and the old uncomfortable pews, and reflooring the church with solid wood-block floor on concrete foundation; the formation of a comfortable baptistery on the site of one of the gallery staircases next to the main entrance; the formation of a central entrance and vestibule with ornamental framework and inner doors; reseating the whole of the church with pitchpine seating; the construction of a raised chancel, partly occupying a space taken out of the nave, enclosed with a low screen of Teakwood, and fitted with choir stalls, sedilia, &c., all in teak; the removal of the organ from the end gallery to the south transept, and the formation of a choir vestry behind it. The old chancel windows have been filled with stained glass in designs of conventional foliage of symbolical types, and three new chancel windows filled with stained glass containing figures representing our Lord in the centre, with St. Mary and St. Anne respectively in the side lights, have also been put in. The pulpit has also been removed to a more convenient position, and considerably reduced in height. The whole of the interior has been painted and decorated. The architect was Mr. C. E. Deacon, and the cost of the restoration has been £2700, including private gifts amounting to about £500. At the opening service, Canon Armour gave an address. On Sunday, November 25th, the Bishop of Liverpool preached in the morning, and Canon Blundell, rector of Halsall, in the evening, and there was a childrens' service in the afternoon with address by the Rev. G. H. Spooner, rector of Woolton. The offertories on both days amounted to £84.

## ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, BRECHIN.

On Friday, December 14th, dedicatory services were held in this church, in connection with the pulpit which has just been erected in memory of the late Dean Crabb. The pulpit is octagonal, and consists in the main of Painswick stone. The central panel facing due west is the Good Shepherd, on the south side is St. Andrew, on the opposite side is St. Ninian holding a church, and the figure of St. Columba stands in the niche facing north. Above the canopies a richly carved cornice surrounds the pulpit, whilst this is surmounted by polished variegated English alabaster. Upon the base is inscribed:—To the memory of the Very Rev. James Crabb, Dean of Brechin. Born, 1830: Died 1891. A brass pulpit desk, which harmonises well with the rest of the pulpit, has been presented by Mr. John Shiell, one of the members of the vestry. Prayers were read by the Rev. D. Hepburn Brown, the rector, and the Bishop of Brechin, Primus, gave a brief address, in the course of which he passed a warm eulogy on the late Dean. Special dedicatory prayers having been offered up by the Primus, hymns 242 and 435, from *Hymns Ancient and Modern* were sung. The Rev. G. Grub, F.S.A., rector of Holy Trinity, Ayr, preached the dedicatory sermon from Ecclesiasticus vi., 14-16.

A vicarage and Sunday School are about to be added to St. Jude's church, Savile Park, Halifax, from plans by Messrs. Horsfall and Williams, of that town.

## THE EXTENT OF BOB MAJOR.

By J. ARMIGER TROLLOP, Norwich

## TWELVE-PART PEALS.

The following callings have each to be eleven times repeated, with Singles at end of sixth and twelfth parts. In the last six, an extra bob must be called (or omitted) on 2-3-4 in every alternate part.

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All these peals can be increased to 40,320 as usual.

## Correspondence.

## CROYLAND ABBEY BELLS.

SIR,—In accordance with "Fair Play's" suggestion and my acceptance thereof, I beg to report to you the condition of the Treasurer's account and earnestly to request that if "Fair Play" or any Secretary or Treasurer has not forwarded their kind donations, that the end of year 1894 is drawing to its close, and I should esteem it a great favour to receive donations before the 31st December, 1894, that they may be duly accounted in this year's accounts. Just think that another Christmas must pass away and these old Croyland bells remain silent. When the lovers of campanology are sounding for their Christmas notes of joy on their local bells, let them just think of the silent Croyland bells. I really would never have thought it possible that no response should be made to "Fair Play's" letter. A member of one of the leading societies recommended that a donation of 5s. from each member would raise a sufficient sum to repair the Abbey, but strange he forgot to head the list with his own donation, or to back it in any other substantial way. I hope that this joyous season may awaken the charity of your readers and cause donations to flow to the Croyland Abbey bell fund.

T. H. LE BOEUF, Rector of Croyland.

## CORRECTIONS.

SIR,—The foot note to the peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major rung at Shadwell on December 8th should read thus: "The 4th and 6th sixteen times in 6ths place, and the 5th fourteen times without the 2nd or 3rd at the course-ends."

H. SPRINGALL.

SIR,—The ringer of the 8th in the peal of Darlaston Bob Caters rung at Birmingham last week was "John T. Perry," not John S. Perry, as given.

J. CARTER.



## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—ROCHESTER DISTRICT.

[BY OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

The members of this district who attended the last quarterly meeting of this year, held at Cliffe on Saturday, December 8th, have good reason to congratulate themselves on the result of the meeting, and the proposer of the resolution selecting this tower for the gathering, was fully justified in his choice, for as an outcome the Cliffe band have promised to again affiliate themselves with the Association. When I put in an appearance at Cliffe on Saturday, the meeting was poorly attended by members of the Association, but the local band were strongly represented by about fifteen members, and the curate, the Rev. E. D. Briscoe. Mr. W. Baker, of Rochester, was elected chairman, and the newly-appointed secretary (Mr. A. Osborne) having read the minutes of the annual meeting held at Gravesend on September 15th, they were confirmed.

Mr. H. G. Bonner then proposed Halling (five-bell tower) as the venue for the next quarterly meeting, the Secretary having explained that five-bell ringers had complained of the absence of meetings at these towers, and that the neighbouring steeple of Birling (eight bells) could be secured in addition.

This being seconded, Mr. C. Waterman proposed St. Margaret's, Rochester, which Mr. Haigh seconded, but the proposition was declared carried by a majority of one, the date decided on being the first Saturday in March.

The confirmation of the two new members of the district was then made, and the Secretary proceeded to explain the advantages of the Association to the local band, and promised to forward the rules to their secretary.

A few courses of Plain Bob and Grandsire Triples having been rung, the local band were given an opportunity of reviving their knowledge in method ringing, a few shewing signs of latent talent in the Grandsire method. A few fresh arrivals were announced at seven o'clock, and the company were then informed that by the munificence of the curate, a hot supper awaited them at The Six Bells. Thither the company adjourned, and a very substantial meal it proved, Mr. Briscoe occupying the chair, his *vis à vis* being the rector, the Rev. W. H. Groves. After the tables had been cleared, harmony was indulged in, songs and recitations being given by the rector, the curate, Dr. A. H. Cresswell, Messrs. Denton, Cornford, Moon, Venuss, Dooley, Branchley, sen., Henderson, Romans, and Sergeant J. Avis, selections on the handbells being given by the brothers Branchley and Clair. Messrs. Henderson and Denton accompanied the vocalists on a splendid toned piano. A plain course of Grandsire Triples was rung on the handbells by W. Haigh, 1-2; F. Hayes, 3-4; S. R. Romans, 5-6; W. Baker, 7-8.

During the evening Mr. H. D. Davis (Milton), proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. E. D. Briscoe for his lavish hospitality, and said he was glad to see that the clergy in Cliffe acknowledged the ringers as church workers; it was so generally not many years ago, and should be so now, as the ringers did their best to uphold the principles of the church by their labours. He was glad to see the rector present also.

The vote was accorded with musical honours, and the Rev. E. D. Briscoe thanked the company for the vote of thanks, and said it was a pleasure to entertain such a gathering. He had lately been initiated in the Art, and as far as he could see, it was a recreation to body and mind, not to be despised.

The rector also spoke, and said he hoped it would not be the last time he should be the guest of Mr. Briscoe.

The gathering broke up at 11.30, the visitors starting for home just before midnight, the Milton men riding as far as Shorne, reaching home at quite an "early hour," after a very pleasant evening.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

**CREWE BRANCH.**—On Saturday, December 8th, a meeting of this branch took place at Acton, near Nantwich, when twenty-four members attended from Crewe, Sandbach, Audlem, and Whitchurch. Arriving there about 2.30, the bells were soon set in motion, and several 120s of Doubles were rung by mixed bands, the most noteworthy being a 720, each 120 called differently. A 360 of Minor was also attempted, but came to

grief through a change-course. At four o'clock the usual meeting was held in the large room of the vicarage, the Rev. G. Howson, President, presiding. Several new members were elected, and the annual meeting was fixed for the third Saturday in the New Year, Crewe being the place decided upon. A vote of condolence was passed to Mr. Walmsley, of Macclesfield, in his sad bereavement, Mrs. Walmsley having died on Wednesday, December 5th, after a very short illness. The ringers were now invited to tea by the vicar, the Rev. O. B. Hodge, and sat down to a splendid repast, and after a vote of thanks had been passed to Mr. and Mrs. Hodge for their kindness, the tower was again visited, and among other touches was a 720 of Minor by A. Wilson, 1; J. Wright, 2; G. Harding, 3; A. Jarvis, 4; G. Wright (conductor), 5; R. T. Holding, 6. Some Stedman Doubles were also rung by the Crewe society.

**GRAPPENHALL BRANCH.**—The members of this branch of the Society held a quarterly meeting at Grappenhall on Saturday, December 15th, members being present from Stretton, Warburton, Grappenhall, and Warrington. Tea was provided by the rector, the Rev. R. Greenall, in the parish room, after which the minutes of the last meeting were read by the branch secretary, L. Leyland, Esq., and passed. Stretton was fixed for the next meeting in March. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rev. R. and Mrs. Greenall for kindly providing tea. During the afternoon several touches were rung; and on Sunday, December 16th, for Divine Service, 720 Canterbury Pleasure in 23 mins. J. Mainwaring, 1; G. Lewis, 2; T. Burrows, 3; S. Horsfall, 4; F. T. Spence, 5; J. W. Booth (conductor), 6. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qrs.

## CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY ARRANGEMENTS.

**EARLY ISSUE OF TICKETS.**—The Midland Railway Company, to prevent inconvenience and crowding, have arranged for the booking offices at St. Pancras and Moorgate Street stations to be open for the issue of tickets all day on Friday, Saturday, and Monday, December 21st, 22nd, and 24th, and tickets to all principal stations on the Midland Railway can be obtained beforehand at any of their offices, a list of which can be had on application. The tickets obtained at these offices will be available from St. Pancras station, and will be issued at the same fares as charged at that station, and dated to suit the convenience of passengers.

Cheap Excursion Trains will be run from London (St. Pancras) to Carlisle, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Greenock, Dundee, Aberdeen, etc., and from principal provincial stations to Carlisle, Edinburgh, Glasgow, etc., on Fridays, December 21st, for five or eight days, and December 28th for five or seven days, by which return tickets will be issued at a third class single fare for the double journey. The Single Fare Tickets issued on December 21st will be available for returning on any day up to and including December 29th, and Single Fare Tickets taken on December 28th will be available for returning any day up to and including January 4th, 1895.

Cheap Excursion Tickets will be issued from London (St. Pancras) and principal provincial stations on Thursday, December 20th, to Dublin, Cork, Killarney, Limerick, etc., via Liverpool, available for 16 days, on Friday, December 21st, to Dublin, etc., via Morecambe, available for returning on December 27th, 29th, and January 1st, 3rd or 5th, 1895; on Friday, December 21st, to Belfast, Londonderry, Portrush, etc., via Barrow, available for 16 days, and on Saturday, December 22nd, to Londonderry, via Morecambe, available for returning December 31st, or January 3rd or 7th.

Cheap Excursion Trains will also be run from London (St. Pancras) on Saturday night, December 22nd, to Leicester, Birmingham, Nottingham, Derby, Newark, Lincoln, Burton, Manchester, Liverpool, Blackburn, Bolton, Sheffield, Leeds, Bradford, York, Hull, Scarborough, Newcastle, the Lake District, etc., returning December 26th or 28th.

On Christmas Eve the pressure of traffic will be relieved by the running of duplicate trains from St. Pancras as circumstances may require.

\* \* 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.

## 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.-Hollingsworth Silver Challenge Cup.**—The annual change-ringing contest on handbells, for the above cup, will take place on Saturday, February 9th, 1895. For further particulars apply Sec.

JONATHAN PILLING.

Lee Street, Uppermill, near Oldham.

**Lancashire Association.**—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Saviour's, Bacup, on Saturday, December 22nd. Bells ready at 3 p.m. A free tea will be provided to all who send in their names or number from each tower to J. A. Brown, 165, Rochdale Road, Bacup, not later than December 18th. Meeting after tea.

J. B. TAYLOR, Branch Sec.

7, Church Street, Waterfoot.

**Llandaff Diocesan Association.**—The quarterly meeting will be held at Chepstow, Mon., on Boxing Day, December 26th, 1894. Meeting at schools at 3 p.m. All subscriptions for 1895 will be received at this meeting. Bells open all day. W. A. DOWNING, Hon. Sec. Llandaff.

**The North Lincolnshire Association.**—The quarterly meeting will be held at Gainsborough, on Bank Holiday, December 26th. There will be a short service in the parish church at 4.30 p.m., with an address by the vicar, Rev. Canon Moor. It is hoped that ringers will attend. Tea will be provided at The Coffee tavern, Market street, at 5 p.m., at rs. 3d. each. The business meeting will be held immediately afterwards. The bells of the parish church (8), will be open for ringing, also the bells at Blyton (5), Corringham (6), Lea (6), and Stow (6), by kind permission of the incumbents are at the use of ringers during the day.

REGINALD BOND, Hon. Sec.

Church Street, Gainsborough.

**Sussex County Association (Western).**—A district meeting will be held at West Tarring, on Saturday, December 29th. Tower open at 2.30, tea at 5.30. Hon. Secs. requested to send number who desire tea.

J. W. G. LODER COTTER, Hon. Sec.

Yapton Vicarage, Arundel.

**The Surrey Association.**—By kind permission of the Rev. S. W. Young (Hon. Trea.), the next quarterly meeting will be held at Kingston-on-Thames, on Monday, January 15, 1895. The tower of All Saints (10 bells), will be open from 2 p.m. Representatives should send the number who intend being present at tea at The Albany Hall at 6 p.m., to Mr. J. Strutt, London Street, Kingston-on-Thames, not later than Saturday, January 13th. Members are requested to meet at the church as early as possible, so that those who have to leave early to get their trains home may have the privilege of United Practice before tea. The annual report for 1894 will be prepared for printing immediately after the above meeting. Representatives are requested to revise their lists of members, and together with all matter intended for insertion forward the same on or before the above date.

R. B. BLANCHARD, Hon. Sec.

13, Sunnyhill Road, Streatham, S.W.

## ALLIANCE.

A NEW PRINCIPAL BY HENRY DAINS,

ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

(Paper No. 2.)

## ROYAL AND MAXIMUS.

SIR,—With your permission I will now place Royal and Maximus before your readers. Royal, it will be seen, has four blocks of dodging fours, and two plain blocks of six changes each, the plain course containing 252 changes. Maximus has four blocks of dodging fours, and two do. of eight changes in each lead, and the plain course contains 352 changes. As in Major, the bob changes, lead ends, and course-ends are identical, or exactly the same as Bob Royal and Bob Maximus, and all old peals of the latter (without singles), will run true in Alliance, the only difference being in the length of the respective courses, and the number of changes appertaining to each system.

## ALLIANCE ROYAL.

## FIRST LEAD OF THE PLAIN COURSE.

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 3 5 2 7 4 9 6 0 8 Plain lead.

1 2 3 5 7 4 6 6 8 0 Bob lead.

## ALLIANCE ROYAL.

5040.

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

Repeated.

## ALLIANCE MAXIMUS.

## FIRST LEAD OF THE PLAIN COURSE.

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

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

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

0 T 8 E 6 9 4 7 2 5 1 3  
T O E 8 9 6 4 7 5 2 3 1  
0 T 8 E 6 9 7 4 2 5 1 3  
T O E 8 9 6 7 4 5 2 3 1

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

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

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

3 1 5 2 7 4 9 6 E 8 T O  
1 3 2 5 7 4 6 9 8 E O T  
3 1 5 2 4 7 9 6 E 8 T O  
1 3 2 5 4 7 6 9 8 E O T

1 3 5 2 7 4 9 6 E 8 T O Plain lead.

1 2 3 5 7 4 9 6 E 8 T O

## ALLIANCE MAXIMUS.

5080.

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

Twice Repeated.

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

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1894.

THE time has again arrived when it is our duty, and no less our privilege, to revert to that high festival of the Church, which during the coming week will be celebrated throughout the civilized world—the festival of CHRISTMAS. We repeat that it is our privilege: one that has happily fallen to our lot for the past fourteen years, with only one exception. We have on such occasions alluded to the great Christian festival under various aspects: its origin; the circumstances accompanying its establishment, so to speak; and its application to our brethren and the Art they practise. A *resumé* of our comments year after year upon the Christmas season would not be incompatible now, though it may be somewhat impracticable. The necessity, however, does not exist. Christmas, in spite of the prophecies of wiseacres and the miserable carping of cynics, remains the same, so far as the practice of hospitality and the provision for good cheer is concerned. And what can be said at present about the religious observances of the great festival? Certainly that they do not suffer by comparison with times of long ago, or with any period of this century. People who think themselves clever may affect to believe the contrary, if they please;

they may with no small amount of ingenuity assert with impudent assurance that the world is utterly mistaken in its faith concerning the origin of Christmas, and with specious arguments attribute it to a totally different cause, but the popular belief is not shaken or jeopardised thereby. The records of the Gospels concerning The Nativity are depended upon now as much as ever, and their authenticity believed in at the present time as strongly. And not only the circumstances therein described, but their effect and result, which in unmistakable language had been prophesied centuries before.

A positive belief in these things must greatly enhance the pleasure and delight of many of our brethren in their duties on the morning of Christmas day. Is it a small matter, when the Christmas morning peal is in progress, when every ringer is trying his best towards excellence, when the conductor has selected a method wherein all his best powers and those of his colleagues must be brought into play, is it a small matter, we ask, for the ringers to solemnly feel within themselves that they are striving to honor this anniversary of the first coming of THE MESSIAH? We think it a great and blessed privilege to be allowed to take such a part in the services of our Church at any time, but especially on such a festival as Christmas. And if we strive upon such occasions to award the glory which must be the result of such endeavours and sentiments, to our Creator, we may depend upon it that our devout wishes will be accepted by Him, and that He will be pleased to see that the great powers which He has given us we are using for His glory.

But there must be peace among us before our offering of Christmas can be accepted. Unfortunately within and without our various organisations envy and all its concomitants may be found. And, worse still, we may find those who wish rather to perpetuate hatred and all uncharitableness than put an end to them; men who cannot, and who will not, in spite of all persuasion, yield one shred of their contentions. "Men," did we say? The appellation may certainly be questioned. What shall we call those who refuse the peace offering of an offending or an offended brother? Are such as these diminishing among us? We hope that at each succeeding Christmas peace, and not only peace, but brotherly love will prevail and continue throughout the ranks of our noble Exercise. Most of our readers will join in this hope; in fact all of them. Let us try, each of us, individually, to bring it about; in short, let a great effort, both individually and collectively, be made now, at the period of this hallowed and time-honored festival of our Church. "On earth peace," was part of the glorious anthem sung for the first time nearly nineteen centuries ago. Abiding in the hope that all our brethren may enjoy and fully realize such peace, we once more heartily wish them—"A MERRY CHRISTMAS."

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### The Metropolis.

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On Thursday, December 13, 1894, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

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

HOLT'S ORIGINAL, Tenor 15 cwt.

THOMAS H. TAFFENDER .. Treble.	WILLIAM E. GARRARD .. 5.
HENRY LANGDON .. .. 2.	CHARLES T. P. BRICE .. 6.
EDWARD H. ADAMS .. .. 3.	WILLIAM T. COCKERILL .. 7.
JAMES BAXTER .. .. 4.	EDWARD P. O'MEARA .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. E. GARRARD.

Mr. Baxter, for whom this peal was arranged, hails from Darlington, and it is his first peal in the method.

#### THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, December 15, 1894, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH, SOUTHGATE,

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

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 25 cwt.

PERCY DARLINGTON .. Treble.	HENRY A. BARNETT .. 5.
RICHARD C. GOODCHILD .. 2.	LEWIS J. DARLINGTON .. 6.
WALTER W. DICKINSON* .. 3.	JOSEPH WAGHORN, JUN. .. 7.
ALFRED W. DARLINGTON .. 4.	WALTER G. DARLINGTON .. Tenor.

Conducted by J. WAGHORN, JUN.

\*First peal.

#### THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, December 15, 1894, in Three Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES-IN-THE-FIELDS,

#### A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,

5440 CHANGES. Tenor 16 cwt.

ERNEST E. PRATCHETT .. Treble.	FREDERICK PITSTOW .. 5.
HENRY DAINS .. .. 2.	ALFRED PITSTOW .. 6.
CHARLES WILKINS* .. 3.	ARTHUR JACOB .. 7.
ALBERT PITTAM .. .. 4.	GEORGE NEWSON .. Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS and Conducted by G. NEWSON.

The treble man was elected a member of this Society before starting for the peal, and this is his first attempt at Major upon tower bells. \*First peal in the method. This peal is the first known two-part composition in the method. It contains the 4th, 5th, and 6th the extent in 5-6, the 2nd and 3rd never in the latter position at course-ends, and is now rang for the first time.

### The Provinces.

#### ALDENHAM, HERTS.—HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 3, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST,

#### A PEAL OF CANTERBURY PLEASURE MAJOR,

5056 CHANGES. Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM HEWITT .. Treble.	CHARLES H. MARTIN .. 5.
HENRY J. MARTIN .. .. 2.	ERNEST E. HUNTLEY .. 6.
W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM .. 3.	HENRY G. ROWE .. 7.
FREDERICK EDWARDS .. 4.	THOMAS WALLER .. Tenor.

Composed by C. H. MARTIN, Conducted by W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM.

#### OXFORD.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, December 13, 1894, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL,

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5001 CHANGES.

Tenor 31 cwt.

CHARLES H. FOWLER .. Treble.	*EDWIN HIMS .. 6.
ARTHUR E. HAWES .. .. 2.	WILLIAM C. BASTON .. 7.
ALBERT DUBBER .. .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 8.
ALFRED FOX .. .. 4.	JAMES W. WASHBROOK .. 9.
CHARLES HOUNSLOW .. 5.	JAMES MOGRIDGE .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JAMES W. WASHBROOK.

\*First peal.

## SWINDON, WILTS.

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 15, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

THOMAS ROBINSON .. .. Treble.	GEORGE C. ILES .. .. 5.
ALFRED LAWRENCE .. .. 2.	H. BETTISON SLACK.. .. 6.
THOMAS RICKETTS .. .. 3.	ROBERT RICHARDS .. .. 7.
OWEN W. LAYNG .. .. 4.	ERNEST BISHOP .. .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN THORP and Conducted by ERNEST BISHOP.

## BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 15, 1894, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES.

Tenor 20½ cwt.

WILLIAM GRAY .. .. Treble.	JAMES W. TRAPITT .. .. 5.
HENRY BROOKER .. .. 2.	GEORGE BURT .. .. 6.
EDWARD BRAY .. .. 3.	FRANK HOLDER .. .. 7.
WILLIAM BULPITT .. .. 4.	CHARLES BANCE.. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by HENRY BROOKER.

## RINGMER, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 15, 1894, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,  
5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 14 cwt.

ARTHUR A. FULLER.. .. Treble.	ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. 5.
HENRY WESTON.. .. 2.	JAMES R. FROSSELL .. .. 6.
GEORGE A. KING .. .. 3.	KEITH HART .. .. 7.
EDWARD C. MERRITT .. .. 4.	GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. Tenor.

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

First peal of Superlative on the bells. This composition is now rung for the first time and contains the 6th the extent in 5-6, and the 2nd never in 6th place at a course-end. This is G. A. King's first peal. I. G. Shade hails from Greenwich; the rest belong to the St. Peter's Society, Brighton.

## SHIPLEY, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 15, 1894, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES.

Tenor 15 cwt.

G. A. O. NETTLETON* .. Treble.	JAMES COTTERELL .. .. 5.
JOHN WHITAKER .. .. 2.	*LEONARD STOKOE .. .. 6.
THOMAS B. KENDALL .. .. 3.	*ALFRED NAYLOR .. .. 7.
CHARLES PRATT .. .. 4.	*ALBERT HASTE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by JAMES WILDE and Conducted by ALFRED NAYLOR.

\*First peal in the method. Messrs. Whitaker, Stokoe, Naylor, and Haste hail from Headingley, Pratt from Calverley, Cotterell from Bradford, Nettleton and Kendall belong to the local band.

## WOLVERHAMPTON.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND ADJOINING DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 15, 1894, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5076 CHANGES.

Tenor 23 cwt.

HENRY A. HALL .. .. Treble.	†JOHN S. PRITCHETT .. .. 6.
ALFRED PRITCHETT* .. .. 2.	HARRY MASON .. .. 7.
WILLIAM S. PRITCHETT .. .. 3.	JAMES E. GROVES .. .. 8.
HENRY DAWKES.. .. 4.	JAMES GEORGE .. .. 9.
WILLIAM H. BARBER* .. .. 5.	WILLIAM PAINTER .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JOHN S. PRITCHETT.

\*First peal of Caters. †First peal of Caters as conductor. This peal is in three equal and regular parts, and is now rung for the first time. Messrs. Pritchett (3) hail from Kings Norton; Mason from Old Hill; Barber from Clent; George from Rugby; Painter from Birmingham; the rest belong to the local band.

## SALISBURY, WILTS.

## THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 15, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
BROOK'S VARIATION.

WALTER S. WISE .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM J. SEVIER .. .. 5.
JAMES ELCOMBE.. .. 2.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. .. 6.
THOMAS BLACKBOURN .. .. 3.	ROBERTO W. J. GOLLOP .. .. 7.
SIDNEY MACEY .. .. 4.	SIDNEY AMES .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WALTER S. WISE.

## ST. ALBANS.—THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 15, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 30 cwt.

WALTER BATTLE .. .. Treble.	THOMAS WALLER .. .. 5.
W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM .. .. 2.	JESSE W. BREWER .. .. 6.
EDWARD HULL .. .. 3.	WILLIAM H. BUCKINGHAM .. .. 7.
ARTHUR HULL .. .. 4.	H. LEIGH WADDINGTON .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM.

## THE WATERLOO SOCIETY, LONDON.

On Saturday, December 15, 1894, in Three Hours and Twenty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES, CAMBERWELL,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5183 CHANGES.

Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

THOMAS H. TAFFENDER* .. Treble.	EDWARD P. O'MEARA .. .. 6.
FREDERICK G. PERRIN .. .. 2.	ARTHUR J. NEALE .. .. 7.
HAROLD N. DAVIS .. .. 3.	JAMES E. DAVIS .. .. 8.
WILLIAM G. GROVE* .. .. 4.	FREDERICK J. PITTS.. .. 9.
ARTHUR R. DAVIS .. .. 5.	*GEORGE TURL, JUN. .. .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, of Chesterfield,  
and Conducted by HAROLD N. DAVIS.

\*First peal on ten bells. The above was rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor, his brother strings wishing him many happy returns. Messrs. Grove and Neale hail from Woolwich. This composition is a regular three part containing the 4th, 5th, and 6th each eighteen courses behind the 9th.

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On Saturday, December 15, 1894, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;  
IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 15 cwt.

GEORGE THORNTON .. .. Treble.	HENRY BROOKE.. .. 5.
JAMES KNOTT .. .. 2.	JOHN CLAYTON .. .. 6.
JOHN WILSON LANG.. .. 3.	MORLEY RAMSDEN .. .. 7.
SIDNEY GOODALL .. .. 4.	WILLIAM COLLINS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by the late OBADIAH LANG and  
Conducted by WILLIAM COLLINS.

## TIPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Monday, December 17, 1894, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.

SAMUEL BOWCUTT* .. .. Treble.	*WILLIAM JAMES.. .. 5.
ADAM HICKMAN HILL .. .. 2.	EDWARD GOODREDS .. .. 6.
THOMAS HORTON .. .. 3.	JAMES HALL .. .. 7.
WILLIAM ROCK SMALL .. .. 4.	*FRED BYWATER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by ADAM HICKMAN HILL.

\*First peal. Messrs. Horton and Hall hail from West Bromwich; the rest belong to the local band.



**HENFIELD, SUSSEX.—SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Tuesday, December 18, 1894, in Three Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Tenor 15½ cwt. in F.

HENRY STRINGER .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM JOHN ALLISS .. 5.
ALBERT GROVES .. .. 2.	LAZARUS PAYNE .. .. 6.
WILLIAM HILLMAN .. .. 3.	ALFRED W. GROVES .. .. 7.
GEORGE PAYNE .. .. 4.	CHARLES TYLER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES TYLER.

This peal has the 6th twenty-two times wrong and right. It is the first peal of Bob Major by all the band, and the first true peal of Major on the bells.

**CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.—SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Tuesday, December 18, 1894, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES.**

Tenor 13½ cwt. in F.

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

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF and Conducted by JAMES PARKER.

First peal in the method by J. Newnham, who is 66 years of age.

**Performances on Five and Six Bells.****BIRSTALL, LEICESTERSHIRE.****THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.**

(LEICESTER DISTRICT).

*On Friday, December 7, 1894, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

**5160 CHANGES OF DOUBLES,***In six different methods, viz.:***New Doubles, St. Simon's, Extremes, Canterbury, Plain Bob, and Grandsire.**

Tenor 11 cwt.

ROBERT BRADSHAW .. .. Treble.	EDWARD SMITH .. .. 4.
ARTHUR SMITH .. .. 2.	WILLIAM WILLSON .. .. Tenor.
WILLIAM CORNISH .. .. 3.	

Conducted by WILLIAM WILLSON.

This is the first 5160 in six methods by all except the conductor, who belongs to Leicester, the rest being local men.

**PULFORD, CHESHIRE.***On Wednesday December 12, 1894, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**SEVEN 720s OF MINOR,***In the following Methods:***Oxford, Kent, Grandsire, College Single, Oxford Bob, Canterbury, and Plain Bob.**

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qrs. 10 lbs.

GEORGE PARTINGTON* .. Treble.	JOHN TWYMAN .. .. 4.
JOHN MORGAN, JUN.* .. 2.	ALFRED MATTHEWS .. .. 5.
RICHARD THOMAS .. .. 3.	JAMES MORGAN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES MORGAN.

\*First 5040. †First 5040 with a bob bell. This was rung in honour of the marriage of Lady Margaret Grosvenor and Prince Adolphus, of Teck.

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CAMBRIDGE: Macmillan and Bowes.

**BESTHORPE, NORFOLK.****THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Friday, December 14, 1894, in Three Hours and Six Minutes*

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**5040 CHANGES OF DOUBLES,***In the following methods:***Ten 6-scores each of St. Simon's, Grandsire, and Canterbury, and twelve 6-scores of Plain Doubles.**

Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

FREDERICK KERRY .. .. Treble.	STEPHEN DANIELS .. .. 3.
JOHN HOWES .. .. 2.	JOHN G. MILES .. .. 4.
JESSE LAWRENCE .. .. Tenor.	

Conducted by JOHN G. MILES.

The above company hail from Attleborough. The ringers wish to thank the Vicar, the Rev. C. Utten Browne, for the use of the bells.

**THRUSSINGTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.****THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.**

(LEICESTER DISTRICT).

*On Saturday, December 15, 1894, in Three Hours,*

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

**5040 CHANGES OF DOUBLES,***In six different methods, viz.:***St. Simon's, Extremes, Plain Bob, Grandsire, Canterbury, and New Doubles.**

PHILIP HARDY .. .. Treble.	EDWARD SMITH .. .. 4.
ARTHUR SMITH .. .. 2.	WILLIAM WILLSON .. .. Tenor.
WILLIAM INGLESANT .. .. 3.	

Conducted by WILLIAM WILLSON.

This is the first 5040 on the bells. First 5040 by Mr. P. Hardy, who is organist at Trinity church, and secretary of the local Gosport Society. After the ringing the band were kindly entertained to tea by Mr. and Mrs. Hardy.

**PULFORD, CHESHIRE.***On Saturday, December 15, 1894, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**SEVEN 720s OF MINOR,***In the following methods:***London Single, Yorkshire Court, Oxford, Kent, Grandsire, Oxford Bob, and Plain Bob.**

CHARLES PRICE .. .. Treble.	RICHARD G. WILLIAMS .. .. 4.
JOHN MORGAN, JUN. .. .. 2.	ALFRED MATTHEWS .. .. 5.
RICHARD THOMAS .. .. 3.	JAMES MORGAN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES MORGAN.

This is the first 720 of London Single by all the above and the first on the bells.

**Miscellaneous.****THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

STANSTEAD (Essex).—On Sunday, October 28th, at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, for Divine Service in the morning, 720 London Surprise, in 25½ mins. J. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. Also for afternoon service, 720 Canterbury Pleasure. T. Jordan, 1; G. Jordan, 2; I. Hammond, 3; G. Gray, 4; W. Watts, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. This is W. Watts 1050th 720. Also on Thursday, November 1st, for practice, 720 Lichfield Surprise (nine bobs), in 24½ mins. J. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. This is the first 720 in the method by all the band, and first in the method on the bells. Also on Sunday, November 4th, for morning service, 720 Worcester Surprise, in 24½ mins. W. Watts, 5; T. J. Watts (conductor), 6; the rest as before. Also on Monday, November 5th, 720 Wells Surprise, in 25 mins. J. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; T. J. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; W. Watts, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. Also 720 Stanstead New Bob. T. Jordan (first 720 in the method), 1; T. J. Watts, 2; G. Gray, 3; G. Jordan (first 720 in the method), 4; I. Hammond, 5; W. Watts (first 720 in the method as conductor), 6. Also on Sunday, November 11th, for morn-

ing service, 720 Cambridge Surprise (3rd the observation), in 25 mins. J. Cavill, 1; G. Jordan, 2; I. Hammond, 3; G. Gray, 4; J. Luckey, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. Also for afternoon service, 720 Double Court Bob. T. Jordan, 1; W. Watts, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6; the rest as before. Also on Thursday, November 15th, for practice, 720 Morning Star (5th the observation), in 25 mins. J. Cavill (first 720 in the method), 1; I. Hammond, 2; T. J. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; J. Luckey, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. Also 720 Oxford Treble Bob. T. Jordan (first 720 of Treble Bob), 1; G. Jordan, 2; G. Gray, 3; W. Watts, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. And on Sunday, November 18th, for afternoon service, 720 College Single (eighteen bobs and ten singles). T. Jordan, 1; G. Jordan, 2; I. Hammond, 3; G. Gray, 4; J. Luckey, 5; W. Watts (composer and conductor), 6. Tenor 13 cwt.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

UPCHURCH (Kent).—On Friday evening, November 9th, at St. Mary's church, 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-eight bobs twenty-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. Also on Tuesday evening, November 13th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 25 mins. A. T. Hyland, 1; H. Witherden, 2; W. Laker, 3; W. T. Hyland, 4; G. Dennis, 5; W. Seamer (conductor), 6. Also on Saturday evening, November 17th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 25 mins. G. A. Ransom, 1; W. Haigh (conductor), 2; W. T. Hyland, 3; W. Hunt, 4; A. Hardy, 5; W. Seamer, 6. This is the first 720 in the method by all the band except the conductor. Messrs Haigh and Hunt hail from Gillingham; Ransom from Sittingbourne; Hardy from Borden; the rest are local men. Also 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor (twenty-two singles), in 25 mins. A. T. Hyland, 1; H. Shipp, 2; A. Hardy, 3; W. T. Hyland, 4; G. Dennis, 5; G. A. Ransom (conductor), 6. On Wednesday evening, November 21st, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs two singles), in 25½ mins. H. Witherden, 1; W. T. Hyland, 2; J. Champion (first 720 with a bob bell), 3; A. Dunster, 4; G. Dennis, 5; W. Seamer (conductor), 6. J. Champion and A. Dunster belong to Rainham, the rest are local men. On Friday evening, November 23rd, 720 Oxford Bob Minor (eighteen bobs two singles), in 26 mins. A. T. Hyland, 1; W. Laker, 2; H. Shipp, 3; W. T. Hyland, 4; G. Dennis, 5; W. Seamer (conductor), 6. On Monday evening, November 26th, 720 Bob Minor (twenty-two singles), in 26 mins. W. Laker, 1; W. Seamer, 2; J. Champion, 3; A. Dunster, 4; G. Dennis, 5; W. T. Hyland (conductor), 6.

BOBBING (Kent).—On Saturday evening, December 1st, at St. Bartholomew's church, 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-eight bobs and twenty-two singles), in 25 mins. A. T. Hyland, 1; G. A. Ransom, 2; W. T. Hyland, 3; W. Laker, 4; G. Dennis, 5; W. Seamer (conductor), 6. Also 720 Oxford Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 25 mins. H. Witherden, 1; H. Shipp, 2; W. Laker, 3; W. T. Hyland, 4; W. Seamer, 5; G. A. Ransom (conductor), 6. And 120 Bob Minor. H. Shipp, 1; A. J. Waters, 2; W. Laker, 3; H. S. Goord, 4; W. T. Hyland, 5; G. A. Ransom (conductor), 6. G. A. Ransom hails from Sittingbourne; Messrs Goord and Waters belong to the local company; the rest belong to the Upchurch branch.

RODMERSHAM (Kent).—On Monday, November 12th, after the Consecration service, 720 Bob Minor (eight bobs six singles), in 25 mins. G. Coast, 1; E. Day, 2; J. Dixon, 3; J. G. Grensted, 4; F. Shedd, 5; H. Wood (conductor), 6. On Thursday, November 15th, for practice, a 6-score of Bob Doubles. G. Coast, 1; E. Day, 2; S. Beech, 3; J. Dixon, 4; F. Shedd (conductor), 5; C. Clift, 6. And a 6-score of Canterbury Minor. H. Wood (conductor), 1; E. Allen (Borden), 2; J. Dixon, 3; E. Day, 4; J. G. Grensted, 5; F. Shedd, 6. And a course of Oxford Treble Bob. E. Day, 1; F. Shedd, 2; J. G. Grensted, 3; J. Dixon, 4; A. Hardy (Borden), 5; H. Wood, 6. And the same, with E. Allen ringing the second.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS (Kent).—On Sunday, November 11th, at St. Peter's church, 504 Stedman Triples. R. Burfield, 1; P. Brooker, 2; H. Porter, 3; G. Smithers, 4; S. Perkins, 5; E. Mankelow, 6; W. Latter (conductor), 7; J. Muggridge, 8. And 350 Oxford Bob Triples. R. Burfield, 1; G. Smithers, 2; P. Brooker, 3; H. Porter, 4; J. Muggridge, 5; S. Perkins (conductor), 6; E. Mankelow, 7; H. Wood, 8. On November 15th, for practice, 504 Grandsire Triples. W. Latter, 1; S. Perkins, 2; R. Burfield, 3; P. Brooker, 4; G. Kimber, 5; H. Porter, 6; G. Smithers (conductor), 7; H. Wood, 8. And 360 Treble Bob Minor. R. Burfield, 1; G. Smithers, 2; P. Brooker, 3; H. Porter, 4; S. Perkins, 5; W. Latter (conductor), 6. On Sunday, November 18th, 420 Stedman Triples. R. Burfield, 1; P. Brooker, 2; A. Welsh, 3; E. Mankelow, 4; H. Porter, 5; W. Latter, 6; S. Perkins (conductor), 7; J. Muggridge, 8.

LEE (Kent).—On Wednesday, September 26th, for practice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 1260 changes, in 43 mins. C. Walker,

1; J. Crowder, 2; \*A. Skelt, 3; T. G. Deal, 4; A. Pheasant, 5; A. C. Bedwell, 6; H. Warnett (conductor), 7; W. Preece, 8. \*First quarter-peal with a bob bell.

#### THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

TENBURY (Herefordshire).—On Saturday, November 18th, six 6-scores of Bob Doubles. T. Squire, 1; W. Mound, 2; D. Round, 3; W. Bebb, 4; J. Round, 5; T. Parton, 6. Also three courses of Minor with W. Fussell, 6.

HEREFORD.—On Wednesday, November 21st, at the Cathedral, on the back eight, two courses of Bob Major, the first in the city. C. H. Doughton, 1; W. Greenleaf, 2; A. Bird, 3; E. Turner, 4; T. J. Bratton, 5; W. H. Fussell, 6; C. Watts, 7; J. E. Groves, 8. Touches of Grandsire Triples were also rang, in which the following local men took part. J. Davies (foreman), T. Lewis (conductor), R. Chamberlain, J. J. Jones, T. Hobby, R. Powell, and J. Belcher. Tenor 42 cwt.

LEOMINSTER (Herefordshire).—On Sunday evening, November 25th, at the Priory church, for Divine Service, when the sermon was preached by the Rev. A. C. Lee, Hon. Sec. of the Guild, 543 Stedman Caters. C. Watts, 1; W. Fussell, 2; H. Mason, 3; W. Greenleaf, 4; F. E. Ward, 5; J. Carter (conductor), 6; J. E. Groves, 7; T. J. Bratton, 8; J. George, 9; R. Chamberlain, 10. And 207 Stedman Triples. H. Reeves, 1; C. Edwards, 8. Tenor 20 cwt.

CLUNBURY (Herefordshire).—On Wednesday, November 28th, an afternoon's outing to this tower was enjoyed, and some practice for Grandsire Minor taken by Messrs. R. Marston, J. Buchanan (Clun), K. Tillyard, W. Nash, A. Chester, J. Palmer, and W. H. Fussell from Ludlow. Tea, on the homeward way, was kindly provided by Mr. A. Marston, at his residence, near Aston.

LUDLOW (Herefordshire).—On Friday, November 30th, in the church vestry, on handbells, 220 Grandsire Minor in 20 mins. W. H. Fussell (conductor), 1; A. Chester, 2; J. Palmer, 3; K. Tillyard, 4; W. Nash, 5; R. Marston, 6. And several courses of Grandsire Triples, with Messrs. Lloyd, Wood, and Pritchard. On Thursday, December 6th, 720 Grandsire Minor. E. H. Wood, 1; J. Palmer, 2; W. H. Fussell, 3-4; K. Tillyard, 5; R. Marston, 6.

#### DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

DARLINGTON.—On Saturday November 17th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor (twenty-six bobs and thirty-four singles). G. J. Lungley, 1; G. Park, 2; E. Cox, 3; T. Lungley, 4; D. Shipp (composer and conductor), 5; G. W. Park, 6. This is supposed to be the first 720 in the method called in the above way in the county of Durham. And 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. E. Cox, 1; T. Lungley, 2; G. J. Lungley, 3; D. Shipp (Statndrop), 4; G. Park (conductor), 5; G. W. Park, 6.

WYLAM-ON-TYNE (Northumberland).—On Thursday, November 15th, at St. Oswin's church, 720 Bob Minor (eight bobs six singles), in 30 mins. G. Wright, 1; J. Bean, 2; W. Story (conductor), 3; A. Pigg, 4; H. Wilkinson, 5; E. Weightman, 6. Tenor 22 cwt.

#### THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

GRAPPENHALL (Cheshire).—On Saturday, November 3rd, at St. Wilfrid's church, 720 Plain Bob Minor (eighteen bobs two singles), in 24 mins. J. Mainwaring (conductor), 1; G. Lewis (first 720), 2; T. Burrows, 3; S. Horsfall, 4; F. T. Spence, 5; J. W. Booth, 6. And on Saturday, November 10th, 720 Plain Bob, in 25 mins. H. Mostyn (first 720), 1; G. Lewis, 2; T. Burrows, 3; S. Horsfall, 4; F. T. Spence, 5; J. W. Booth (conductor), 6.

#### THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

LONDON.—On Sunday, October 17th, for Divine Service in the evening, at the church of St. Stephen's, Westminster, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, 1260 changes, in 46 mins. T. J. Reed, 1; H. R. Newton, 2; F. Buck, 3; G. Langford, 4; E. Duff, 5; C. Brice, 6; H. S. Ellis (conductor), 7; W. Sorrell, 8. On Sunday, November 18th, for Divine Service in the morning, at the church of St. Clement Danes, six courses of Stedman Caters. F. Bayley, 1; H. Langdon, 2; W. Sorrell, 3; H. S. Ellis, 4; F. Buck, 5; C. Brice, 6; S. Andrews, 7; W. Buckingham, 8; H. R. Newton (conductor), 9; E. Albone, 10. And a course of Kent Treble Bob Royal. On Sunday evening, November 18th, at the (R.C.) church of St. Mary, Clapham, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor, in 24 mins. G. Langford, 1; W. Sorrell, 2; J. Nicholls, 3; S. Andrews, 4; C. Brice, 5; H. R. Newton (conductor), 6. First 720 of Oxford on the bells. And 360 Kent, with H. S. Ellis ringing the 3rd. And a course of Stedman Doubles.

#### LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—ROSSENDALE BRANCH.

BACUP (Lancashire).—On Monday, October 15th, at Christ church, 720 Primrose Treble Bob. L. Holt, 1; J. Smith, 2; Z. Lord, 3; E. J.

Cockcroft, 4; J. S. Lomas, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. Also on the same night, 720 Merchants' Delight. L. Holt, 1; E. J. Cockcroft (first 720 in the method), 2; G. Shottin, 3; J. H. Smith, 4; J. S. Lomas, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. Also on Sunday, October 21st, 720 Tulip. L. Holt, 1; E. J. Cockcroft, 2; G. Shottin, 3; J. H. Smith, 4; J. S. Lomas, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. Also on Monday, October 22nd, 720 Braintree Treble Bob. L. Holt, 1; J. Smith, 2; E. J. Cockcroft, 3; Z. Lord, 4; J. S. Lomas, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. This is the first 720 in the method for all the band. Also on Sunday, October 28th, 720 Bob Minor, (twenty-two singles). L. Holt, 1; J. Smith, 2; E. J. Cockcroft, 3; J. H. Barnes, 4; J. S. Lomas, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. And on the same night, 720 College (twenty-two singles), standing and conducted as before.

#### THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS (Lancashire).—On Sunday, October 23rd, for Divine Service in the evening, 720 Plain Bob Minor (sixteen bobs two singles), in 25 mins. T. Watson (conductor), 1; T. Stuart, 2; J. Spencer, 3; A. E. Sheppard, 4; T. R. Jackson, 5; J. Burrows, 6. On Sunday, November 4th, for morning service, 720 Plain Bob Minor (eighteen bobs two singles), in 25 mins. T. Stuart, 1; R. Burrows, 2; A. E. Sheppard, 3; T. Townson, 4; T. R. Jackson (conductor), 5; J. Burrows, 6. On Friday, November 9th, for practice, 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor (thirty-eight singles twenty-two bobs), in 25 mins. R. W. Burrows, 1; T. P. Jackson, 2; T. Watson (conductor), 3; A. E. Sheppard, 4; T. R. Jackson, 5; J. Burrows, 6. On Sunday, November 11th, for evening service, 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor (twenty-six singles), in 25 mins. J. Gibson, 1; A. E. Sheppard, 2; J. Spencer, 3; T. Stuart, 4; T. R. Jackson (conductor), 5; J. Burrows, 6. And on Sunday, November 25th, for evening service, 720 Plain Bob Minor (twenty-two singles two bobs), in 25 mins. J. Gibson, 1; T. Watson (conductor), 2; T. Stuart, 3; A. E. Sheppard, 4; T. R. Jackson, 5; J. Burrows, 6. On Sunday, December 2nd, for evening service, 720 Grandsire Minor (forty-four bobs four singles), in 25 mins. R. W. Burrows, 1; T. Watson (conductor), 2; J. Spencer, 3; A. E. Sheppard, 4; T. Stuart, 5; J. Burrows, 6.

BARSLOW (Derbyshire).—On Sunday morning, November 11th, for Divine Service, at St. Ann's church, two members of the Midland Counties' Association paid a visit to this place, on the occasion of the re-opening of the chancel and bells, and rung in a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor. T. Brightmore, 1; \*W. Wallace, 2; J. Marples, 3; H. Brightmore, 4; \*H. George, 5; W. Brightmore (conductor), 6. W. Wallace bails from Edensor; H. George from Ripley. \*First 720 in the method. The church was re-opened on Saturday, November 10th, by the Duke and Duchess of Devonshire. The restoration of the chancel has been undertaken and successfully carried out by Mr. S. Hibbert, of Barslow. The bells which have been silent for eighteen months have been partly rebung by Mr. John Marples of Barslow.

BOLNEY (Sussex).—On Sunday, October 7th, for evening service, on the occasion of the harvest festival, 1316 Grandsire Triples (twenty-four 6-7s), in 48 mins. J. King, 1; G. Walder, sen., 2; W. Walder, 3; J. Prevett, 4; F. Scutt, 5; H. Chapman, 6; G. Walder, jun. (conductor), 7; J. Osborne, 8. Also for evening service, on Sunday, November 4th, 672 in the same method. J. King, 1; F. Bennett, 2; W. Walder, 3; L. Askew, 4; P. Morfee, 5; H. Chapman, 6; G. Walder, jun. (conductor), 7; J. Osborne, 8. And for practice on Monday night, November 5th, 1008 in the same method, in 38 mins. J. King, 1; G. Walder, jun., 2; J. Privett, 3; F. Scutt, 4; E. C. Boniface, 5; H. Chapman, 6; W. Walder (longest length as conductor), 7; A. Scutt, 8. Messrs. Bennett, Askew, and Morfee hail from Cuckfield; and Boniface from West Grinstead.

COALBROOKDALE (Salop).—On Friday, November 30th, at Holy Trinity church, 504 Grandsire Triples, in 18 mins. J. Griffiths, 1; W. H. Hughes, 2; J. Day, 3; R. Jones, 4; S. J. Hughes, 5; W. Price, 6; W. Morgan (conductor), 7; W. Humphries, 8. This is the longest touch of Grandsire Triples ever rung by a Coalbrookdale band.

EVESHAM (Worcestershire).—On Wednesday evening, November 14th, for practice at St. Peter's, Bengeworth, three 6-scores each of Grandsire, Plain Bob, and Canterbury Pleasure, and 360 of Plain Bob Minor, 180 Oxford Bob, and 180 Canterbury Pleasure Minor. G. Williams, 1; A. H. Sharp, 2; F. Lewis, 3; W. Askell, 4; A. Middleton, 5; F. Cook (conductor), 6.

GLANADDA, BANGOR (North Wales).—On Tuesday, November 6th, for practice on handbells, 336 and 350 Grandsire Triples. T. P. Owen, 1; T. A. Rowlands, 2; Rev. T. L. Jones, 3; M. J. Morris (conductor), 4; W. Owen, 5; J. Gayton, 6; P. W. Davies, 7; W. Crane, 8. On Sunday, November 11th, several 6-scores of Grandsire Double, called differently. On Tuesday, November 13th, on hand-

bells, 350 and 336 Grandsire Triples. R. J. Hughes, 1; T. A. Rowlands, 2; Rev. T. L. Jones, 3; P. W. Davies, 4; M. J. Morris (conductor), 5-6; J. Gayton, 7; W. Crane, 8. Also courses of Grandsire Minor and Major.

GREAT BENTLEY (Essex).—On Tuesday, November 13th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor. E. Hills (first 720), 1; J. Taylor, 2; W. Hazell, 3; H. E. Bowers, 4; G. A. Andrews (first 720), 5; W. J. Nevard (conductor), 6. Also 720 Bob Minor. G. A. Andrews, 1; J. Taylor, 2; H. E. Bowers, 3; W. J. Nevard, 4; G. Humm, 5; W. Hazell (conductor), 6. These two 720s were rung with the bells deeply muffled in respect for the Rev. Alfred Blomfield, Bishop of Colchester, and Vice-President of the Essex Association. G. A. Andrews hails from Thernington, Essex; J. Taylor from Great Bromley; the rest belong to the local company.

LEISTON (Suffolk).—On Tuesday, November 13th, for practice at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor, in 25 mins. H. Button, 1; C. Whiting (first 720), 2; H. Leggett, 3; C. Sampson, 4; J. Button, 5; S. Wolfe (conductor), 6. Longest length as conductor. On Thursday, November 15th, on handbells, 720 Bob Minor. H. Leggett, 1; C. Sampson, 2; J. Button, 3; W. Newson (first 720), 4; A. J. Lincoln, 5; S. Wolfe (conductor), 6.

LONDON.—On Sunday evening, November 18th, for Divine Service at the church of St. Giles, Camberwell, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, 1259 changes, in 47 mins. G. Turl, 1; H. Barton, 2; J. Bonney, 3; W. Howell, 4; D. W. Griggs, 5; J. George (composer), 6; C. Hindes, 7; A. Dean, 8; F. J. Pitts (conductor), 9; C. W. Ward, 10. And after service, 540 Plain Bob Royal, E. W. Fraser, 1; J. Bonney, 2; G. Smith, 3; J. Howell, 4; H. Barton, 5; D. W. Griggs, 6; C. Hindes, 7; R. Bevan, 8; A. Dean, 9; F. J. Pitts (conductor), 10. J. Howell hails from Sudbury, Suffolk.

LONG MELFORD (Suffolk).—On Tuesday, November 13th, 720 Bob Minor, on the back six. E. Ambrose (first 720 on tower bells), 1; F. Connell, 2; A. Ambrose, 3; S. Ford (first 720 on tower bells), 4; H. Duce, 5; P. O. Bixby (conductor), 6. Also on Monday, November 26th, 720 of Oxford Treble Bob. A. Ambrose, 1; S. Slater, 2; F. Connell, 3; R. Brett, 4; H. Duce, 5; R. Gowers (conductor), 6. Also on Tuesday, November 27th, on the occasion of the marriage of Miss Rosetta Helena (Lena), Raw to W. G. Hopewell, Esq., of Horn-castle, 720 Bob Minor. A. Ambrose, 1; S. Slater (conductor), 2; F. Connell, 3; P. O. Bixby, 4; H. Duce, 5; O. Garwood, 6. Also 336 Bob Major. E. Ambrose (first touch of Major), 1; A. Ambrose, 2; O. Garwood, 3; S. Slater (conductor), 4; F. Connell, 5; J. Bird, 6; H. Duce, 7; P. O. Bixby, 8. Also 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. J. Bird, 1; S. Slater, 2; F. Connell, 3; O. Garwood (conductor), 4; H. Duce, 5; P. O. Bixby, 6. And 360 Bob Minor. J. Bird, 1; S. Slater, 2; F. Connell, 3; C. C. Bixby, 4; H. Duce, 5; O. Garwood (conductor), 6.

SHIPTON-UNDER-WYCHWOOD.—On Thursday, November 29th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 1260 changes. J. Longshaw, 1; S. Ferriman, 2; G. Bartlett, 3; H. Harris, 4; W. Longshaw, 5; W. Large (conductor), 6; A. Turner, 7; J. Longshaw, 8. W. Large hails from Burford.

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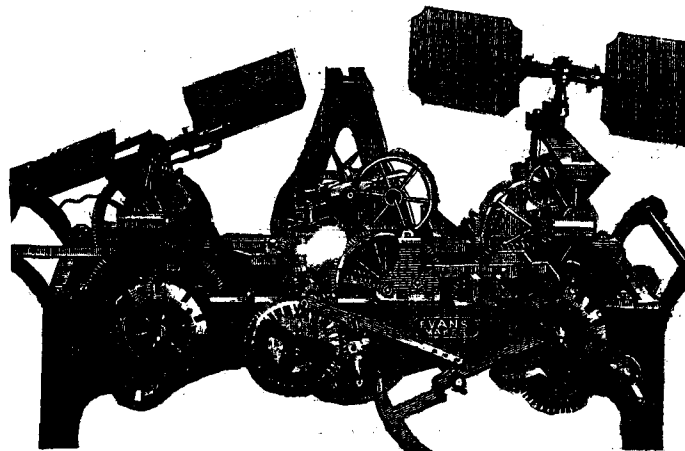
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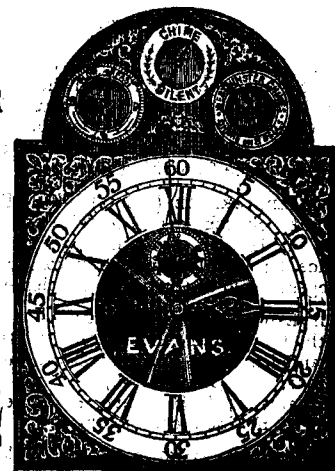
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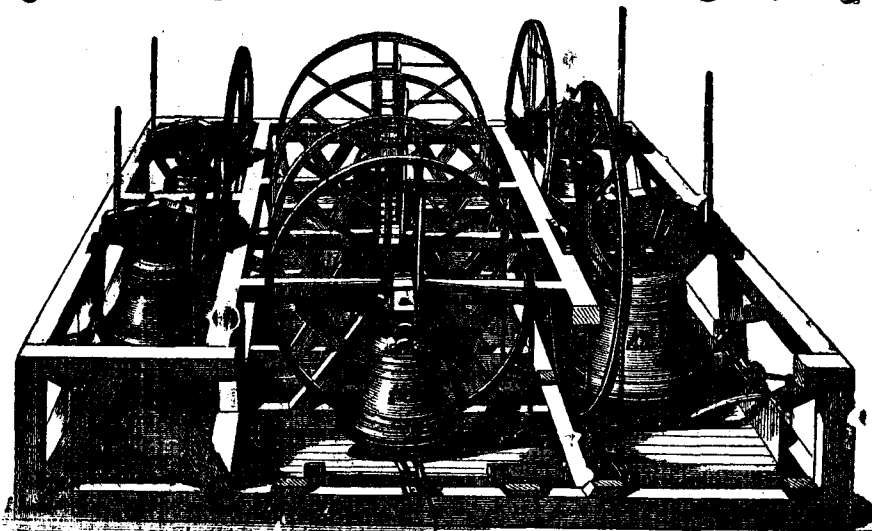
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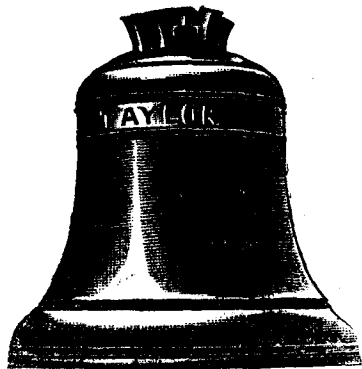
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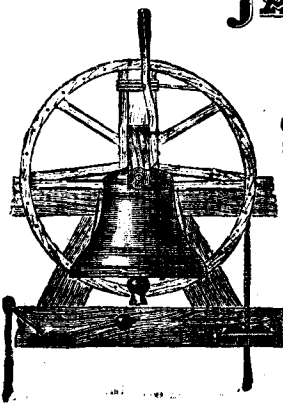
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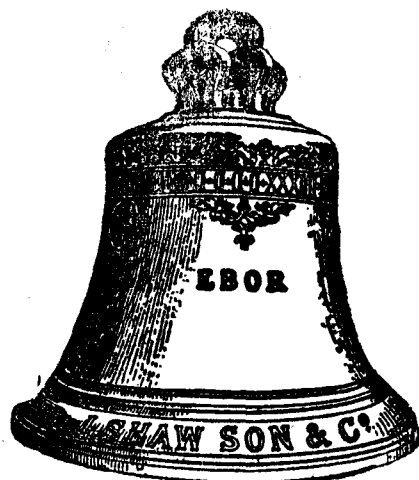
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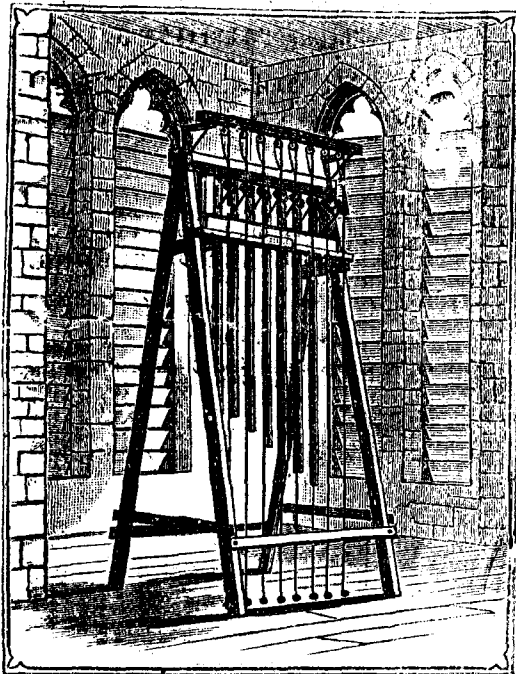
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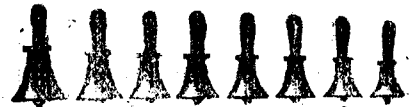
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## THE REV. FRANCIS E. ROBINSON.

From a report in this number we find that the Rev. Francis E. Robinson, Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, has just rung his 450th peal. This is certainly a goodly number of performances, some of them being of a first-rate character. The reverend gentleman appears to enjoy a kind of perennial youth, and no one will be surprised to read in a few months hence, that he has achieved his 500th performance of this kind. Mr. Robinson is deservedly popular throughout the ringing world. He is always glad to welcome a brother-ringer at Drayton, and is as pleased as ever to get up a peal for a stranger who should happen to be in the way. As Master of the Oxford Guild, he takes great interest in its operations, and the members of the Guild feel a pride in his abilities and prowess. He is much sought for at Guild and Association meetings, when a sermon to ringers is looked for, his pulpit deliverances being full of point, and appropriate to the occasion. Our readers will join with us in wishing the reverend gentleman many happy years of life, and that he will be able to double his present record of peals, all attempts which he may make in this direction being without the "pang" of disappointment.

## CONDOVER, SHROPSHIRE.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, December 12th, arrangements were made by R. Marston, Esq., for an afternoon's ringing outing for the Ludlow band, who left by the 1 p.m. train, and were joined en route by J. G. Buchanan, Esq., Master of the Guild, and W. Mead, of Clun.

On arriving at the church they were met by Messrs. W. H. Fussell (Guild Instructor), and S. Hughes, who had come over from Coalbrookdale. Mr. Bennett then showed the visitors over the carefully kept church, after which the tower and bells received their attention. After a stiff climb the top of the tower was reached, where a splendid view of Condoval Hall Gardens and the surrounding country was obtained, including the top of St. Mary's spire, Shrewsbury.

The bells have only recently been quarter-turned and rehung on iron girders by Messrs. Taylor and Co., and are in splendid going order, but the ropes being new and rather springy, and the bells rung from the floor of the tower, the long draught of rope was a new experience for some of the visitors, which militated against anything but short touches being attempted. A 336 of Grandsire Triples was successfully brought round several times, with a different band each time. During the ringing Mr. T. Burd, of Shrewsbury, put in an appearance, and was heartily invited to join in a touch, which evidently gave him great pleasure.

At the conclusion of the ringing a capital tea was partaken of at the house of Mr. Bennett, which was done full justice to.

The others who took part in the ringing in addition to the above-mentioned, were Messrs. J. Palmer, J. Tillyard, and A. Chester (Ludlow).

Thanks are due to Mr. Bennett for his attendance, and for having everything in readiness.

## PRESENTATION AT AUGHTON, LANCASHIRE.

On Friday, December 21st, the junior ringers of Christ Church, Aughton, met in the belfry of this church and presented to Mr. C. Sharples, the respected foreman ringer, a selection of books on the Art of campanology. It was mainly through the exertions of Mr. Sharples that the juniors commenced ringing, and since that period he has put himself to considerable trouble and expense in arranging peals, and also in conducting them, when he might otherwise have been engaged in business.

In thanking those present for their kindness, Mr. Sharples said that nothing gave him greater pleasure than to assist them whenever he could, and he hoped that they would all live to ring many a peal together, and continue in the same friendship as hitherto.

## DEATH OF THE BISHOP OF HEREFORD.

The death of the Right Rev. James Atlay, D.D., Bishop of Hereford, occurred at nine o'clock on Monday morning, in his seventy-eighth year. Since the spring he had suffered from nervous debility, which involved a long period of rest. He was ordered to cease from active work, and to seek a change of air. He left Hereford for a time, and returned some months ago apparently in better health and spirits, but still unable to resume his official duties. Last week he took a fresh cold, but on Saturday he was reported to be much better. On Sunday, however, he became worse. Death was due to bronchitis, accelerated by a cold he had contracted.

The late Bishop was a son of the Rev. Henry Atlay, and was born on July 3rd, 1817. He was educated at Oakham School, and St. John's College, Cambridge, where he graduated in 1840, coming out as Senior Optime, and First Class in the Classical Tripos, while he was Bell's University Scholar and Fellow and Tutor of St. John's College. He was curate of Worksop, Notts., vicar of Madingley, Cambridgeshire, and Whitehall Preacher, and on the promotion of Dr. Hook to the deanery of Chichester in 1859, he was appointed to the vicarage of Leeds, which he held for nine years. That was the most successful portion of his ministerial career, for to succeed Dr. Hook was no easy task. In 1868, on the death of Bishop Hampden, Mr. Disraeli nominated Dr. Atlay to the see of Hereford, which he administered with fair ability, but refused persistently all attempts to add territory to the see when that of Lichfield was re-arranged.

The *Church Times* says that the late Bishop was "greatly beloved by his clergy, but he cannot by any stretch of imagination be called a strong Bishop. He was, in fact, one of that tiny band of moderate High Churchmen on the episcopal bench who, overawed by public opinion and the Archbishops, consented to the Public Worship Regulation Act, although secretly disliking the measure. It will be remembered by some of our readers how the late Dr. R. T. West, of St. Mary Magdalene, Paddington, got into very hot water in the *Times* for stating at an E.C.U. meeting at the time that one of the Bishops had refused to come up to town for an important division during the progress of the Bill through Parliament, because his wife was giving a garden party on that particular afternoon, and the prelate in question was none other than the Bishop of Hereford. Some surprise was occasioned when, on the withdrawal of Bishop Harold Browne, the Archbishop of Canterbury nominated the late Bishop as an assessor in the Bishop of Lincoln's trial. The honour, however, was rather paid to his sound judgment than to his attainments in Canon Law. Only last year Bishop Atlay was presented with his portrait by the clergy and laity of the diocese. By the advice of his physicians he had lately been resting in Devonshire. In 1859 Dr. Atlay married Miss Frances Turner Martin, who survives him, with seven sons and three daughters. Their eldest son is a missionary in Central Africa, attached to the Universities' Mission."

## ST. SAVIOUR, SOUTHWARK.

The collegiate church of St. Mary Overie, otherwise known as St. Saviour's, Southwark, will become a cathedral establishment at the new year. It is stated that all difficulties have now been surmounted. The rector has surrendered his rights in order to enable the Bishop of Rochester to become the Dean, with the Bishop of Southwark as Sub-Dean. A new preceptor is to be appointed for the daily cathedral services. In these arrangements the new foundation at Truro has been followed.

## THE HEAVY WOOLLEN DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

The last monthly meeting of this Association was held at Brighouse on Saturday, December 15th. Members were present from Batley, Dewsbury, Earlsheaton, Ossett, Mirfield, Almondbury, Lindfield, and Brighouse. The meeting took place at The Ring of Bells, Mr. J. Peacock presiding. Mr. W. Stubby, in the absence of the Secretary, read the minutes. A proposition was made and carried, to extend the radius another five miles. Other business having been transacted, the meeting closed. The bells were kept going till a late hour.

## AN APPEAL.

SIR,—Will you allow me through the medium of your valuable paper to call the attention of your readers to the precarious condition of Mr. John Collins, of Huddersfield, a well-known ringer in all the towns in the West Riding of Yorkshire and in Lancashire for the last thirty-eight years.

Mr. Collins is suffering from a very distressing complaint, and has not been able to do anything for the last eighteen months, and is not likely to be able to ever work again; and so some of his friends thought they might emulate their Ashton friends and get up a prize draw and subscription list for his benefit, similar to the one got up for Mr. John Thorp, and it is thought that Mr. Collins, being so well-known in Yorkshire and Lancashire particularly, a favourable response would be forthcoming to this appeal, and if our efforts be as well responded to as were our friends in Ashton, we shall be extremely pleased.

Mr. Collins was born at Huddersfield on November 27th, 1837, and therefore is fifty-seven years of age. At an early age he learnt to ring at the parish church, and has followed it up consistently. He soon shewed great proficiency both in method and good striking, and the latter is mostly considered in Yorkshire and Lancashire.

It appears that his first 5000 was rung at Halifax in 1860, and his last at Huddersfield in 1883. Between these periods he had a situation for nine years, which required all his time on a Saturday, or otherwise he would have had more peals to his credit. Notwithstanding all the peals he took part in, and the contests he attended, he always found time to attend the practices of young ringers, and there are very few ringers in Huddersfield and neighbourhood but who are indebted to him for help and instruction.

Mr. Collins is also an adept at method-ringing, being able to ring any method almost on any number up to twelve bells. He also lays claim to being a composer, as we see some of the peals he took part in are his own composition, so it will be seen therefore that we are not appealing to our brother-ringers and friends on behalf of a ringer of ordinary repute, but (as the following performances will show) one of extraordinary abilities, as most ringers in Yorkshire and Lancashire well know.

Mr. Collins has taken part in the following peals and contests: Upon six bells—six 5040s; Kent Treble Bob Major, 28; Oxford Treble Bob Major, 2; Violet Major, 2; Kent Treble Bob Royal, 6; Kent Treble Bob Maximus, 1. Two of the eight-bell peals were rung non-conducted, and one 5040 upon six bells of seven different methods were also rung non-conducted, being considered one of the greatest feats in the Art of conducting ever performed.

He has taken part in twenty-one church bell contests, and out of that number has helped to secure the following prizes: five 1st prizes; six 2nd; one 3rd; four 4th; and one 5th. In addition to the above he has devoted a lot of time to handbells, being able to take a pair in either 6, 8, 10, or 12, in fact his whole career in the ringing world can be summed up in the word "thorough."

In conclusion we would impress upon all friends and ringers to exert themselves on behalf of our brother-ringer, and co-operate with us in making this appeal a thorough success.

On behalf of the Committee,

THOMAS STEAD.

Committee Rooms, Pack Horse, Huddersfield.

P.S.—Subscription books and books of tickets can be had on applying to the above address, and all friends who have not already been approached, and who are willing to help, will oblige by sending for the same.

\* \* 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.

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## TIVERTON, DEVON.

Wednesday, December 19th, 1894, will always be remembered as a red-letter day by the Tiverton branch of the Devonshire Guild as on that day a peal of Grandsire Triples was rung by a band of members of one family, viz., Richard Grater and four sons, Richard, James, Samuel, and Benjamin; John Grater and two sons: John and William. If this is not an unprecedented performance, it is sufficiently rare to merit notice, and always to command admiration and respect, especially so in these nineteenth century struggling times.

The family of Graters have been bell-ringers for three generations, and a fourth is in evidence, so that in due course we may have the pleasure of noticing fresh family peals, or peals confined to one generation of Graters.

The peal was Holt's ten-part, and conducted by Richard Grater, jun., and was rung in 3 hrs. and 4 mins. The striking was very good throughout, and as it was a family peal, Mr. Munday was present to check the part-ends, and vouch for its accuracy. Universal congratulations were showered on the family, who for many years have been respected builders in Tiverton, and been closely connected with St. Peter's church, both as the restorers of its beautiful tower, and as sidesmen and active members of its congregation.

## HOLY TRINITY, SITTINGBOURNE.

This church was founded about the year 1866, at the western end of the town, consequent upon the growth of the population, chiefly engaged in the brick-making industry. The original design comprised a three-aisled body (without clerestory), chancel, and north-east tower. The architect was the late Mr. R. C. Hussey. Of this, three bays of the western end only were executed, and although a rigid economy was exercised, the external Kentish-rag casing was costly. The building remained in this condition, with a temporary brick eastern wall, for some years, when an effort, attended by complete success, was made by an old and much-esteemed inhabitant to complete the church. The addition then made under the late Mr. Joseph Clarke comprised another bay to the nave, chancel, and north chapel, and south-east tower. In consequence of a total change in the number of arches in the nave, an awkward break appears.

This curious obituary notice was published just a hundred and two years ago:—"Died at Chiddingley, Sussex, aged 64, Mr. Wm. Elphick, a very great lover of bell-ringing. He lately declared that, by a calculation which he had made, he found he had stood under the treble bell at Chiddingley church, 8,766 hours (more than one whole year), and that in the course of forty-five years he had travelled more than 10,000 miles in pursuit of his favourite amusement."

**A MAN OF KENT.**—The lighting of a certain village church in Kent was recently under consideration, when among other arrangements, it was decided to have two coronæ suspended from a certain beam in the roof. These lights the squire of the parish undertook to provide at his own cost. An aged parishioner, explaining what had been arranged, stated that "the squire be going to hang two coroners from that there beam."

**CHURCH BUILDING SOCIETY.**—At the usual monthly meeting of the Incorporated Society held recently at the Society's House, Dean's Yard, Westminster, grants were made to a larger number of church building objects throughout the country. It was reported that during the present year grants amounting to £3,965 have been made towards building seventeen new churches, thirteen of which are entirely free and unappropriated: rebuilding seven, and the restoration and improvement of forty-five existing churches. The carrying out of these works have called from the public the sum of £186,126. The sum of £655 has been voted towards twenty-one mission buildings, and the sum of £4,865 has been paid for works completed. At the present season the especial attention of Church people is called to the valuable work undertaken by this Society, and a larger and more substantial support in aid of its funds is invited. The grants voted at this meeting have completely exhausted the mission buildings' fund.



## ON CHANGE, AND SOMETHING ELSE.

A HAPPY NEW YEAR to all my readers, and the same to all who are not. A great many changes have happened, and a great many changes have been rung, since I last prepared any "copy" for our paper. Changes here; changes there; changes everywhere; good, bad, and otherwise. We have all changed—for the better, let us hope—we have all grown older, and it is to be hoped, wiser. The old order in many respects has given place to the new, and things ancient have changed or given way to things modern. "Ring out the old; ring in the new." But change is not always advisable, or is it always required. We change wrongly when we "change-course" in the middle of a peal or touch. We change badly if in our private life we change for change alone; changing old and tried friends for new ones is a "back change," which is always bad. A change is good if it is of the right order, *i.e.* an "in-course" change. In life there are many of the opposite character, which we should endeavour to avoid. "Ring out the old, ring in the new" may be very good philosophy, but care should be taken that the new is better than the old.

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We have had some new methods brought before us lately. The Standard ones, however, still retain their hold upon our regard, and the various new inventions have not yet ripened into public favor. Such changes as these do not take on quickly: many are suspicious of them. They certainly show the ductile mind of their authors, and an originality which must be placed to their credit. But when the list of old methods is viewed (if such a thing can be found), the thought is apt to arise that fresh ones, admirably constructed though they may be, are unnecessary. I suppose there is no man living who can enumerate the names of *all* the 6-bell methods ever created. The titles of some of the ancient things in this way would greatly amuse the young of the present generation. What would they think, for instance, of such a record as this:—

"On Monday, April 1st, at the church of St. Blazius, seven 720s of Minor were rung in the following methods, all called differently (most likely indifferently): Blue Bore, Red Herring, Grisly Bear, White Elephant, Spotted Leopard, Horned Rhinoceros, and Boa Instructor."

The inventor of these methods would undoubtedly be a taxidermist of some eminence, whose mind had become so engrossed in the pursuit of Natural History, that it permeated his existence. There is evidently some mistake in the orthography of the first and last-named methods, but that is not of great importance.

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A few weeks ago, in the West Midland district, there was a meeting of a few noted ringers for a special purpose. At this assembly the following story was told: The band of a neighbouring town met on a recent date to attempt a peal of Grandsire Caters. The bells were all ready, and the start was made under the most favorable auspices. All went well for the first 1000, so far as the ten ringers were concerned, but soon after the door of the apartment was opened, and a ringer entering, shouted out to the band—"What are you doing off? You've got the two trebles tied!" The effect may be well imagined. It appears that at the church in question the trebles of the ten can scarcely ever be heard in that tower. The clappers of these bells had been lashed for academical purposes, and they had thus been left, unknown to the ringers, hence the *denouement*. Another story was also told. A party of ringers had met at a church for practice one evening, and were just

entering the tower when a stranger appeared on the scene. With the usual courtesy he was asked—"Are you a ringer, sir?" "Yes; but I can only ring Stedman." He was answered—"Well, there's hardly sufficient of us for Stedman yet, but no doubt there will be enough presently." Curious speculations were afloat as to where this worthy had learnt to ring "only Stedman," and no doubt the company were of opinion that he was an old Painswick ringer, that little place being at one time notorious for ringers of that method alone. By-and-by other ringers came up, and a Stedman company was more than complete. Arrived in the ringing-chamber, they peeled off, and the visitor was politely asked where he would ring. "Oh," says he, "I never ring anything else but the tenor!" Yet another anecdote. At a practice-night somewhere in the same locality where the last event happened, the local company met for their usual practice. They started for a touch which listeners took for Treble Bob Major, though it was not very clear. After a quarter-of-an-hour's indifferent ringing one of the company set his bell, and looking round asked "What method are you ringing? I was ringing Stedman."

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This is, so I am told, how a party of ringers who journeyed to open new bells, enjoyed their post-prandial moments, in anecdote and conversation. When such ceremonies are read of, especially when our brother-strings are treated in such a manner as they were on the occasion I am alluding to, why it make's one's mouth water. We cannot, unfortunately, all partake of these good things, though I think it has very near come to my turn to have a look in. Perhaps readers of "BELL NEWS" may some day think of giving me a testimonial, so I will patiently wait a little longer. But when this is under consideration, I should like to be consulted as to its nature, so that I as well as the givers may be satisfied. Having given this hint, I think I had better close this chapter, wherein I surely cannot be accused of levity or frivolity, like I have been on former occasions.

JOSHUA.

## DUNSTER, SOMERSETSHIRE.

On Friday, December 21st, the new Bishop of Bath and Wells (Dr. Kennion), paid a visit to Dunster, and inducted the new vicar, the Rev. A. W. Mayne, after the service. On retiring to the vestry, the Bishop spoke a few words of kindly commendation to the choir and organist, expressing his entire satisfaction at the very nice way in which the musical part of the service had been carried out; and subsequently the ringers, at his request, came before him, and to them also he spoke in commendation, expressing the pleasure he felt at finding so competent a guild of ringers, and thanking them for the welcome they had accorded him by ringing on his arrival over-night, and also for ringing several times during that day, adding that he hoped that they would never forget that their work was God's work, and would continue to take an interest in it on that account.

The vicar also commended the ringers, and said he had no idea, till he saw it, of what a beautifully-appointed place their belfry was, and how nicely it was kept. It was the best he had ever seen, and the surroundings were such that it would make the ringers feel that they were really doing God's work.

KENDAL (Westmoreland).—On Friday, December 14th, at the parish church, with the bells half-muffled, 1736 Grandsire Triples, from Taylor's Bob and Single Variation, in 1 hr. 3 mins. J. Braithwaite, 1; W. Tyson, 2; R. Everson, 3; W. Graham, 4; W. Atkinson, 5; B. Walker, 6; B. Dawson, 7; J. Salmon, 8. Tenor 25 cwt. Rung in memory of Mrs. Bindloss, Mayoress of Kendal, who was interred that day.

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

	Treble Bob Methods.		Grandsire.		On 6 bells.		Dble Mth		Plain Methods.		Surprise Methods.		Stedman.		Value in points see*															
	January. to September.	October.	Total.	Maximum.	Royal.	Major.	In 7 Treble Bob Minor methods.	Cinques.	Caters.	Royal.	Major.	Triples.	In 1, 2, or 3 Minor methods.	In 4, 5, 6 or 7 Minor methods.	Dble. Norwich C.B. Caters	Dble. Norwich C.B. Major.	Double Oxford Bob Major.	Royal.	Major.	Triples.	Doubles.	London.	Cambridge.	Superlative	New Cumber- land	In 7 Surprise Minor methods.	Cinques.	Caters.	Triples.	Value in points see*
1 Norwich Diocesan Assn.....	55	6	61	2	—	20	—	—	1	—	1	2	1	4	—	2	—	1	16	2	7	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	842
2 Midland Counties Assn.....	36	13	49	—	1	1	—	—	5	—	—	14	1	2	—	1	1	—	3	5	3	—	—	6	—	—	2	4	815	
3 Kent County Assn.....	43	3	46	—	1	11	—	—	1	—	—	19	2	2	—	—	—	—	1	4	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	571	
4 Yorkshire Association.....	37	7	44	—	—	20	8	—	—	—	—	6	—	—	—	2	—	6	1	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	724	
5 Oxford Diocesan Guild....	36	4	40	—	—	2	—	—	1	—	—	16	—	—	—	—	—	6	1	—	1	—	3	—	—	—	2	8	770	
6 Sussex County Assn.....	32	3	35	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	5	—	2	—	1	—	2	2	2	—	1	3	9	1	—	—	8	1008	
7 Anc. Soc. Coll. Youths....	30	5	35	—	1	10	—	—	1	—	—	4	—	—	—	2	—	2	1	—	—	3	—	—	—	2	2	7	822	
8 Lancashire Association....	30	4	34	—	—	4	1	—	—	—	—	24	—	—	—	—	—	3	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	356	
9 Winchester Dio. Guild....	29	3	32	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	18	—	—	—	3	—	4	2	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	1	442	
10 Durham & Newcle Assn....	24	5	29	1	1	11	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	3	—	2	1	—	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	5	656	
11 Gloucester & Bristol Assn....	22	4	26	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	14	—	—	—	1	—	1	2	1	—	1	2	—	—	—	—	1	402	
12 Surrey Association.....	13	7	20	—	1	3	—	—	2	—	—	8	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	256
13 Soc. Archdny. of Staff....	19	0	19	—	—	—	2	3	—	2	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	210
14 Royal Cumberland Yths....	14	2	16	1	—	1	—	—	4	—	—	2	—	—	—	5	—	2	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	304
15 Salisbury Dio. Guild....	12	1	13	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	196
16 Worstr. & Dists. Assn....	12	0	12	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	2	—	2	—	1	—	—	—	2	2	—	—	—	—	—	1	312
17 Bedford Association.....	12	0	12	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	4	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	172
18 Essex Association.....	10	1	11	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	—	—	—	—	1	1	2	—	—	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	222
19 Waterloo Society Lond....	8	1	9	—	—	1	—	—	2	—	1	3	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	104
20 North Lincs. Assocn.....	8	0	8	—	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	96
21 Raunds Wellnboro' Assn....	6	1	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	60
22 Hertford Association.....	6	0	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	56
23 Chester Diocsn. Guild....	4	2	6	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	54
24 St. Martin's Soc. Birm....	4	1	5	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	1	—	144
25 Bath and Wells Assn.....	3	0	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	24
26 Hereford Dio. Guild....	3	0	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	48
27 Stoke Archidcnl. Assn....	3	0	3	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	40
28 Sth. & Wst. Middx. Assn....	2	1	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	24
29 United Counties' Assn....	2	0	2	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	36
30 Middlesex Association....	2	0	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	16
31 South Lincs. Assocn....	2	0	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	12
32 S. James' Soc., Lond....	2	0	2	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	18
33 Liverpool Dio. Guild....	1	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	16
34 Llandaff Dio. Assocn....	1	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	16
35 Old East Derby Assn....	1	0	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6
36 Heavy Wltn Dist. Assn....	1	0	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	20
37 North Notts Assn.....	0	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	10
Independent Societies.....	39	5	44	—	—	4	—	—	6	—	—	22	—	2	—	2	—	—	3	2	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	1	536
Totals .. .. .	564	82	646	4	7	99	12	3	33	1	5	203	9	18	1	24	1	1	67	35	12	3	7	36	1	1	4	9	50	10416

The peals of Triples, Major and Royal in plain methods comprised:—Bob Triples 15; Bob Major 59; Bob Royal 1; Oxford Bob [Triples 11; Union Triples 5; Darlaston Bob Triples 3; Canterbury Pleasure Triples, 2; Canterbury Pleasure Major, 7. The 44 peals by Independent Societies were rung as follows:—In Lancashire 10; Worcestershire, 5; Middlesex, 4; Shropshire, 3; Suffolk, 3; Sussex, 3; Gloucestershire 2; Staffordshire, 2; Somersetshire 2; Surrey 2; Berkshire 1; Cheshire 1; Cambridgeshire 1; Essex, 1; Leicestershire 1; North Wales 1; Wiltshire, 1; Yorkshire, 1.

1892—January ..	79	1893—January ..	77	1894—January ..	65
February ..	63	February ..	90	February ..	59
March ..	72	March ..	44	March ..	80
April ..	62	April ..	82	April ..	69
May ..	54	May ..	48	May ..	81
June ..	39	June ..	38	June ..	66
July ..	34	July ..	29	July ..	26
August ..	48	August ..	29	August ..	45
September ..	49	September ..	33	September ..	73
October ..	75	October ..	72	October ..	82
575		542		646	

Increase on the corresponding ten months of 1893:—104.

\*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.

GEORGE F. ATTREE.

N.B.—Performances on six bells not in accord with the Central Council's definition, are omitted from the above analysis.—G. F. A.

## 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.-Hollingsworth Silver Challenge Cup.**—The annual change-ringing contest on handbells, for the above cup, will take place on Saturday, February 9th, 1895. For further particulars apply Sec.

JONATHAN PILLING.

Lee Street, Uppermill, near Oldham.

**Sussex County Association (Western).**—A district meeting will be held at West Tarring, to-day, Saturday, December 29th. Tower open at 2.30, tea at 5.30. Hon. Secs. requested to send number who desire tea.

J. W. G. LODER COTHER, Hon. Sec.

Yapton Vicarage, Arundel.

**The Surrey Association.**—By kind permission of the Rev. S. W. Young (Hon. Trea.), the next quarterly meeting will be held at Kingston-on-Thames, on Monday, January 14, 1895. The tower of All Saints (10 bells), will be open from 2 p.m. Representatives should send the number who intend being present at tea at The Albany Hall at 6 p.m., to Mr. J. Strutt, London Street, Kingston-on-Thames, not later than Saturday, January 13th. Members are requested to meet at the church as early as possible, so that those who have to leave early to get their trains home may have the privilege of United Practice before tea. The annual report for 1894 will be prepared for printing immediately after the above meeting. Representatives are requested to revise their lists of members, and together with all matter intended for insertion forward the same on or before the above date.

R. B. BLANCHARD, Hon. Sec.

13, Sunnyhill Road, Streatham, S.W.

**Waterloo Society, London.**—The annual meeting of the society will take place on Wednesday, January 2nd, from 8 to 9.30. Election of officers and other business. Members please attend.

F. G. FERRIN, Hon. Sec.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Liverpool Diocesan Branch.—The usual monthly meeting will be held at St. Luke's church, Liverpool, on Saturday, January 5th, 1895. Tower open at 4 o'clock. Business meeting to be held in The Cocoa Rooms, St. Luke's place, at 6 o'clock.

J. J. M. MOORE.

9, Mill Street, Warrington.

**Bedfordshire Association.**—A quarterly meeting will be held at Sandy, on Saturday, January 5th, 1895.

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

**The Old East Derbyshire Association.**—The quarterly meeting will be held at Killamash, on Saturday, January 5th, 1895.

E. JAMES, Hon. Sec.

18, The Dale, Woodseats, Sheffield.

**St. Peter's Society, Walworth.**—A special business meeting will be held by the society in the vestry, on Friday, January 11th. Meeting time 8.30 p.m. Members please attend.

F. G. FERRIN, Hon. Sec.

**NOTE TO PEAL AT MINEHEAD, SOMERSET.**—The same band, with the exception of the treble man, had three previous attempts for the peal, the first time ringing just over half-way, the next ringing nine parts, and the third time eleven parts. Thomas Elliott rang the treble in the three attempts, but was prevented by business engagements from ringing the last time.

## Compositions.

## CHAMPION SURPRISE MAJOR.

## A NEW PRINCIPLE.

By JOHN CARTER, of Birmingham.

## THE FIRST LEAD OF THE PLAIN COURSE.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 5 7 3 8 2 6 4 Plain lead.

1 3 5 7 8 2 6 4 Bob lead.

## A PEAL OF CHAMPION SURPRISE MAJOR.

5376.

2 3 4 5 6 M W H

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

The above was the first peal rung in this method, which was performed at St. Peter's church, Brighton, on December 20th, 1894.

## DARLSTON BOB CATERS.

By JOHN CARTER, Birmingham.

## THE METHOD.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

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

## BOB.

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

## SINGLE.

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

## A PEAL OF DARLSTON BOB CATERS.

5076.

2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 I 3 5

\* 6 2 4 5 3 9 7 8

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

Last eight courses three times repeated, calling two extra bobs in the last course at the 7th and 8th leads, complete the peal. \*Bobs at 4, 9, and 14. The above is given as in Double Norwich, by the lead in the courses.

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

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 29, 1894.

THE year just closing affords little material for special comment at the hands of the journalist, so far as "THE BELL NEWS" is concerned. The past twelve-month has not been enlivened by anything particularly startling in the way of ringing, except the long peals of Double Norwich and Superlative, the latter of which is, however, superseded this week by a 9,000. We must not in the future expect any sensational records, unless an heroic band can be found to start for a 40,000 of Major, single-handed, or for a heavy number of London Surprise. But really at the present day there are many ardent persons in existence who stick at nothing in the way of a peal if there is the slightest possibility of securing it. The difficulties of a method are pooh-poohed, and the defective condition of bells regarded as naught. We may in these times take it for granted that if a peal is determined upon, anywhere, there are no considerations whatever which will sooner or later prevent its accomplishment. And, if all we hear be true, those methods which we were in our simplicity accustomed to look upon as difficult and complex, are to be disposed of as mere commonplace, much too easy in fact for mathematical minds to take the trouble to think about. Such methods as Superlative, Cambridge and London, to

say nothing of Duffield and Forward, may have been very well for a prosaic age, but something more is wanted for variety's sake, which shall be freed from such humdrum processes as hunting, dodging, and placemaking. Our present conditions of ringing will be totally altered, and what we have hitherto looked upon as something to be proud of, will in the future be very lightly esteemed by those whom we may call "the higher critics" of the Exercise.

But whatever may be the researches of the future, it is matter for great satisfaction that the art we follow possesses such qualities and allows full occupation for the most intelligent minds. Can this be said of other pursuits? We think not. At the present day the most popular amusement, unfortunately, is one wherein mental capabilities are scarcely wanted, in fact, where intellect is almost an unknown quantity. And when we see what a following this particular game has among all classes, we are tempted to deplore that such an extent of popularity is not within the reach of the ringing Art. But notoriety such as this is best absent. Ringing must be carried on without excitement, without anger, without rowdiness, without the display of brute force. Its connections and surroundings happily debar it from improper and unseemly display. And long may it so remain.

But while we are in a measure content with the present condition of ringing, there is no reason why we should not attempt to extend its borders. Its pleasures are even now comparatively unknown, and many there are who would be glad to know something more about it. Whenever an opening or such-like ceremony takes place, eager enquirers are always to be found who are desirous of knowing what change-ringing really is. We do not want a vulgar notoriety, but we look for a refined and genteel popularity. During the coming year let our task be to endeavour to enlarge our borders on these lines. Our art is one suitable for the most delicate and fastidious taste. Its connections are of the highest order; its influence comes from foundations both strong and lasting; while its beauties are perennial. In the coming year let us advance its prospects and extension among those good and true churchmen who are anxiously awaiting to know all about it. Then will its borders be enlarged. This should be the work of all during the coming year—to increase our numbers by the addition of those who will be a help to us, to begin the new year by such efforts, a year which we hope will be to all our brethren a happy and prosperous one.

### The Metropolis.

#### THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, December 22, 1894, in Two Hours and Twenty-three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANN, HIGHGATE RISE,

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

Tenor 14 cwt.

BENJAMIN FOSKETT .. .. Treble.	JAMES HANNINGTON .. .. 5.
HENRY DAINS .. .. 2.	PERCY HOWARD .. .. 6.
GEORGE SMITH .. .. 3.	ARTHUR JACOB .. .. 7.
CHARLES WILKINS .. .. 4.	GEORGE NEWSON .. .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS and Conducted by GEORGE NEWSON.

First peal in the method on the bells. The peal, a one-part composition, has the 4th and 6th their extent in 5-6, at twenty-one of its twenty-three courses, the 2nd and 3rd never in the latter position. For the present performance, the conductor varied the composition so to put the 3rd in 6ths, in place of the 5th, at the two make-up courses.

#### THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Monday, December 24, 1894, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN, WESTMINSTER.

#### A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION.

Tenor 25 cwt.

THOMAS H. TAFFENDER .. Treble.	HENRY S. ELLIS .. .. 5.
JOHN N. OXBORROW .. .. 2.	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY .. 6.
SAMUEL ANDREWS .. .. 3.	EDWARD P. O'MEARA .. 7.
JAMES WILLSHIRE .. .. 4.	HENRY R. NEWTON .. Tenor.

Composed by W. HARRISON and Conducted by H. R. NEWTON.

This is the first peal of Treble Bob by T. H. Taffender, and the first of Oxford by Messrs. Willshire and O'Meara.

### The Provinces.

#### CHIDDINGSTONE, KENT.

On Saturday, November 29, 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 20 cwt. 14 lbs.

FREDERICK BUTCHER .. Treble.	ROBERT KING .. .. 5.
EDGAR KING .. .. 2.	ALEC AYLWARD .. .. 6.
FREDERICK WHITELEY .. 3.	GEORGE EDWARDS .. .. 7.
ALBERT LONGLEY .. .. 4.	JAMES DRAPER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by EDGAR KING.

First peal by all the band, who, with the exception of the tenor-man, are all batchelors. First peal by a local band since 1849.

#### QUEDGELEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

#### GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 18, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

#### A PEAL OF CANTERBURY PLEASURE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 9½ cwt. in G.

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

Composed by H. BURSTOW and Conducted by FRANK KNIGHT.

\*First peal in the method. †First peal in the method as conductor. ‡First peal in the method with a bob bell. The ringers are all local men and it was their first attempt for a peal in the method.

#### TIVERTON, DEVON.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Wednesday, December 19, 1894, in Three Hours and Four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

RICHARD GRATER .. .. Treble.	*WILLIAM GRATER .. .. 5.
RICHARD GRATER, JUN.† .. 2.	JOHN GRATER .. .. 6.
JOHN GRATER, JUN. .. .. 3.	*JAMES GRATER .. .. 7.
BEN GRATER* .. .. 4.	*SAM. GRATER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by RICHARD GRATER, JUN.

\*First peal. †First peal as conductor. Rung by two brothers and their six sons. A reference to this peal will be found elsewhere.

#### MINEHEAD, SOMERSET.

#### THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 20, 1894, in Three Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

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

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 21 cwt.

ROBERT HOLE .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM W. THORNE .. 5.
SYDNEY MASON .. .. 2.	REV. H. C. COURTNEY .. 6.
ALBERT J. CHILCOTT .. 3.	JAMES GRABHAM .. .. 7.
JOHN PUGSLEY .. .. 4.	JOHN PAYNE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. W. THORNE.

First peal in the method by the Association and by all the band, and first peal of Union in the county of Somerset. The 2nd, 4th and 6th men belong to Minehead; the rest hail from Dunster. Further reference to this peal will be found on another page.



**CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.—SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Wednesday, December 26, 1894, in Five Hours and Twenty Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,**

9312 CHANGES.

Tenor 13½ cwt. in F.

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

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF and Conducted by JAMES PARKER.

This is the longest peal yet composed and rung in this method, the figures of which will appear in due course.

**HORSHAM, SUSSEX.****THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Wednesday, December 26, 1894, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 24 cwt.

WILLIAM HILLMAN .. ..Treble.	GEORGE GATLAND .. .. 5.
WALTER WADEY .. .. 2.	ALFRED W. GROVES .. .. 6.
WILLIAM JOHN ALLISS .. 3.	HENRY BURSTOW .. .. 7.
JOHN SMART .. .. 4.	HENRY H. CHANDLER .. Tenor.

Composed by C. W. CLARKE and Conducted by H. H. CHANDLER.

Messrs. Hillman, Alliss, and Groves hail from Henfield; Wadey and Chandler from Warnham; Smart and Gatland from Steyning; and Burstow belongs to the local band. The ringers wish to thank the vicar, the Rev. Canon Daniells, for the use of the bells, and W. C. Vaughan for having everything ready for the start.

**Performances on Five and Six Bells.****ARMLEY, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.***On Thursday, December 20, 1894, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes.*

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

**SEVEN 720s OF TREBLE BOB MINOR,***In the following Methods:*

Cambridge Surprise, City Delight, Arnold's Victory, New London Pleasure, Violet, Duke of York, and Oxford.

Tenor 16 cwt.

JOE THACKRAY .. ..Treble.	JNO. THACKRAY .. .. 4.
J. HECKINGBOTTOM .. .. 2.	M. BROADBENT .. .. 5.
B. COWLING .. .. 3.	JAMES GUY .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOE THACKRAY.

**Date Touches.****THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

PENARTH.—On Tuesday, November 27th, a date touch of Minor in three methods, being 720 each of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob, and 454 Grandsire, in 1 hr. 6. mins. J. Vinnicombe, 1; D. Thomas (conductor), 2; W. Biss, 3; F. Bartlett, 4; T. Northy, 5; C. Smith, 6. Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. Hancock with Miss Sweet-Escott, daughter of the Rev. W. S. Sweet-Escott, rector of Penarth.

**Miscellaneous.****THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

BEDFORD.—On Saturday, November 17th, a peal of Double Norwich (5008 changes), was attempted, but lost through a change-course after 1280 in 55 mins. F. Hull, 1; C. Chasty, 2; S. J. Cullip, 3; F. Smith, 4; I. Hills, 5; W. Shimmans, 6; H. Sharp, 7; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 8. On Sunday, November 18th, 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Spencer, 1; C. Chasty, 2; H. Shimmans (first 504 with a bob bell), 3; W. Hickley, 4; I. Hills, 5; J. Sharman, 6; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 7; D. Thompson, 8. And 608 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. W. Hickley, 1; C. Chasty, 2; H. Tysoe, 3; S. J. Cullip, 4; I. Hills, 5; F. Smith, 6; J. Sharman, 7; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 8. On Tuesday, October 23rd, at St. Mary's church, 720 Oxford Bob

Minor (nine bobs six singles). F. Hull, 1; I. Hills, 2; C. Chasty, 3; F. Smith, 4; S. J. Cullip, 5; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 6. And on Tuesday, October 30th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs). H. Shimmans, 1; F. Keech, 2; C. Chasty, 3; I. Hills, 4; S. J. Cullip, 5; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 6. Also 720 Oxford Treble Bob (nine bobs). F. Hull, 1; F. Smith, 2; H. Tysoe, 3; C. W. Clarke, 4; S. J. Cullip, 5; C. Chasty (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, November 6th, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob (nine bobs). S. J. Cullip, 1; C. W. Clarke, 2; C. Chasty, 3; I. Hills, 4; H. Tysoe, 5; W. Shimmans (conductor), 6. Also 720 Kent Treble Bob (nine bobs). H. Shimmans, 1; I. Hills, 2; C. Chasty, 3; H. Tysoe, 4; S. J. Cullip, 5; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 6. And on Friday, November 9th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob (nine bobs). S. J. Cullip, 1; I. Hills, 2; C. Chasty, 3; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 4; W. Shimmans, 5; J. Sharman, 6. And 720 Double Court Bob Minor (sixteen bobs two singles). F. Keech, 1; I. Hills, 2; C. Chasty, 3; W. Shimmans, 4; S. J. Cullip, 5; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 6. Also on Tuesday, November 13th, 720 Bob Minor (eight bobs six singles). H. Shimmans, 1; I. Hills, 2; C. Chasty, 3; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 4; S. J. Cullip, 5; F. Hull (first 720 with a bob bell), 6.

SHARNBROOK (Beds.)—On Saturday, November 10th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. \*A. Perkins, 1; \*C. Newman, 2; C. W. Clarke, 3; C. Chasty, 4; H. Sharp (conductor), 5; J. Houghton, jun., 6. \*First 720 in the method. And 720 Double Court (sixteen bobs two singles). \*A. Perkins, 1; I. Hills, 2; J. Houghton, sen., 3; C. Chasty, 4; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 5; \*J. Houghton, jun., 6. \*First 720 in the method. And 720 Bob Minor (eight bobs six singles). H. Sharp (conductor), 1; C. Newman, 2; A. Perkins, 3; C. W. Clarke, 4; J. Houghton, jun., 5; J. Houghton, sen., 6. Also 720 Kent Treble Bob (nine bobs). A. Perkins, 1; C. Newman, 2; C. W. Clarke, 3; C. Chasty, 4; H. Sharp, 5; J. Houghton, jun. (conductor), 6. Also 360 Oxford Bob Minor. J. Dickens, 1; C. Chasty, 2; C. Newman, 3; C. Allen, 4; J. Houghton, jun., 5; I. Hills, 6. And a 6-score of Stedman Doubles. C. Allen, 1; C. W. Clarke, 2; H. Sharp, 3; C. Chasty, 4; I. Hills, 5; J. Dickens, 6.

**THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

PORTSEA (Hants.)—On Sunday, October 18th, for Dedication Service at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 50 mins. C. Groves, 1; J. Hewitt, 2; J. Harper, 3; J. Staples, 4; J. Symons, 5; T. Instroll, 6; J. W. Whiting (conductor), 7; J. Dover, 8. And for evening service, 685 Grandsire Triples. A. Stone, 1; J. Hewitt, 2; J. Symons, 3; J. T. Matthews, 4; J. Harper, 5; J. Gould, 6; Rev. R. C. M. Harvey (conductor), 7; J. Dover, 8. On Wednesday, October 30th, for practice, 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Drinkwater, 1; A. Stone, 2; C. Groves, 3; J. Symons (conductor), 4; J. Harper, 5; J. Gould, 6; A. E. Tomlin, 7; J. Dover, 8. On Sunday, December 2nd, for evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples. C. Groves, 1; W. Cornish, 2; J. Harper, 3; J. Symons (conductor), 4; J. T. Matthews, 5; J. Gould, 6; R. Harman, 7; J. Dover, 8. Messrs. Hewitt and Tomlin hail from Gosport; Staples and Instrolls from Havant; Whiting from Fareham; the remainder belong to the local band.

BOURNEMOUTH (Hants.)—On Thursday, November 29th, at St. Peter's church for practice, 518 Grandsire Triples. A. F. M. Stewart, 1; J. G. Bennett, 2; C. W. Goodenough (first 500 with a bob bell), 3; E. T. Green (conductor), 4; G. H. Plummer, 5; S. Merritt, J. J. Bristow, 7; G. Colbourne, 8. And 550 in the same method. A. F. M. Stewart, 1; G. Colbourne, 2; C. W. Goodenough, 3; E. T. Green, 4; G. H. Plummer, 5; J. G. Bennett, 6; J. J. Bristow, 7; A. Grist, 8.

FAREHAM (Hants.)—On Monday, October 29th, at St. Peter's church, 504 Stedman Triples. C. Privett, 1; A. Tomlins, 2; H. Reynolds, 3; E. Reynolds, 4; F. Coghlan, 5; G. Passingham, 6; J. W. Whiting (conductor), 7; G. Grant, 8. And 336 Bob Major. G. Passingham, 1; C. Privett, 2; H. Reynolds, 3; E. Reynolds, 4; A. Tomlins, 5; F. Hill, 6; G. Grafham, 7; W. Whiting (conductor), 8. On Sunday, November 4th, for afternoon service, 504 Stedman Triples. C. Privett, 1; G. Chappell, 2; F. Hill, 3; G. Grafham, 4; F. Coghlan, 5; G. Passingham, 6; J. W. Whiting (conductor), 7; G. Grant, 8. On Sunday, November 25th, 518 Grandsire Triples. P. Corbett, 1; A. Coghlan, 2; F. Hill, 3; C. Privett, 4; F. Coghlan, 5; G. Grafham, 6; J. W. Whiting (conductor), 7; G. Grant, 8. On Monday, November 26th, 504 Stedman Triples. J. Hewett, 1; A. Coghlan, 2; H. Reynolds, 3; E. Reynolds, 4; A. Tomlins, 5; G. Passingham, 6; J. W. Whiting (conductor), 7; P. Corbett, 8. And 560 Bob Major. C. Privett, 1; J. Hewett, 2; H. Reynolds, 3; E. Reynolds, 4; A. Tomlins, 5; F. Hill, 6; G. Grafham, 7; J. W. Whiting (conductor), 8. On Sunday, December 2nd, for afternoon service, 504 Stedman Triples. C. Privett, 1; G. Passingham, 2; F. Hill, 3; A. Coghlan, 4; F. Coghlan, 5; G. Grafham, 6; J. Whiting (conductor), 7; P. Corbett, 8. H. and E. Reynolds and A. Tomlins hail from Gosport, and it is their first attempt at Major; G. Chappell from Wickham.

**BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**  
*On Thursday, December 20, 1894, in Three Hours and Thirty-two Minutes,*  
 AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. PETER,  
**A PEAL OF CHAMPION SURPRISE MAJOR,**  
**5376 CHANGES.** Tenor 10½ cwt.

GEORGE SMART .. .. Treble.	HARRY WESTON .. .. 5.
JAMES N. FROSSELL .. .. 2.	ARTHUR A. FULLER .. .. 6.
GEORGE BAKER .. .. 3.	KEITH HART .. .. 7.
GEORGE A. KING .. .. 4.	GEORGE F. ATTREE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER and Conducted by GEORGE F. ATTREE.

This is the first peal ever rung in the method, and was rung at the first attempt. A treble lead and the figures of the above peal are given on another page.

**BRADFORD, YORKSHIRE.**

**THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Saturday, December 22, 1894, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,*  
 AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. PETER,  
**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**  
 IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 27 cwt.

J. BROADLEY .. .. Treble.	T. B. KENDALL .. .. 5.
J. HARDCASTLE† .. .. 2.	J. COTTERELL .. .. 6.
H. PAYNE .. .. 3.	J. W. CUNDALL .. .. 7.
J. F. PEARSON .. .. 4.	J. WOTTON .. .. Tenor.

Composed by D. WOODS and Conducted by J. COTTERELL.

\*First peal in the method. †First peal with a bob bell. T. B. Kendall hails from Shipley; the rest belong to the local company.

**LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.**

**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.**

*On Saturday, December 22, 1894, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,  
**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES.**  
 Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

FREDERICK BARRETT .. .. Treble.	JOHN W. TAYLOR, JUN. .. 6.
EDWARD ROBINSON .. .. 2.	JOHN HICKMAN .. .. 7.
GEORGE HARDY .. .. 3.	CHARLES HARRIMAN .. 8.
JOSEPH HARDY .. .. 4.	RICHARD LANE .. .. 9.
SAMUEL SMITH .. .. 5.	THOMAS GRUNDY .. .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER and Conducted by RICHARD LANE.

This peal was rung on the occasion of the marriage of one of the members of the Society, Mr. C. W. Cartwright, to Miss Ward, the ringers wishing him every success and happiness.

**STAVELEY, DERBYSHIRE.**

**YORKSHIRE AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.**

*On Saturday, December 22, 1894, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,  
**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;**  
 IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 19 cwt.

JOHN WORTHINGTON .. .. Treble.	SAMUEL SMEDLEY .. .. 5.
WILLIAM DAFFIN .. .. 2.	ARTHUR CRAVEN .. .. 6.
SAMUEL PRICE .. .. 3.	ARTHUR WORTHINGTON .. 7.
JOHN HARRIS .. .. 4.	HERBERT MADIN .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR CRAVEN.

This peal, which is now rung for the first time, contains the 5th and 6th their extent wrong and right.

**OXHEY, HERTS.**

**THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sunday, December 23, 1894, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
 TAYLOR'S BOB-AND-SINGLE VARIATION. Tenor 9½ cwt. in G.

HERBERT E. HEATH* .. Treble.	HENRY G. ROWE .. .. 5.
ERNEST E. HUNTLEY .. 2.	†CHARLES S. HEATH .. 6.
FREDERICK EDWARDS .. 3.	GEORGE HUNT .. .. 7.
ALFRED J. PATE .. .. 4.	AMOS MAYNARD .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by ERNEST E. HUNTLEY.

\*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. Rowe hails from Elstree; Heath (2) belong to Oxhey; the rest from Bushey.

**EALING, MIDDLESEX.**

**THE SOUTH AND WEST MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.**

*On Monday, December 24, 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. Tenor 19½ cwt.

GEORGE THOMPSON .. .. Treble.	EDWARD HARRIS .. .. 5.
JOHN BASDEN .. .. 2.	FREDERICK GODDARD .. 6.
EVERED J. WALSON .. .. 3.	ALLAN H. TABER .. .. 7.
WILLIAM FOSTER .. .. 4.	*THOMAS WATERMAN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN BASDEN.

\*First peal.

**KENDAL, WESTMORELAND.**

*On Thursday, December 20, 1894, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
 TAYLOR'S BOB-AND-SINGLE VARIATION. Tenor 25 cwt.

J. BRAITHWAITE .. .. Treble.	*W. ATKINSON .. .. 5.
W. TYSON .. .. 2.	B. WALKER .. .. 6.
R. EVERSON* .. .. 3.	B. DAWSON .. .. 7.
W. GRAHAM .. .. 4.	J. SALMON .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by B. DAWSON.

\*First peal.

**CHRISTCHURCH, HANTS.**

**THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Monday, December 24, 1894, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,*

AT THE PRIORY CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
 BURTON'S TEN-PART. Tenor 30 cwt.

TOM F. BEST .. .. Treble.	GEORGE VEY .. .. 5.
EDWIN T. GREEN .. .. 2.	GEORGE PRESTON .. .. 6.
STEPHEN BEST .. .. 3.	JOHN J. BRISTOW .. .. 7.
GEORGE H. PLUMMER .. 4.	CHARLES W. GOODENOUGH Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE PRESTON.

**DRAYTON, BERKS.**

**THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Wednesday, December 26, 1894, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
 A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 9½ cwt.

ALFRED R. BOSLEY .. .. Treble.	DENNIS NAPPBR .. .. 5.
ALFRED THOMAS .. .. 2.	JOE SAWYER .. .. 6.
ERNEST BUTLER .. .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
HARRY MILLS .. .. 4.	JOE HITCHMAN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

This is the conductor's 450th peal.

**GILLINGHAM, KENT.**

**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Saturday, December 22, 1894, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**  
 IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM BATE .. .. Treble.	*ARTHUR HARDY .. .. 5.
WILLIAM KINGS .. .. 2.	CHARLES WATERMAN .. 6.
CHARLES WILLSHIRE .. 3.	†PERCY TAFFS .. .. 7.
WALTER HOBBS .. .. 4.	WILLIAM HAIGH .. .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, of Chesterfield, and  
 Conducted by W. HAIGH.

\*First peal in the method. †First peal of Major away from the treble. Messrs. Willshire, Hobbs and Hardy hail from Borden; the rest belong to the local band.

**CENTRAL COUNCIL REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON  
 CALLS AND COLLECTION OF PEALS.—Now ready.  
 Price Twopence, post free. Stamps with order to Rev. H. E. BULWER,  
 Stanhoe Rectory, King's Lynn.**

## THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

SHIREOAKS.—On Thursday evening, December 6th, for practice, a 720 of Duke of York in 26 mins. J. F. Haigh, 1; W. Preston, 2; J. Fitzjohn, 3; B. Hall, 4; W. Hargreaves (conductor), 5; F. Hargreaves, 6. This is the first 720 in the method by J. F. Haigh and W. Preston, who hail from Workop, and was successfully rung at the first attempt. And several short touches of Cambridge Surprise, F. Fowler, from Anston, ringing the 4th.

## LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—ROSSENDALE BRANCH.

BACUP (Lancashire).—On Sunday, November 4th, 720 Oxford Single (eighteen bobs two singles). L. Holt, 1; J. H. Smith, 2; G. Shottin, 3; E. J. Cockcroft, 4; J. S. Lomas, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. On Friday, November 9th, 720 Braintree Treble Bob. L. Holt, 1; J. Smith, 2; G. Shottin, 3; J. H. Smith, 4; E. J. Cockcroft, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. On Sunday, November 11th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure (eight bobs two singles). L. Holt, 1; J. Smith, 2; G. Shottin, 3; J. H. Smith, 4; E. J. Cockcroft, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. And same night, 720 Grandsire (thirty-four bobs two singles). L. Holt, 1; E. J. Cockcroft, 2; Z. Lord, 3; J. H. Smith, 4; J. S. Lomas, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. On Friday, November 16th, 720 Braintree Treble Bob. L. Holt, 1; J. Smith, 2; G. Shottin, 3; J. H. Smith, 4; J. H. Barnes, 5; E. J. Cockcroft (conductor), 6. On Sunday, November 18th, 720 Oxford (fifteen bobs). J. Smith, 1; A. White, 2; G. Shottin, 3; J. H. Smith, 4; J. S. Lomas, 5; E. J. Cockcroft (conductor), 6. On Thursday, November 22nd, 720 Kent. Z. Lord, 1; J. Smith, 2; G. Shottin, 3; J. H. Smith, 4; J. S. Lomas, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. And 720 Oxford Treble Bob. J. Smith, 1; J. B. Taylor, 2; J. S. Lomas, 3; J. H. Smith, 4; J. Whittaker, 5; Z. Lord (conductor), 6. \*First 720 in the method. On Sunday, November 25th, 720 Woodbine. L. Holt, 1; J. Smith, 2; G. Shottin, 3; J. H. Smith, 4; J. S. Lomas, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. And the same night, 720 Duke of York. L. Holt, 1; Z. Lord, 2; G. Shottin, 3; J. H. Smith, 4; J. S. Lomas, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. On Monday, November 26th, 720 Cambridge Surprise. L. Holt, 1; J. Smith, 2; E. J. Cockcroft, 3; Z. Lord, 4; J. S. Lomas, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method for all the band, and rung at the first attempt. And on Friday, November 30th, 720 Cambridge Surprise. E. J. Cockcroft, 1; J. Smith, 2; G. Shottin, 3; J. H. Smith, 4; J. S. Lomas, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. First 720 for G. Shottin and J. H. Smith.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

BIRSTALL (Leicestershire).—On Sunday, December 2nd, at the parish church, with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the Rev. C. Gray, late vicar of Birstall, six 6-scores of Doubles in the following methods, viz., Plain Bob, Canterbury, and Grandsire. R. Bradshaw, 1; A. Smith, 2; W. Cornish (conductor), 3; D. Allott, 4; E. Smith, 5.

LONG EATON (Derbyshire).—On Sunday, November 4th, for evening service at St. Lawrence's church, 840 Stedman Triples. J. Harrison, 1; W. R. Hexter, 2; A. T. Cope, 3; A. Ricketts, 4; J. E. Hexter, 5; J. Poxon, 6; W. Hexter (conductor), 7; J. R. Ward, 8. Longest length in the method by all the band. On Saturday evening, November 17th, for practice, 216 Kent Treble Bob Major. J. Harrison, 1; W. R. Hexter, 2; J. R. Ward, 3; A. Ricketts, 4; J. E. Hexter, 5; J. Poxon, 6; J. Bailey, 7; W. Hexter, 8. On Sunday morning, November 24th, for service, 420 Stedman Triples. J. Harrison, 1; W. R. Hexter, 2; J. R. Ward, 3; W. Hexter, 4; J. E. Hexter, 5; J. Poxon, 6; J. Bailey (first in the method as conductor), 7; F. C. Wicks, 8. And on Sunday evening, November 25th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 1260 changes, in 43 mins., with A. Ricketts, 5; and J. E. Hexter (conductor), 7; the rest the same as in the morning.

## THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

PENARTH.—On Monday, November 5th, 720 Plain Bob Minor. J. Jones, 1; D. Thomas (conductor), 2; C. Smith, 3; F. Bartlett, 4; T. Northy, 5; J. Vinnicombe, 6. Rung with the bells deeply muffled as a mark of respect to the memory of the late Mr. R. Proctor, who was for twenty-five years Parish Warden of this church.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND ADJOINING DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

MALVERN (Worcestershire).—On Thursday, November 27th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 46½ mins. A. Layton, 1; J. Morris, 2; R. G. Knowles, 3; G. Peacey, 4; C. Layton (conductor), 5; H. T. Knowles, 6; D. Greening, 7; T. Gunnell, 8.

## THE BIRMINGHAM FRIENDLY SOCIETY.

On Sunday evening, November 25th, at St. Chad's cathedral (R.C.),

for Divine Service, Johnson's 1008 Grandsire Triples in 37 mins. H. Bluck, 1; J. Porter (conductor), 2; W. Brook, 3; R. Hancox, 4; R. Hackley, 5; A. Hackley, 6; R. Hunt, 7; W. Hunt, 8.

## SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

TETTENHALL (Staffordshire).—On Friday, November 9th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor. C. Southwick, 1; B. Dalton, 2; T. Rowe, 3; A. A. Hall, 4; C. Bassage, 5; J. E. Groves (conductor), 6. On Friday, November 23rd, 360 Grandsire Minor. H. A. Hall, 1; B. Dalton, 2; T. Rowe, 3; J. Kingsford, 4; C. Bassage, 5; J. E. Groves (conductor), 6. And 360 Bob Minor. W. G. Hall, 1; B. Dalton, 2; T. Rowe, 3; J. Kingsford, 4; H. A. Hall, 5; J. E. Groves (conductor), 6.

WOLVERHAMPTON.—On Sunday, December 2nd, for morning service, on the back six, 360 Grandsire Minor. For evening service 720 in the same method. W. G. Hall, 1; H. Knight, 2; E. Nicholls, 3; J. Pardoe, 4; H. A. Hall, 5; J. E. Groves (conductor), 6.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

HARLING (Norfolk).—On Sunday, December 2nd, at St. Mary's church, 720 Bob Minor in 24 mins. F. Kerry, 1; J. Adams, 2; J. Howes (conductor), 3; W. Secker, 4; H. Secker, 5; J. Lawrence, 6. Messrs. Howes, Lawrence, and Kerry hail from Attleborough.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

MAIDENHEAD (Berks).—On Monday, November 5th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins. Rev. R. P. Newhouse, 1; S. Goodall, 2; W. Walker, 3; G. Bloomfield, 4; J. W. Wilkins, 5; G. Martin, 6; \*W. E. Taylor (composer and conductor), 7; H. Jones, 8. \*First quarter-peal as conductor. On Saturday, December 1st, 720 Bob Minor, in 26 mins. G. Bloomfield, 1; S. Goodall, 2; W. Walker, 3; F. Bissley, 4; J. W. Wilkins (conductor), 5; W. E. Taylor, 6. On Sunday, December 2nd, 504 Stedman Triples, in 19 mins. G. Martin, 1; W. Walker, 2; F. Bissley, 3; W. Brown, 4; W. Ayres, 5; J. W. Wilkins, 6; W. E. Taylor (first 504 as conductor), 7; T. Goodchild, 8. Tenor 17½ cwt.

## THE RAUNDS, WELLINGBOROUGH, AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH (Northants).—On Monday, November 12th, 464 Bob Major. C. Newman, 1; J. Seemark, 2; A. Perkins, 3; W. Pettitt, 4; J. Garratt, 5; A. Tyler, 6; J. Houghton, sen., 7; J. Houghton, jun. (conductor), 8. Also 864 Kent Treble Bob Major. A. Perkins, 1; C. Newman, 2; W. Pettitt, 3; H. Sharp (conductor), 4; J. Garratt, 5; A. Tyler, 6; J. Houghton, sen., 7; J. Houghton, jun., 8. Also on Saturday, November 17th, 720 Plain Bob Minor. W. Pettitt, 1; A. Perkins, 2; J. Houghton, sen., 3; A. Tyler, 4; J. Garratt (conductor), 5; J. Houghton, jun., 6. Also on Sunday, November 18th, for evening service, 720 Plain Bob Minor. A. Tyler, 1; J. Houghton, jun. (conductor), 2; J. Garratt, 3; C. Newman, 4; W. Pettitt, 5; J. Houghton, sen., 6. Also on Monday, November 19th, 360 Kent Treble Bob Minor. H. Sharp, 1; A. Perkins, 2; J. Garratt, 3; A. Tyler, 4; J. Houghton, sen., 5; J. Houghton, jun. (conductor), 6. Also 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. J. Houghton, sen., 1; C. Newman, 2; J. Garratt, 3; A. Tyler, 4; H. Sharp, 5; J. Houghton, jun. (conductor), 6. Also on Monday, November 26th, 672 Grandsire Triples. J. Houghton, sen., 1; H. Sharp (conductor), 2; J. Seemark, 3; W. Pettitt, 4; J. Garratt, 5; A. Tyler, 6; J. Houghton, jun., 7; A. Perkins, 8. Also 288 Kent Treble Bob Major. And on Saturday, December 1st, 1077 Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original. A. Perkins, 1; W. Gilbert, 2; W. Pettitt, 3; H. Stubbs, 4; J. Garratt, 5; H. Sharp (conductor), 6; J. Houghton, jun., 7; W. Perkins, 8. Also 1280 Kent Treble Bob Major. A. Perkins, 1; C. Newman, 2; W. Pettitt, 3; W. Gilbert, 4; J. Garratt, 5; H. Stubbs, 6; H. Sharp (conductor), 7; J. Houghton, jun., 8. Also on Sunday, December 2nd, for evening service, 1056 Bob Major. A. Tyler, 1; C. Newman, 2; A. Perkins, 3; J. Seemark, 4; J. Garratt, 5; H. Sharp, 6; J. Houghton, sen., 7; J. Houghton, jun. (conductor), 8. And on December 3rd, 576 Kent Treble Bob Major. A. Perkins, 1; C. Newman, 2; W. Pettitt, 3; H. Sharp, 4; J. Garratt, 5; A. Tyler, 6; J. Houghton, sen., 7; J. Houghton, jun. (conductor), 8.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

DEAL (Kent).—On Saturday, December 1st, at St. Leonard's church, 720 Bob Minor (forty-two singles), in 24 mins. A. Denne, 1; J. Andrews, 2; A. Beer, 3; A. Castle, 4; C. Laker, 5; H. Castle (conductor), 6. And 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-eight bobs and twenty-two singles), in 22½ mins. A. Beer, 1; H. Denne, 2; A. Castle, 3; G. Denne (conductor), 4; W. Ongley, 5; J. Andrews, 6. Tenor 9½ cwt. in G. A. Castle hails from Elham; Laker from Dover; Beer and Andrews from Lymington; the rest are local men.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

**BOCKING (Essex).**—On Tuesday, November 20th, for practice, at St. Mary's church, 720 Bocking Treble Bob. H. Butcher, 1; W. Moore, 2; C. H. Howard (conductor), 3; F. Warren, 4; S. Sargent, 5; C. Bearman, 6. On Sunday, December 2nd, for Divine Service in the afternoon, 720 College Single Bob. H. Butcher, 1; F. Radley, 2; \*W. Grimwade, 3; F. Warren, 4; S. Sargent, 5; C. H. Howard (conductor), 6. \*First in the method.

**BRAINTREE (Essex).**—On Saturday, November 17th, for practice at St. Michael's church, 720 Bocking Treble Bob. T. Watson, 1; W. Moore, 2; H. E. Hammond (conductor), 3; \*C. Bearman, 4; W. Hammond, 5; W. Grimwade, 6. And 720 New London Pleasure. W. Hammond, 1; W. Moore, 2; H. E. Hammond (conductor), 3; C. Bearman, 4; F. Rudkin, 5; W. Grimwade, 6. On Sunday, November 18th, for morning service, 720 Bocking Treble Bob. T. Watson, 1; F. Calthorpe, 2; C. H. Howard, 3; W. Grimwade, 4; F. Rudkin (conductor), 5; H. E. Hammond, 6. And on Saturday, November 24th, for practice, 720 College Exercise. T. Watson, 1; W. Moore, 2; F. Rudkin, 3; W. Grimwade, 4; W. Hammond, 5; H. E. Hammond (conductor), 6. And on Sunday, November 25th, for morning service, 720 Cambridge Surprise, and for evening service, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob (twenty-one bobs). T. Watson, 1; C. H. Howard (conductor), 2; F. Rudkin, 3; W. Grimwade, 4; W. Hammond, 5; H. E. Hammond, 6. On Sunday morning, December 2nd, 720 New London Pleasure. T. Watson, 1; W. Hammond, 2; F. Rudkin, 3; C. H. Howard, 4; H. E. Hammond (conductor), 5; W. Grimwade, 6. And in the evening, 720 Kent Treble Bob (fifteen bobs, 4th the observation, all 5-6s the right way). T. Watson, 1; W. Hammond, 2; F. Rudkin, 3; W. Grimwade, 4; C. H. Howard, 5; H. E. Hammond (conductor), 6. \*First in the method.

## STOKE-ON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

**BIDDULPH.**—On Saturday, October 27th, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob. H. Alcock, 1; D. Preston, 2; R. W. Twigg, 3; J. E. Wheel- don, 4; G. Hobbs, 5; W. Twigg (conductor), 6.

**BUCKNALL.**—On Tuesday, October 23rd, at the parish church, 720 Superlative Surprise. D. Preston, 1; R. W. Twigg, 2; J. E. Wheel- don, 3; C. Preston (first 720 in the method with a bob bell), 4; G. Hobbs, 5; W. Twigg (conductor), 6. Also on Sunday, October 28th, 720 Superlative Surprise and 720 Oxford Treble Bob. W. Twigg (conductor), 1; H. Alcock (first in the method with a bob bell), 2; J. E. Wheel- don, 3; R. W. Twigg, 4; C. Preston, 5; G. Hobbs, 6. Also on Sunday, November 4th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. D. Preston, 1; H. Alcock (first 720 in the method with a bob bell), 2; E. Horne, 3; J. E. Wheel- don, 4; G. Hobbs, 5; W. Twigg (conductor), 6. E. Horne hails from Tunstall. And on Tuesday, November 6th, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob. C. Preston, 2; the rest as before. Also 720 Durham Surprise. E. Horne (first 720 of Surprise), 1; R. W. Twigg, 3; the rest as before. The above touches were rung to celebrate the 38th birthday of E. Horne, the ringers wishing him many happy returns of the day. Also on Sunday, November 11th, for morning service, 720 Duke of York Treble Bob. H. Alcock, 1; D. Preston, 2; R. W. Twigg, 3; W. Twigg, 4; G. Hobbs, 5; C. Preston (conductor), 6. Also for evening service 720 Woodbine Treble Bob. R. W. Twigg (conductor), 1; H. Alcock (first 720 in the method with a bob bell), 2; D. Preston, 3; C. Preston, 4; G. Hobbs, 5; W. Twigg, 6. Also on Tuesday, November 13th, 240 each of Cambridge, Superlative, and Durham Surprise. D. Preston, 1; J. E. Wheel- don, 2; R. W. Twigg, 3; C. Preston, 4; W. Wheel- don, 5; W. Twigg (conductor), 6. Also on Sunday, November 18th, 720 Violet Treble Bob. R. W. Twigg (conductor), 1; J. E. Wheel- don, 2; D. Preston, 3; W. Wheel- don, 4; G. Hobbs, 5; W. Twigg, 6. And on Sunday, November 25th, 720 Superlative Surprise. G. Hobbs, 1; J. E. Wheel- don, 2; W. Wheel- don, 3; C. Preston, 4; R. W. Twigg, 5; W. Twigg (conductor), 6.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

**GRAPPENHALL (Cheshire).**—On Saturday, December 1st, at St. Wil- frid's church, for practice, 720 Canterbury Pleasure. On Sunday, December 2nd, for Divine Service, 720 Canterbury Pleasure, in 23 mins. J. Mainwaring, 1; G. Lewis (first 720 in the method), 2; T. Burrows, 3; S. Horsfall, 4; F. T. Spence, 5; J. W. Booth (con- ductor), 6.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

**WELSHPOOL.**—On Tuesday, November 27th, for practice at the parish church, 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Lloyd, 1; W. Maddox, 2; D. Williams, 3; Rev. T. Hughes, 4; W. Jones, 5; T. Barnes, 6; T. J. Bratton (conductor), 7; A. Grice, 8. And two courses of Stedman Triples, by the same band. This is the first of Stedman Triples by the local band, and was rung at the first attempt, and is W. Jones'

second practice in the method. On Sunday, December 2nd, for even- ing service, 504 Grandsire Triples. H. Jarman, 4; the rest as above. H. Jarman hails from Oswestry.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

**BOLTON (Bradford Yorks).**—On Sunday, December 2nd, for even- ing service, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor with the tenor covering. W. Joyce, 1; A. Benson, 2; A. Gill, 3; B. T. Copley (conductor), 4; W. E. Titterton, 5; S. Palfraam, 6; J. Joyce, 7. First 720 in the method by all except the 4th and 6th ringers.

**CHADDESLEY CORBETT (Worcestershire).**—On Tuesday, November 27th, at the parish church, 252 Stedman Triples. E. Playdon, 1; J. Chance, 2; E. Gilbert (conductor), 3; A. Jackson, 4; W. Hemming, 5; J. Perrins, 6; J. Broad, 7; T. Roberts, 8. First touch of Stedman Triples by all.

**CHELSEA.**—On Wednesday, December 5th, at St. Luke's church with the bells half-muffled as a last mark of respect to the late Mr. E. Hickey, an honorary member of the society, age 60, the whole pull and stand and 1008 Stedman Triples. R. Newton (conductor), 1; C. Hindes, 2; W. Garrod, 3; C. Charge, 4; S. Andrews, 5; T. E. Barber, 6; H. Ellis, 7; G. Chesterman, 8.

**CHEPSTOW (Mon.).**—On Sunday, December 2nd, for Divine Service in the evening, on the back six, a 6-score of Bob Doubles. E. Williams, 1; R. Thompson, 2; W. Freestone, 3; S. Hopton, 4; J. Morley (con- ductor), 5; F. Bye, 6. And 180 Bob Minor, with 7-8 covering. C. Heyling, 1; R. Thompson, 2; W. Freestone, 3; G. Williams, 4; S. Hopton, 5; J. Morley (conductor), 6; E. Williams, 7; F. Bye, 8.

**CREWE (Cheshire).**—On Sunday, November 20th, for Divine Service in the evening, 360 Grandsire Triples conducted by W. Evetts, Esq., being his first attempt at calling. W. Evetts, Esq., 1; J. Wright, 2; A. Harding, 3; A. Jervis, 4; G. Harding, 5; R. Langford, 6; R. T. Holding, 7; Y. Edwards, 8.

**LEWES (Sussex).**—On Sunday evening, December 2nd, before ser- vice, the first part of Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples. A. S. Langridge, 1; R. J. Dawe, 2; J. T. Rickman, 3; R. W. Hoather, 4; W. J. Trusler, 5; J. S. Goldsmith, 6; A. J. Turner (conductor), 7; J. Steadman, 8.

**EWELL (Surrey).**—On Tuesday, November 27th, for practice at the parish church, 504 Stedman Triples. G. Chantler (conductor), 1; F. Grove, 2; S. Wilson, 3; W. Chantler, 4; H. Kenten, 5; T. Miles, 6; F. French, 7; J. Reid, 8. And 252 Stedman Triples. H. Beams, 1; H. Newnham, 2; F. Grove, 3; G. Chantler, 4; F. French, 5; T. Miles, 6; W. Chantler (conductor), 7; J. Reid, 8. Also 336 Bob Major. A. E. Bassett, 1; H. Newnham, 2; S. Wilson, 3; W. Chantler, 4; F. French, 5; G. Chantler, 6; T. Miles, 7; H. Kenten (conductor), 8.

**LONDON.**—On Sunday evening, December 2nd, at All Saints, Ful- ham, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major, 1264 changes, in 48 mins. W. J. Sorrell (first quarter-peal in the method as con- ductor), 1; W. T. Meaton, 2; W. Elson, 3; J. Strutt, 4; R. Chichester, 5; J. Nicholls, 6; E. H. Adams, 7; C. Charge (com- poser), 8.

**RINGMER (Sussex).**—On Saturday, December 1st, the birthday of Miss Christie, of Glyndebourne, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 43 mins. L. Farrant, 1; F. Banks, 2; T. Miller, 3; H. Jones, 4; J. S. Goldsmith, 5; A. J. Turner (conductor), 6; C. Painter, 7; G. Taylor, 8. Composed by J. Fisher, Eastbourne. Also 504 in 17 mins. G. Taylor, 1; F. Banks, 2; T. Miller, 3; J. S. Goldsmith, 4; H. Jones (conductor), 5; A. J. Turner, 6; C. Painter, 7; L. Farrant, 8. And on Monday evening, December 3rd, for practice, 672 in the same method. L. Farrant, 1; F. Banks, 2; C. Painter, 3; J. T. Rickman, 4; J. S. Goldsmith, 5; A. J. Turner (conductor), 6; H. Jones, 7; G. Taylor, 8. Messrs. Turner and Goldsmith hail from Lewes; the rest belong to the local company.

**ST. ALBANS (Herts).**—On Sunday, December 1st, for Divine Ser- vice at the cathedral, 504 Grandsire Triples. W. Jenkinson, 1; R. Weatherley, 2; J. Kentish, 3; R. Hammond, 4; J. E. Randall, 5; W. H. L. Buckingham (conductor), 6; W. H. Buckingham, 7; A. Hallett, 8.

**THERNINGTON (Essex).**—On Sunday, November 18th, for afternoon service, six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, each called differently. H. E. Bowers, 1; W. Hazell, 2; W. J. Nevard, 3; G. A. Andrews, 4; G. Humm, 5. And after service, several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, H. Sadler and P. Clarke taking part.

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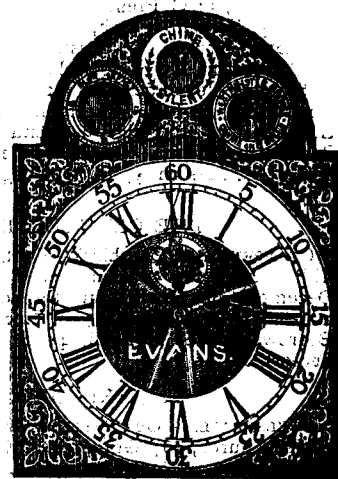
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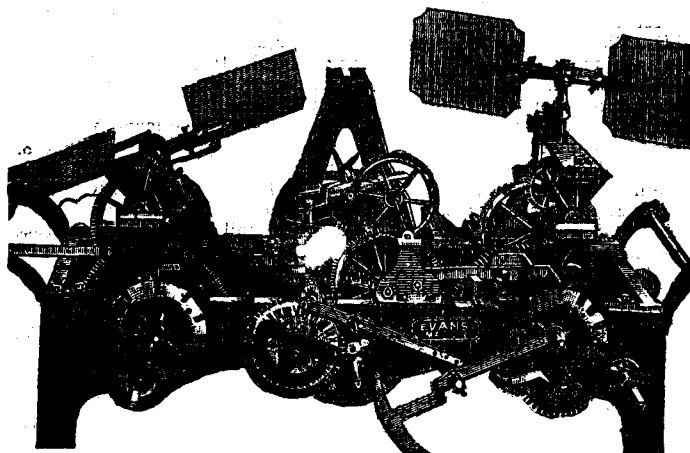
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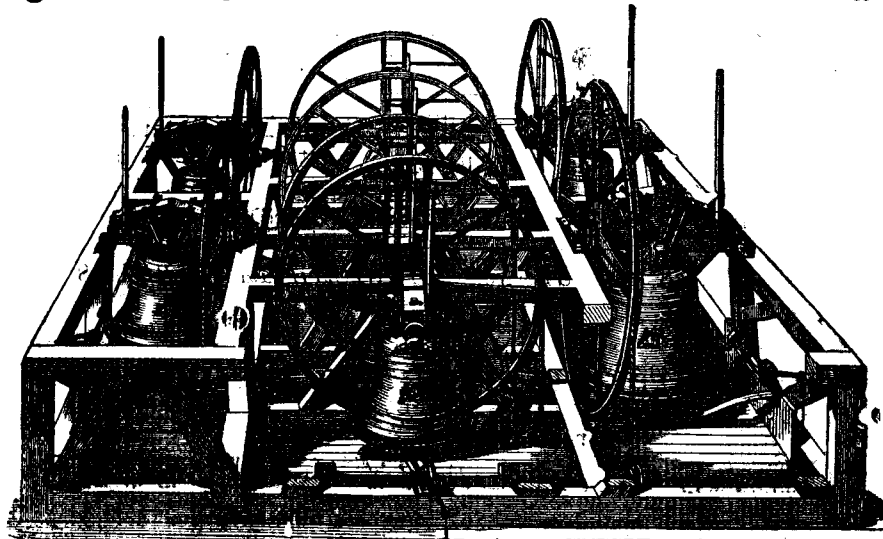
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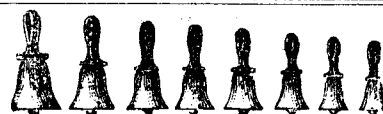
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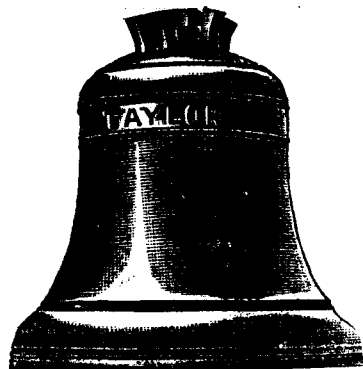
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