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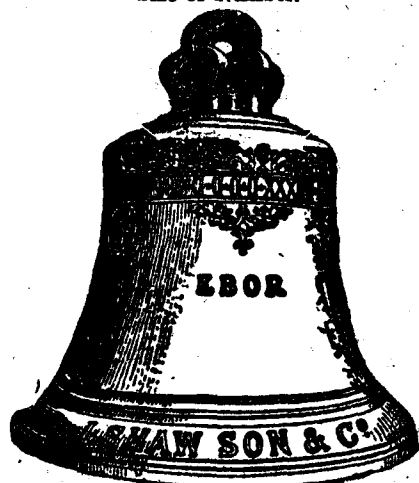
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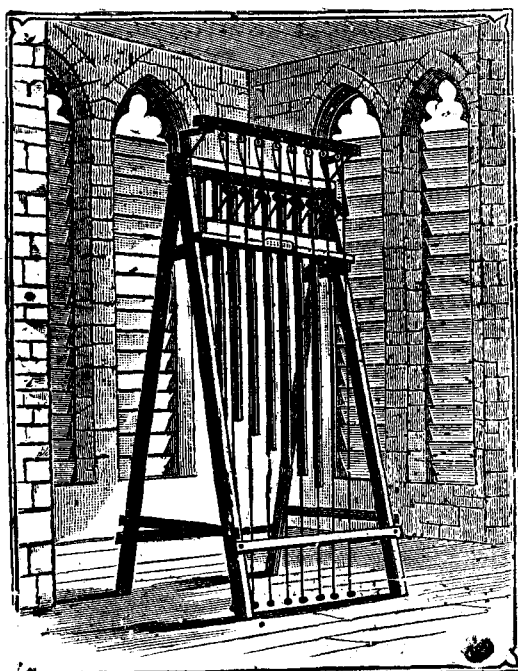
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The second quarterly meeting was held at Peterston-super-Ely, on Thursday, December 26th, in seasonable weather, snow falling incessantly the whole day. Members put in an appearance from Penarth, Llandaff, Cardiff, Bridgend, Pentre, Aberavon, and Coity, unfortunately the members from the Monmouth district did not attend, owing chiefly to the weather. At the time of meeting, 3 p.m., about forty members were present from the above towers. The Rector, the Rev. J. Owen Evans presided, and after welcoming the Association's first visit to Peterston, read the minutes of the last meeting at Pentre, which were passed and signed. The next business on the agenda was the election of a Hon. Secretary, in the place of the Rev. W. A. Downing, resigned. Mr. White, assistant secretary, explained to the meeting the reason of the rev. gentleman's retiring, and the reverend Chairman read a letter, intimating that the Hon. Secretary had left Llandaff, and was located in a parish where he was entirely out of touch with the Association, and he thought it was better to resign than that the Association should suffer through any apparent neglect, he being five miles from any railway station, and the passage of correspondence was a difficult matter. The resignation was accepted, and it was proposed by Mr. White, and seconded by Mr. Vinnicombe (Penarth), that the Rev. D. H. Griffiths, B.A., curate of St. John's, Cardiff, be the Hon. Secretary, which was carried unanimously. Proposed by Mr. Watkins (Cardiff), seconded by Mr. W. Lloyd (Cardiff), and carried, that Mr. Griffiths hold the combined offices of Secretary and Treasurer. Proposed by Mr. Bartlett, and seconded by Mr. White, that the Executive Committee be elected from the body of local secretaries, which was agreed upon, with a rider, moved by Mr. Watkins, to the effect that where a member was unable to attend, or to send a substitute, he may be allowed to vote by proxy. Proposed by Mr. W. Lloyd, and seconded by his brother, Mr. C. Lloyd, that local secretaries attending committee meetings should be paid their expenses by the band or bands they represent, so that the funds of the Association should be used exclusively for the benefit of teaching the Science and Art of Change-ringing in districts where it is not known. This also was agreed to. Twelve new members were then elected, including Mr. R. T. Hibbert (Reading) and Mr. Harry Roberts (Gloucester). It was proposed by Mr. W. Biss, and seconded by Mr. Vinnicombe, that the next meeting be held at Caldicott (Monmouthshire). A vote of thanks was then passed to the Rector for presiding, to which the reverend gentleman suitably replied, contributing, at the same time, his subscription as honorary member. The Rector then kindly invited the visitors to a sumptuous knife-and-fork tea, which was heartily responded to. After grace had been said by the host, a vote of thanks to himself, the local ringers, and the ladies, for the splendid repast provided, was proposed by Mr. White, and seconded by Mr. D. Thomas in a neat little speech, with which everyone was much pleased. The Rector briefly responded, expressing his regret for the absence of Mrs. Evans, who was unable to attend. She had, however, sent a box of cigars to warm the noses of the visitors on their homeward journey on such a bitter night. The gift was highly appreciated, and a special vote of thanks was returned to the generous donor for so seasonable a gift. The handbells were then produced, and several tunes and touches of Grandsire Triples were rung, after which the visitors dispersed. The bells were kept going the greater part of the day in Kent, Oxford, Violet, Plain Bob, and Grandsire Minor, by mixed bands, the Penarth band being prominent in the Treble, Bob methods

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—READING BRANCH.

The annual meeting of this Branch took place on Saturday, December 14th, when twenty-eight members sat down to an excellent dinner served by Mrs. Pontin, of The George hotel. There were present the Rev. F. E. Robinson (master), Rev. B. Long, C. O. Fulbrook, Esq., and representatives from St. Giles, St. Mary's (Caversham), Tilehurst, and Mapledurham. Dinner finished, the Master of the Guild was elected chairman, and gave "The Queen," which, needless to say, was loyally honoured. The minutes of the last general meeting having been

duly passed and signed, the Branch Secretary, Mr. A. W. Pike, read his annual report and balance sheet. The former shewed that the number of members still kept to the average, being the same as last year's total, viz. 83. Only seven peals have been rung by this Branch during 1895, as against 10 in 1894. The balance-sheet was again considered satisfactory, a balance in hand being shown of £3 os. 6d. All last year's officers were re-elected. The toast of the evening was now given by the Chairman—"The Oxford Diocesan Guild." The Master gave a descriptive account of the work done by the Guild during 1895. He was glad to say the numbers kept increasing, and also that peals in good methods had been rung. One more toast still remained, "The Hon. Secretaries." The Chairman, in giving the toast, said how pleased he was to see one of their honorary members present with them that evening. They were a most useful part of the Guild. It was by their support that affairs went so smoothly, conducting, thereby, to the general welfare of the Guild. C. O. Fulbrook, Esq., in responding, said it gave him much pleasure to be with the ringers that evening, although he felt rather like an antelope in a lion's cage. He was very fond of bells, and wished that in his younger days he had stuck to the task of learning to ring; but his one experience of ringing was sore hands for a month. He was glad to note the change that had taken place in Reading belfries, even during the last few years. He had travelled abroad a good deal, but although the carillons he had heard were beautiful, yet the good old English way of ringing bells, and the music that they gave, when rung by skilful hands, was to him the most charming. Harmony was now commenced, songs being sung by Messrs. H. Goodger, W. Newell, King, A. W. Pike, A. E. Reeves, E. Monday, and G. Essex. At 11 p.m. "Auld Lang Syne" and "God Save the Queen" finished a most enjoyable evening.

CHRISTCHURCH, ST. LEONARDS-ON-SEA.

On Thursday, December 5th, 1895, the inaugural meeting of the Ringers' Guild, partly formed just before the sad loss of the late Vicar, Rev. C. L. Vaughan, M.A., was held in the library of the church, when the new Vicar, Rev. W. H. Cleaver, M.A., late of Pulham St. Mary, Suffolk, who had consented to accept the presidency of the Guild, took the chair, fourteen members being present, including Mr. A. W. Chesterfield and Mr. S. Saker, who had acted respectively as Hon. Secretary and Hon. Instructor, *pro tem*.

Previous to the commencement of the formal business, the Chairman spoke a very few kind and encouraging words to the members, thanking Mr. Chesterfield and Mr. Saker for the assistance they had rendered since the opening of the bells, and also stating that it was a very great pleasure to him to begin his work at Christ Church in connection with the ringers, as the first work he undertook upon going to Pulham St. Mary, some nine years ago, was the restoration of the bells, and that he had just had the gratification, previous to leaving Suffolk, of seeing his work completed by the addition of two more bells, making a complete octave.

The business of electing the Vice Presidents and officers of the Guild then proceeded, J. C. Ratcliff, Esq. (churchwarden), T. Wadd, Esq. (churchwarden), Dr. Trollope, A. J. Taylor, Esq., and Mr. S. Saker being elected Vice-Presidents; Mr. G. W. Watson, Captain; Mr. F. A. Kennett, Sub-Captain; Mr. A. W. Chesterfield, Hon. Secretary; and Mr. S. Saker, Hon. Instructor. The draft rules were then submitted and approved, with a few slight alterations, and the meeting terminated with a very cordial vote of thanks to the Chairman.

The bells are a nice-toned ring of eight, tenor 20 cwt. in F, but unfortunately, as is so often the case, the question as to the best position in the belfry so as to enable the ringers to carry out their all-important work satisfactorily and to the best advantage appears not to have been considered, and a very long draft where there was no necessity whatever is the result, consequently the ringers will often be blamed for bad striking when it is not their fault. Although not one of the members had learnt to ring a bell previous to joining this Guild satisfactory progress is being made, and it is anticipated that before the end of 1896 the Sussex Association will have the addition of another band of good change-ringers.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

Extract from the Preliminary Report of the Committee on Technical Terms: Reprinted for the consideration of the Exercise at large, pursuant to the decision of the Central Council at Sheffield, April, 1895.

The members of the Committee unanimously agree that it would be idle to attempt any reform in the usual *spoken* language of the Belfry. They distinctly disclaim, therefore, at the outset all intention of endeavouring to effect any immediate change in this particular. Ringers will continue to use in the Belfry the terms, phrases, and exclamations to which they have been long accustomed, and which they understand, whatever recommendations to the contrary the Committee or the Council might make. For the benefit of the uninitiated the Glossary will provide interpretations of the spoken as well as of the written language of the Exercise; such changes and corrections as are about to be suggested are to be understood, therefore, as bearing upon the *scientific* use of the terms to which they refer, for the guidance of treatise-writers more especially.

The technical terms used in Campanology may be roughly divided into three classes: (1) Those which adequately express the meaning intended to be conveyed by them; in changing which, therefore, no advantage would be gained. (2) Those in which a multiplicity of meanings attaches to individual terms, often with the result of much confusion and inconvenience. (3) Those which are inexpressive and fail to convey the meaning usually attached to them. The suggestions of the Committee are, of course, confined to the last two classes. With regard to the second class, they beg to recommend limitation of meaning in certain cases, with distinctive use in others, and the adoption of preferable terms to convey the meanings which are in consequence, so to speak, turned adrift. With regard to the third class, they beg to recommend more expressive terms in substitution for those which do not adequately convey the intended meaning. There is yet another class of terms, used in the older treatises, which have been virtually abandoned; these the Committee crave leave to label as *obsolete*, when there is no question as to the uselessness or practical disuse of them.

1. The terms *change*, *changes*, *false change*, etc., are considered by the Committee as only applicable in practical ringing; and that for the purposes of treatise-exposition, pricking, proving, and the like, their places should be taken by *row*, *rows*, *false rows*, etc.

2. Of the compound terms and phrases in which the word *course* appears, it is suggested that *change-course* and *shift-course* should be replaced by the single word *shift*. And that *in-course* and *out-of-course*, as used to express the nature of rows or changes, should be abandoned in favour of *even* and *odd* respectively;—as used to express the position of the bells, as a whole, in ringing, that they should be replaced by *right* and *wrong* respectively;—and for denoting the character of a series of rows, unaffected or affected by an ordinary Single, that the words *direct* and *inverted** respectively should be used instead.

3. It is suggested that the word *double* should be restricted to the description of a method in which the bells do the same work both in front and behind; e.g. Double Court; and that it should cease to be used as a substantive to express two bobs at successive leads, so that in notation the phrase *with a double* should be replaced by *with 2*; for the reason that the meaning of the former is obscure, and likely to be mistaken by the inexperienced for an indication similar to *with a single*.

4. With reference to the notation of the Grandsire System, the Committee are of opinion that such a misleading expression as *9th in 4* should invariably read *9th in with 4*; and that (for instance) *9th in and out at 3* should be replaced by *9th in for 3*, with the addition, when necessary, of *and out with a single*.

5. With regard to the word *home* (or *H*), it is recommended that it be disused as indicating a position for a call, and that in this sense *Right*, or *R*, be invariably used instead; *home*, *at home*, *called home*, *bobbed home*, etc., being used solely to indicate the arrival of individual bells, or the bells as a whole, in the position they respectively occupy in rounds.

6. There are certain abuses of the word *peal*, which the Com-

mittee are of opinion should be corrected. Thus, *Ring of Bells* they suggest as the correct term in place of *Peal of Bells*, which is erroneous; *falling* (or *ceasing*) and *raising in peal* would be better expressed by *falling*, *ceasing*, or *raising in order*; an expression which will cover "rounds," or any other distinctive sequence. In treatises, etc., when it is necessary to distinguish between a "performance" and "the thing performed," it is preferable to use the word *composition* for the latter, a majority of the Committee holding that the word *peal* is properly applicable to the "performance of a true composition containing not less than 5,000 changes, or 5,040, if for less than eight bells"; the use of the word with reference to a "touch," or any less number of changes than 5,000, or as a substitute for the term "method" being erroneous.

7.—The Committee recommend that the term *Singles*, as applied to the series of changes on *four* bells, should be dropped; and that the term *Minimus* be substituted for it; *Singles* being only applicable to the changes on *three* bells.

8.—*Slow-hunt*, a term sometimes used to designate the bell "in the slow," they think should be abandoned as inexpressive, and *slow-bell* be used instead.

9.—In like manner, *half-lead*, which is sometimes used to express the single blow at the lead when a bell is dodging in 1-2, should be replaced by *dodging-lead*.

10.—Such terms as *half-hunt*, *quarter-hunt*, and *half-quarter-hunt*, are all inexpressive, and should be regarded as obsolete; many other terms, which are incapable of defence, such as *cramp-method*, *fore-stroke*, *down-stroke*, etc., being deserving, in the Committee's opinion, of similar treatment.

N.B.—Members of the Exercise are requested to consider the foregoing suggestions carefully, and to discuss the recommendations of the Committee, if they see fit, in the Correspondence Columns of "THE BELL NEWS," before a final decision is taken upon them by the Council.

THORNBURY (Gloucestershire).—On Sunday, November 17th, for Divine Service, 504 Grandsire Triples. W. Davis, 1; C. Eddington, 2; A. P. Phelps, 3; F. W. Poole, 4; F. K. Howell, 5; T. Alsopp, 6; J. W. Poole (conductor), 7; E. Eddington, 8. Tenor 24 cwt. in Eb.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS (Kent).—On Thursday, November 21st, for practice, 260 Stedman Triples. S. Perkins, 1; P. Brooker, 2; E. Mankelow, 3; C. Chapman, 4; G. Stonestreet, 5; T. Card (conductor), 6; T. Groombridge, 7; H. Ford, 8. A 672 Treble Bob Major. W. Latter, 1; G. Stonestreet, 2; G. Smithers, 3; E. Mankelow, 4; S. Perkins, 5; T. Card, 6; C. Chapman, 7; T. Groombridge (conductor), 8. On Sunday, November 24th, 210 Oxford Bob Triples. W. Pollard, 1; W. Latter, 2; E. Mankelow, 3; S. Perkins (conductor), 4; J. Muggridge, 5; H. Porter, 6; G. Smithers, 7; H. Ford, 8. And 224 Bob Ma(or. W. Pollard, 1; P. Brooker, 2; H. Porter, 3; S. Perkins, 4; E. Mankelow, 5; G. Smithers, 6; J. Muggridge, 7; W. Latter (conductor), 8. Also 336 Stedman Triples. P. Brooker, 1; H. Porter, 2; E. Mankelow, 3; C. Chapman, 4; W. Latter, 5; G. Smithers, 6; S. Perkins (conductor), 7; J. Muggridge, 8.

WICKHAM SKEITH (Suffolk).—On Sunday, November 17th, at the parish church, for afternoon service, 360 Oxford Treble Bob Minor, in 12 mins. — 1; G. Kemp, 2; H. Blake, 3; H. Simpson, 4; G. Cattermole, 5; G. Debenham (conductor), 6. And after service, 720 in the same method, in 23 mins., with G. Cattermole, 1; C. Nunn, 5; the others as before. And a course of Kent Treble Bob, being the first touch of Kent by Blake and Simpson, who, with G. Debenham, belong to the St. James' company, Bury St. Edmunds, and who wish, through the medium of this paper, to return many thanks for the kindness shewn to them by Mr. Cattermole during their visit.

WILBURTON (Cambs).—On Thursday, December 5th, for practice, 720 Plain Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and eighteen singles) in 25 mins. Albert Markwell, 1; Arthur Markwell (conductor), 2; A. Hazell, 3; H. Markwell, 4; H. Sharp, 5; J. Markwell, 6. Also a 720 in the same method (thirty-two bobs and two singles). J. Markwell, 1; Albert Markwell, 2; Arthur Markwell (conductor), 3; A. Hazell, 4; H. Markwell, 5; H. Sharp, 6. Albert Markwell hails from Haddenham; the rest belong to the local band.

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THE HEAVY WOOLLEN DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

The December meeting of this Association was held at Armitage Bridge, a pleasant little village outside Huddersfield, and was well attended by members from Brighouse, Huddersfield, Lindley, Mirfield, Liversedge, Almondbury, Batley Carr, and Shelley. The meeting for business took place at The Butchers' Arms, and was presided over by Mr. Fred. Schofield. A vote of condolence was passed towards the family of the late G. McDonald, Almondbury, late member of the Association. After the minutes of the last meeting had been passed, it was proposed to hold the annual meeting on the third Saturday in January at Dewsbury, and postpone the Huddersfield and Lindley meetings till February and March respectively. It was proposed that each company send at once the names and addresses of each of their companies to the Secretary at once that a report may be compiled as early as possible. Other items of business having been transacted the meeting closed and the evening was spent in tower and handbell ringing, which brought one of the pleasantest meetings of the Society to a close.

ALDRINGTON.—SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The St. Leonards parish church ringers of Aldrington met on Saturday, December 21st, to ring for the wedding of Miss Dearing, a sister of the brothers Dearing, members of the above band. An attempt was made to ring ten-and-a-half 6-score of Doubles, but was lost after ringing for forty minutes, the longest touch by the band, except in the case of the conductor. The ringers were, F. Tindall (conductor), 1; R. Stredwick, 2; J. Dearing, 3; F. Steele, 4; G. Steele, 5; F. Dearing, 6. On Tuesday, December 24th, Mr. Squires, of Aldrington, a gentleman who takes great interest in ringers invited, the band to an excellent supper, after which some vocal music and handbell ringing made a most enjoyable evening, Mr. Squires receiving the heartiest acknowledgments of his guests.

THE EQUITABLE LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY OF THE UNITED STATES.

The advent of a new year is a fitting time for the adoption of new principles and measures of reform in every walk in life. With some an overwhelming mass of schemes, resolves and vows are drawn up and framed, preparatory to the new order of things; but alas for human inconstancy! schemes, resolves and vows early explode, and chaos resumes its place. It would be invidious to follow the multifarious reasons for such a finality. If, in contemplating any line of reform, the individual would seek a path for bettering his social position, and for improving and consolidating the fortunes of his family, an infinitely more satisfactory result would ensue; and, if again, the whole community would emulate the action of the one individual, there would be such a general exodus of poverty and dependence on other strengths, that our country would soon become an Arcadia of opulence and happiness. As a nation, we are far in the rear in our domestic organisation, and, in that respect, we could well afford, with all our education and privileges, to copy the practices of even the savage races, who, in most instances, have well-established customs when a union of families is about to be accomplished by the marriage of their juniors. But, to regard the practice of civilisation in this regard, we have but to study the social customs of the United States, and at once an object-lesson is presented to us that establishes the imputation of our impotency in matters which should demand our supreme consideration. Why is it that in America that costly shibboleth—the Workhouse—is unknown? Simply because Insurance is esteemed so great a matter in every trans-Atlantic home, that the head of a household there would be regarded with the same aversion that a sneak-thief would be anywhere else, if he were not a policy-holder upon an Insurance establishment. This, briefly expressed, is the secret of the immunity enjoyed by American ratepayers from the heaviest claim enforced upon us here. And this, again, accounts for the magnificent Insurance organisations, with their mighty treasuries, so firmly rooted in the estimation of our cousins, and sometimes brought to us here. The Equitable Life of the United States brought over to us its well-laden golden argosy, and has continued to impart to those of our fellow-subjects who have been wise enough to adopt the policies of the Office the most remarkable benefits ever recorded in the annals of Insurance business. We cannot speak too highly of the admirable administration of this the premier institution of the kind in the world. Its colossal wealth, its magnificent reserves, its promptitude in the settlement of claims, and the scholarly finance of its Exe-

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840.

S H Q

840.

H L Q

34251	-	-	625431	-	-
15243	-	-	145623	-	-
54132	-	-	265413	-	-
43521	-	-	321465	-	-
32415	-	-	541326	-	-

Both repeated. Second from J. C's. peal, No. 11.

840.

H L

840.

S H Q

641235	-	-	536421	-	-
521643	-	-	345261	-	-
461253	-	-	461253	-	-
321465	-	-	624513	-	-
541326	-	-	213546	-	-

Each repeated. First from J. C's. peal, No. 8; second from No. 9.

840.

S H L Q

840.

S H L Q

246351	-	-	34251	-	-
432561	-	-	15243	-	-
361524	-	-	54132	-	-
652341	-	-	43521	-	-
541326	-	-	32415	-	-

Each repeated. First from J. C's. peal, No. 10.

840.

S H L M Q R

254316	-	-	s	-	-
621354	-	-	-	-	-
365142	-	-	-	-	s
613452	-	-	-	-	-
152436	-	-	-	-	-

Repeated. From J. C's. peal, No. 7.

1008.

S H Q

1008.

S H Q

342516	-	-	541326	-	-
152436	-	-	435216	-	-
541326	-	-	324156	-	-
435216	-	-	213546	-	-
324156	-	-	123564	-	-
234165	-	-	251634	-	-

Each repeated.

1092.

R S H L Q M

516342	s	-	-	-	s
213546	-	-	-	-	-
416523	-	-	-	-	-
154263	-	-	-	-	-
521643	-	-	-	-	-
265413	-	-	-	-	-
163425	-	-	-	-	-
625431	-	-	-	-	-
345261	-	-	-	-	-
641235	-	-	-	-	-
426315	-	-	-	-	-
125346	-	-	-	-	-
231456	-	-	-	-	-

Taken from A. P. Heywood's, No. 1, five-part peal.

1260.

S H L

1260.

S H L Q

356412	-	-	246351	-	-
512463	-	-	432561	-	-
342516	-	-	342516	-	-

Each four times repeated. First from Brook's peal, second from Thurstans' peal.

1260.

S H L Q

1260.

H L Q

536421	-	-	-	641235	-	-
345261	-	-	-	345261	-	-
125346	-	-	-	125346	-	-

Each four times repeated. First taken from Haley's variation peal.

1260.

S H L Q

345261	-	-	-
435216	-	-	-
125346	-	-	-

Four times repeated.

These conclude the touches of Stedman Triples.

I now commence my peals in this method. Any communication respecting all these compositions must be addressed to me at Forward Villa, Park Road, Aston, Birmingham.

No. 1.

5040.

231456 R S H M R R Q M R

(356412)	-	-	-	-	s
326541	-	-	-	-	-
(625431)	-	-	s	-	s
462135	-	-	s	-	-
152436	-	-	-	s s	-
536421	-	-	-	-	-
245136	-	-	-	-	s

The last six courses four times repeated, produce :

134526

356412	s	-	-	-	-
143256	-	-	-	-	s
456231	-	-	-	-	-
(652341)	-	-	s	-	s
365142	-	-	s	-	-
125346	-	-	-	s s	-

This part four times repeated, by adding bobs at S and H in the first course instead of the single. Contains quadruple bobs at S and H only. First composed on this plan.

No. 2.

5040.

231456 R S H L Q M

425163	s	-	-	-	-
263154	-	-	-	-	-
654132	-	-	-	-	-
532146	-	-	-	-	-
(426315)	s	-	-	-	s
456231	-	-	-	-	-

Four times repeated, by omitting the first single and adding a single at M in the last course of the last part.

(231456)

641235	-	-	-	-	-
521643	-	-	-	-	-
(361524)	-	-	-	-	s
341652	-	-	-	-	-
512463	s	-	-	-	-
342516	-	-	-	-	-

This part four times repeated. Contains quadruple bobs only, and is the first composed on this plan.

No. 3.

5040.

231456 S H L M R

641235	-	-	-	-
521643	-	-	-	-
235641	-	-	-	s
462135	-	-	-	s
512463	-	-	-	-
342516	-	-	-	-

Four times repeated. By adding a single at R in the last course of the last part, produces :

346125

425163	-	-	-	-
263154	-	-	-	-
654132	-	-	-	-
316254	-	-	-	s
143256	-	-	-	s
456231	-	-	-	-

This part four times repeated, adding a single at M in the last course of the last part. Contains quadruple bobs only. Rang at King's Norton, June 5th, 1894.

No. 4.

5040.

231456 S H L M R R Q

356412	-	-	-	-
654132	-	-	-	s
214653	-	-	-	-
364215	-	-	-	-
524361	-	-	-	-
134526	-	-	-	-
512463	-	-	-	s
163425	-	-	-	-
625431	-	-	-	-
415632	-	-	-	s s
516342	-	-	-	s
125346	-	-	-	s

Four times repeated. Contains quadruple bobs only, and is the first on the plan in five equal parts.

No. 5.

5040.

231456 R S H L M R Q M R

346125	s	-	-	-	-
516342	-	-	-	-	-
236514	-	-	-	-	-
156324	-	-	-	-	-
436152	-	-	-	-	-
216435	-	-	-	-	-

These five courses repeated, adding a single at M after Q in the last course.

(346125)

254316	-	-	-	s	-
621354	-	-	-	-	-
365142	-	-	-	-	s
613452	-	-	-	-	-
152436	-	-	-	-	-

These five courses nine times repeated, and omitting the bobs at Q in the fourth course, except the sixth part. This peal contains all the 6-7s the right way, and is the first composed on the plan. Rang at King's Norton, January 31st, 1895.

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Bishop Ryder's, Birmingham.—Practice will be resumed in this tower on Saturday evenings from 6.0 to 7.15, commencing October 26th.
W. H. CARROD, *Hon. Sec.*

Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The next monthly ringing meeting of this society will be held to-day, Saturday, January 4th, 1896, at Burley, Leeds. St. Matthias' church (six bells). Ringing from 2.30. Meeting house, The Cardigan Arms. Business meeting at 6.0 p.m. A presentation to an esteemed member will follow. Members and friends are cordially invited. Trains every five minutes direct.
R. BINNS, *Hon. Sec.*

3, Dame Street, Hogg's Field, Holbeck.

Bedfordshire Association.—Meeting at Turvey, Beds., to-day, Saturday, January 4th.
W. W. C. BAKER, *Hon. Sec.*

The Ancient Society of College Youths.—The next meetings will be held at St. Magnus, London Bridge, on Thursday, January 9th, and at St. Paul's, on Tuesday, January 14th. The sum of 1s. 8d., in lieu of booking fees, is now due.
W. T. COCKERILL, *Hon. Sec.*

Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.—The quarterly meeting in connection with this Society will be held on Saturday, January 11th, 1896, at St. Paul's church, Burton-on-Trent. Service in church at 5 p.m. Tea at 6 p.m., one shilling per head to all those who send their names not later than January 7th.
S. REEVES, *Hon. Sec.*

10, Bull Street, West Bromwich.

The Old East Derbyshire Association.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Staveley on Saturday, January 11th. Business meeting at 5 p.m. at Elm Tree inn. Peal of eight bells. S. & L. station two minutes' walk from church.
E. JAMES, *Hon. Sec.*

18, The Dale, Woodseats, Sheffield.

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Thomas's church, Newhey, on Saturday, January 11th. Business meeting at 6 p.m.
EDWIN B. SHAW, *Branch Sec.*

14, Thomas Street, Leesfield, Lees.

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next monthly meeting of this Association will be held at Tunstall on Saturday next, January 11th. Members intending to be present are requested to give notice to Mr. J. Johnson, 1, Cooper street, Tunstall, not later than Wednesday, January 8th.

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

The Surrey Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Croydon on Monday, January 13th, 1896. By kind permission of the Rev. J. White, the tower of St. Peter's, South Croydon, will be open for ringing at 3.0 p.m. Also the tower of the parish church will be at the disposal of the members by permission of the Rev. H. H. Pereria. Tea at the Church House, adjoining St. Peter's, South Croydon, at 5.45 p.m. Representatives should notify Mr. H. Brooker, 3, Upland Road, South

Croydon, not later than the Wednesday previous. Election of officers and two representatives on the Central Council.

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

Redenhall, Norfolk.—The annual ringing anniversary is Monday, January 13th. Dinner at 1.15.
F. BORRETT.

The Middlesex Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, January 18th, at St. Stephen's, Hampstead. By the kind permission of the Rev. J. Kirkman, the tower will be open for ringing at 5 o'clock. Business meeting at 7.30. Members and friends of the Association are cordially invited to attend.

ARTHUR T. KING, *Hon. Sec.*
Sarum, Ravenscroft Park Road, Barnet.

The Essex Association.—There will be a district meeting of the above at Loughton, on Saturday, January 25th. The towers of Loughton (8 bells), and Woodford (6 bells), will be at the service of the members. Tea and business meeting will be held at The Feathers at 5 p.m. Members wishing to be present must notify the same to me, not later than the previous Monday.

HENRY T. W. EYRE, *Assistant Sec.*
Great Totham Vicarage, Witham.

Worcestershire and Districts Association.—The next Quarterly and Committee meeting of this Association will take place in the Chantry of St. Mary's church, Kidderminster, on Saturday, January 25th, at 5.30 p.m. prompt. The Rev. S. Phillips, vicar, has kindly consented to preside. The bells will be at the disposal of members and friends until 7.30 p.m. Members will kindly note that all subscriptions are due at this meeting.

JOHN SMITH, *Hon. Sec.*
36, Simms Lane, Neitherton, Dudley.

Preliminary Notice.—The annual handbell contest for the Hollingworth Silver Challenge Cup and other prizes will be held at the Oddfellows' Hall, Uppermill, Saddleworth, on Saturday, April 25th. Circulars later.

JONATHAN PILLING, *Sec.*
Lee Street, Uppermill, nr. Olkham.

The Borden Society.—All communications respecting this society should now be made to C. Willshire, Borden street, Sittingbourne.

NOTES TO PEALS.

THE PEAL AT FRAMLINGHAM.—This peal, which is now rung for the first time, is in two parts, having the 4th in 6ths place at the course-ends through the whole of the first part, and the 6th at home throughout the second part. The figures will appear in due course. The peal was a birthday compliment to H. Howlett, whose twenty-first birthday was the preceding day, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns. Messrs. Rumsey and friends hail from Debenham; the rest belong to Framlingham.

THE PEAL AT IRLINGBOROUGH.—This peal was rung to celebrate the paying off of the debt of the tower and bells, £2,500. This large sum was raised chiefly by the late vicar, the Rev. E. Bisco, M.A., and his co-workers, during the last five years, who are truly thankful that their work has been so blessed. The peal was conducted by Mr. C. T. P. Brice, a Northants man, now resident in London, and a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths, who was made a member of the Association previous to starting. This makes the

twenty-fourth peal of over 5000 changes that has been rung on these bells since they were opened two years ago, besides a peal of 10,000 last Christmas. The brothers Gilbert hail from Raunds; Brice from London; the rest belong to Irlingborough.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

C. B. G.—Get Snowdon's *Standard Methods*. See advertisement on other page.

LEDGERY (Herefordshire).—On Saturday, November 16th, an attempt was made for Carter's twelve-part of Grandsire Triples, which came to grief in the middle of the sixth part in 1 hr. 30 mins., owing to the bad "go" of the bells. A. Taylor, 1; R. G. Knowles, 2; C. Layton, 3; G. Peacey, 4; W. Greenleaf, 5; H. Knowles, 6; J. E. Groves (conductor), 7; H. Ellmore, 8. Tenor 24 cwt. in E flat.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 4, 1896.

THE performance of thirty-nine peals, reported in this number, while it prevents the indulgence of our weekly comment, shows that the popularity of the Art is as strong as ever. We ask the co-operation of our friends who send these reports in securing their absolute correctness and completeness. Let more care be taken in their compilation, so that the too-frequent paragraph headed "Peal Correction" may become a rarity. We thank our many friends who have sent us their compliments and mementoes of the season.

The Metropolis.

THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION AND THE ALLHALLOWS (TOTTENHAM) SOCIETY.

On Tuesday, December 31, 1895, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALLHALLOWS, TOTTENHAM,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' FIVE-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

ERNEST IVERSON* Treble.	JOSEPH WAGHORN, JUN. .. 5.
CHARLES A. BUTTON .. 2.	JOSEPH WAGHORN .. 6.
WALTER W. DICKINSON .. 3.	WILLIAM PYE ENGLISH .. 7.
HENRY A. BARNETT.. .. 4.	WILLIAM MARTIN Tenor.

Conducted by J. WAGHORN, JUN.

This peal was rang with the bells half-muffled. *First attempt.

The Provinces.**BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.****THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—BOLTON BRANCH.***On Monday, December 16, 1895, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 19 cwt. in Eb.

JOSEPH PENNINGTON Treble.	WILLIAM SYKES 5.
WALTER RUSHTON 2.	GEORGE MOSS 6.
WILLIAM TEBAY 3.	ALBERT RUSHTON 7.
HENRY MOSS 4.	JOHN MAKIN Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY MOSS.

This is the first peal by all except John Makin, and is the first peal on the bells since they were rehung by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, June, 1894, and is the first peal by the above branch. All the above ringers are members of St. George's church. It is about twenty-five years since a peal was rung on the bells. The "go" of the bells was all that could be desired.

NORWICH.—THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.*On Thursday, December 19, 1895, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-AT-COSLANY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 14½ cwt.

CHARLES E. BORRETT .. Treble.	FREDERICK H. KNIGHTS .. 5.
J. ARMIGER TROLLOP .. 2.	GEORGE SMITH 6.
FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN .. 3.	SAMUEL SMITH 7.
GEORGE HOWCHIN 4.	WILLIAM BALES Tenor.

Composed by H. W. HALEY and Conducted by CHARLES E. BORRETT.

The above was rung two days previous to the conductor's 21st birthday, and was arranged as a complimentary peal.

BIRMINGHAM.—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.
(BIRMINGHAM AMALGAMATED SOCIETY BRANCH.)*On Saturday, December 21, 1895, in Three Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES.
Tenor 29 cwt.

JOHN CARTER Treble.	JOHN JENNINGS 6.
THOMAS COLLINSON 2.	GEORGE CHESTER 7.
JAMES JONES 3.	JOHN T. PERRY 8.
CHARLES SPARKES 4.	REUBEN HALL 9.
GEORGE WALKER 5.	JAMES GEORGE Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JOHN CARTER.

This peal is in nine parts, and is now rung for the first time. G. Chester hails from Lincoln, and it is his first peal of Stedman Caters.

PULHAM MARY, NORFOLK.**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, December 21, 1895, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt.

CHARLES E. BORRETT .. Treble.	FREDK. SURRIDGE 5.
J. ARMIGER TROLLOP .. 2.	FREDK. BORRETT 6.
WILLIAM CULHAM 3.	ROBERT WHITING 7.
DAVID RUTH 4.	JAMES TANN Tenor.

Composed by HENRY HUBBARD and Conducted by CHAS. E. BORRETT.

The above was rung on the 21st birthday of the conductor, his brother-strings wishing him many happy returns. The ringers of the treble and 2nd hail from Norwich.

WIDFORD, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.*On Saturday, December 21, 1895, in Three Hours,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES,
Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

ARTHUR EDWARDS .. Treble.	GEORGE W. SORRELL .. 5.
ERNEST DAVIS 2.	ALFRED TARBUN 6.
ABRAHAM SHUTTLEWORTH .. 3.	ALFRED RICHEL 7.
CHARLES WASKETT 4.	GEORGE GREEN Tenor.

Composed by BENJAMIN FRANCIS, of Bressingham, and
Conducted by GEORGE GREEN.

*First peal of Major.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, December 21, 1895, 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.

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

Composed by H. DAINS and Conducted by ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN.

This peal was rung as a birthday compliment to J. Durrant, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns of the day.

MIDDLESBROUGH, YORKS.**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Monday, December 23, 1895, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HILDA,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12 cwt.

GEORGE J. CLARKSON .. Treble.	ALEXANDER MCFARLANE .. 5.
ROBERT ALCOCK 2.	JOHN W. PASSMAN 6.
JAMES CARTER 3.	JOHN BLAKISTON 7.
RICHARD FENWICK 4.	WILLIAM NEWTON Tenor.

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY and Conducted by G. J. CLARKSON.

Messrs. Clarkson and Newton hail from Stockton-on-Tees.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Tuesday, December 24, 1895, in Three Hours,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' TEN-PART, No. 1. Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM POLLARD .. Treble.	WILLIAM LATTER 5.
STEPHEN PERKINS* 2.	CHARLES GOBLE 6.
GEORGE SMITHENS 3.	CHARLES CHAPMAN 7.
EDWARD MANKELOW 4.	HERBERT WOOD Tenor.

Conducted by STEPHEN PERKINS.

*First peal in the method as conductor, and first attempt.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(THE WARNHAM BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, December 25, 1895, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF UNION TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
J. J. PARKER'S SIX-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt.

THOMAS ANDREWS .. Treble.	JAMES GARMAN 5.
WALTER CHARMAN 2.	JOHN COOK 6.
WILLIAM HOOKER 3.	HENRY H. CHANDLER .. 7.
WILLIAM PELLING 4.	WILLIAM STANFORD Tenor.

Conducted by WALTER CHARMAN.

First peal in the method by Messrs. Hooker and Cook. First peal by W. Stanford. This peal was rung before the 8 o'clock morning service.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION AND THE
ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY, IPSWICH.***On Wednesday, December 25, 1895, in Two Hours and Ten Minutes,*AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. F. J. TILLET, 12, BANK ROAD,
ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5040 CHANGES.**

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

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW and Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

Umpires—Mr. Henry Bowell and Mr. Samuel Tillett. This is the first peal ever rang in the county with bells retained in hand in the method.

DISS, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 26, 1895, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

J. ARMIGER TROLLOP .. Treble.	FREDERICK DAY.. .. 5.
CHARLES WISKINS 2.	ARTHUR HAMMOND 6.
WILLIAM IRELAND 3.	ABEL HART.. .. 7.
JOHN SMITH 4.	JOHN SOUTER Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by J. ARMIGER TROLLOP.

This is a four-part composition, and will be found in the Central Council Report for 1895. It was rung after an unsuccessful attempt for the 6064 in the same book. F. Day belongs to Eye, the conductor to Norwich, and Mr. Smith, late of Fulham, now resides at Kingston-on-Thames, and this is his first peal since 1888.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 26, 1895, in Six Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 10,080 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt.

STEPHEN W. MARTIN .. Treble.	EDGAR WIGHTMAN 5.
HARRY LAST 2.	STEPHEN WIGHTMAN, JUN. .. 6.
JAMES DURRANT.. .. 3.	GEORGE WIGHTMAN.. .. 7.
GEORGE THURLOW 4.	ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN .. Tenor.

Composed by EDGAR WIGHTMAN and Conducted by GEORGE WIGHTMAN.

This peal, which is now rung for the first time, is the longest on the bells, and by all the band except A. S. Wightman. S. W. Martin hails from Monewden, brothers Wightman and Durrant from Creetingham, Last and Thurlow are local men.

FRAMLINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 26, 1895, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES.

Tenor 19 cwt.

W. FLORY Treble.	W. RUMSEY.. .. 5.
REV. J. HOLME PILKINGTON .. 2.	W. NORMAN 6.
A. E. READ 3.	S. GARNHAM 7.
H. HOWLETT 4.	W. GRIMES Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by the REV. J. HOLME PILKINGTON.

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

HORLEY, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

(THE REIGATE SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, December 26, 1895, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qrs.

PELHAM E. J. KNIGHT .. Treble.	GEORGE F. HOAD 5.
FRANCIS T. HOAD, SEN. .. 2.	EDWARD DEWEY 6.
HENRY REEVES.. .. 3.	FRANCIS T. HOAD, JUN. .. 7.
EDWARD MOSES.. .. 4.	ARTHUR MOSELEY Tenor.

Conducted by FRANCIS T. HOAD.

*The ringers wish, through the medium of this paper, to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells, and the steeplekeeper for having everything in readiness.

LEICESTER.—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 26, 1895, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 27 cwt.

FRED COOKE Treble.	JOSEPH NEEDHAM 5.
STEPHEN COOPER 2.	JONATHAN W. VEASEY .. 6.
GEORGE CLEAL 3.	WILLIAM WILLSON 7.
JOHN BUTTERY 4.	EDWARD E. SMITH Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM WILLSON.

First peal by the ringers of the treble and tenor, also first peal for forty years by the ringer of the 6th. In a previous attempt the band rang three hours, and the ringer then at the 4th was taken ill. The "Original" is now rung on these bells for the first time.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 27, 1895, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION.

Tenor 15 cwt.

JAMES TANN Treble.	FREDERICK SURRIDGE .. 5.
ROBERT WHITING 2.	FREDERICK BORRETT .. 6.
WILLIAM CULHAM 3.	*CHARLES TANN 7.
DAVID RUTH 4.	CHARLES E. BORRETT .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS and Conducted by JAMES TANN.

*First peal. In this composition the 2nd is never in either 4ths, 5ths or 6ths places at a course-end, and it has also the extent at home. It is now rung for the first time. Charles E. Borrett hails from Norwich; the remainder belong to the local company.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 27, 1895, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

FREDERICK WATLING .. Treble.	CHARLES SAMSON 5.
WILLIAM TAYLOR 2.	WILLIAM DREW.. .. 6.
STANFORD WOLFE 3.	JOHN M. BUTTON 7.
ROBERT WELLS.. .. 4.	GEORGE HARDY Tenor.

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW and Conducted by WILLIAM DREW.

The above peal was rung in honour of the marriage of Miss Mary Button, daughter of the respected Master of the Leiston company, with Mr. Chas. Davey, which took place the day previous. Messrs. G. Hardy and W. Drew hail from Kelsale; R. Wells from Benhall; F. Watling from Saxmundham; the others belong to the local band.

PORTSEA, HANTS.—THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 28, 1895, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S BOB-AND-SINGLE VARIATION.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

RICHARD GARDNER*.. Treble.	*FREDERICK BURNETT .. 5.
EDWARD REYNOLDS* .. 2.	JAMES GOULD 6.
ALBERT PECKHAM* 3.	†ARTHUR E. TOMLINS .. 7.
JOHN SYMONS 4.	EDWIN J. DRINKWATER .. Tenor.

Conducted by ARTHUR E. TOMLINS.

*First peal. †First peal as conductor. Messrs. Symons, Gould and Drinkwater belong to the local band; the remainder to Gosport.

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.

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

On Saturday, December 28, 1895, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 24 cwt.

HENRY BOWELL Treble.	W. L. CATCHPOLE 5.
WILLIAM MOTTS 2.	A. E. DURRANT.. .. 6.
FREDERICK J. TILLET .. 3.	JAMES MOTTS 7.
ROBERT H. BRUNDLE .. 4.	WILLIAM PYE Tenor.

Composed by the late HENRY JOHNSON and Conducted by J. MOTTS.

W. Pye hails from London.

CHARD, DEVONSHIRE.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, December 28, 1895, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLLIS'S FIVE-PART.

Tenor 27 cwt.

CHARLES CARTER Treble.	FERRIS SHEPHERD 5.
FRANK DAVEY 2.	GEORGE T. WHITE 6.
FRANCIS G. GODFREY* .. 3.	ARTHUR E. PIKE 7.
JOHN H. GODFREY 4.	W. E. PITFIELD CHAPPLE Tenor.

Conducted by FERRIS SHEPHERD.

First peal on the bells. *First peal in the method. Rung in honour of the birthday of the youngest daughter of A. Venables Kyrke, Esq., the Mayor of Chard. Messrs. Carter, Davey, and Shepherd hail from Exeter, W. Chapple from Axminster, the remainder from Ottery.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 28, 1895, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lbs.

ALPHÆUS PERKINS Treble.	JAMES GARRATT 5.
CLIFTON NEWMAN 2.	JAMES HOUGHTON, JUN. .. 6.
FRED GILBERT 3.	WILLIAM J. GILBERT .. 7.
WILLIAM PETTITT 4.	CHARLES T. P. BRICE .. Tenor.

Composed by YORK GREEN and Conducted by C. T. P. BRICE.

A note to this peal will be found elsewhere.

BORDEN, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 28, 1895, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 23 cwt.

ERNEST H. NIXON Treble.	CHARLES WILLSHIRE .. 5.
STANLEY HUTSON 2.	HENRY WOOD 6.
ARTHUR T. CASTLE* .. 3.	WILLIAM TASSELL .. 7.
EDWARD FOREMAN 4.	RICHARD S. STAINES .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES WILLSHIRE.

*First peal. Messrs. Staines and Foreman hail from Herne Hill; Castle from Boughton; Nixon from Lewisham; the rest belong to the local company.

BASINGSTOKE, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 28, 1895, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

HARRY LAWES Treble.	WILLIAM BULPITT .. 5.
CHARLES HOLDAWAY .. 2.	FRANK BENNETT .. 6.
THOMAS CURTIS 3.	HENRY WHITE 7.
CHARLES F. HANSFORD .. 4.	*WILLIAM COLDREY .. Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY WHITE.

*First peal and first attempt. Messrs. Bulpitt and Bennett (natives of Basingstoke and formerly members of this company), hail from Croydon and Brighton respectively, the rest belong to the local company.

HAWLEY, HANTS.—THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, December 30, 1895, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 16½ cwt.

MAURICE STEER Treble.	FRANK HOPGOOD .. 5.
GEORGE HAWKINS 2.	HENRY WHITE 6.
BARZILLA HAWKINS .. 3.	JAMES R. BUNCH .. 7.
HENRY G. STAPLETON .. 4.	SIDNEY RIDDLE Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY WHITE.

Rung as a compliment to, and on the anniversary of the birthday of the Rector, the Rev. J. A. P. Wyatt, who has held the living for upwards of thirty-nine years, and through whose liberality the ringers were afterwards entertained at the house of Mr. Maurice Steer. Messrs. Hawkins (2), Bunch, and Riddle hail from Yateley, Stapleton from Bagshot, Hopgood from Reading, and White from Basingstoke.

RAMSBOTTOM, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROSSENDALE BRANCH.)

On Monday, December 30, 1895, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 9½ cwt.

JAMES S. TAYLOR Treble.	JOHN H. HAYDOCK .. 5.
HENRY H. NUTTER 2.	JAMES B. TAYLOR .. 6.
JONATHAN WOLSTENHOLME 3.	GEORGE APPELEY .. 7.
ROBERT LEACH 4.	JOHN BOOTH Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY H. NUTTER.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 30, 1895, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

JOSEPH E. R. KEEN Treble.	WILLIAM STORY 5.
ROBERT C. HUDSON* .. 2.	ALFRED F. HILLIER .. 6.
CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE 3.	ROBERT S. STORY .. 7.
FRANCIS LEES 4.	FREDK. J. HARRISON .. Tenor.

Composed by JAMES S. WILDE, of Hyde, Cheshire,
and Conducted by F. J. HARRISON.

*First peal in a Surprise method. It is also Mr. Harrison's first in the method as conductor. This composition is now rung for the first time.

DRAYTON, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, December 30, 1895, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' COMPOSITION. Tenor 9½ cwt.

R. WHITE Treble.	S. WHITE 5.
F. BARRETT 2.	G. HOLIFIELD 6.
F. WHITE 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
H. TUBB 4.	R. BENNETT Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

FARNLEY, LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE LEEDS AND
DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

On Monday, December 30, 1895, in Two Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. H. WILLIAMS,

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

JOHN THACKRAY 1-2.	HARRY WILLIAMS .. 5-6.
JOSEPH THACKRAY 3-4.	GEORGE BOLLAND .. 7-8.

Composed by H. W. WILDE, of Duffield, and
Conducted by HARRY WILLIAMS.

Referee—Bertie Cowling. Witnesses—J. Sunderland and A. Gaunt. This is a reduced 5376, which contains the full combinations of 4-5-6. First peal on handbells by G. Bolland.

SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 31, 1895, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
J. J. PARKER'S SIX-PART. Tenor 21 cwt.

T. ELEY COLLARD Treble.	E. J. BOTTLE 5.
H. J. TIDY 2.	H. E. SIMPSON 6.
G. KITE 3.	G. A. RANSOM 7.
T. W. JARRETT 4.	H. SCATTERGOOD .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE ALFRED RANSOM.

BOLSTERSTONE, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 31, 1895, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;
Tenor 13 cwt. in F sharp.

JOHN DYSON Treble.	JOHN DRONFIELD .. 5.
REGINALD DYSON 2.	JOSEPH HATTERSLEY .. 6.
JAMES ASPINALL 3.	GEORGE JACKSON .. 7.
WILLIE STEEL 4.	DAVID BREARLEY .. Tenor.

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE and Conducted by DAVID BREARLEY.

This peal has the 4th and 5th eleven times each in 6ths place, and the 6th its extent at home. It was rung at the annual custom of ringing the old year out and the new one in, the bells coming into rounds a few minutes before midnight. The tenor was then tolled for the departing year as soon as the hour had struck, rounds and firing proclaiming the birth of the new year.

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HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.*On Tuesday, December 31, 1895, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' COMPOSITION.

F. K. BIGGS Treble.	F. G. BIGGS 5.
H. STRATFORD 2.	S. GOODCHILD 6.
R. H. BIGGS 3.	JOHN EVANS 7.
F. BOREHAM 4.	JOSEPH EVANS Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN EVANS.

This was a midnight peal rung by an entirely local band.

HENFIELD, SUSSEX.**THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

(THE HENFIELD BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, December 31, 1895, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' VARIATION. Tenor 15½ cwt.

LAZARUS PAYNE Treble.	HENRY STRINGER 5.
WILLIAM J. ALLISS 2.	GEORGE PAYNE 6.
CHARLES TYLER 3.	ALFRED W. GROVES 7.
WILLIAM HILLMAN 4.	ALBERT HEASMAN Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES TYLER.

OTTERY ST. MARY, DEVON.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.*On Tuesday, December 31, 1895, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,*

AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 18 cwt.

GEORGE GODFREY* Treble.	JOHN BAKER 5.
SIDNEY H. GODFREY* 2.	GEORGE T. WHITE 6.
FRANCIS G. GODFREY 3.	ARTHUR E. PIKE 7.
JOHN H. GODFREY 4.	*JAMES LOVERING Tenor.

Conducted by SIDNEY H. GODFREY.

*First peal. This is the first peal on the bells by local men, all of whom are natives of Ottery.

Performances on Five and Six Bells.**BEDFORD.—THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, December 21, 1895, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

SEVEN 720s OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, as follows:
College Pleasure, London Scholars' Pleasure, College Exercise, Violet, Woodbine, Kent, and Oxford. Tenor 7½ cwt. in B.

FRANK HULL Treble.	FRANK SMITH 4.
HERBERT SHARP 2.	CHARLES W. CLARKE 5.
CHARLES CHASTY 3.	ISAAC HILLS Tenor.

Conducted by C. W. CLARKE.

Rung on the eleventh anniversary of the opening of the bells, and also the tenth anniversary of the first 5040 rung on the bells.

TAUNTON, SOMERSETSHIRE.**THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Tuesday, December 31, 1895, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

SEVEN 720s OF MINOR, as follows:

One of Kent Treble Bob, Two of Plain Bob, and Four of Grand-sire, each called differently. Tenor 20 cwt.

J. MADDICK Treble.	F. MILLARD 4.
A. DOBLE 2.	H. POOLE 5.
H. PEARCE 3.	G. YANDELL Tenor.

Conducted by J. MADDICK.

First 5040 on the bells, and first 5040 by all. This is believed to be the first 5040 of Minor by the Association.

CHARLWOOD, SURREY.**THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Wednesday, December 25, 1895, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

SEVEN 720s OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, as follows:

College Pleasure, New London Pleasure, Oxford, Violet, Woodbine, College Exercise, and Kent. Tenor 16 cwt.

S. ELLIS* Treble.	A. ELLIS 4.
G. WICKENS 2.	B. KING 5.
F. TULLETT* 3.	F. WICKENS Tenor.

Conducted by FREDERICK WICKENS.

*First 5040. This is the first 5040 ever rung by a local band alone, and the first 5040 of Treble Bob rung on the bells.

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.**THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.***On Thursday, December 26, 1895, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

SEVEN 720s OF MINOR, as follows:

Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, College Single, Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob, and Grandsire. Tenor 12½ cwt.

HUBERT SALISBURY* .. Treble.	†JOHN W. SMITH 4.
WILLIAM TALBOT 2.	JOHN SMITH 5.
WILLIAM MICKLEWRIGHT 3.	RICHARD ROUND Tenor.

Conducted by RICHARD ROUND.

*First 5040. †First 5040 with a bob bell. H. Salisbury hails from Little Comberton.

STANSTED, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.*On Saturday, December 28, 1895, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

SEVEN 720s OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, as follows:

Superlative Surprise, Oxford Delight, Woodbine, College Exercise, Kent, Oxford, and Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 13 cwt.

THOMAS JORDAN* Treble.	GEORGE JORDAN 4.
ISAAC HAMMOND 2.	JOHN LUCKEY 5.
THOMAS J. WATTS 3.	WILLIAM WATTS Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM WATTS.

*First 5040. This makes the conductor's 1200th 720.

Date Touches.**THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

STANSTED (Essex).—On Thursday, December 12th, at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, a date touch, 1895 changes, in the following methods: 455 Worcester Surprise, 720 Chichester Surprise, and 720 Superlative Surprise. T. Jordan (longest length), 1; I. Hammond, 2; T. J. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; J. Luckey, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. Tenor 13 cwt.

Low Moor (Yorkshire).—On Sunday, December 22nd, at Holy Trinity church, for evening service, a date touch of 1895 Kent Treble Bob Major, in 1 hr. 7 mins. H. Simpson, 1; T. Simpson, 2; A. Wilkinson, 3; H. Jones, 4; J. Pratt, 5; H. Kershaw, 6; J. W. Emmett, 7; C. Dracup (conductor), 8. Composed by Frederick Dench, of Crawley, Sussex.

Miscellaneous.**THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

ANGMERING (Sussex).—On Monday, October 21st, 720 College Exercise. H. Finch, 1; F. Finch, 2; C. Hills, 3; T. Parsons, 4; J. Hills, 5; T. Linfield (conductor), 6. And 720 Kent Treble Bob. J. Hills, 1; T. Linfield, 2; A. Child, 3; H. Finch, 4; C. Hills (conductor), 5; F. Finch, 6. On Monday, November 4th, 720 College Exercise. H. Finch, 1; C. Hills, 2; A. Child (first in the method with a bob bell), 3; T. Linfield, 4; F. Finch, 5; J. Hills (conductor), 6. On Thursday, November 21st, 720 Cambridge Surprise. F. Finch, 1; C. Hills, 2; A. Child (first in the method), 3; J. Hills, 4; T. Parsons, 5;

T. Linfield (conductor), 6. On Monday, December 9th, 720 Chichester Surprise. H. Finch, 1; J. Hills, 2; A. Child, 3; T. Linfield, 4; C. Hills, 5; T. Parsons (conductor), 6. First in the method by all the band, and it is believed to be the first time the method has been rung in Sussex.

HENFIELD (Sussex).—On Tuesday, October 22nd, with the bells half-muffled, 504 Stedman Triples. C. Tyler, 1; L. Payne, 2; H. Stringer, 3; G. Payne, 4; W. J. Alliss, 5; H. Chandler, 6; A. W. Groves (conductor), 7. On Tuesday, October 29th, 514 Grandsire Triples. H. Markwell (first in the method), 1; C. Tyler, 2; H. Chandler, 3; L. Payne, 4; G. Payne, 5; A. W. Groves (conductor), 6; W. Hillman, 7; A. Heasman, 8. On Sunday, November 3rd, 504 Stedman Triples. W. Hillman, 1; L. Payne, 2; J. Boniface, 3; S. Burch, 4; C. Tyler, 5; W. J. Alliss, 6; G. Payne (conductor), 7; A. W. Groves, 8.

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SHIPLEY (Sussex).—On Saturday, December 14th, an attempt was made for a 5040 in seven Treble Bob methods, but it came to grief after ringing the following methods, in 1 hr. 4 mins.: New London, College Pleasure, Kent, Violet and part of College Exercise. E. C. Boniface, 1; J. Akehurst, 2; A. D. Mills, 3; C. Taylor, 4; T. Fairs, 5; F. Wickens, 6. Conducted by E. C. Boniface. Tenor 11 cwt. The ringers wish to take this opportunity to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

GRAPPENHALL (Cheshire).—On November 2nd, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. J. Mainwaring, 1; H. Moston, 2; T. Burrows, 3; S. Horsfall, 4; F. T. Spence (conductor), 5; J. W. Booth, 6. November 3rd, for Divine Service, 720 each Woodbine and Violet Treble Bob. J. Mainwaring, 1; R. G. Lewis, 2; T. Burrows, 3; S. Horsfall, 4; F. T. Spence (conductor), 5; J. W. Booth, 6. November 7th, 720 Merchants' Return. James Mainwaring, 1; H. Moston, 2; R. G. Lewis, 3; S. Horsfall, 4; F. T. Spence (conductor), 5; J. W. Booth, 6. Also 720 College Single. J. E. Ashcroft, 1; rest as before. November 9th, 720 New London Pleasure. J. Mainwaring, 1; H. Moston, 2; R. G. Lewis, 3; S. Horsfall, 4; F. T. Spence (conductor), 5; J. W. Booth, 6. On November 10th, for Divine Service, 720 each Oxford Treble Bob and Oxford Single Bob. J. Mainwaring, 1; H. Moston, 2; T. Burrows, 3; S. Horsfall, 4; F. T. Spence, 5; R. G. Lewis (conductor), 6. November 14th, 720 Bob Minor. J. Mainwaring, 1; J. E. Ashcroft (first with a bob bell), 2; H. Moston, 3; S. Horsfall, 4; F. T. Spence, 5; R. G. Lewis (conductor), 6. Also 720 Duke of York. H. Moston, 2; R. G. Lewis, 3; J. W. Booth, 6; rest as before. November 16th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. J. Mainwaring, 1; H. Moston, 2; T. Burrows, 3; S. Horsfall, 4; F. T. Spence (conductor), 5; R. G. Lewis, 6. November 17th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. J. Mainwaring, 1; H. Moston, 2; R. G. Lewis, 3; S. Horsfall, 4; F. T. Spence (conductor), 5; J. W. Booth, 6. Also 720 Canterbury Pleasure. R. G. Lewis, 2; T. Burrows, 3; rest as before. November 23, 720 each Grandsire Minor and Merchants' Return. J. Mainwaring, 1; R. G. Lewis, 2; T. Burrows, 3; S. Horsfall, 4; F. T. Spence (conductor), 5; J. W. Booth, 6. November 24th, 720 College Single. J. Mainwaring, 1; R. G. Lewis, 2; T. Burrows, 3; S. Horsfall, 4; F. T. Spence (conductor), 5; J. W. Booth, 6. Also 720 Bob Minor. H. Moston, 2; R. G. Lewis, 5; F. T. Spence (conductor), 6; rest as before. November 26th, 720 Duke of York. J. Mainwaring, 1; H. Moston, 2; S. Horsfall, 3; R. G. Lewis, 4; F. T. Spence (conductor), 5; J. W. Booth, 6. November 29th, 720 Grandsire Minor. J. W. Booth, 1; H. Moston, 2; S. Horsfall, 3; T. Burrows, 4; R. G. Lewis, 5; F. T. Spence (conductor), 6.

ABINGTON (Northants).—On Monday, November 25th, at St. Giles' church, two courses of Grandsire Caters. A. Moore, 1; A. Arnold, 2; J. Mackay, 3; S. Hall, 4; W. Roberts, 5; E. Maule, 6; A. Stewart, 7; E. Haxley, 8; W. Thompson, 9; J. Freeman, 10. This is the first time the bells have been rung in Caters. Also 350 Grandsire Triples. A. Moore, 1; A. Arnold, 2; W. Roberts, 3; E. Maule, 4; J. Mackay, 5; S. Hall, 6; A. Stewart (conductor), 7; H. Furn, 8. On Saturday, November 30th, an attempt for a peal of Grandsire Triples collapsed after ringing 1 hr. 5 mins. A. Moore, 1; A. Arnold, 2; W. Roberts, 3; J. Mackay, 4; S. Hall, 5; E. Haxley (conductor), 6; W. Thompson, 7; A. Stewart, 8. The above are all members of the St. Giles' society with the exception of J. Freeman.

CAMBRIDGE.—On November 25th, at the church of Great St. Mary, the following touches were rung with the bells deeply muffled as a last tribute of respect to Professor Lumley, late of St. Catherine's College; 504 Stedman Triples. J. Jackson, 1; G. Taylor, 2; J. Taylor, 3; S. Brown, 4; E. Andrews, 5; H. Mansfield, 6; A. W. Brighton (conductor), 7; C. W. O. Jenkyns (Trinity College), 8. And 504

Grandsire Triples. G. F. Woodhouse (Caius College), 1; G. Taylor, 2; J. Taylor, 3; W. Kempton, 4; E. Andrews, 5; H. Mansfield, 6; A. W. Brighton (conductor), 7; C. W. O. Jenkyns, 8. On December 2nd, 503 Grandsire Caters. A. W. Brighton (conductor), 1; J. Rockett, 2; C. W. O. Jenkyns, 3; G. F. Woodhouse, 4; J. Taylor, 5; G. Taylor, 6; H. Mansfield, 7; E. Andrews, 8; W. Eusden, 9; W. Mansfield, 10. Tenor 31 cwt. A. W. Brighton hails from Norwich.

EDMONTON (Middlesex).—On Monday, November 11th, at All Saints' church, an attempt was made for a peal of Grandsire Triples to commemorate the marriage of the brothers Alfred and Walter Darlington, but after ringing for upwards of an hour an accident occurred with one of the ropes, and the peal came to grief. Afterwards a quarter-peal in the same method. H. Nix, 1; H. Barnett, 2; H. W. Nix, 2; G. Fichtling, 4; P. Darlington, 5; A. Darlington, 6; L. Darlington, 7; W. Darlington, 8.

FARNHAM ST. MARTIN (Suffolk).—On Sunday, November 10th, after evening service, 720 Plain Bob Minor. A. Bullen, 1; A. Osborne (conductor), 2; G. Molton, 3; H. Simpson, 4; H. Blake, 5; A. Bridges, 6. On Tuesday, November 12th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor. A. Bullen, 1; H. Williams (first 720), 2; G. Molton, 3; H. Simpson, 4; H. Blake, 5; A. Osborne (conductor), 6. On Sunday, December 8th, 720 Plain Bob Minor in 24 mins. A. Bullen, 1; H. Williams, 2; G. Molton, 3; H. Simpson, 4; H. Blake (first 720 as conductor), 5; A. Bridges, 6. Tenor 6 cwt. This is the first 720 by a local company since they were hung in 1844 by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

FINEDON (Northants).—On Tuesday, December 3rd, for practice, 360 Bob Doubles. T. Abbot, 1; L. Cooper, 2; J. T. Tompkins, 3; P. J. Manning, 4; W. Perkins (conductor), 5; A. Tompkins, 6. On Tuesday, December 10th, 720 Bob Doubles. T. Abbot, 1; L. Cooper, 2; W. Perkins, 3; P. J. Manniug, 4; J. T. Tompkins (conductor), 5; A. Tompkins, 6. Also 350 in the same method. T. Abbot, 1; L. Cooper, 2; J. T. Tompkins, 3; P. J. Manning, 4; W. Perkins (conductor), 5; J. Packwood, 6.

HAWLEY (Hants).—On November 19th, at the church of the Holy Trinity, 360 Oxford Bob Minor and 360 Plain Bob Minor. O. Bourne (first attempt on six bells), 1; S. Riddle, 2; B. Hawkins, 3; J. Kelly, 4; M. Steer, 5; G. Hawkins (conductor), 6. Hawkins (2), and Riddle belong to Yateley; Kelly to Liverpool; the rest are local men.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH (Northants).—On Sunday evening, November 24th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major in 47 mins. J. Houghton, sen., 1; A. Tyler, 2; F. Gilbert, 3; A. Perkins, 4; W. Pettitt, 5; A. H. Martin, 6; J. Garratt, 7; J. Houghton, jun. (conductor), 8. On Monday, November 25th, 480 Double Norwich. J. Houghton, sen., 1; C. Newman, 2; J. Houghton, jun., 3; A. Perkins, 4; W. Pettitt, 5; A. Tyler, 6; J. Garratt, 7; H. Sharp (conductor), 8. Also 240 in the same method. J. Houghton, sen., 1; C. Newman, 2; H. Sharp (conductor), 3; A. Perkins, 4; J. Garratt, 5; W. Pettitt, 6; G. Burton, 7; J. Houghton, jun., 8.

LONDON.—On Thursday, December 5th, at St. Paul's church, Homerton, for practice, 720 Plain Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 24 mins. H. Spencer, 1; F. Webb, 2; G. Long, 3; A. Fisher, 4; W. G. Bean, 5; H. Stubbs (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method by the local band. On Sunday morning, December 8th, 720 and 240 of Grandsire Doubles, each 6-score called differently. W. Lewin, 1; F. Webb, 2; G. Long, 3; A. Fisher, 4; H. Stubbs (conductor), 5; H. Spencer, 6. A 720 of Bob Minor was attempted for evening service, but after ringing about 700 changes it collapsed.

OLNEY (Bucks).—On December 16th, 720 Bob Minor. T. Wright, 1; R. Perkins, 2; W. Wright, 3; S. Smith, 4; W. Jones, 5; R. Raban (conductor), 6. This is the first 720 of Minor ever rung in Olney by a local band.

POTNEY (Surrey).—On Sunday, November 24th, for Divine Service at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (taken from Holt's Original), in 45 mins. *C. Collis, 1; A. R. Davis, 2; H. N. Davis, 3; G. Alexander, 4; H. Stubbs, 5; J. E. Davis (conductor), 6; H. Beams, 7; *W. Banham, 8. *First quarter-peal. Alexander hails from Bungay, Suffolk.

PEVENSEY.—On November 21st, for practice at the parish church, 720 Grandsire Minor, in 26 mins. J. Bray, jun., 1; G. Penfold, 2; T. Miller, 3; T. Beal, 4; E. Beal, 5; E. Brant (conductor), 6. First 720 by the ringers of the treble and 3rd, and first 720 by all local men. On December 5th, for practice, 720 Grandsire Minor, in 27 mins. H. Colbran, 1; J. Bray, jun., 2; E. Brant (conductor), 3; T. Miller, 4; E. Beal, 5; G. Penfold, 6. And a course of Plain Bob Minor by the same band.

SAWLEY (Near Derby).—On Sunday evening, December 8th, for Divine Service, 720 College Single. H. Potter, 1; F. Potter, 2; C. Hutchinson, 3; W. Rice, 4; G. Bosworth, 5; R. Hickton (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method by all.

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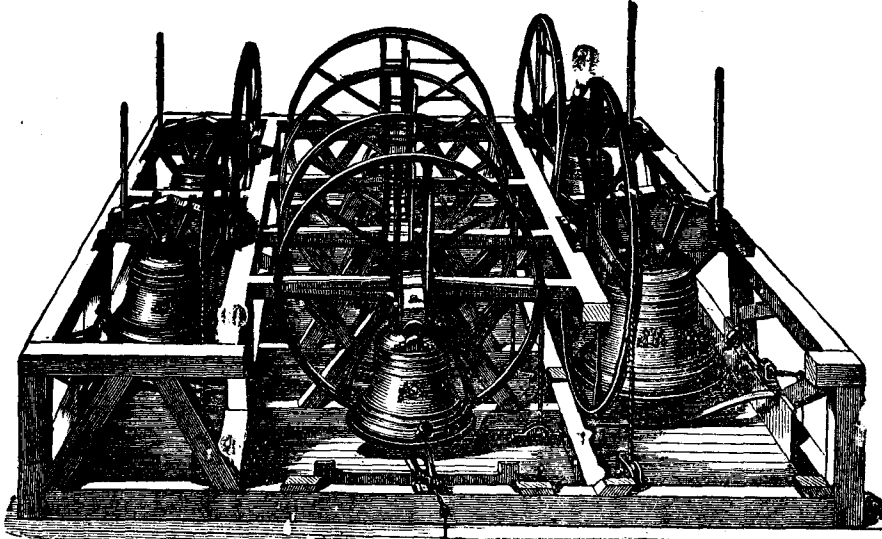
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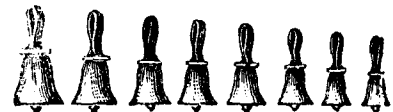
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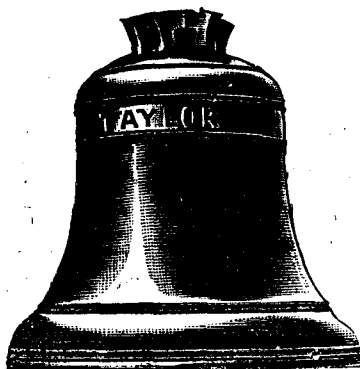
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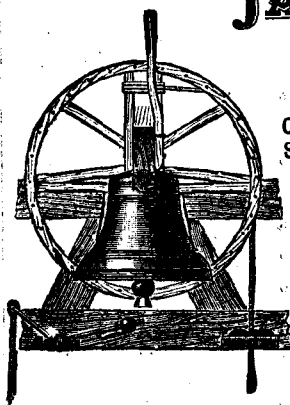
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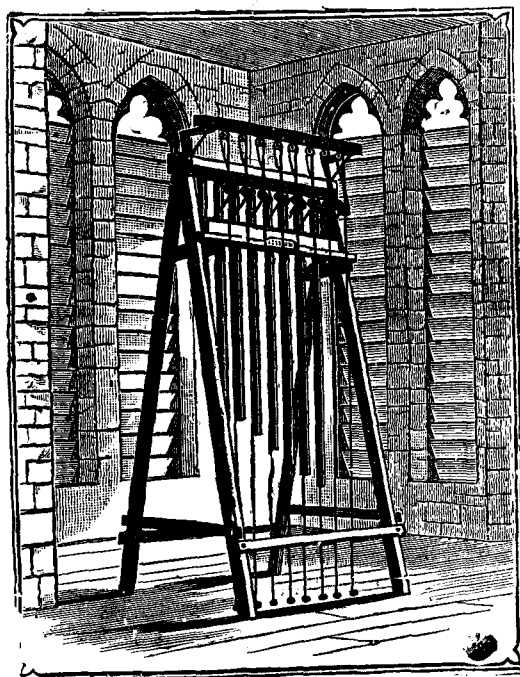
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DEDICATION SERVICE.—On Sunday afternoon, December 22nd, there was a large congregation at the above church on the occasion of the dedication of the bells, which have just been thoroughly overhauled. They have been quarter-turned and hung on a new iron frame, with new carriage beams. The work has been exceedingly well carried out by Mr. T. Blackburn, of Salisbury. The clock works, which in a large case used to occupy half of the belfry, have been removed to the floor above. The ringing-chamber has been completely overhauled, and when finished will present a most comfortable appearance. The old stone floor has been boarded over and will be covered with floor-cloth; the walls have been cased with match-boarding to the height of 6 ft., and the ceiling has been treated in the same way. The electric light has been laid on in the bell-chamber, and also in the clock floor below. The ringing chamber is well-lighted with a central electrolier fitted with three sixteen candle-power lamps. Mr. Blackburn has kindly promised to present an hexagonal table made out of the oak from the old frame, to stand in the centre of the chamber.

The history of these bells dates back a considerable period, as it is stated that in 1649 William and Richard Purdew, of Clossworth, Somerset, and of Salisbury, Wilts, cast a new ring of five for "St. John's on the Walls," Bristol; in 1706 Abraham Rudhall, of Gloucester, added the treble and recast the 3rd and 4th; in 1785 Jonas Hill recast the ting-tang. The second bell bears the inscription—"I am the first, although but small, I will be hard above you all. 1649. R.P.," and the third, "God save the Queen," meaning Queen Anne. The second, fourth, fifth and tenor also bear the names of the churchwardens of the time being, the last-named also being inscribed, "I sound to beed the sicke repent in hope of life when breath is spent, 1649." There was also an inscription on the frame, but only a part of it could be read, some being covered up by the framing of the treble. Now that the surrounding beams have been removed, however, the full inscription is legible, and gives corroboration to the facts above detailed. There was discovered in the oak frame a silver twopenny piece dated 1649, its insertion being in accordance with a long-observed custom, which has been perpetuated by the present rector inserting in the frame a sixpence dated 1895.

The congregation at the dedication services included some seventy ringers from St. Stephen's, St. Mary Redcliff, St. James, Clifton parish church, Emmanuel (Clifton), St. Michael's, St. Werburgh's, and the country parishes of Henbury, Abbot's Leigh, Long Ashton, Brislington, and Warmley. The officiating clergy were Archdeacon Robeson, the Rev. P. A. Phelps (rector), and the Rev. C. H. Joberns, of St. Stephen's. The service opened with the hearty singing of the hymn—"All people that on earth do dwell," and afterwards during the Psalm cxvii. the Archdeacon and other clergy, preceded by the churchwardens, ascended to the belfry. The churchwardens then taking the bell ropes, formally requested the Archdeacon to proceed with the dedication ceremony. The Archdeacon, receiving the ropes, expressed the desire to solemnly set apart and dedicate the bells to sacred use, and he passed the ropes to the rector, enjoining him to receive the bells as a sacred trust. Afterwards formal notice was directed to the fact that the bells had been committed to the custody of the rector, and then they were raised in peal, the ringers—a representative body—being Messrs. C. E. D. Boutflower, J. Hinton, T. Blackburn, C. Gordon, G. Daltry, and W. Colston. The clergy having returned to the church, the hymn "Hark on high the joyful music" was sung, and then the Archdeacon, standing at the chancel arch, recited special prayers.

The Archdeacon followed with a brief address, saying the service they had just joined in reminded some of them of past days and of many changes. He did not, of course, speak of the changes that might be rung on the bells. That would be far too difficult and intricate a subject for him to advert to; but rather he was thinking of the great, the really wonderful change that had come over them in the Church of England as to their whole way of treating sacred things which belonged to the Church, and things which were in any way used for God's service and glory. In fact, the change which had come over them

in these ways, for which they could not be too thankful, might serve as a sort of commentary on those well-known lines of one of their greatest modern poets:

Ring out the old, ring in the new,
Ring out the false, ring in the true.

And he thought there had been rung in a truer way of viewing all things which had to do in however great or small degree with the service of Almighty God. The time was well within the memory of some present, no doubt—certainly well within his own recollection—when the bells and the belfry, aye, and the bell-ringers, all seemed somehow or other outside the consecrated part of the church altogether. Except in announcing the service on Sunday morning, the bells seemed to exist either for the amusement of those skilled in ringing, or for training those who were to become in their time successful ringers, or for bringing money to those who performed on them. And with this secular, earthly, worldly way of looking at the bells there used to go on a secular and worldly way of treating the belfry itself. He could look back to two country parishes at least where the ringing night was, alas, very often a drinking night; and the belfry showed nothing of that care and reverent respect which ought to be given to every part of the church. Exercising his authority as vicar, he had to demand the keys of the belfry because of the disorderly conduct which used to take place when the bells were being rung, and after doing that he had to train new ringers and so bring a fresh body into the belfry, who were free from the old traditions which had grown about the place, and who—as he had hoped—treated the belfry with more reverence and more care. Thank God, all this had happily changed now, and he thought in this diocese their Association of ringers had led to a much better way of treating the bells of the belfry, as it had also led to greater interest and greater enthusiasm in the Art of ringing. The service of that day was in keeping with the change that had come over, if he might so express it, the spirit of their dream in the latter part of this nineteenth century. The service treated the whole subject of bells as connected with the church, distinctly belonging to the house of the Lord. The bells seemed to be a sort of link between earthly joy and sorrow and higher thoughts. In many places on the continent when the Angelus was heard, the peasantry at their work knelt down to pray. In a great city like Bristol might they not say, when church bells rang forth, they reminded them of higher interests than the din of week-day work and business? They were drawing near the time when rightly the bells of every tower in the land should ring out glad tidings. To those who rang the bells of Christmastide, the Archdeacon pointed out the lessons their work suggested, and urged them to let their example go with their message, reminding them that the belfry was part of the sanctuary of God.

The service concluded with the singing of the hymn "Lifted safe within the steeple," and the Benediction. Amongst those present at the service were the Rev. C. H. Joberns, Hon. Sec., and Mr. F. E. Ward, Hon. Treasurer of the Gloucester and Bristol Association, with Mr. C. H. Gordon, the Hon. Local Secretary; and also Mr. C. E. D. Boutflower, Master of the Bath and Wells Association, who is churchwarden of St. John's. Although there are so many towers in Bristol with bells, this is almost, if not quite, the first service of the kind in the city. During the afternoon and before and after evening service several 6-scores of Grandsire, Bob, and Stedman Doubles were rung, and also touches of Grandsire, Bob, and Treble Bob Minor. After service on Sunday evening, December 29th, a 720 of Grandsire Minor was rung by the following members of the Gloucester and Bristol Association. G. Jennings, 1; C. H. Horton, 2; C. H. Gordon, 3; H. T. Howell, 4; C. E. D. Boutflower, 5; F. Price (conductor), 6.

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CHANGE-RINGING AT MELTHAM, YORKS.

It has only been on very special occasions for many years that the public of Meltham have been privileged to listen to the rich tones of the church bells, and they are indebted to Mr. Holden, of Mossley, who, by the kind permission of the Vicar and churchwardens, brought over the famous Saddleworth ringers to ring a peal on the Meltham bells. Mr. Armitage, of The Victoria hotel, also availed himself of the opportunity and privilege of inviting his friends from Almondbury, and Mr. Alfred Taylor, of The Railway hotel, Greenfield, a native of Meltham, brought over the ringers from Friezland church. In addition to these talented ringers a local band, assisted by two ringers from Armitage Bridge, were selected to ring the initiatory peal as a welcome to their friends from a distance.

Punctually at 3 o'clock, the last-named, consisting of Messrs. James Roebuck (Armitage Bridge), Benjamin Woodhead (Meltham), G. Armitage (Meltham), Wm. Haigh (Meltham), J. Littlewood (Armitage Bridge), and A. Broadbent (Meltham), rang touches of Oxford Treble Bob Minor until the arrival of the others by the 4 o'clock train. The Meltham ringers have had few opportunities of practice of late years, but the skilful manner in which they acquitted themselves proved that they have not yet forgotten the lessons of that old champion of Meltham, the late Mr. Abraham Woodhead, and that the name and fame of the old ringers is in safe keeping of the present company, if arrangements could only be made for the regular ringing of the bells by hand instead of machinery.

The Saddleworth company consisted of Messrs. E. Dawson (Meltham), J. Radcliffe (Saddleworth), Jno. Holden (captain, Mossley), Jas. Radcliffe (Saddleworth), Jas. Dicken (Friezland), John Dickens (Friezland). Their ringing was greatly admired, and they fully kept up the expectation of the "Sanctioners," and the reputation which they have justly earned. They rang Oxford, Violet, New London, New York, Merchant's Return, and Duke of York. After a short interval they were followed by the Almondbury company, consisting of Messrs. A. Boothroyd, J. G. Hardy, A. Womersley, W. Womersley, A. Haigh, and W. Lodge. They also rang Oxford, Violet, and New London Pleasure in very fine style. Mr. Taylor's company from Friezland rang remarkably well, especially in the latter part of their performance, which was a great treat to those who understand fully all the niceties and technicalities of change-ringing. They were Messrs. J. W. Shaw, J. Pilling, O. Wood, S. Dickens, G. T. Shaw, J. D. Shaw. They rang a 720 and a half of Oxford. This completed the practice, which was listened to by a fair number of visitors and local admirers of the bells.

Very satisfactory arrangements were made for the entertainment of the visitors. The Meltham and Saddleworth companies were the guests of the vicar and churchwardens, out of public subscriptions for the purpose. For these, to the number of eighteen, a first-rate dinner was supplied at The Swan inn, where Mrs. Hirst's varied and well-cooked dishes were greatly enjoyed. A very pleasant social evening was subsequently spent, enlivened by singing of solos, glees, and quartets by members of the church choir, and by performances on the handbells by the ringers. Mr. Armitage, of The Victoria hotel, very generously paid the expenses of the Almondbury visitors, and supplied them with a tea, which fully maintained the reputation of his house. The Almondbury friends, who had brought with them their handbells, rang thereon at frequent intervals to the great appreciation of the public company. Mr. Taylor entertained the Friezland company and other visitors at the house of his brother-in-law, Mr. Edwin Stead, of The Railway inn.

All the companies left by the 10.0 train *en route* for their various destinations, and it is not too much to say that they left behind them many pleasing reminiscences of their visit. The public are deeply indebted to the vicar and churchwardens, Mr. John Holden (Mossley), Mr. Alfred Taylor (Greenfield), and Mr. Armitage (Meltham), for promoting and carrying out the arrangements for the visit.

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TENDERS are invited for the repair of the Bells and Cage of Norton Fitzwarren Church, Somerset. Tenders to be sent to the Churchwardens not later than Saturday, January 18th, 1896, who will furnish all particulars.

ST. PETER MANCROFT COMPANY, NORWICH.

On New Year's Eve, the members of this company, to the number of fourteen, met at The Eagle, St. Gregory's, for the annual convivial meeting and entertainment, provided by the host, Mr. F. H. Knights. The present occasion was especially interesting to those of an antiquarian turn of mind, from the fact that the orthodox refreshment at these gatherings, was served and consumed from the old ringers' jug and pewter pots. The former is dated 1745, and holds (ye shades of ancient ringers) seventeen quarts!! The pewters are richly chased, and are dated from 1775 to 1821, bearing in addition such historic names as Robert Chestnutt, Thomas Hurry, S. Thureton, etc., as "Headsmen" and "Supervisors" to the company.

The chair and vice-chair were occupied by the Master and Deputy-Master of the company, and a most enjoyable evening was spent—the oldest ringer present—Mr. George Smith—in responding to the toast of his health, remarking that it was many years since this annual gathering had passed off in such a happy and agreeable manner. The toasts which followed were the chairman (Mr. G. Howchin), the vice-chairman (Mr. F. H. Knights), Mr. F. Knights, sen., with many thanks for his labours in helping young ringers; to the Norwich composers (Messrs. E. Francis and J. A. Trollop); to the conductor of the company (Mr. C. E. Borrett); and to Mr. S. Smith for his labours in connection with the bells at St. Michael-at-Coslany.

A vote of thanks to the host and hostess, and—after great persuasion—a response from the latter, brought this most successful of meetings to a close.

ECTON, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The Earls Barton ringers (who are members of the above Association), visited Ecton on a recent Saturday evening, and rung on the bells of St. Mary's church a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor. O. Chapman, 1; G. Johnson, 2; H. Line, 3; F. Jones, 4; A. White, 5; W. Willis, 6. Also 360 Grandsire Doubles, with Mr. T. Bayes (whose family have been connected with Ecton bells for a century), ringing the fifth. Mr. Bayes is doing his best to train some young ringers, with the object of introducing belfry reform and a little more energy and life into Ecton belfry. Ecton bells are a ring of six, dated as follows: 1749, 1612, 1612, 1634, 1612, 1622. The clock is dated 1630, and the chimes 1690. The bells are hung in the old-fashioned style, and would be the better for re-hanging and renovation. They are very near in size and weight to the bells of the neighbouring church of Earls Barton. On a tablet in the ringing-room is recorded that a 720 was rung by Ecton ringers on April 21st, 1756, and underneath is a coloured picture of the six ringers in question in the dress of the period. This performance was repeated by the local ringers during the year 1856, just one hundred years afterwards.

FROME, SOMERSETSHIRE.

TWO INTERESTING ITEMS.—Recently a brother-string of the Frome parish church Guild—Mr. Scammell—rendered material services in extinguishing a lady in flames. It seems that Mrs. Williams, who resides with her husband at Welshmill lane, Frome, was observed running out of the back door of her house in the direction of a neighbour's, her clothes being on fire. The neighbour immediately procured the assistance of Mr. Martin and Mr. H. J. Scammell. The latter, on hearing the nature of the fire, took a rug with him, which was at once wrapped round Mrs. Williams, and the flames disappeared; but as soon as the rug was removed, the fire broke out again, and eventually her clothes had to be cut off. A doctor subsequently arrived, and ordered her removal to the Cottage Hospital, where it was found she had sustained serious injuries. Some years ago Mr. Scammell was instrumental in rescuing a young woman who became entangled in the machinery of a cloth-mill, at the other end of the same town.

EMPLOYMENT is offered a Practical Out-door Gardener, Good Change-ringer, and able to take charge of a ring of bells. Single man preferred.—Apply, Editor.

CIRENCESTER, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

The annual dinner of the parish church and the Holy Trinity bands of ringers took place on Holy Innocents' day, at The Fleece hotel, Cirencester. The Ven. Archdeacon Hayward, Vicar of Cirencester, occupied the chair, the other clergy present being the Revs. W. K. Weston, E. H. Townsend, R. C. S. Jones and G. L. Amphlett. There was a good attendance of members, and the catering of Host Lane gave every satisfaction. Letters of apology for non-attendance were read from the Hon. Ben. Bathurst, M.P. for the division; J. Hyde, Esq., J.P., churchwarden; Mr. W. J. Jefferies, chapelwarden of Watermoor; and Mr. Ward, treasurer of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association. After dinner, the Chairman gave the toast of "The Queen and Royal Family," which, as is always the case with loyal Churchmen, was well received. Mr. S. Andrews then proposed "The Bishop and Clergy of the Diocese," to which the Ven. Archdeacon Hayward and the Revs. W. K. Weston and R. C. S. Jones responded. The Chairman then gave "The Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association of Change-Ringers," remarking on the good resulting from such associations, and coupled with the toast the name of Mr. John Austin (Gloucester). In replying, Mr. Austin said that the Association never stood better than it did at the present time, and he hoped that during the coming year Cirencester would be able to score a few peals. The next toast given by the Chairman was "The Parish Church and Watermoor Band of Ringers," and called upon Mr. C. Bond and Mr. S. Moore, the respective leaders, to respond. This, the toast of the evening, was received with musical honours. Mr. C. Bond, in the course of his remarks, referred to the indebtedness of the parish church band in particular, and to all ringers in general, for the work of re-hanging the peal of twelve bells and re-casting the ninth, which was badly cracked, which had been undertaken by the Archdeacon and the churchwardens since their last annual dinner, and which were now in capital going order.

It may be of interest to mention that by the liberality of the Cirencester Society in London an extra bell, to be used as a fire-bell, has been added, but which has been so toned that it is available to be rung as one of a light eight. The ringers, therefore, are in a rather unique position—that of having a light and heavy peal of eight bells. Mr. F. Boulton subsequently remarked that the expense incurred had been nearly cleared off.

Mr. S. Moore, in acknowledging the toast on behalf of the Watermoor band, said that they had, from various causes, not made such progress as they hoped to have done; but one thing they had done, they had not missed ringing for morning service once during the last four or five years, and ringing for the services of the Church he took to be the primary object of the bells, though it was not always looked upon as such. He also thought that the annual gathering of the local bands did a large amount of good. The Chairman then submitted the toast of "The Secretaries"—Mr. F. G. May and Mr. J. E. Waters, both of whom returned thanks. Mr. T. Gardner next gave the toast of "The Chairmen," which met with an enthusiastic reception. The Ven. Archdeacon, in reply, referred to the pleasure it gave him to come amongst them and to do all in his power to help forward the work of bell-ringing in his parish, as also to assist other bodies of Church-workers, and he tendered them his thanks for the services they had so ably rendered.

During the evening the handbells were brought into requisition, and songs were sung by Mr. A. H. Gibbons, organist of Holy Trinity, the Rev. R. C. S. Jones, Messrs. T. Curtis, J. E. Waters, C. Bond, etc.

THE REV. T. L. PAPILLON.

We are pleased to hear that this gentleman has undergone a change for the better. The crisis of his disorder appeared on the Thursday before Christmas, and since then a favorable change has taken place. We cannot positively say he is yet out of danger, but we live in the hope of hearing of good news before long. Prayers are continually being offered for him at each service at Writtle church.

ADDRESSES WANTED.—Messrs. E. T. Edridge, late of 46, Fashion street, Spitalfields; Hy. G. Fruin, late of Shortlands station, Bromley; R. Jameson jun., late of Neah's Ark alley, Southwark; — Sheldon.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

MAIDSTONE DISTRICT.—On Saturday, January 4th, a meeting was held at Bearsted church (six bells) by kind permission of the Vicar. The tower was opened for ringing at 5.30 p.m., and touches of Plain Bob Minor and Kent Treble Bob Minor were successfully brought round. By the liberality of the Vicar (Canon Scarth) a capital knife and fork tea was provided at The White Horse, to which ample justice was done by the twenty-three ringers who had assembled from Bearsted, Maidstone, Harrietsham, Leeds and Boxley. The district secretary (the Rev. A. L. Brine), who is also curate of the parish, was directed, on the motion of Mr. F. Hollands, to convey a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for his kindness. After supper some ringers returned to the belfry and rang some more well-struck touches of Plain and Treble Bob Minor, and having lowered the bells at nine o'clock, rejoined the others who were spending a harmonious evening in the parish concert room at The White Horse. The "go" of the bells was everything that could be desired, and reflected great credit on the care given to them by the Bearsted captain (J. Shorter), and the churchwardens. At the committee meeting two new members of the Association were elected—W. Bills, of Bearsted, and Geo. Thompson, of Maidstone. During the evening among other touches a 360 of Bob Minor was rung by W. Cheeseman (longest length), 1; L. Bullock, 2; G. Pound (longest length), 3; H. Cooper (longest length), 4; T. Mannering (conductor), 5; J. Shorter, 6. And a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor. R. E. Gasson, 1; Rev. A. L. Brine, 2; W. Mannering, 3; G. Thompson, 4; L. Bullock, 5; T. Mannering (conductor), 6. This is believed to be the first 720 of Treble Bob on the bells. Messrs. Cooper, Cheeseman, Shorter and Brine belong to Bearsted; Pound to Boxley; the rest to Maidstone.

KING'S NORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

The Annual Meeting of the King's Norton Guild was held on Monday, January 6th, in the old schoolroom, King's Norton. The Master of the Guild, Mr. W. S. Pritchett, presided over a full attendance of members, including the vicar of King's Norton, the Rev. C. W. Barnard.

The Master briefly reviewed the work of the Guild during the past year, which, he regretted, had been greatly hampered by a cessation of tower ringing for a period of five months, during which necessary repairs to the spire had been effected. He congratulated the Guild on the accomplishment of a peal on handbells, which was the first ever rung in King's Norton, but he hoped would be by no means the last.

The following officers for the ensuing year were then appointed: Master—Mr. W. S. Pritchett; Senior Warden—Mr. John Carter; Junior Warden—Mr. W. H. Sumner; all re-elected.

The company afterwards adjourned to supper at The Saracen's Head inn, after which touches on the handbells, including a course of Grandsire Cinques were rung, and the usual compliments passed.

COALEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

RINGERS' SUPPER.—On new year's eve, the Coaley church ringers were entertained to a supper by Mr. R. Prout, at his residence, Corner Farm, Coaley. The usual Christmas fare, viz.: roast beef and plum pudding, was placed on the board, and to which, it is needless to add, full justice was done. After the removal of the cloth, Mr. G. Condich, as conductor of the band, gave, in a few words, an account of the doings of the past year, the keynote of which was progress. Since last year another method, viz., Stedman, had been mastered, and he hoped the band would not rest upon that achievement, but push forward, and by turning in the tenor, shew that they meant to make the most of the number of bells at their disposal. Songs, etc., followed, and with the help of handbells, the evening was made to pass very quickly. Soon 11.30 arrived, and after heartily thanking the host and hostess, tracks were made for the belfry, to perform a ringer's last duty to a dying year, and at the same time to welcome in the youthful '96. R. T. P.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

PRELIMINARY NOTICE.—The Sixth Annual Meeting of the Central Council will be held at Brighton, on Tuesday in Easter-week, April 7th, 1896.

Notices of motion and other business to be brought before the Council, must be signed by *two* members of Council, and should be forwarded so as to reach the Hon. Secretary at *least one clear month* before the date of meeting. Late notices cannot be accepted. Hon. Secretaries of Societies are respectfully reminded that the subscriptions for 1896 became due on January 1st, and should be remitted to the Hon. Secretary of the Council, at the rate of 2s. 6d. for each elected representative, without delay. Information as to any change in representation, or in the addresses of representatives, is also particularly requested.

The next triennial election of Representatives should take place between the meeting now advertised and the 1st January, 1897.

H. EARLE BULWER, Hon. Sec.

Stanhoe Rectory, King's Lynn, January 2, 1896.

Extract from the Preliminary Report of the Committee on Technical Terms: Reprinted for the consideration of the Exercise at large, pursuant to the decision of the Central Council at Sheffield, April, 1895.

The members of the Committee unanimously agree that it would be idle to attempt any reform in the usual *spoken* language of the Belfry. They distinctly disclaim, therefore, at the outset all intention of endeavouring to effect any immediate change in this particular. Ringers will continue to use in the Belfry the terms, phrases, and exclamations to which they have been long accustomed, and which they understand, whatever recommendations to the contrary the Committee or the Council might make. For the benefit of the uninitiated the Glossary will provide interpretations of the spoken as well as of the written language of the Exercise; such changes and corrections as are about to be suggested are to be understood, therefore, as bearing upon the *scientific* use of the terms to which they refer, for the guidance of treatise-writers more especially.

The technical terms used in Campanology may be roughly divided into three classes: (1) Those which adequately express the meaning intended to be conveyed by them; in changing which, therefore, no advantage would be gained. (2) Those in which a multiplicity of meanings attaches to individual terms, often with the result of much confusion and inconvenience. (3) Those which are inexpressive and fail to convey the meaning usually attached to them. The suggestions of the Committee are, of course, confined to the last two classes. With regard to the second class, they beg to recommend limitation of meaning in certain cases, with distinctive use in others, and the adoption of preferable terms to convey the meanings which are in consequence, so to speak, turned adrift. With regard to the third class, they beg to recommend more expressive terms in substitution for those which do not adequately convey the intended meaning. There is yet another class of terms, used in the older treatises, which have been virtually abandoned; these the Committee crave leave to label as *obsolete*, when there is no question as to the uselessness or practical disuse of them.

1. The terms *change*, *changes*, *false change*, etc., are considered by the Committee as only applicable in practical ringing; and that for the purposes of treatise-exposition, pricking, proving, and the like, their places should be taken by *row*, *rows*, *false rows*, etc.

2. Of the compound terms and phrases in which the word *course* appears, it is suggested that *change-course* and *shift-course* should be replaced by the single word *shift*. And that *in-course* and *out-of-course*, as used to express the nature of rows or changes, should be abandoned in favour of *even* and *odd* respectively;—as used to express the position of the bells, as a whole, in ringing, that they should be replaced by *right* and *wrong* respectively;—and for denoting the character of a series of rows,

unaffected or affected by an ordinary Single, that the words *direct* and *inverted** respectively should be used instead.

3. It is suggested that the word *double* should be restricted to the description of a method in which the bells do the same work both in front and behind; e.g. Double Court; and that it should cease to be used as a substantive to express two bobs at successive leads, so that in notation the phrase *with a double* should be replaced by *with 2*; for the reason that the meaning of the former is obscure, and likely to be mistaken by the inexperienced for an indication similar to *with a single*.

4. With reference to the notation of the Grandsire System, the Committee are of opinion that such a misleading expression as *9th in 4* should invariably read *9th in with 4*; and that (for instance) *9th in and out at 3* should be replaced by *9th in for 3*, with the addition, when necessary, of *and out with a single*.

5. With regard to the word *home* (or *H*), it is recommended that it be disused as indicating a position for a call, and that in this sense *Right*, or *R*, be invariably used instead; *home*, *at home*, *called home*, *bobbed home*, etc., being used solely to indicate the arrival of individual bells, or the bells as a whole, in the position they respectively occupy in rounds.

6. There are certain abuses of the word *peal*, which the Committee are of opinion should be corrected. Thus, *Ring of Bells* they suggest as the correct term in place of *Peal of Bells*, which is erroneous; *falling* (or *ceasing*) and *raising in peal* would be better expressed by *falling*, *ceasing*, or *raising in order*; an expression which will cover "rounds," or any other distinctive sequence. In treatises, etc., when it is necessary to distinguish between a "performance" and "the thing performed," it is preferable to use the word *composition* for the latter, a majority of the Committee holding that the word *peal* is properly applicable to the "performance of a true composition containing not less than 5,000 changes, or 5,040, if for less than eight bells"; the use of the word with reference to a "touch," or any less number of changes than 5,000, or as a substitute for the term "method" being erroneous.

7.—The Committee recommend that the term *Singles*, as applied to the series of changes on four bells, should be dropped; and that the term *Minimus* be substituted for it; *Singles* being only applicable to the changes on three bells.

8.—*Slow-hunt*, a term sometimes used to designate the bell "in the slow," they think should be abandoned as inexpressive, and *slow-bell* be used instead.

9.—In like manner, *half-lead*, which is sometimes used to express the single blow at the lead when a bell is dodging in 1-2, should be replaced by *dodging-lead*.

10.—Such terms as *half-hunt*, *quarter-hunt*, and *half-quarter-hunt*, are all inexpressive, and should be regarded as obsolete; many other terms, which are incapable of defence, such as *cramp-method*, *fore-stroke*, *down-stroke*, etc., being deserving, in the Committee's opinion, of similar treatment.

N.B.—Members of the Exercise are requested to consider the foregoing suggestions carefully, and to discuss the recommendations of the Committee, if they see fit, in the Correspondence Columns of "THE BELL NEWS," before a final decision is taken upon them by the Council.

KESWICK, CUMBERLAND.

The ringers of St. Kentigern's parish church and their wives met at the vicarage on Tuesday night, December 31st, at the kind invitation of Canon and Mrs. Rawnsley, for supper. After supper Canon Rawnsley congratulated the members on having rung a peal of Grandsire Triples, and the great improvement in the ringing during the past twelve months. After a vote of thanks to Canon and Mrs. Rawnsley, the rest of the evening was spent in ringing the handbells and in games. The ringers then went to ring out the old year. After ringing a touch of Grandsire Triples the old year was tolled out on the tenor. A date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1896 changes, was then rung in 1 hr. 7 mins.

*Mr. Davies prefers the term *retrograde*, or (shortly) *retro*, to *inverted* or *invert*, as conveying more distinctly the idea of *motion*; and he has accordingly made use of it in this connection in his forthcoming treatise on Stedman.

Notices.

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

Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.—The quarterly meeting in connection with this Society will be held to-day, Saturday, January 11th, at St. Paul's church, Burton-on-Trent. Service in church at 5 p.m.

S. REEVES, *Hon. Sec.*

10, Bull Street, West Bromwich.

The Old East Derbyshire Association.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Staveley to-day, Saturday, January 11th. Business meeting at 5 p.m. at Elm Tree inn. Peal of eight bells. S. & L. station two minutes' walk from church.

E. JAMES, *Hon. Sec.*

18, The Dale, Woodseats, Sheffield.

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Thomas's church, Newhey, to-day, Saturday, January 11th. Business meeting at 6 p.m.

EDWIN B. SHAW, *Branch Sec.*

14, Thomas Street, Leesfield, Lees.

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next monthly meeting of this Association will be held at Tunstall to-day, Saturday, January 11th.

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

The Surrey Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Croydon on Monday, January 13th, 1896. By kind permission of the Rev. J. White, the tower of St. Peter's, South Croydon, will be open for ringing at 3.0 p.m. Also the tower of the parish church will be at the disposal of the members by permission of the Rev. H. H. Pereria. Tea at the Church House, adjoining St. Peter's, South Croydon, at 5.45 p.m. Election of officers and two representatives on the Central Council.

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

13, Sunnyhill Road, Streatham.

Redenhall, Norfolk.—The annual ringing anniversary is Monday, January 13th. Dinner at 1.15.

F. BORRETT.

The Middlesex Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, January 18th, at St. Stephen's, Hampstead. By the kind permission of the Rev. J. Kirkman, the tower will be open for ringing at 5 o'clock. Business meeting at 7.30. Members and friends of the Association are cordially invited to attend.

ARTHUR T. KING, *Hon. Sec.*

Sarum, Ravenscroft Park Road, Barnet.

The Heavy Woollen District Association, Yorkshire.—The annual meeting will be held at The Market House inn, top of Church street, Dewsbury, on Saturday, January 18th, at 5 p.m. prompt. The following business will be transacted: Election of officers and passing of Balance Sheet, dates of future contests and draw for same; the following propositions to consider: extension of radius, alterations of rules 12 and 13, the alteration of contest rules, with respect to late competitors and their number of faults, and other items of importance. All members are urged to attend. Subscriptions are due for 1896.

GEO. H. SIMON, *Hon. Sec.*

19, Albert Street, Batley Carr.

All Saints' Society, Fulham.—The annual general meeting will take place on Saturday, January 18th. The tower will be open to members and friends at 4.30 p.m. Tea in church room at 6.0 p.m., business meeting afterwards. All ringers intending to be present should signify the same to the secretary, not later than Thursday, January 16th.

Fulham Palace.

J. GREEN, *Hon. Sec.*

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.—Anniversary meeting, Bristol, on Monday, January 20th. Short service at St. Stephen's at 2.30 p.m., address by the Rev. Canon Tetley, M.A. Dinner at St. Stephen's Restaurant, near the church, at 3.0 p.m., at 2s. 6d. per head; towards which 1s. 6d. will be allowed to each member who sends Shilling Postal Order to hon. sec. on or before January 15th. Business meeting immediately after dinner for election of officers, etc. Belfries open to the Association.—All Saints', St. James', St. John's, St. Mary Redcliffe, St. Stephen's, and Temple Church. C. H. JOBERNS, *Hon. Sec.*

St. Stephen's Rectory, Bristol.

St. Margaret's Society, Westminster.—The annual meeting will be held on Monday, January 20th, at 7.45 p.m., in the Vestry, the Rector in the chair, when officers for the ensuing year will be elected.

H. BARTON, *Hon. Sec.*

The Essex Association.—There will be a district meeting of the above at Loughton, on Saturday, January 25th. The towers of Loughton (8 bells), and Woodford (6 bells), will be at the service of the members. Tea and business meeting will be held at The Feathers at 5 p.m. Members wishing to be present must notify the same to me, not later than the previous Monday.

HENRY T. W. EYRE, *Assistant Sec.*

Great Totham Vicarage, Witham.

Worcestershire and Districts Association.—The next Quarterly and Committee meeting of this Association will take place in the Chantry of St. Mary's church, Kidderminster, on Saturday, January 25th, at 5.30 p.m. prompt. The Rev. S. Phillips, vicar, has kindly consented to preside. The bells will be at the disposal of members and friends until 7.30 p.m. Members will kindly note that all subscriptions are due at this meeting.

JOHN SMITH, *Hon. Sec.*

36, Simms Lane, Netherton, Dudley.

Archdeaconry of Salop Guild.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Bridgnorth, on Saturday, January 25th. Ringing at 12.30 p.m. Business meeting at 3.0 p.m. Train leaves Shrewsbury at 11.20 a.m.

J. MACKAY, *Hon. Sec.*

Leaton Vicarage, Shrewsbury.

The Ashton-under-Lyne Society.—The next meeting will be held at the Town Hall, Manchester, on Saturday, January 25th. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Entrance in Lloyd Street.

JOHN HOPGOOD, *Hon. Sec.*

27, Egerton Street, Ashton-under-Lyne.

Oxford Diocesan Guild.—East Berks. and South Bucks. Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Old Windsor on Saturday, February 1st, and is open to the whole Guild. Ringing at Old Windsor, Wraysbury, and the Curfew tower, Windsor. Evensong, with sermon by the Vicar of Old Windsor, at 5.0 p.m. Tea (cost to those not members of the Branch, 9d.), at 6 p.m., in the Tapestry Hall, Old Windsor. Frequent trains to and from Windsor, distant two miles from Old Windsor. Members intending to be present should send

their names to Mr. T. E. Harwood, the Vicarage, Old Windsor, not later than Wednesday, January 29th.

R. P. NEWHOUSE, *Branch Hon. Sec.*

Kent County Association.—Tunbridge District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Staplehurst on Saturday, January 25th. Tower open at 2.30; tea at 4.30 at Royal Oak; business meeting immediately after the tea. Railway allowances up to, but not exceeding two shillings, will be paid at the meeting. Members intending to be present are requested to give notice to the district secretary not later than Monday, January 20th, so as to enable him to apply to the Railway Company for reduced fares, and also to arrange for the tea.

W. LATTER, *Hon. District Sec.*

67, Goods Station Road, Tunbridge Wells.

THE ST. MARY'S SOCIETY, BOW, MIDDLESEX.

The Annual Dinner of this Society will take place on Thursday, the 16th inst., at The Blue Anchor inn, Bow. Dinner on the table at 7 o'clock. All ringing friends welcome. Tickets, 3s. each, may be had on application to Mr. D. J. Sutton, Vestry Hall, Bow Road, E.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11, 1896.

For some weeks we have published almost in extenso the report of the "Technical Terms Committee" of the Central Council. No one can say, therefore, that he has not had a full opportunity of openly criticising the Committee's recommendations, either by expressing his opinions through our columns, or any other course he may choose to adopt. Whether full advantage has been taken for such expression of opinion, is very doubtful; and we do not intend now to deliver a homily upon the proverbial apathy and dilatoriness which appear to be a prominent attribute of ringers, when ringing matters, unremunerative in their commercial sense, are concerned. We publish this report of the Committee for the last time in this number.

At the same time the preliminary announcement of the next meeting of the Council is issued. It is by no means outside our province to assist, as far as we can, the work of the Honorary Secretary of the Council in his labors, by drawing attention to this announcement. We would fain read a clean schedule of attendances after the holding of the next meeting, indicating that every Guild and Asso-

ciation were represented by their full complement, and also that there had been published no intermediate list showing the laxity or indolence of Secretaries in forwarding the required subscription. It will be very painful to find, after saying what we have, any further allusion to such a matter necessary.

A good augury of the new year is that the bellfounders are busily occupied. Now though the erection of a new ring of bells is in itself an event of no mean importance, we do not think that enough ceremony is made on those occasions when new bells are dedicated, or otherwise "opened." To our readers the importance of an "opening" will vie with that of a vestry, the addition of a choir-stall, or the erection of a pulpit. But in many cases the addition of new bells is no more to those concerned than the affixing of an heating apparatus. How is this, and in what direction can we look for greater interest being shown? If the bell founders were to interest themselves in the matter it would be a good thing. They are frequently in a position to point out to the clergy and churchwardens the desirability of having a ceremony worthy of the occasion. If they would do this whenever they are carrying out new bell-work, continuously and without omission, we should hear of more regular openings in accordance with approved usage.

The Metropolis.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, January 4, 1896, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, FULHAM,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES.

Tenor 21 cwt.

WILLIAM T. COCKERILL .. Treble.	CORNELIUS CHARGE .. 6.
FREDERICK S. BAYLEY .. 2.	HENRY R. NEWTON .. 7.
JAMES W. DRIVER .. 3.	EDWARD H. ADAMS .. 8.
WALTER J. SORRELL .. 4.	WILLIAM E. GARRARD .. 9.
FRANK M. BUTLER .. 5.	SAMUEL HOW .. Tenor.

Composed by W. T. PATES and Conducted by W. E. GARRARD.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, January 4, 1896, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT DANES, STRAND,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES.

Tenor 24 cwt.

H. LANGDON, SEN. .. Treble.	*ERNEST BISHOP .. 6.
CHALLIS F. WINNEY .. 2.	*WALTER INGHAM .. 7.
FRANCIS L. DAVIES .. 3.	CHARLES T. P. BRICE .. 8.
WALTER H. L. BUCKINGHAM .. 4.	EDWARD P. O'MEARA .. 9.
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER .. 5.	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE .. Tenor.

Composed by the late HENRY HALEY and Conducted by CHALLIS F. WINNEY.

*First peal in the method on ten bells. E. Bishop hails from Swindon, Wilts.; Ingham and Groombridge from Chislehurst, Kent.

CENTRAL COUNCIL.—PEAL COLLECTION.—APPENDIX 1895 is now ready, containing 100 pages of peals in various methods; uniform with Report on Calls, with which it will be forwarded post free on receipt of sevenpence-halfpenny in stamps by Rev. H. EARLE BULWER, Stanhoe Rectory, King's Lynn.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, January 4, 1896, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL, SHADWELL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 17 cwt.

JAMES SCHOLES* .. Treble.	SAMUEL HAYES .. 5.
ARTHUR BARKUS .. 2.	HENRY SPRINGALL .. 6.
ALBERT HARDY .. 3.	ERNEST CLAYTON .. 7.
YORK GREEN .. 4.	EMANUEL HALL .. Tenor.

Composed by the late HENRY W. HALEY and Conducted by HENRY SPRINGALL.

*First peal of Major.

The Provinces.

NORWICH.—THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION AND THE SOCIETY OF NORWICH SCHOLARS.

On Monday, December 30, 1895, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-AT-COSLANY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM BALES .. Treble.	ALBERT G. WARNES .. 5.
FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN .. 2.	GEORGE SMITH .. 6.
GEORGE HOWCHIN .. 3.	SAMUEL SMITH .. 7.
FREDERICK H. KNIGHTS .. 4.	WILLIAM PYE .. Tenor.

Composed by the late JOHN COX and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

The above is the first peal in the Kent variation on the bells. W. Pye, for whom this peal was arranged, hails from Chadwell Heath, Essex.

READING, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, December 31, 1895, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S BOB-AND-SINGLE VARIATION.

Tenor 15 cwt.

HENRY DIBLEY .. Treble.	ALFRED W. REEVES .. 5.
HENRY COFFEE .. 2.	ALBERT E. REEVES .. 6.
GEORGE BODDINGTON* .. 3.	FREDERICK SWEETZER .. 7.
ARTHUR E. EVANS .. 4.	HENRY SMART .. Tenor.

Conducted by ALBERT EDWARD REEVES.

First peal ever rung by St. Giles's company together. *First peal with a bob bell.

DISS, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 31, 1895, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION.

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

WILLIAM IRELAND .. Treble.	GEORGE ARCHER .. 5.
JOHN SOUTER .. 2.	ARTHUR HAMMOND .. 6.
ELLIS HAYWARD .. 3.	ABEL HART .. 7.
WILLIAM SALTER .. 4.	*WILLIAM PYE .. Tenor.

Composed by WILLIAM SOTTANSTALL and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

*First peal of Oxford. W. Pye, for whom this peal was arranged, hails from Chadwell Heath, Essex. The composition, which is a one-part peal in fifteen courses, has the 5th and 6th their extent wrong and right and will be found in Snowden's *Treatise on Treble Bob*, part 2, page 47.

PULHAM MARY, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 1, 1896, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION.

Tenor 15 cwt.

JAMES TANN .. Treble.	FREDERICK R. BORRETT .. 5.
HERBERT MATTHEWS* .. 2.	JOHN SMITH .. 6.
ROBERT WHITING .. 3.	WILLIAM ROOPE .. 7.
DAVID RUTH .. 4.	WILLIAM PYE .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN THORP and Conducted by JAMES TANN.

*First peal. W. Pye, for whom this peal was arranged, hails from Chadwell Heath, Essex. J. Smith is an old Pulham ringer now living at Kingston-on-Thames. The composition will be found in Snowden's *Treatise on Treble Bob*, part 2, page 12.

HECKINGTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

On Thursday, January 2, 1896, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLLIS'S FIVE-PART.

Tenor 24 cwt.

FREDERICK WARRINGTON* <i>Treble</i> .	JOHN T. HOLMES 5.
JOHN H. CLARK 2.	† WILLIAM DICKINSON 6.
JOHN HILTON 3.	EDWARD HOULDEN 7.
FRED BEDFORD† 4.	* GEORGE WARD <i>Tenor</i> .

Conducted by WILLIAM DICKINSON.

*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell, and hails from Sleaford, and is only 16 years of age. †First peal as conductor. This peal was rung in honour of Miss Ada Godson's wedding to Mr. Girnwood, of London, the ringers wishing her long life and happiness.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 2, 1896, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

WILLIAM TAYLOR <i>Treble</i> .	STANFORD WOLFE 5.
HENRY J. BUTTON 2.	GEORGE HARDY 6.
FRANCIS COOPER 3.	WILLIAM DREW 7.
CHARLES SAMSON 4.	WILLIAM PYE <i>Tenor</i> .

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Messrs. Hardy and Drew hail from Kelsale, W. Pye from Chadwell Heath, Essex, for whom this peal was arranged. The figures of the above will be found in Snowden's *Treatise on Treble Bob*, part 2, page 47. This is the fifth peal in which the conductor has taken part in in six days.

SADDLEWORTH, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, January 3, 1896, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 12 cwt.

JAMES GRATRAX <i>Treble</i> .	EDWARD CASH 5.
WM. BENTLEY 2.	JOHN T. DICKEN 6.
JOHN HOLDEN 3.	ARTHUR W. HOLDEN 7.
JONATHAN PILLING 4.	FRED RHODES <i>Tenor</i> .

Composed by G. H. HARDY and Conducted by JONATHAN PILLING.

First peal of Major as conductor. Messrs. Gratrix and Cash hail from Swinton, Dicken from Friezeland, A. W. Holden from Southport, the rest from Mossley and the local company.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 4, 1896, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES.

Tenor 20½ cwt.

ALFRED TRAPPITT <i>Treble</i> .	HENRY BROOKER 6.
EDGAR BENNETT 2.	CHARLES BANCE 7.
FRANK HOLDER 3.	GEORGE WELLING 8.
DR. A. B. CARPENTER 4.	JOSEPH FAYERS 9.
EDWARD MATTHEWS 5.	WILLIAM GRAY <i>Tenor</i> .

Composed and Conducted by EDGAR BENNETT.

BRIDGNORTH, SHROPSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 4, 1896, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt. in Eb.

THOMAS OVERTON* <i>Treble</i> .	JAMES E. GROVES 5.
WILLIAM MAUND* 2.	† JAMES HOWARD 6.
HERBERT HAMMOND* 3.	JOHN OVERTON 7.
JOHN E. OVERTON* 4.	* HORACE W. OVERTON <i>Tenor</i> .

Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

*First peal. †First peal of Grandsire. This is the first peal rung at Bridgnorth in which seven local ringers have taken part, and great credit is due to John Overton for the way he has trained this young band.

OTLEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

On Saturday, January 4, 1896, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 16 cwt.

CHARLES RALPH <i>Treble</i> .	F. MASTON 5.
T. M. THOMPSON 2.	JOHN NELSON 6.
W. DAVY CLOUK 3.	F. W. DIXON 7.
A. SNOWBALL 4.	WM. WADDING <i>Tenor</i> .

Composed by T. DAY and Conducted by JOHN NELSON.

This peal has the 5th and 6th each twelve times wrong and right. The ringers of the 2nd and 7th hail from Guiseley, the rest are local men.

HORSHAM, SUSSEX.—SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 6, 1896, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S BOB-AND-SINGLE VARIATION.

Tenor 23½ cwt.

ERNEST WALLER <i>Treble</i> .	ERNEST C. QUICK 5.
RICHARD DALE 2.	WILLIAM SHORT 6.
HARRY PRANCE 3.	JOHN COOK 7.
JACOB BROWN 4.	JOHN RICE <i>Tenor</i> .

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

Cook and Short hail from Warnham.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 6, 1896, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' ORIGINAL.

Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

WILLIAM HOLMES <i>Treble</i> .	ROBERT S. STORY 5.
FREDK. J. HARRISON 2.	FRANCIS LEES 6.
JOSEPH E. R. KEEN 3.	WILLIAM STORY 7.
ALFRED F. HILLIER 4.	GEORGE DIXON <i>Tenor</i> .

Conducted by WILLIAM HOLMES.

GUISELEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

On Monday, January 6, 1896, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. S. BROWN,

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

JOHN SUNDERLAND 1-2.	FREDERICK W. DIXON 5-6.
THOMAS M. THOMPSON 3-4.	JOSEPH WAITE 7-8.

Conducted by FREDERICK W. DIXON.

Referee.—H. Williams, Leeds. Witnesses.—Joseph Yeadon, Guiseley, and Joe Thackray, Armley. This is the first handbell peal by all, and the first ever rung in Guiseley. Rung to celebrate the coming of age of Joseph Waite.

TAMWORTH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION AND THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Monday, January 6, 1896, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDITHA,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 22½ cwt.

JOSEPH WINDRIDGE <i>Treble</i> .	WILLIAM CHAPMAN 5.
JOSEPH W. TIMMS 2.	JAMES GEORGE 6.
ROBERT P. BRINDLEY 3.	CHARLES CHAPMAN 7.
JAMES PRATT 4.	JOSEPH H. CHAPMAN <i>Tenor</i> .

Composed by JOHN CARTER and Conducted by JAMES GEORGE.

Messrs. Windridge and J. H. Chapman were elected members of the Midland Counties' Association prior to starting for the peal.

BIRMINGHAM.—THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.

On Tuesday, January 7, 1896, in Three Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5040 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 36 cwt in C.

ARTHUR J. JONES* Treble.	*WILLIAM S. PRITCHETT .. 7.
HENRY BASTABLE 2.	*JOHN S. PRITCHETT 8.
WILLIAM H. BARBER* .. 3.	*WILLIAM SHORT 9.
JOHN CARTER 4.	*FREDERICK CLAYTON .. 10.
BERNARD WITCHELL .. 5.	WILLIAM KENT 11.
THOMAS MILLER* 6.	THOMAS REYNOLDS Tenor.

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW and Conducted by HENRY BASTABLE.

*First peal of Maximus, also T. Miller's 100th peal. This peal has the 6th her extent at home in the last four courses, and may be found in the Appendix issued by the Central Council, page 134, being the second peal there given.

Performances on Five and Six Bells.

MONEWDEN, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 31, 1895, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

SEVEN 720s OF MINOR, as follows:

London Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and
Kent Treble Bob, Double Court Bob, and Plain Bob.

Tenor 6 cwt.

STEPHEN W. MARTIN .. Treble.	JAMES DURRANT 4.
ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN .. 2.	EDGAR WIGHTMAN 5.
GEORGE WIGHTMAN 3.	STEPHEN WIGHTMAN, JUN. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WIGHTMAN.

The brothers Wightman and Durrant hail from Cretingham, S. W. Martin belongs to the local company.

DUNCHURCH, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

(NUNEATON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 4, 1896, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

SEVEN 720s OF BOB MINOR, EACH CALLED
DIFFERENTLY. Tenor 22 cwt.

CHARLES H. WATTS .. Treble.	THOMAS W. CHAPMAN .. 4.
WALTER STONE 2.	WILLIAM WILLSON 5.
GLADSTONE WINTER .. 3.	JAMES GEORGE Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM WILLSON.

This is the first 5040 on the bells, and is believed to be the heaviest peal of six ever rung in a Minor method. C. H. Watts hails from London, Messrs. Stone, Winter, and Chapman from Nuneaton, George from Rugby, Willson from Leicester. The band desire to thank the Rector (Rev. W. R. Jubb) for the use of the bells, and Mr. Davies for his attentions. After the ringing the local ringers kindly entertained the band to a substantial tea and entertainment. C. H. Watts was elected a member previous to starting.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 6, 1896, (no time mentioned),

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

SEVEN 720s OF MINOR, as follows:

One of Kent Treble Bob, and two each of Canterbury Pleasure,
Plain Bob and Grandsire.

J. AVIS* Treble.	B. SPUNNER 4.
J. SMITH* 2.	H. D. DAVIS 5.
R. MUNN† 3.	†F. HAYES Tenor.

Conducted by F. HAYES.

†First 5040 as conductor. *First 5040, also first on six bells by Messrs. Avis Smith, Spunner, and Davis. †First 5040 with a bob bell. First ever rung on the bells by a local band.

PEAL CORRECTION.—In the report of the peal rung at Chard, it was stated that this town was in Devon, whereas it is in Somerset.

WANTED.—A set of twelve handbells, second-hand. Must be in good tune.—Apply, Cooke, Local Sec., Litchard, Bridgend.

Date Touches.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

EDEN BRIDGE (Kent).—On Wednesday, December 11th, a date touch of 1895 changes in 1 hr. 10 mins. in three methods, viz.: 720 Kent Treble Bob (nine bobs); 720 Grandsire (thirty-four bobs and two singles); 455 Plain Bob Minor (eleven bobs and two singles.) R. Jenner, 1; J. Wallis, 2; J. Steddy, 3; T. Wallis, 4; J. Heasman, 5; J. Preston (conductor), 6. This is the longest touch ever rung on the bells, and by all the band with the exception of J. Steddy and J. Preston.

Miscellaneous.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

UPCHURCH (Kent).—On Tuesday, December 3rd, at St. Mary's church, 720 Bob Minor (thirty singles six bobs), in 26 mins. W. Walker, 1; H. Witherden, 2; W. T. Hyland, 3; H. Shipp, 4; G. Dennis, 5; W. Seamer (conductor), 6. Composed by N. J. Pitstow. On Friday, December 13th, 720 Oxford Bob (eighteen bobs two singles). W. Hawes, 1; A. T. Hyland, 2; W. T. Hyland, 3; H. Shipp, 4; G. Dennis, 5; W. Seamer (conductor), 6. On Christmas morning, at 7 o'clock, 720 Oxford Bob (eighteen bobs two singles). H. Witherden, 1; A. T. Hyland, 2; W. T. Hyland, 3; H. Shipp, 4; G. Dennis, 5; W. Seamer (conductor), 6. And 720 Canterbury Pleasure, standing the same as in the Oxford Bob.

BROMLEY (Kent).—On Tuesday evening, December 10th, for practice, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples. H. Reader (first quarter-peal), 1; I. Emery, 2; E. Dunn, 3; J. Hack (first quarter-peal as conductor), 4; G. Durling (composer), 5; P. F. Harman, 6; T. Groombridge, 7; W. James, 8. Emery hails from St. Mary Cray, Groombridge from Chislehurst, Reader and Hack from Hayes, the rest belong to the local band.

EDENBRIDGE (Kent).—On Thursday, December 5th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs), in 27 mins. R. Jenner, 1; J. Wallis, 2; J. Steddy, 3; T. Wallis, 4; J. Heasman, 5; J. Preston, 6.

PENGE (Surrey).—On Thursday, November 28th, for practice at the church of St. John the Evangelist, 360 Bob Minor. G. Conn, 1; W. J. Battson (conductor), 2; J. Town, 3; T. P. Richards, 4; W. Smith, 5; G. Wickens, 6. On Thursday, December 5th, 720 Bob Minor. G. Conn, 1; H. Edwards, 2; J. Town, 3; T. P. Richards, 4; W. J. Battson (conductor), 5; G. Wickens, 6. Also 720 in the same method, J. Marshall, 4; G. Wickens (conductor), 6; the rest as before. On Sunday, December 8th, for Divine Service, 360 Bob Minor, standing as before. On Sunday, December 15th, for service, 360 Bob Minor. G. Conn, 1; T. P. Richards, 2; J. Town, 3; J. Marshall, 4; W. J. Battson (conductor), 5; G. Wickens, 6. Also 360 Bob Minor, H. Edwards, 2; the rest as before.

ASHFORD.—On Saturday, December 14th, the following touches were rung by mixed bands from Folkestone, Hythe, Merham, Bra-bourne, and Ashford, 462 Grandsire Triples. L. Finn, 1; A. Manning, 2; G. Finn, 3; H. Petts, 4; S. Benfield, 5; S. Barker (conductor), 6; F. Finn, 7; S. Gower, 8. And 168 by the same band. Also 364 Grandsire Triples. E. Dyson, 1; S. Binfield (conductor), 2; S. Finn, 3; C. W. Blaxland, 4; G. Head, 5; S. Gower, 6; G. Finn, 7; T. Tabrett, 8. Also 336 and 168 Grandsire Triples by the same band.

FOLKESTONE (Kent).—On Tuesday, December 17th, 840 Grandsire Triples. G. Millen, 1; A. Manning, 2; J. Fisher, 3; H. Petts, 4; S. Binfield, 5; S. Bidfield, 5; S. Barker (conductor), 6; F. Finn, 7; S. Gower, 8. Also 210 in the same method. S. Barker, 1; A. Manning, 2; J. Fisher, 3; H. Petts, 4; S. Binfield (conductor), 5; S. Gower, 6; F. Finn, 7; H. Marchant, 8.

HAYES (Kent).—On Sunday, November 17th, 720 Bob Minor (nine bobs and twelve singles). E. Boxell, 1; H. Reader (conductor), 2; A. Killick, 3; H. Brown, 4; E. Stone, 5; J. Hack, 6. On Sunday, December 1st, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). F. Keech (first 720), 1; H. Brown, 2; F. Lacey, 3; H. Reader, 4; E. Stone, 5; J. Hack (conductor), 6. F. Keech is only fifteen years of age. On Monday, December 9th, for practice, 360 Canterbury Pleasure. H. Reader, 1; H. Brown, 2; A. Killick, 3; J. Battson, 4; W. E. Richards, Esq., 5; J. Hack (conductor), 6. On Monday evening, December 16th, for practice, 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor (four bobs and fourteen singles, 5th the observation. J. Town, 1; H. Brown, 2; F. Lacey, 3; W. Battson, 4; W. E. Richards, Esq. (first 720 in the method), 5; J. Hack (conductor), 6. The ringers of the 1st, 4th and 5th bells hail from Penge; the rest belong to the local band.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

EASTNOR.—On Friday, November 7th, at the parish church, 720 Grandsire Minor in 23 mins. H. Winter, 1; T. Williams, 2; E. Winter, 3; F. Summers, 4; E. Taylor, 5; J. E. Groves (conductor), 6. Also several 120s of Stedman, Grandsire, and Extreme Doubles. On Sunday, November 17th, 720 Grandsire Minor in 24 mins. T. Davis, 1; J. E. Groves, 2; E. Winter, 3; T. Williams, 4; F. Summers, 5; C. Layton (conductor), 6. Tenor 9 cwt.

COLWALL.—On Monday, November 11th, 720 Grandsire Minor in 23 mins. E. J. Beatley, 1; C. Layton, 2; H. Allen, 3; J. Field, 4; G. Peacey, 5; J. E. Groves (conductor), 6. On Thursday, November 14th, 720 Grandsire Minor in 25 mins. W. Evans, 1; G. Peacey, 2; J. Field, 3; H. Allen, 4; C. Layton (conductor), 4; J. E. Groves, 6. Also several 120s of Grandsire and Bob Doubles. Tenor 11 cwt.

CRADLEY.—On Tuesday, November 12th, 720 Bob Minor in 28 mins. C. Watkins, 1; E. S. Kings, 2; H. Pritchard, 3; C. L. Watkins, 4; F. Smith, 5; J. E. Groves (conductor), 6. And 720 of Canterbury Pleasure Minor in 26 mins. F. Smith, 1; E. S. Kings, 2; H. Pritchard, 3; C. L. Watkins, 4; C. Watkins, 5; J. E. Groves (conductor), 6. On Friday, November 15th, 720 College Single Minor in 26 mins. F. Smith, 1; J. E. Groves, 2; C. Watkins, 3; H. Pritchard, 4; A. Layton, 5; C. Layton (conductor), 6. And several 120s of Grandsire Doubles. Tenor 16 cwt. And on December 12th, 720 Plain Bob Minor, in 26 minutes. J. Hales, 1; E. S. Kings (conductor), 2; C. Layton, 3; A. Layton, 4; F. Smith, 5; C. Watkins, 6. And 720 Oxford Bob Minor, in 27 mins. W. Powell, 1; F. Smith, 2; C. Layton, 3; A. Layton, 4; H. Pritchett, 5; C. Watkins (first 720 as conductor), 6.

MATHON (Herefordshire).—On Friday, November 29th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor, in 24 mins. A. Layton, 1; H. Pritchett, 2; C. Layton, 3; F. Smith, 4; W. Powell, 5; C. Watkins (conductor), 6. On December 6th, a 720 each of College Single and Oxford Bob, in 49 mins. H. Pritchett, 1; F. Smith, 2; A. Layton, 3; C. L. Watkins, 4; C. Watkins, 5; C. Layton (conductor), 6. And 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor, in 25 mins. C. Layton, 1; H. Pritchett, 2; F. Smith, 3; C. L. Watkins, 4; C. Watkins, 5; A. Layton (conductor), 6. On December 13th, 360 College Single. A. Layton, 1; E. S. Kings, 2; F. Smith, 3; H. Pritchett, 4; C. Layton, 5; C. Watkins (conductor), 6. And 360 Kent Treble Bob. W. Powell, 1; C. Layton (conductor), 2; F. Smith, 3; H. Pritchett, 4; C. Watkins, 5; A. Layton, 6. On Sunday evening, December 22nd, 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor, in 26 mins. G. Jordan, 1; C. Layton (conductor), 2; H. Pritchett, 3; F. Smith, 4; W. Powell, 5; A. Layton, 6. And 720 Bob Minor, in 24 mins. G. Jordan, 1; A. Layton, 2; H. Pritchett, 3; F. Smith, 4; D. Grening, 5; C. Layton (conductor), 6.

SUCKLEY (Worcestershire).—On December 9th, 720 College Single, in 29 mins. H. Pritchett, 1; F. Smith, 2; A. Layton, 3; C. L. Watkins, 4; C. Watkins, 5; C. Layton (conductor), 6.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

STANSTED (Essex).—On Thursday, November 21st, at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, for practice, 720 City Delight (nine bobs), composed by N. Spindlow, of Ducklington. G. Jordan, 1; I. Hammond, 2; T. J. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; J. Luckey, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. And 720 Morning Exercise. T. Jordan, 1; I. Hammond, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; W. Watts, 5; T. J. Watts (first 720 in the method as conductor), 6. On Thursday, November 28th, for practice, 720 College Pleasure, in 24 mins. T. Jordan, 1; T. J. Watts, 2; G. Gray, 3; G. Jordan, 4; J. Luckey, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. Also 720 College Exercise. G. Jordan, 1; I. Hammond, 2; G. Gray, 3; W. Watts, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. On Sunday, December 1st, for morning service, 720 Cambridge Surprise, 5th the observation. T. Jordan, 1; G. Jordan, 2; T. J. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; I. Hammond, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. For afternoon service, 720 Superlative Surprise. T. Jordan, 1; G. Jordan, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; W. Watts, 5; T. J. Watts (conductor), 6. A 360 Worcester Surprise. T. Jordan, 1; T. J. Watts, 2; G. Gray, 3; G. Jordan, 4; W. Watts, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. On Thursday, December 5th, for practice, 720 London Surprise (nine bobs), in 26 mins. J. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. Composed by N. Spindlow, of Ducklington. Also 720 Durham Surprise. W. Cavill, 1; Isaac Hammond, 2; G. Gray, 3; T. J. Watts, 4; W. Watts, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. And 720 Worcester Surprise. T. Jordan, 1; W. Watts, 2; J. Luckey, 3; I. Hammond, 4; G. Gray, 5; T. J. Watts (conductor), 6. On Sunday, December 8th, for morning service, 360 Superlative Surprise. G. Jordan, 1; I. Hammond, 2; T. J. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; J. Luckey, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

NUNEATON (Warwickshire).—On Thursday, December 12th, an

attempt was made for a peal of Canterbury Pleasure, which came to grief after ringing an hour. Afterwards three courses of Bob Major and 504 of Grandsire Triples. J. Warren, 1; J. Clarke, 2; W. Stone (conductor), 3; G. Winter, 4; T. W. Chapman, 5; W. Johnson, 6; H. Horwood, 7; H. Argyle, 8. On Thursday, December 19th, four of the above met for a peal on handbells, but as no referee turned up, 352 Bob Major, 288 Treble Bob Major, and a course of Stedman Triples and Forward Major was rung. W. Stone, 1-2; T. W. Chapman, 3-4; H. Argyle, 5-6; J. Clarke, 7-8.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—ROSSENDALE BRANCH.

BACUP.—On Sunday, November 3rd, at Christ Church, 720 Merchant's Delight. L. Holt, 1; E. J. Cockroft, 2; G. Shotten, 3; J. H. Smith, 4; J. S. Lomas, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. On Sunday, November 10th, 720 Cambridge Surprise. A. L. Hardman, 1; G. Shotten, 2; E. J. Cockroft, 3; J. H. Smith, 4; J. S. Lomas, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. On Friday, November 15th, for practice, 720 College Exercise. L. Holt, 1; J. Smith, 2; Z. Lord, 3; J. H. Smith, 4; E. J. Cockroft, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method by all, and rung at the first attempt. On Sunday, November 17th, 720 Imperial. Z. Lord, 1; J. Smith, 2; E. J. Cockroft, 3; J. H. Smith, 4; J. S. Lomas, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. On Monday, November 18th, 720 College Exercise. Z. Lord, 1; J. Smith, 2; G. Shotten, 3; E. J. Cockroft, 4; J. S. Lomas, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—BLACKBURN BRANCH.

OSWALDTWISTLE (Lancashire).—On Tuesday, December 10th, at the parish church, 720 Plain Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles) W. Britcliffe (first 720), 1; I. Whalley (first 720), 2; C. Sharples (first 720), 3; R. Sharples, 4; W. Pattinson, 5; R. Parkinson (first as conductor), 6.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

TONG (Yorks).—On Saturday, December 14th, at the residence of Mr. Bolland, the following touches were rung on handbells: 224, 240 and 560 Bob Major, 336 Grandsire Triples, and 224 Kent Treble Bob Major. John Thackray, 1-2; Jos. Thackray, 3-4; H. Williams (conductor), 5-6; G. Bolland, 7-8. And 168 Grandsire Triples, with H. Oddy, 7-8. Longest length on handbells by Messrs. Bolland and Oddy.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

YATELEY (Hants).—On Sunday morning, December 15th, for Divine Service at St. Peter's church, 518 Grandsire Triples. H. Yeomans, 1; S. Riddle, 2; W. Filmore, 3; B. Hawkins (conductor), 4; C. Hilton, 5; W. Tice, 6; J. Bunch, 7; G. Bunch, 8. For evening service 350 Grandsire Triples. J. Kelley, 1; G. Hawkins (conductor), 2; S. Riddle, 3; B. Hawkins, 4; C. Hilton, 5; W. Tice, 6; J. Bunch, 7; T. Stevens, 8.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

THEALE (Berks).—On Monday, December 16th, at the parish church, 720 Grandsire Doubles (six 6-scores), each called differently, in 24 mins. F. Brodrick, 1; J. Aberly, 2; T. Herridge, 3; W. Horne, 4; W. Clark (conductor), 5; W. Aberly, 6. Tenor 13½ cwt. J. Aberly belongs to the Englefield band.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BATTLE (Sussex).—On Sunday morning, December 15th, for Divine Service, 350 Grandsire Triples. C. Carter, 1; W. Franks, 2; H. Elliott, 3; W. Eastland, 4; J. Curtis, 5; C. J. Hyland, 6; W. Thomas (conductor), 7; W. H. Eldridge, 8. On Saturday, December 7th, the third attempt for a peal of Grandsire broke down after ringing 3800 changes. W. Eastland, 1; W. Franks (conductor), 2; S. Saker, 3; W. Thomas, 4; J. Curtis, 5; C. J. Hyland, 6; H. Elliott, 7; W. H. Eldridge, 8. On a recent Tuesday, 336 Grandsire Triples. C. Carter, 1; C. J. Hyland, 2; F. Mathis, 3; S. Saker (conductor), 4; W. Thomas, 5; W. Franks, 6; J. Curtis, 7; H. Elliott, 8. Also a quarter-peal of Grandsire in 46½ mins. C. Carter, 1; J. Mathis, 2; J. Curtis, 3; C. J. Hyland, 4; W. Thomas, 5; W. Franks, 6; H. Elliott, 7; W. H. Eldridge, 8. And 504 Grandsire Triples. W. Eldridge, 1; J. Curtis, 2; F. Mathis, 3; C. J. Hyland (conductor), 4; J. Livermore, 5; W. Thomas, 6; J. Mathis, 7; C. Carter, 8.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NEWPORT (Mon.).—On Sunday, December 15th, in 46 mins., a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples. T. J. Butler, 1; J. W. Jones, 2; R. Millard, 3; F. Atwell, 4; H. Russell, 5; J. Butler, 6; J. Trowbridge, 7; R. T. Hibbert (conductor), 8.

BASSELG (Monmouthshire).—On Thursday, December 19th, six members of the St. Woolos (Newport) band visited this tower for the purpose of ringing the first 720 on the six steel bells therein. After raising the bells and criticising and admiring (or otherwise) the tone, a 720 of Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles) in 24 mins. H. Russell, 1; J. W. Jones, 2; H. Millard, 3; R. T. Hibbert (conductor), 4; J. Butler, 5; F. Atwell, 6. Another 720 was then rung with F. Atwell, 4; R. T. Hibbert (conductor), 6; the rest as before. A 6-score each of Stedman, Plain Bob, and Grandsire Doubles completed the evening's ringing. Tenor 13 cwt.

THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

EAST RETFORD (Notts).—On Saturday, December 14th, an attempt was made for a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, 5088 changes, but after ringing 2 hrs. and 34 mins., a change-course occurred and the conductor called "stand." G. R. Winter, 1; G. Swannack, 2; H. Blagg, 3; H. Lambert, 4; J. Swannack, 5; J. White, 6; H. Haigh (conductor), 7; J. B. Joynes, 8. This is the first attempt for a peal in the method by all. Messrs. Blagg, Lambert, J. Swannack, and White hail from Ordsall; the remainder belong to East Retford. Also on Sunday, December 15th, 503 Grandsire Caters. A. Collingburn, 1; T. Spurr, 2; G. Swannack, 3; G. Clayton, 4; G. Winter, 5; T. H. Denman, 6; H. Haigh (conductor), 7; H. Warburton, 8; J. B. Joynes, 9; G. W. D. Metcalfe, 10.

ORDSALL (Notts).—On Sunday afternoon, for Children's Service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor in 25 mins. H. Warburton, 1; G. R. Winter, 2; G. Clark, 3; H. Lambert, 4; H. Blagg, 5; J. White (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method by Messrs. Warburton, Winter, and Clark. On Sunday, December 1st, 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor in 24 mins. H. Merrills, 1; W. H. Johnson, 2; G. Clark, 3; H. Lambert (conductor), 4; W. Preston, 5; J. White, 6. First 720 in the method by W. Preston, who hails from Worksop. Also on Wednesday, December 11th, for practice, 720 New London Pleasure in 25 mins. H. Warburton, 1; G. R. Winter, 2; H. Blagg, 3; H. Lambert, 4; H. Haigh (conductor), 5; J. White, 6. First 720 in the method by all except the conductor.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

KETTERING (Northants).—On Sunday, December 29th, for evening service, a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples, composed by the Editor. G. Joseland, 1; J. Julian, 2; W. Pettitt (Irthlingborough), 3; W. Hensher, 4; E. Underwood, 5; J. D. Matthews (conductor), 6; T. Hensher, 7; J. Spence, 8.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

GREENWICH (Kent).—On Friday, December 20th, at the church of St. Alfege, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 44 mins. I. G. Shade (conductor), 1; W. Berry, 2; Rev. G. J. Bayley, 3; W. Weatherstone, 4; H. Hoskins, 5; F. W. Thornton, 6; F. S. Bayley, 7; W. Wells, 8. Also a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. W. Wells, 1; W. Berry, 2; Rev. G. J. Bayley, 3; I. G. Shade, 4; W. Weatherstone, 5; H. Hoskins, 6; F. W. Thornton (conductor), 7; F. S. Bayley, 8.

ASHTREAD (Surrey).—On Saturday, December 7th, an attempt was made for a peal of Grandsire Triples, but after ringing 4000 changes in 2 hrs. 25 mins., it came to grief owing to a change-course. D. Anscomb, 1; H. Newnham, 2; W. E. Otway, 3; W. R. Crockford, 4; J. Wyatt, 5; G. Chantler (conductor), 6; H. Wilkinson, 7; H. Corbett, 8. On Thursday, December 12th, for practice, 630 Oxford Bob Triples. C. Read, 1; T. Miles, 2; H. Pederick, 3; G. C. Scowen, 4; W. Cook, 5; G. Chantler, 6; H. Wilkinson (conductor), 7; C. Cook, 8.

BEARSTED (Kent).—On December 10th, for practice, 120 Bob Doubles. J. Shorter (conductor), 1; W. Cheeseman, 2; F. Baker (first 120 with a bob bell), 3; A. Cooper, 4; G. Pound, 5; A. Bishop, 6. And 120 in the same method. G. Pound, 1; W. Cheeseman, 2; W. Bills (first 120), 3; A. Cooper, 4; J. Shorter (conductor), 5; F. Baker, 6. All except W. Bills belong to the Kent County Association. G. Pound hails from Boxley.

BRAMSHOTT (Hants).—On Thursday, December 12th, at St. Mary's church, 1260 Grandsire Doubles. W. Oliver, 1; H. C. Stokes, 2; G. Beagley, 3; W. Whiting, 4; W. Wheeler, 5; William Whiting, 6. Conducted by G. Beagley and W. Wheeler. The above was rung in honour of the wedding of W. Stilwell, and as a token of the good wishes of his brother-ringers.

BLAKENHALL (Staffordshire).—On Wednesday, December 11th, at Christ Church, 1260 Grandsire Doubles, in 41 mins. each 6-score called differently. J. Hough (first quarter-peal), 1; J. C. Adams, 2; S. Wilcox (first quarter-peal), 3; C. Stone (first quarter-peal), 4; T. J. Elton (conductor), 5. Tenor 8½ cwt.

DUCKLINGTON (Oxon.).—On Monday, December 2nd, 720 Grandsire Minor, in 25 mins. A. Mitchell, 1; J. Trinder, 2; N. Spindlow, 3; W. Pimm, 4; A. Breakspear, 5; J. Fisher (conductor), 6. Also 720 in the same method. P. Fisher, 1; A. Pimm, 2; J. Fisher, 3; N. Spindlow (composer and conductor), 4; A. Breakspear, 5; H. Druce, 6. And two 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. J. Akers, 1; A. Pimm, 2; N. Spindlow (conductor), 3; H. Druce, 4; A. Breakspear, 5; W. Pimm, 6. Messrs. Trinder, Akers, Mitchell, Breakspear, and the brothers Pimm hail from Stanton Harcourt, Oxon., the rest are local men.

FARNHAM ST. MARTIN'S (Suffolk).—On Sunday, December 15th, 720 Plain Bob Minor, in 26 mins. A. Bullen, 1; H. Williams, 2; G. Molton, 3; H. Simpson, 4; H. Blake (conductor), 5; A. Bridges, 6. And 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor, in 25 mins. R. Wilding, 1; H. Blake, 2; G. Debenham, 3; H. Simpson, 4; R. Moore, 5; A. Osborne (conductor), 6. Also 720 Plain Bob (forty-two singles), standing as for Oxford, and conducted by G. Debenham. And at a friend's house, several touches of Grandsire Triples, Plain and Oxford Treble Bob Major, on handbells, A. Osborne, conductor.

LICHFIELD (Staffordshire).—On Friday, November 15th, at St. Michael's church, 720 Grandsire Minor, in 27 mins. C. H. Brown (first 720), 1; W. Dempster, 2; J. Russell, 3; H. Meacham, 4; A. Bowler, 5; F. J. Cope, 6. On Sunday, November 17th, 720 in the same method. C. H. Brown, 1; C. Davis, 2; W. Dempster, 3; E. Gallimore, 4; A. Bowler, 5; F. J. Cope, 6. On Sunday, November 24th, 720 Grandsire Minor, in 28 mins. F. J. Cope, 1; C. Davis, 2; W. Dempster, 3; H. Meacham, 4; A. Bowler, 5; E. Gallimore, 6. Tenor 11 cwt. in A. At the cathedral, on Monday, November 25th, 475 Grandsire Triples. C. H. Brown (first touch of Triples), 1; W. Dempster, 2; E. Gallimore, 3; J. Key, 4; F. J. Cope, 5; C. Barrett, 6; W. Fearneyhough, 7; J. H. Gallimore, 8. On Monday, December 9th, 910 Grandsire Triples. C. H. Brown, 1; E. Gallimore, 2; A. Bowler, 3; J. Key, 4; H. Meacham, 5; C. Barrett, 6; F. J. Cope, 7; J. H. Gallimore, 8. Tenor 30 cwt. in D. C. H. Brown hails from Sleaford.

LINCOLN.—On Tuesday evening, December 3rd, for practice at St. Peter-at-Gowts, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor (fifteen bobs). F. Walker, 1; G. Lindoff, 2; C. R. Lilley, 3; G. Bemrose, 4; J. W. Jackson, 5; A. Craven, 6. On December 10th, an attempt was made for a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, but it came to grief after ringing 240 changes. T. Walker, 1; T. Walker, 2; C. R. Lilley, 3; G. Bemrose, 4; J. W. Jackson, 5; A. Craven (conductor), 6. And 360 Oxford Treble Bob. G. Bemrose, 1; T. Walker, 2; C. R. Lilley, 3; F. Walker, 4; W. Knowles, 5; A. Craven (conductor), 6. First touch of Oxford by Messrs. Jackson, Lilley and Bemrose. On Monday evening, December 9th, for confirmation service at St. Botolph's church, two 6-scores of Plain Bob Doubles. W. Pannell, 1; F. Walker, 2; A. Craven, 3; J. W. Jackson, 4; C. R. Lilly (conductor), 5. Tenor 7½ cwt.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND.—On Tuesday, December 10th, at the church of SS. Peter and Paul, 720 Kent Treble Bob. G. Butler, 1; G. E. Romans, 2; F. Hayes, 3; B. Spinner, 4; F. L. Gilver (Deal), 5; R. Munn, 6.

RIPLEY (Derbyshire).—On Monday, December 9th, for practice at All Saints' church, 720 of Doubles in the following methods: Stedman, St. Simon's, Plain Bob, Antelope, Manchester, Grandsire. W. Houghtby, 1; F. H. Kay, 2; B. Fletcher, 3; H. G. Fretwell, 4; H. George (conductor), 5.

STANDLAKE (Oxon.).—On Sunday, December 15th, 720 Grandsire Minor. A. Mitchell, 1; A. Pimm, 2; J. Fisher, 3; A. Breakspear, 4; N. Spindlow (conductor), 5; H. Druce, 6. Also 360 Grandsire Minor. N. Spindlow (conductor), 1; A. Pimm, 2; W. Pimm, 3; A. Breakspear, 4; H. Druce, 5; J. Fisher, 6. And a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles. A. Mitchell, 1; A. Pimm, 2; H. Druce, 3; W. Pimm, 4; J. Fisher, 5; N. Spindlow (conductor), 6. Messrs. Spindlow and Druce belong to Ducklington; the rest to Stanton Harcourt, Oxon.

STANTON HARCOURT (Oxon.).—On Tuesday, November 12th, 720 Grandsire Minor in 26 mins. A. Mitchell, 1; A. Pimm, 2; J. Fisher, 3; F. Pimm, 4; F. Trinder (conductor), 5; N. Spindlow, 6. Also on Sunday evening November 17th, 720 in the same method, in 25 mins. A. Mitchell, 1; H. Druce, 2; J. Fisher, 3; F. Pimm, 4; W. Pimm, 5; N. Spindlow (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, November 26th, 720 Grandsire Minor, in 27 mins. A. Mitchell, 1; A. Pimm, 2; W. Pimm, 3; J. Fisher, 4; J. Trinder, 5; N. Spindlow (conductor), 6. Messrs. Druce, Fisher and Spindlow hail from Ducklington; the rest are local men.

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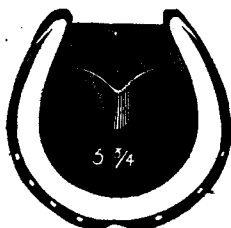
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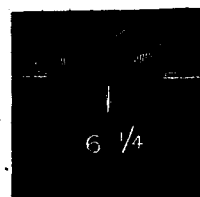


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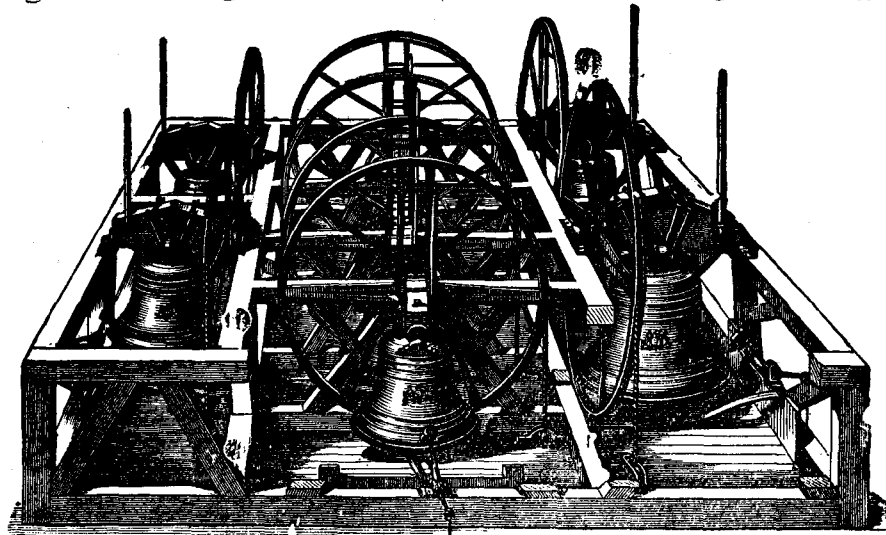
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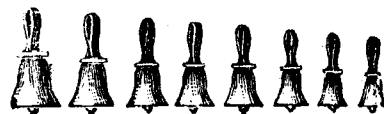
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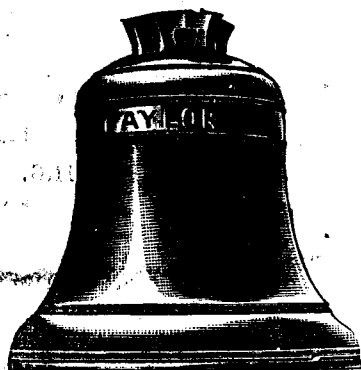
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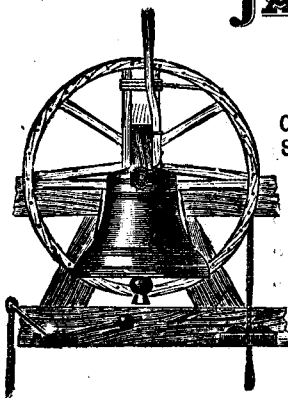
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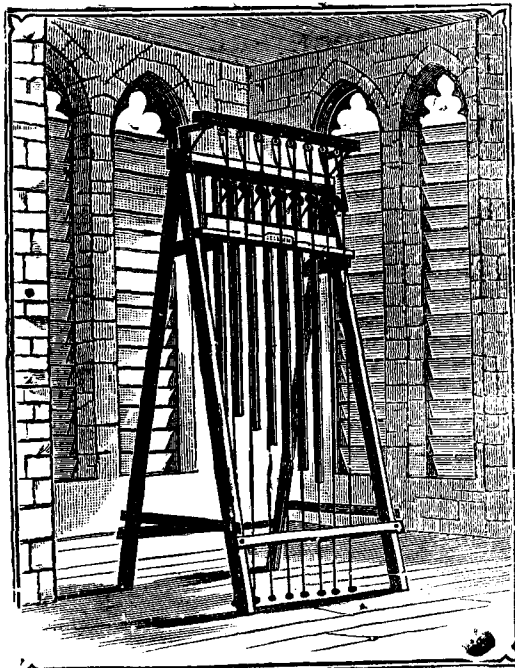
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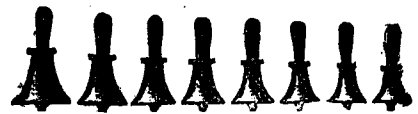
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RE-OPENING AND DEDICATION OF BELLS AT KILMINGTON, DEVON.

The dedication of the new treble which has been placed in the tower of the parish church of Kilminster, and the re-opening of the augmented peal of six which it now contains, has now taken place. The movement which culminated in the happy event originated with the Curate-in-Charge (the Rev. J. E. Owen), who, about two months ago, called a public meeting to consider the condition of the old peal of five bells, which can be imagined when it is stated that at that time the tenor, a bell weighing about 12 cwt., required two men to raise it, whereas one man should have been able to perform the task comfortably. The convener of the meeting had considerable dubiousness as to the result, but the project was received with hearty enthusiasm, to which the announcement that Major Marshall had promised to give a new treble no doubt contributed. Mr. Marwood Tucker, J.P., who took the chair, subscribed £10; Mrs. Boucher, £30, in memory of her late husband, Mr. Charles Boucher, J.P., of Eaglemont; Mr. W. E. Pitfield Chapple, Axminster, £10; Col. Bridges, £5; and Mr. S. Hicks, Holworthy, who owns land in Kilminster, £5. The tone of the meeting was so favourable that a Committee was at once appointed to carry out the scheme, and was composed of the Rev. J. E. Owen (Hon. Sec.), Major Marshall, and Mr. Thomas Dare (churchwardens), and Mr. W. E. Pitfield Chapple, with Colonel Bridges as Hon. Treasurer. Mr. H. Stokes, of Woodbury, church bell-hanger, was requested to furnish an estimate, and a circular was issued inviting the parishioners to subscribe, and they did so with much freedom. The new treble, given by Major Marshall, was cast by Messrs. Warner and Co., of London, and cost £35. Mr. Stokes' estimate amounted to £128 15s., and covered the entire rehanging of the old peal of five bells, the hanging and supplying of the new treble, new oak cage, fittings, flooring, and beams, as well as chiming apparatus. In addition to this the ringing chamber, instead of being on the ground floor, has been raised nine feet, opens to the church, with protecting balusters. The new treble bears the names of the churchwardens, date and an inscription. It weighs 5½ cwt.

The service, held at 3 o'clock, was of a special character, and well attended. The clergy present were the Revs. J. E. Owen (curate-in-charge), A. Newman (Vicar of Axminster), J. Morrell (Shute), and C. R. Chope. The surpliced choir was also in attendance. Hymns, prayers, psalms and a lesson, read by the Rev. A. Newman, composed the service, which was conducted by the Rev. J. E. Owen. Midway through, the Revs. A. Newman and Maitland Kelly proceeded to the tower, where the dedication of the new treble took place. Upon the return of the clergy to the chancel, Mr. Humphrey Jones (tenor), of Exeter cathedral choir, sang the recitative, "Ye people rend your hearts," and the solo, "If with all your hearts" (from Elijah.) Meanwhile, the following members of the choir had proceeded in their cassocks to the ringing-chamber, where they rang the opening rounds on the bells, standing thus: E. Quick, 1; R. Banks, 2; F. Snell, 3; J. Symons, 4; John Symons, 5; C. Snell, 6. The sermon was preached by the Rev. Maitland Kelly, who took as his text the 20th verse of the 14th chapter of Zachariah—"In that day shall there be upon the bells of the horses Holiness unto the Lord, and the pots in the Lord's house shall be like the bowls before the altar." In the course of his remarks he said that the bells were ever preaching to ears willing and unwilling alike. The ringers should remember that they had an office and a work to do for God equally with the choir. Those who rang ought to do the very best they could to see that their ringing was the most perfect they could produce. They ought also to realise that ringing for service on Sundays was the most important part of their work. Ringers, moreover, should never forget that after they had rung for God's honour and glory they should kneel together in God's house and worship Him. A collection in aid of the rehanging fund produced over £2, and, with the exception of £3 or £4, the whole cost of the work has been met. After service members of the St. Sidwell's Society from Exeter, who had been specially invited by Mr. W. E. Pitfield Chapple, rang several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, the party being Messrs. F. Shepherd, E. Shepherd, F. Davey, T. Mudge, J. Moss, and C. Carter, and they were joined by the Rev. Maitland Kelly (the Hon. Secretary of the Devonshire Guild), and Mr. A. Searle. Rounds and call-

changes were also rung by the local band and ringers from Musbury, Colyton, and Dalwood. General satisfaction was expressed with the "go" of the bells, and with the manner in which Mr. Stokes had completed his undertaking. During the afternoon some 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles and plain courses of Grandsire Triples and Grandsire Major were tapped off by Messrs F. Shepherd, J. Moss, F. Davey, E. Shepherd, and A. W. Searle, to the delight of the parishioners and visitors.

Thanks to the kindness of Major Marshall, the ringers from Exeter and visitors were entertained at The Old inn, where Mr. F. Parsons served up an excellent dinner. Major Marshall presided, and, before separating, the company, through Mr. F. Shepherd, heartily expressed their appreciation of his generosity. The day was a red-letter one for the village, and will be long remembered.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

The postponed December ringing meeting of this society was held at St. Matthias' church, Burley, on Saturday, January 4th. Ringing on the tower bells was gone through in various methods up to 6.30, when the business meeting was opened at The Cardigan Arms. Over fifty members were present from the following churches: Leeds, Armley, Bramley, St. Michael's and St. Chad's, Headingley, Calverley, Holbeck (R.C.), Huddersfield, Drighlington, Rothwell, and the local company. The President, Mr. C. Pratt, presided. The minutes of the last ringing meeting were passed as read. The committee meeting minutes were next submitted, and all went well until the most important, that dealing with the funds, proposing to give £1 towards new peal-boards, to members ringing peals in any method not previously recorded in the society's peal-books. A spirited discussion followed, and the proposition was eventually passed, with some little additions proposed by the secretary. Two presentations were then made to Mr. John Whitaker, of the Headingley St. Michael's branch of the society. Several members spoke in praiseworthy terms of "Johnnie" Whitaker's past work in connection with the society and the Exercise generally, including Messrs. H. Williams, R. Binns, and A. Naylor. The president then led the above-named gentleman to a splendid easy chair, which bore a silver engraved plate, and whilst the recipient remained seated, begged him to accept it as a token of esteem from the members and other ringing friends of the society. Mr. James Winder, his oldest ringing associate, followed, by presenting a silver-mounted pipe, pouch, tobacco, and a purse containing £3 10s., also from the above members and friends. "Johnnie," as he is familiarly known, in accepting the gifts, said no words he could utter would half express the thanks he would like to convey to all for the kind works and unexpected acknowledgment of his self-imposed duty to ringing, and, if health would permit, he should willingly continue to do, and his voice betokened the fervour of his expressions.

Arrangements for the next meeting, to be held at Pudsey, were then completed.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar, the Rev. John Longbottom, wardens, and local ringers for the use of the bells, etc., was proposed by Mr. J. Thackray, seconded by Mr. A. Haste, and carried unanimously.

The balance-sheet connected with the presentation, was read and passed, proposed and seconded by the auditors (Mr. R. Thomas and Mr. H. Lockwood), a copy of which will appear in these columns, with the thanks of the committee to the various subscribers.

The usual vote of thanks to the chairman was proposed by Mr. G. Barraclough, who wished to couple the name of the secretary, Mr. R. Binns, for his unwearied services in the interests of ringing and this society, seconded by Mr. W. Abbishaw, and carried amid applause.

Courses were rung on handbells in various methods at intervals during the afternoon and evening, and tunes by the combined St. Michael's and St. Chad's handbell-ringers, made an enjoyable, complete, and interesting programme, for which the committee tender their sincere thanks.

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THE WORCESTER CATHEDRAL GUILD.

Through the kind invitation of Messrs. L. Longney, G. Hinton, and S. Rudge, the members of the above Guild met at The Cathedral restaurant on December 31st, to partake of a capital supper and pass away in friendship the last few hours of the year 1895. Their warden, the Rev. Minor Canon W. G. Melville, took the chair, and after grace took good care to see that the members' wants were well attended to. Full justice being done to the good things provided, which, by the way, were grown by the above-named members of the Guild, the tables were cleared, and the members were invited to try a special brand of the fragrant weed provided for them by their Warden. After loading their guns, the rev. gentleman said he had great pleasure in handing over to them two bottles of sherry sent by their old and esteemed friend, the Rev. Canon Cattley, whose health was then cordially drank. Then was rung on handbells several touches of Grandsire Caters and Triples by the following: W. Cotton, W. Powell, W. Bradford, W. H. Johnson, G. Hinton, and L. Longney. These touches were rung on the bells presented to the Guild soon after it was established by an old ringer and native of "the Faithful City." Messrs. Johnson and Hinton afterwards gave a capital selection of tunes on their fine toned bells.

The Master of the Guild (Mr. W. Powell), then rose and said it gave him much pleasure to propose a hearty vote of thanks to their fellow-members, Messrs. Longney, Hinton, and Rudge, for their kindness in providing them with such a good repast, such an invitation furthering the friendship and interest of the Guild in general.

Mr. Longney, on behalf of himself, Mr. Hinton, and Mr. Rudge, said it gave them great pleasure to be able to invite their fellow-members to that little feed, and he hoped though it was the first it would not be the last.

Mr. W. H. Johnson then proposed a vote of thanks to their Chairman and Warden (Rev. W. J. Melville), for his kindness in taking the chair at their first little gathering. There was no doubt he had been put to much inconvenience so as to be able to be with them that evening, and he was sure there was no member of the Guild but what would agree with him in according to their chairman a most hearty vote of thanks for being present.

The Rev. W. G. Melville said how pleased he always was to mix with his friends, especially those connected with the Cathedral, and he sincerely hoped that this would not be the last time he should meet the Guild to pass a few pleasant hours. He thanked them all for their kind invitation, and he should always be willing to do anything he could to further the welfare and interest of the Worcester Cathedral Guild.

Mr. Ben. Hill then rose to say a few words with respect to their old and esteemed friend, the Rev. Canon Cattley. Speaking as an old ringer, he was sure there was not a gentleman in the city of Worcester who took more interest in bells and bell-ringing than the rev. Canon, and the fact of his having been at the instigation of having that beautiful ring of bells placed in the Cathedral tower, and superintending the same, proved to them that he had not only a great interest, but a great experience in connection with bells. He should have great pleasure in asking them to drink the Rev. Canon Cattley's health, and at the same time asking their Warden to convey to that rev. gentleman their best wishes for a happy and prosperous New Year.

After thanking the host and hostess for their trouble, the members wended their way to the tower, and after muffling the bells a short touch or two of Grandsire Caters was rung till 11.55, when the buffs were taken off, and as the church clock struck twelve, the members wished each other a happy New Year. Then a touch of Caters being rung, and the bells lowered in peal, the members dispersed with the best wishes to all their campanological friends for a happy and prosperous New Year.

THE WATERLOO SOCIETY, LONDON.

On Thursday, January 9th, several members and friends of the above society, to the number of thirty, sat down to an excellent supper, kindly provided by the Rev. C. E. Brooke, Vicar, and Messrs. J. J. Chapman and J. C. Carter, Church-

wardens of St. John the Divine, Vassal road, Brixton, which was served-up in first-class style, in the Parochial Hall, close to the church. All did justice to the good things provided, the course-ends coming up in good time. After supper, the rest of the evening was given up to harmony, several songs being well sung by Messrs. F. Davis, V. West, H. Beams, H. N. Davis, and a recitation was given by Mr. Linsted, a member of the City of London Musical Handbell-ringers, who gave an excellent programme, including the Merry Bells of England, and a Danish March from the opera Norma.

The Rev. A. G. Deedes, who took the chair in the unavoidable absence of the Vicar, toasted the Waterloo Society in a few appropriate words, for the help they had given, by ringing for Sunday Services, coupling the name of H. N. Davis, the worthy Master of the Society. Mr. H. N. Davis, responding, kindly thanked the rev. gentleman, also saying what pleasure it was to ring on the bells of St. John's, Vassal road, which was due to their excellent steeplekeeper, who took such care of the bells. He then gave the toast of "Clergy, Churchwardens, and Church Officials," coupling the name of Mr. G. Wild, steeplekeeper. Mr. G. Wild, in responding, said he only did his duty by keeping the bells in good going order, and hoped he should continue to do so.

Mr. J. J. Chapman, churchwarden, said how pleased he was to hear the bells rung for service, and hoped he should hear them more often on Sunday; he also hoped that such a meeting as this would be an annual one.

One of the most pleasant evenings of the society was brought to a close at 11.30, by singing "The National Anthem" and "Auld Lang Syne."

RICHMOND, YORKSHIRE.

On New Year's Day four ringers from Darlington journeyed to Richmond to have a ring with the local company on the bells of the parish church, which have recently been rehung in a new oak frame, and have had new ropes fitted. The work has been carried out by Mr. J. F. Mallaby, of Barnby Don, the work reflecting the highest credit on the bell-hanger. Pits have also been provided for two trebles to complete the octave at some future date. A 720 of Grandsire Minor was brought round in 23 mins. R. Briscoe, 1; R. Borrows, 2; T. Lungley, 3; G. Park, 4; G. W. Park, 5; G. J. Lungley (conductor), 6. A 720 College Single. R. Briscoe, 1; G. J. Lungley, 2; R. Borrows, 3; T. Lungley, 4; G. Park, 5; G. W. Park (conductor), 6. First in the method on the bells. Also 720 Plain Bob. R. Briscoe, 1; G. W. Park, 2; G. J. Lungley, 3; T. Lungley, 4; G. Park, 5; R. Borrows (conductor), 6. Great credit is due to R. Briscoe for the manner in which he rang the treble, as he has only been learning a short time, and these are his first 720s. Messrs. Lungley and Park belong to Darlington. The members of the local company who are learning the Art under R. Borrows, rang out the old year with three 6-scores of Bob Doubles. W. Frencham, 1; R. Briscoe, 2; T. Kirby, 3; W. Phillips, 4; R. Borrows (conductor), 5; T. Rushton, 6.

THE NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE UNITED SOCIETY.

On Wednesday, January 8th, the above society held their third annual dinner at The White Hart restaurant, Cloth Market, being attended by visitors from Tanfield and Sunderland. Host Bell, of the above-named restaurant, provided a most substantial dinner, for which he is famed. After the tables had been cleared, Mr. Hudson, of Sunderland, was voted into the chair, Mr. Lees, vice-chair.

The harmonious part of the evening was commenced by the chairman proposing the usual toast, "The Queen." Songs, selections on the handbells by the Tanfield ringers, followed quickly in succession, and brought a very pleasant and enjoyable evening to a close at 11 o'clock. The attendance of members didn't equal the number that have been on previous occasions, and I should like to see them there in greater numbers on future events of this class. The following contributed to the harmony of the evening: Messrs. W. S. Story, Lowe, and Brewis, Tanfield; Dall, Cooper, and Holmes.

W. H.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

PRELIMINARY NOTICE.—The Sixth Annual Meeting of the Central Council will be held at Brighton, on Tuesday in Easter-week, April 7th, 1896.

Notices of motion and other business to be brought before the Council, must be signed by two members of Council, and should be forwarded so as to reach the Hon. Secretary at least one clear month before the date of meeting. Late notices cannot be accepted. Hon. Secretaries of Societies are respectfully reminded that the subscriptions for 1896 became due on January 1st, and should be remitted to the Hon. Secretary of the Council, at the rate of 2s. 6d. for each elected representative, without delay. Information as to any change in representation, or in the addresses of representatives, is also particularly requested.

The next triennial election of Representatives should take place between the meeting now advertised and the 1st January, 1897.

H. EARLE BULWER, Hon. Sec.

Stanhoe Rectory, King's Lynn, January 2, 1896.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The ringers of the Cathedral Society, Llandaff, had their annual supper at The Black Lion hotel, Llandaff, on Tuesday, December 31st, the Rev. Canon Roberts in the chair; the vice-chairs being taken by the Rev. Minor Canons Roberts and Skrimshaw. The ringers invited were Messrs. Coombes, Lloyd, Roberts, and White, of Cardiff. A capital spread, by host Moore was greatly appreciated, and full justice was done to the good things provided. After the removal of the cloth, the rev. chairman gave the loyal and patriotic toasts, which were duly responded to. Mr. C. Lloyd gave the toast of the "Dean and Chapter," the donors of the supper, which was responded to by Rev. Minor Canon Roberts, who said it was the first time he had the honour of dining with the ringers, as he only lately took the place of the Rev. W. A. Downing, but he hoped to have many more, and also wished to take instructions in the Art of change-ringing.

The rev. chairman proposed the next toast, which he said was the toast of the evening, "Success to the Llandaff Diocesan Association of Change-ringers." He said that ringers were true subjects of the Church, and loyal to the Crown of England. He was also proud to say that he had visited several places since the starting of the Association, and he had found ringers more attentive to their duties, and more desirous that they should be recognised as church-workers, and that they were proud to think that an association had been formed in the Diocese, to bring before the authorities of the church that they had such honest church-workers in their midst; the chairman coupled with the toast the name of Mr. H. G. White, assistant sec. Mr. White responded, thanking the Dean and Chapter and the Cathedral band for inviting his colleagues and himself, and stated that the Association was in a flourishing condition, and hoped the Dean and Chapter would see their way clear to withdraw the denial of the bells to the Association for a peal. Songs were rendered by Messrs. Clutterbuck, C. Lloyd, White, and others, Mr. Coombes rendering the bells very beautifully on the concertina. The ringers then adjourned to the tower to ring the old year out and the new one in.

PRESTON, SUFFOLK.

On Thursday, December 26th, two 720s of Bob Minor were rung during the day. The first with twelve bobs and fourteen singles. H. Symonds, 1; W. Hollocks, 2; A. Hollocks, 3; J. Moore, 4; W. Snell, 5; A. Symonds, 6. The second with forty-two singles, all standing as before, and both conducted by A. Symonds. At 1.30 the ringers sat down to a good dinner in old England's Christmas style at The Six Bells inn, the expenses being defrayed by the churchwardens, Messrs. J. E. Wright and W. Bantock. The ringers wish, through the medium of this paper, to thank those gentlemen for their kindness, which occurs annually, and also wish them a prosperous new year.

LUDLOW, SALOP.—RINGERS' SUPPER.

On December 31st, Mr. R. Marston of Ludlow Castle, Salop, gave his annual supper to the Ludlow Guild of ringers, of which he is Master. The proceedings commenced in the afternoon with touches on the tower bells of 336 and 168 of Grandsire Triples. At 8.0 o'clock the company numbering about twenty-four assembled at The Castle besides the local ringers. There were also present the Rector, the Rev. Prebendary F. Clayton, Messrs. Wolley and Lowe, churchwardens, the Rev. J. C. Cranstone, of Honningham, near Leamington, the late Master, Dr. Cranstone of Ludlow, J. E. Groves, and H. A. Hall of Wolverhampton, etc. After full justice had been done to the good things provided, the company were entertained to a magic lantern, and afterwards the rendering of "The Curfew shall not ring to-night," by Mr. J. Palmer, accompanied by lantern slides. The company then adjourned to the tower and rang with the bells muffled 630 Grandsire Triples. W. Sweetman, 1; J. Palmer, 2; A. Chester, 3; J. E. Groves (conductor), 4; R. Marston, 5; H. A. Hall, 6; W. R. Nash, 7; W. Pritchard, 8. The New Year was ushered in by rounds and afterwards a 240 of Grandsire. Altogether a very enjoyable evening was spent. J. G. Buchanaa, Esq., and Mr. Bratton were unable to attend.

QUIDENHAM, NORFOLK.

On Saturday, December 21st, the local ringers held their annual supper, which was kindly provided by the rector, the Rev. S. Garnier, who was unable to join them at the festive board owing to illness. The chair was taken by his eldest son, Mr. E. Garnier, and after the cloth was removed, the usual toasts were given by the chairman, not forgetting that of the rector, who it is hoped will be soon restored to health. The rest of the evening was spent in singing songs and handbell ringing, a 360 being brought round, the first by a local company. On Thursday, January 9th, being Lady Albemarle's birthday, the tower bells were rung at intervals during the afternoon, when three 360s were brought round, including shorter touches. These are the first 360s by the local company, having only rang a plain course until a few weeks ago.

WESTON FAVEL, NORTHANTS.

OPENING OF THE CHURCH CLOCK.—The new clock in the tower of this church was started on the eve of the New Year. A large congregation assembled at St. Peter's church soon after 11 o'clock, when a short service was held, and an address given by the rector, who at five minutes to twelve set the clock going by pulling a rope in the tower; and the remaining moments of the old year were spent in silent prayer. At twelve the new clock, striking on the old melodious tenor bell, proclaimed the New Year. Hymn 165, "O God our help in ages past," was sung, and the solemn service ended with the Benediction. The new clock has been supplied by Messrs. Smith, of Derby, the makers of the great clock at St. Paul's Cathedral. It will be an acquisition to the neighbourhood, and a valuable timekeeper. The cost is about £76. Two new 4ft. 6in. dials (north and south) are placed at the top of the tower. The clock movement, enclosed in a wood case with glass doors, is placed about ten feet below the dials, and is a great contrast in appearance and construction to the old clock, which was of the most primitive description. It is fitted with all the latest improvements in clock-work, having a compensation pendulum and the double three-legged gravity escapement designed by Lord Grimthorpe. The clock is guaranteed by the makers to keep accurate time with less variation than fifteen seconds a month after it has been carefully regulated. It strikes the hours and half-hours on the largest bell, which is more than 200 years old.

ADDRESS WANTED.—Will Mr. W. Brook of Birmingham send his address to the Secretary of the Waterloo Society, F. Perrin, 42, Aylesbury street, Walworth, London, S.E.

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ANNIVERSARY OF THE ST. MARGARET'S SOCIETY,
LEISTON.

This anniversary of this society was held at The White Horse hotel, on Friday evening, January 10th, when sixteen of the members sat down to an excellent spread, prepared in host Johnson's well-known style, and to which ample justice was done. Upon the removal of the cloth, the Rev. Reginald James was voted to the chair, who gave the usual loyal and patriotic toasts in due form. The "Bishop and Clergy of the Diocese" was proposed by Mr. F. Cooper, and the rev. chairman, in responding, spoke of the very excellent work done by the hard-working Bishop and Clergy. He was glad to find throughout the country an increasing interest was being taken by the clergy towards the ringers, regarding them as church-workers, thanks to the excellent work of the Norwich Diocesan Association, the clergy being now recognised as the ringers' best friends. The health of the much-respected Master of the society, Mr. John Button, was next given, with many thanks to him for his untiring efforts to promote the cause of change-ringing. This was drunk with musical honours. Mr. Button, in acknowledgement, expressed himself confident as to the future of the society, having several very promising young men, who were anxious to learn, and making good progress. Mr. Button urged the importance of regular attendance at all practices. "The Health of the Chairman" was next given by Mr. F. Cooper. The rev. gentleman, in response, expressed the pleasure it gave him to attend the meeting, such meetings being the foundations of friendship. The rev. gentleman, who is learning change-ringing, gave his experience of the intelligence, quickness of sight and hearing, and physical power required in the Art, so little of which was known to those outside the tower. He also referred to the improved status of the ringer, as compared with the past generation, and expressed an earnest hope that he might become a scientific ringer.

The "Health of the Rector, the Rev. B. W. Raven," was next given, with many thanks for his kindness in granting the use of the bells on all occasions.

Other complimentary toasts followed: Mr. F. Cooper, Mr. W. Taylor (the conductor), Mr. H. J. Button, Mr. John Flegg, etc. The meeting was enlivened with songs by Messrs. H. Baldry, F. Wolfe, C. Samson, and C. Whiting, with pianoforte accompaniment by Mr. A. Valiant, interspersed with handbell ringing, tune-ringing, and tune-playing. The singing of "Auld Lang Syne," followed by "God Save the Queen," brought to a close a most successful and enjoyable meeting, well-spent in harmony and goodwill.

THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The Quarterly Meeting was held at Staveley on Saturday, January 11th, only a few muster of members being present. The business meeting was held in the club-room at The Elm Tree inn at 5 o'clock, the President, Mr. C. Severn, in the chair. The minutes having been confirmed, it was resolved to have the Annual Meeting and dinner at Dronfield on Easter Monday, the printing of the report to be left in the hands of the Secretary as usual.

The next business on the agenda was the arrangement for the next Cup Competition. The last meeting took place in October, and the weather being so cold it was the general wish that a date should be fixed early in the summer.

Mr. James proposed, seconded by Mr. Norman, that the competition take place on Whit Monday, May 25th, at Reighton, each company to ring a 720 of Violet Treble Bob.

The usual votes of thanks having been carried, and the meeting closed, the members adjourned to the rectory, where an excellent meat tea had been provided by the rector, to which full justice was done. After grace had been said, Mr. J. Harris proposed, seconded by Mr. Jackson, that the best thanks of the Association be given to the Rev. C. H. Molineux, for the very hearty reception accorded to the members, the hospitality they one and all had received on numerous occasions at his hands, being a great help to keep them together, and a benefit to the society.

The vote was carried unanimously. Several touches on eight and six bells was rung by mixed bands during the afternoon.

WHITSTONE, DEVON.

On Saturday afternoon, January 11th, several members of the St. Edmund's Society paid a visit to the above place and rang several excellent 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, and were very pleased with the "go" of the bells. Soon after arriving at the tower C. Pearson, Esq. met the visitors, and expressed his pleasure to see them, and hoped they would enjoy their pull. He, with his gardener, who are practical ringers, joined the visitors and rang several 6-scores together. They afterwards adjourned to the parish room and had tea, which was very kindly provided for them by Mr. Pearson. Tea being over, and a 6-score having been rung on the handbells, a start was made for home, which was reached in safety. The band was composed of Messrs. Swift, Goss, Combes, Lock, Cater, Richardson, Townsend, Willey and Davey. The visitors wish to thank the Rev. J. B. Pearson, D.D., and C. Pearson, Esq., for their kindness in giving them the use of the bells, and for providing such a substantial tea, which was very acceptable after the long walk up hill to the church.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

PENARTH BRANCH.—The Annual Meeting of this branch was held in the belfry of St. Augustine's church, on Tuesday, January 7th. The Secretary presented his report, which shewed that 150 720s had been rung during the year as follows: Grandsire, 12; Plain Bob, 70; Kent, 32; Oxford, 30; Violet, 6. This shewed an increase on the preceding year of 79. The total number of changes successfully brought round was 119,101. The conductors were: D. Thomas, conducted 108; C. Smith, 37; H. Roberts (Cheltenham), 3; W. B. Biss, 2. The following were re-elected to fill their respective offices during the ensuing year: J. Vinnicombe (Captain), T. Northey (Vice-captain), D. Thomas (Honorary Secretary). Number of 720s rung by members: D. Thomas, 145; J. Vinnicombe, 133; T. Northey, 131; F. Bartlett, 123; C. Smith, 111; W. B. Biss, 110; J. Jones, 26.

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 PEAL AT DUNCHURCH, WARWICKSHIRE.

SIR,—The peal rung at Dunchurch, on Saturday, January 4th, is not the heaviest ring of six a 5040 of Minor has been rung on. On May 4th, 1895, six members of the Bedfordshire Association rung at Olney, Bucks., in 3 hours and 25 minutes, a 5040 in seven different methods, five 720s of Treble Bob and two 720s in Double Minor Methods, tenor 25 cwt. This is believed to be the heaviest ring of six a 5040 has yet been rung on. C. CHASTY.

THE PEAL AT BRANCEPETH.—This peal was rung as a birthday compliment to the Hon. Hamilton Russell, son of Lord Boyne, Brancepeth Castle, Mr. G. J. Clarkson, and the Rev. A. D. Shafto. Five of the visitors left Middlesbrough by the 1.28 p.m. train, and were joined at Stockton-on-Tees by Messrs. Clarkson, Stephenson, and Newton, en route for Croxdale. On arrival at the latter place a stiff uphill walk of an hour brought them to the church of St. Brandon, where permission had kindly been granted for use of the bells. After a slight application of castor oil to the bearings (Jammison's best had been previously taken by the band at Croxdale, as Brancepeth lays in rather a remote part of the county, and not over-well accommodated with the good things essential to lubricating mankind), places were taken up without delay, "go" was called, and the bells brought home after a well-struck 5000 in 3 hrs. 7 mins. A dash was then made for a house in the village, where tea had been specially provided at the expense of Mr. G. J. Clarkson, and although time was so limited, it was surprising to see the good things move so fast. A few minutes later the visitors were comfortably seated in the train for home, via Durham, which was safely reached about 10 p.m., all having thoroughly enjoyed the somewhat hurried outing. The visitors wish to thank the Rev. A. D. Shafto for kindly placing the bells at their disposal; also the others who so kindly helped to their enjoyment, not forgetting their friend Mr. Clarkson for his kindness, each one of them wishing him many happy returns, and trusting to have him with them again before long.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

EASTERN DIVISION.—A very successful meeting of this Association was held at Christ Church, Eastbourne, on Saturday, December 14th, the Master of the Association, Mr. G. F. Attree, being present together with members from St. Peter's Brighton, St. Nicholas Brighton, Christ Church Blacklands, Hastings, Pevensey parish church, St. Mary's Eastbourne, and the local band. About twenty members sat down to a substantial tea, provided by the vicar of Christ Church (Rev. W. H. Hewett, M.A.), which was much enjoyed by all. The usual business meeting followed, the Rev. W. H. Hewett taking the chair, and the following were duly elected members of the Association: Henry Wood (Sittingbourne); George Wilkins (Arundel); Edward Brant and Ernest Beale (Pevensey).

A vote of thanks to the vicar for his kindness was heartily responded to, and in his reply to the same he gave a hearty welcome to all present, wished the Association prosperity, and hoped that he might see a much larger gathering at the next meeting in his parish. Continuing he remarked that "everything connected with the Art and service of bell-ringing was on the ascending scale. Belfries were no longer the disreputable places they once were. Now they were cleared of their former defects and often decorated and beautified. For these and other beneficial results we have to thank in a great measure, the work of the diocesan societies. But whilst the improvement is both marked and gratifying, there is more to be accomplished. We want it to be recognised that the ringer is serving the Church and the Church's Master as truly and really as the choir member; and we want to get the reproach so frequently (though doubtless often unjustly) applied to the bell-ringer 'that you will seldom find him in church' quite rolled away. The day is approaching (and may God hasten it), when a non-church-going ringer will be as rare as a disreputable belfry. Meanwhile let all who love the service of our church take a high view of the situation, and whilst doing the utmost to make the work of the belfry as perfect as possible, see that it is consistently consecrated to God as a means of drawing his people together to worship him in His sanctuary."

The bells were kept going at Christ Church from 3 to 5.30, and at St. Mary's from 7.30 to 9, touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob Major, Cambridge and New Cumberland Surprise Major, being successfully brought round with some excellent striking.

Obituary.

WALTER GRIFFITHS.

It is with deep regret we have to announce the death of the above ringer, who died on January 7th, 1896, after an illness of three weeks. Deceased was only 20 years of age, and worked for his father as a bricklayer. Having been out working on a wet day, he returned home and complained of being ill, and went to bed. Rheumatic fever set in and he passed away very peacefully on Tuesday night. The deceased was a great lover of change-ringing, and although not yet having scored his first peal he was capable of doing so, having rung in many touches, including two quarter-peals of Grandsire Triples and two 720s of Grandsire Minor. He was a member of the Salop Guild and took great interest in it, attending most of the meetings. The funeral took place on Saturday, at the Shrewsbury general cemetery, and was followed by deceased's friends, also by his fellow-ringers of the Salop Guild. The service was conducted by the Rev. R. H. Craft, curate of St. Chad's. The deceased was carried to his last resting place by four members of the Guild—Messrs. A. Bennett, W. Davies, W. Taylor, and A. Espley. Shortly after the funeral service, 210 of Grandsire Triples was rung with the bells half-muffled. A. Bennett, 1; G. Taylor, 2; W. Taylor, 3; F. Taylor, 4; A. Espley, 5; A. Fullick, 6; G. Byolin (conductor), 7; W. Davies, 8. And on Sunday, January 12th, two touches of Grandsire Triples. A. Bennett, 1; G. Taylor, 2; A. Espley, 3; G. Burrows, 4; W. Taylor, 5; A. Fullick, 6; J. E. Groves (conductor), 7; G. Scarratt, 8. The coffin, which was covered with wreaths by deceased's friends, and by St. Chad's and St. Alkmund's ringers, bore the following inscription: "Nothing in my hand I bring, simply to Thy cross I cling. Walter Griffiths, Died January 7th, 1896, aged 20 years."

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Miscellaneous Touches.

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ASHSTEAD (Surrey).—On Sunday, December 22nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. C. E. Race, 1; W. E. Otway, 2; W. R. Crookford, 3; H. Newnham (composer and conductor), 4; W. Cook, 5; H. Wilkinson, 6; J. Wyatt, 7; H. Corbett, 8.

BOBBING (Kent).—On Sunday afternoon, December 22nd, for Divine Service at St. Bartholomew's church, 720 Canterbury Pleasure (eighteen bobs and two singles) in 21 mins. H. Scattergood, 1; W. T. Hyland, 2; W. Mills, 3; A. T. Hyland, 4; W. Wilkins, 5; G. A. Ransome (conductor), 6.

CIRENCESTER (Gloucestershire).—On Sunday morning, December 29th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins. H. Midwinter, 1; F. W. Bond, 2; F. Gardner, 3; A. Edwards, 4; J. Austin (conductor), 5; F. G. May, 6; H. T. Gardner, 7; H. Clutterbuck, 8. On Boxing Day, an attempt for a peal of Grandsire Caters was made by a band of the parish church ringers under the conductorship of Mr. Austin, but after ringing for two hours and a-half the rope of the treble slipped its wheel and the peal was lost.

EDENBRIDGE (Kent).—On Thursday, December 26th, the Nutfield ringers paid a visit to this place and rang 720 Grandsire Minor. F. Hawkins, 1; T. Leeson, 2; J. Tidey, 3; W. Burkin (conductor), 4; H. Peters, 5; G. Bourne, 6. Also 240 Kent Treble Bob. J. Burkin, 1; J. Tidey, 2; W. Burkin, 3; G. Bourne, 4; H. Peters, 5; *W. J. Collison (conductor), 6. And 720 Plain Bob Minor. *G. Ballam, 1; *W. J. Collison, 2; T. Leeson, 3; W. Burkin, 4; H. Peters, 5; *J. Preston (conductor), 6. Also 720 College Exercise. F. Hawkins, 1; J. Tidey, 2; W. Burkin, 3; W. Hawkins (conductor), 4; H. Peters, 5; G. Bourne, 6. First in the method on the bells. And 120 Stedman Doubles, being the first in the method on the bells. G. Bourne, 1; I. Tidey, 2; J. Burkin, 3; W. Burkin (conductor), 4; W. Hawkins, 5; F. Hawkins, 6. Also 720 Canterbury Pleasure, being the first in the method on the bells. *J. Preston, 1; T. Leeson, 2; W. Burkin, 3; J. Tidey, 4; *W. Collison, 5; W. Hawkins (conductor), 6. And 360 Oxford Single Bob. F. Hawkins, 1; *W. Collison, 2; *J. Heasman, 3; W. Hawkins, 4; *J. Preston, 5; W. Burkin (conductor), 6. *Belongs to Edenbridge.

GAINSBOROUGH (Lincolnshire).—On Thursday, December 26th, at the parish church, 1036 Grandsire Triples. Rev. R. Bond, 1; A. H. Wheeler, 2; H. Blagg, 3; J. T. Bottomley, 4; H. Haigh, 5; J. White, 6; W. D. Tinker (conductor), 7; F. S. W. Butler, 8. Also a quarter-peal in the same method in 46 mins. T. Pattison, 1; Rev. R. Bond, 2; F. S. W. Butler, 3; W. D. Tinker, 4; A. H. Wheeler, 5; H. Haigh (conductor), 6; T. Spurr, 7; G. Wilson, 8. Tenor 20 cwt. Messrs. White and Blagg hail from Ordsall; Haigh, Spurr, and Bottomley from East Retford; the rest belong to the local company.

HINDLEY (Lancashire).—On Sunday evening, December 29th, for Divine Service at St. Peter's church, a 1008 Grandsire Triples. R. Calland (conductor), 1; T. Tickle, 2; E. Brown, 3; S. Tickle, 4; J. Brown, 5; H. W. Kirton, 6; E. Prescott, 7; N. Gregory, 8. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. H. W. Kirton hails from Gainsborough; the rest are local men.

MONEWDEN (Suffolk).—On Sunday, December 29th, after evening service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. R. H. Hayward, 1; G. Wightman (conductor), 2; S. Wightman, 3; J. Durrant, 4; E. Wightman, 5; S. W. Martin, 6. Also 720 Bob Minor, with W. Wightman, 1; the others as before.

SITTINGBOURNE (Kent).—On Sunday evening, December 22nd, for service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. T. W. Jarrett, 1; G. H. Kite, 2; H. E. Simpson, 3; H. J. Tidy, jun., 4; E. J. Bottle, 5; J. G. Elliott, 6; G. A. Ransom (conductor), 7; H. Scattergood, 8. During the evening of Christmas day, 720 Plain Bob Minor, in 25 mins. T. E. Collard, 1; H. J. Tidy, jun., 2; D. Geater (Newbury, Berks., 3; E. J. Bottle, 4; J. G. Elliott, 5; G. A. Ransom (conductor), 6; H. Scattergood, 8.

STOKE NEWINGTON (Middlesex).—On Monday, December 23rd, at the church of St. Mary, 720 Plain Bob Minor, in 25 mins. H. Spencer, 1; G. Gains, 2; G. Long, 3; A. Fisher, 4; W. G. Bean, 5; H. Stubbs (conductor), 6. Ringers of 3rd, 4th, and 5th hail from St. Paul's, Homerton.

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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.
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WILLIAM F. MEADS	5.	*GEORGE HAYDEN	Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JOHN ROGERS.

*First peal. The band wish to tender their thanks, through the medium of this paper, to the Rev. T. W. Gibson, M.A., Vicar, for kindly granting the use of the bells. The figures of this composition will appear in due course.

The Provinces.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(THE WARNHAM BRANCH.)
On Tuesday, January 7, 1896, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF UNION TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.
Tenor 14½ cwt.

ARTHUR CHARMAN	Treble.	WILLIAM PELLING	5.
GEORGE COX	2.	JAMES GARMAN	6.
WILLIAM HOOKER	3.	WALTER CHARMAN	7.
THOMAS ANDREWS	4.	WILLIAM STANFORD	Tenor.

Composed by J. J. PARKER and Conducted by W. CHARMAN.

*First peal.

DRAYTON, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, January 8, 1896, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' COMPOSITION.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

A. R. BOSLEY Treble.	A. THOMAS 5.
T. SHORT 2.	J. SAWYER 6.
E. A. BUTLER 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
H. MILLS 4.	D. NAPPER Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

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DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 11, 1896, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BRANDON,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 14 cwt.

GEORGE J. CLARKSON .. Treble.	ROBERT ALCOCK 5.
CHARLES HALL 2.	WILLIAM NEWTON 6.
FRED. P. HOWCROFT .. 3.	JOHN H. BLAKISTON .. 7.
RICHARD FENWICK 4.	THOMAS STEPHENSON .. Tenor.

Composed by OBADIAH LANG and Conducted by JNO. H. BLAKISTON.

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

ORMSKIRK, LANCASHIRE.

THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 11, 1896, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A SIX-PART BOB-AND-SINGLE VARIATION.

SIDNEY FLINT* Treble.	JAMES PILKINGTON 5.
JAMES SHOLICAR 2.	WILLIAM J. TAYLOR .. 6.
JOHN TAYLOR 3.	WILLIAM BENTHAM 7.
WILLIAM FAIRCLOUGH .. 4.	JAMES R. PARK Tenor.

Composed by JAMES SHOLICAR and Conducted by WILLIAM BENTHAM.

*First peal; aged 17.

COALBROOKDALE, SHROPSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 11, 1896, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. CARTER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 19½ cwt. in Eb.

JOHN O. GRIFFITHS* .. Treble.	JOHN E. OVERTON 5.
SAMUEL J. HUGHES† .. 2.	WILLIAM PRICE 6.
JOSEPH DAY* 3.	JAMES E. GROVES 7.
WILLIAM H. HUGHES† .. 4.	WILLIAM H. HUMPHRIES .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

*First peal. †First peal of Grandsire. ‡First peal with a bob bell. J. E. Overton kindly came from Bridgnorth to take the place of W. Morgan, who was unwell.

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On Saturday, January 11, 1896, in Three Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES.

Tenor 29 cwt.

FRANK MUMFORD Treble.	GEORGE WALKER 6.
CHARLES SPARKES 2.	JOHN JENNINGS 7.
JAMES JONES 3.	JOHN T. PERRY 8.
EDWARD J. SCOTT 4.	GEORGE HITCHMAN 9.
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On Saturday, January 11, 1896, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Tenor 10½ cwt.

WILLIAM J. GILBERT* .. Treble.	*WILLIAM PETTIT 5.
CLIFTON NEWMAN* 2.	ALFRED H. MARTIN .. 6.
JAMES HOUGHTON, JUN. .. 3.	*JAMES GARRATT 7.
FRED GILBERT* 4.	REV. H. LAW JAMES .. Tenor.

Composed by E. BANKES JAMES and

Conducted by the REV. H. LAW JAMES.

*First peal of Double Norwich. This is the first peal of Double Norwich by the Association, and also the first rung in Northamptonshire by a band all resident in the county.

BORDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 11, 1896, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 23 cwt.

ERNEST ALLEN Treble.	CHARLES MILLWAY 5.
STANLEY HUTSON 2.	CHARLES WILLSHIRE .. 6.
EDWARD FOREMAN 3.	WILLIAM TASSELL 7.
GEORGE WILLSHIRE 4.	*ROBERT WELLER Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES WILLSHIRE.

*First peal. E. Foreman hails from Herne Hill, Faversham, and G. Willshire from Quex Park, Birchington, for whom this peal was arranged; the rest belong to the local company.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.—SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, January 12, 1896, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 13½ cwt. in F.

FREDERICK W. RICE .. Treble.	I. GEORGE SHADE 5.
JOHN RICE 2.	ROBERT JORDAN 6.
JOHN R. SHARMAN 3.	JAMES PARKER 7.
HENRY WOOD 4.	FREDERICK DENCH Tenor.

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH and Conducted by JAMES PARKER.

First peal of Superlative by H. Wood (for whom this peal was arranged), and first attempt. H. Wood hails from Rodmersham, Kent; I. G. Shade from Greenwich.

BILSTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

On Monday, January 13, 1896, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THE AUTHOR UNKNOWN.

G. GOODCHILD Treble.	J. ADAMS 5.
S. PITT 2.	W. JOHNSON 6.
S. DACE 3.	J. A. BROWN 7.
J. HARPER 4.	W. EYRE Tenor.

Conducted by W. JOHNSON.

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NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 13, 1896, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' ORIGINAL.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

FRANCIS LEES Treble.	WILLIAM STORY 5.
ROBERT C. HUDSON 2.	JOHN BUFFERY 6.
ROBERT S. STORY 3.	FREDK. J. HARRISON .. 7.
ALFRED F. HILLIER 4.	WILLIAM HOLMES Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM HOLMES.

Mr. Buffery hails from Birmingham.

LOUGHTON, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.*On Tuesday, January 14, 1896, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
BROOK'S VARIATION. Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

WILLIAM PYE Treble.	JAMES RANN 5.
WILLIAM LEBBON 2.	GEORGE CARTER 6.
EDWARD A. BACON 3.	WALTER CLARK 7.
FREDERICK FREEMAN 4.	JOSEPH TRAPP Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Messrs. Freeman and Trapp were elected members before starting for the peal. W. Pye hails from Chadwell Heath, the rest are local ringers.

PENDLETON, LANCASHIRE.**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

(MANCHESTER BRANCH.)

Recently (no date mentioned) in Two Hours and Forty seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' COMPOSITION. Tenor 14 cwt.

SAMUEL GREENHALGH .. Treble.	FRED. DERBYSHIRE 5.
JOHN SMITH 2.	THOMAS SMITH 6.
JOSIAH ROGERS 3.	RICHARD RIDYARD 7.
ALFRED CROSS* 4.	FRANCIS SMITH Tenor.

Conducted by RICHARD RIDYARD.

*First peal in the method. Rung as a compliment to Mr. Rogers, he having attained his fifty-third birthday on January 10th. Messrs. Derbyshire and Ridyard hail from Worsley; the rest are local men.

Performances on Five and Six Bells.**BUCKNALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.****STOKE-UPON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.***On Tuesday, January 14, 1896, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

SEVEN 720s OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, as follows:

Durham Surprise, York Surprise, Bristol Surprise, Imperial, City Delight, Tulip, and Killamarsh.

Tenor 11½ cwt. in A flat.

GEORGE HOBBS Treble.	WILLIAM WHEELDON 4.
JOHN E. WHEELDON 2.	*DANIEL PRESTON 5.
CHARLES PRESTON 3.	WILLIAM TWIGG Tenor.

Conducted by DANIEL PRESTON.

*First 5040 as conductor.

RUMBURGH, SUFFOLK.**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Tuesday, January 14, 1896, in Three Hours,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

FORTY-TWO SIX-SCORES OF DOUBLES as follows:

Ten Six-scores of Plain Bob and Old Doubles, and Eleven each of April Day and Grandsire Doubles.

SAMUEL KERRISON Treble.	WILLIAM PIERCE 3.
FRED. LAMBERT 2.	SAMUEL BIRD 4.
CHARLES KERRISON Tenor.	

Conducted by FRED. LAMBERT,

S. Bird is a local man; the remainder are members of the Halesworth company.

Date Touches.**THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

MIDHURST (Sussex).—On December 31st, a date touch of 1895 changes, in 1 hr. 4 mins., in the following methods: 23 Bob Doubles,

1152 Bob Minor, 720 Oxford Single Bob. G. Boswell, 1; F. Trussler, 2; T. E. Ellis, 3; C. Tribe, 4; A. B. Bennett (conductor); 5; J. Lee, 6. Longest length by the ringers of the treble and 2nd.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—BLACKBURN BRANCH.

BURNLEY (Lancashire).—On Wednesday, December 25th, at the church of The Holy Trinity, a date touch of Kent Treble Bob Major, in 1 hr. 8 mins. D. Heys, 1; N. Townend, 2; J. R. Werring, 3; R. Ashworth, 4; F. Towns, 5; T. Mouncey, 6; T. Redman, 7; H. Heyworth (conductor), 8. Composed by A. Sykes, of Huddersfield.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

KELVEDON (Essex).—Recently, a date touch, consisting of 455 and two 720s of Bob Minor, in 1 hr. 18 mins. W. Keeble, 1; H. Elliott, 2; J. Elliott, 3; J. Frost, 4; H. Evers, 5; W. Elliott (conductor), 6. This is the first date touch on the bells, and first by all on six bells. Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

COGGESHALL (Essex).—On Monday, December 30th, at the parish church, a date touch of Kent Treble Bob Major, 1895 changes, in 1 hr. 15 mins. 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.

KENDAL (Westmoreland).—On Christmas Day, for early morning service at the parish church, a date touch of 1895 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 12 mins. J. Braithwaite, 1; W. Tyson, 2; R. Everson, 3; W. Graham, 4; W. Atkinson (conductor), 5; B. Walker, 6; B. Dawson, 7; J. Salmon, 8. Tenor 25 cwt.

KNARESBRO' (Yorks).—On Sunday evening, December 29th, a date touch of Grandsire Triples in 1 hr. 15 mins. T. Allen, 1; G. Hall, 2; W. Swires, 3; H. Varley, 4; F. Thompson, 5; J. Lee, 6; F. Smith, 7; M. Styles, 8. Composed by W. H. Howard, Yorkshire, and conducted by W. Swires. This is the longest touch by the 1st, 2nd, 4th, and 6th ringers.

DEWSBURY (Yorks).—On Wednesday evening, January 8th, at the parish church, a date touch of Kent Treble Bob Major in 1 hr. 12 mins. This touch was rung in honour of the 31st birthday of W. Idle, one of the ringers, and on its completion his brother-ringers wished him many happy returns of the day. F. Bailey, 1; W. Idle, 2; W. Ainley, 3; C. Senior, 4; J. A. Idle, 5; G. H. Hardy (conductor), 6; G. Taylor, 7; J. Garforth, 8. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qrs.

Miscellaneous.**THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

CAPEL (Surrey).—On Sunday, December 15th, for morning service, 360 Oxford Treble Bob. W. Neal, 1; E. Holloway, 2; T. M. Stedman, 3; C. Taylor, 4; E. C. Boniface, 5; E. Jordan (conductor), 6. In the afternoon 720 Superlative Surprise. E. Holloway, 1; J. Akehurst, 2; T. M. Stedman, 3; C. Taylor, 4; E. E. Boniface, 5; E. Jordan (conductor), 6. For the evening service, 360 Superlative Surprise, with Stedman and Boniface changing places, the rest as before. For practice, on Tuesday, December 17th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. W. Neal, 1; E. Holloway, 2; T. M. Stedman, 3; C. Taylor, 4; T. Fairs, 5; D. Jordan (conductor), 6. And 720 Superlative Surprise. E. Holloway, 1; J. Akehurst, 2; C. Jordan, 3; C. Taylor, 4; T. Fairs, 5; D. Jordan (conductor), 6.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

ROMFORD (Essex).—On Monday, December 23rd, on handbells retained in hand, 2520 Stedman Triples, being the last half of Brook's Variation with one course to bring up the half-peal-end, 2604 changes, in 1 hr. 15 mins. G. R. Pye, 1-2; W. Pye, 3-4; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 5-6; W. Watson, 7-8. Also 640 Kent Treble Bob Major with E. Pye, 7-8.

BRENTWOOD (Essex).—On Saturday, December 21st, an attempt was made for a peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major, but after ringing 3900 changes in 2 hrs. 32 mins. it came to grief owing to a change-course. W. Lebbon, 1; W. H. Doran, 2; T. Faulkner, 3; G. R. Pye, 4; E. Pye, 5; E. Clayton, 6; J. Dale, 7; W. Pye (conductor), 8. Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

WEST HAM (Essex).—On Tuesday, December 10th, for practice at All Saints' church, 560 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. C. Dempsey, 1; G. F. Pearl, 2; J. P. Bradley, 3; E. Pye, 4; H. W.

Doran, 5; G. R. Pye, 6; H. Randall, 7; W. Pye (conductor), 8. Also 504 Stedman Triples. H. Randall, 1; J. P. Bradley, 2; W. H. Doran, 3; W. Pye (conductor), 4; E. Pye, 5; G. R. Pye, 6; G. F. Pearl, 7; G. Haydon, 8. Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

KELVEDON (Essex).—On Sunday evening, December 8th, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor. W. Keeble, 1; H. Elliott, 2; J. Elliott, 3; J. Frost, 4; H. Evers, 5; W. Elliott (conductor), 6. This was rung after an unsuccessful attempt for a date touch. On Wednesday, December 11th, for practice, 455 Plain Bob. H. Evers, 3; D. Elliott, 5; the rest as before. On Sunday evening, December 15th, 456 Plain Bob, standing as on the previous Sunday. On Wednesday, December 18th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor (forty-two singles), standing as before. On Christmas day, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs two singles), 720 Bob Minor (thirty-two bobs two singles), 720 Bob Minor (forty-two singles); the ringers standing as in the previous 720s.

WITHAM (Essex).—On December 3rd, at the church of St. Peter, 720 Bob Minor. W. Keeble, 1; D. Elliott (conductor), 2; H. Evers, 3; G. Hum, 4; W. Hunwick, 5; J. Newman, 6. And 720 Oxford Treble Bob. E. Chaplin, 1; W. Chalk, 2; H. Evers, 3; D. Elliott (conductor), 4; J. Newman, 5; E. W. Beckwith, 6. Messrs. Keeble and Evers hail from Kelvedon; Elliott and Beckwith from Coggeshall; Hum, Hunwick, and Newman from Feering; the rest are local men.

FEERING (Essex).—Tuesday, December 10th, being the first anniversary of the ring of bells being augmented to six, the local members of the above Association met at the parish church to celebrate the event. A 720 of Bob Minor was rung in 25 mins. by Messrs. Henwick (2), Lewis, Evers, Hum, and Newman (conductor). A 720 of New London Pleasure was rung by R. Potter, 1; W. Dyer, 2; C. Norfolk, 3; D. Elliott, sen., 4; E. W. Beckwith, 5; D. Elliott, jun. (conductor), 6. And 360 Bob Minor. W. Keeble, 1; H. T. Pye, 2; W. Hunwick, 3; J. Sadler, 4; W. E. Hunwick, 5; J. Newman (conductor), 6. Also a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor. R. Potter, 1; H. Evers, 2; C. Norfolk, 3; J. Sadler, 4; E. W. Beckwith, 5; D. Elliott, jun. (conductor), 6. The last touch was a 360 of Oxford Treble Bob. W. E. Hunwick, 1; H. Evers, 2; C. Norfolk, 3; J. Sadler, 4; E. W. Beckwith, 5; J. Newman (conductor), 6. On Christmas Day two 720s and 360 Bob Minor. H. T. Pye, 1; W. Hunwick, 2; F. Newman, 3; G. Hum, 4; W. E. Hunwick, 5; J. Newman (conductor), 6.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BARNWOOD (Gloucestershire).—Recently, at the parish church, by the local band and a few friends, during the various practices, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs two singles), in 26 mins., conducted by H. Mitchell. Also 720 Bob Minor (nine bobs six singles), in 26 mins. Also 720 in the same method (eighteen bobs two singles), in 25 mins., both conducted by R. A. Barrett. And 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs two singles), in 26 mins., conducted by A. A. Waite. This was rung to celebrate the birthday of Mrs. R. A. Barrett. Also 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs two singles), in 21½ mins., conducted by A. A. Waite. This is the quickest 720 ever rung on the bells. These 720s were rung by the following: H. Mitchell, A. A. Waite, R. A. Barrett, H. G. Gardner, A. Rheam, A. Howley, C. Browett, E. A. Davies, W. Perks. E. A. Davies hails from Gloucester, W. Perks from Ashchurch.

UPTON ST. LEONARDS.—Recently, at the parish church, by six members of the local band, assisted by W. Perks, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs two singles), in 29 mins., tenor covering. T. Clissold (first 720), E. Middlecote (first 720), H. G. Gardner, H. Mitchell (conductor), R. A. Barrett, W. Perks, W. Staite.

ELMORE.—On a recent Saturday, five members of the above association visited this place (and assisted by R. Prosser, a local man), rung at the parish church 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs two singles), in 25 mins. R. Prosser (first 720 in the method), H. Mitchell, R. A. Barrett, E. E. Davies, G. Taylor, A. E. Pegler (conductor).

MAISEMORE.—On a recent Sunday, after evening service, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs two singles), in 25 mins. E. E. Davies, R. Brunnsden, A. T. Brunnsden, W. T. Pegler, H. Mitchell, R. A. Barrett (conductor). And several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles were rung, conducted by B. Hetheredge, a local man, who had just stepped in to have a pull with us.

SANDHURST.—On a recent Sunday, after evening service, five members of the local band, assisted by H. Mitchell, rung, at the parish church, 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-eight bobs twenty-two singles), in 25 mins. A. Holford, H. Roberts, H. Mitchell, A. Roberts, F. Daniels, W. Pugh (conductor). Also several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles.

HEMPSTED.—On a Sunday evening, after service, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs two singles), in 22 mins., conducted by W. T. Bennett. Also on various practice nights, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs two singles), in 23 mins., conducted by J. Austin. Also 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs two singles), in 25 mins. And 720 Bob Minor (twenty-

five bobs ten singles), in 25 mins., conducted by H. Mitchell. On Sunday evening, December 15th, after service, 720 Bob Minor (ten singles six bobs), in 25 mins., conducted by J. Austin. And 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs two singles), in 25 mins., conducted by H. Mitchell. On Friday, December 20th, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs two singles), in 25 mins., conducted by J. Austin. The following took part in the above touches; W. T. Pegler, A. E. Pegler, E. E. Davies, G. Taylor, F. Bartlett, C. Preece, W. Dudge, H. Mitchell, J. Austin, W. T. Bennett, R. A. Barrett, H. V. Wilkins.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

LEOMINSTER.—On Saturday, December 14th, 168 Grandsire Triples. T. Davis, 1; W. Bainham, 2; T. J. Enoch, 3; E. Edwards (conductor), 4; W. Jaine, 5; C. Jaine, 6; H. E. Taylor, 7; Rev. G. Whitehouse, 8; E. Thompson, 9; J. Brooks, 10. On Sunday, December 15th, 336 Grandsire Triples. T. Davis, 1; C. Edwards (conductor), 2; T. J. Enoch, 3; W. Bainham, 4; W. Jaine, 5; C. Jaine, 6; H. E. Taylor, 7; T. J. Bannister, 8; E. Thompson, 9; J. Brooks, 10. On Tuesday, December 17th, 294 Grandsire Triples. T. Davis, 1; W. Bainham, 2; T. J. Enoch, 3; C. Edwards (conductor), 4; W. Jaine, 5; C. Jaine, 6; H. E. Taylor, 7; T. J. Bannister, 8; E. Thompson, 9; J. Brooks, 10. On handbells, 168 Grandsire Triples. T. Davis, 1; C. Jaine, 2; W. Bainham, 3; H. E. Taylor, 4; W. Jaine, 5; C. Edwards (conductor), 6-7; E. Thompson, 8. On Christmas eve, six 6-scores of Doubles. W. Bainham, 1; W. E. Taylor, 2; W. Jaine, 3; C. Edwards (conductor), 4; T. J. Enoch, 5; J. Cook, 6; E. Thompson, 7; J. Brooks, 8. On Christmas morning, 1260 Grandsire Doubles, in 48 mins. T. Davis, 1; H. E. Taylor, 2; W. Jaine, 3; C. Edwards (conductor), 4; T. J. Enoch, 5; J. Cook, 6; E. Thompson, 7; S. Jones, 8.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ANGMERING (Sussex).—On Monday, December 16th, 720 Chichester Surprise. H. Finch, 1; C. Hills, 2; T. Linfield, 3; A. Child, 4; F. Finch (first in the method), 5; T. Parsons (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, December 24th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. J. Hills, 1; F. Finch, 2; A. Child, 3; H. Finch, 4; T. Parsons, 5; T. Linfield (conductor), 6. On Wednesday, December 25th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. H. Finch, 1; F. Finch, 2; J. Hills, 3; C. Hills, 4; T. Linfield, 5; T. Parsons (conductor), 6. Also 720 College Exercise. H. Finch, 1; C. Hills, 2; A. Child, 3; T. Linfield, 4; J. Hills, 5; T. Parsons (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, December 31st, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. H. Finch, 1; C. Hills, 2; A. Child, 3; J. Hills, 4; F. Finch, 5; T. Linfield (conductor), 6.

HASTINGS.—On Christmas eve, at Christ Church, Blacklands, a quarter-peal of Doubles, comprising ten 6-scores of Grandsire and 60 changes of Plain Bob, in 46 mins. Tenor 21 cwt. W. E. Smith, 1; J. Livermore, 2; F. Lock, 3; S. Saker (conductor), 4; A. Tester, 5; W. H. Swain, 6. First quarter-peal on the bells, and by all except the ringers of the 2nd and 4th. On Christmas day, for early celebration, 720 Grandsire Doubles (six 6-scores called differently). W. E. Smith, 1; F. Lock (conductor), 2; S. Saker, 3; J. Livermore, 4; A. Tester, 5; W. H. Swain, 6. For morning service, three 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. W. E. Smith, 1; C. E. Smith (London), 2; J. Livermore, 3; F. Lock (conductor), 4; A. Tester, 5; W. H. Swain, 6. And three 6-scores of Bob Doubles. W. E. Smith, 1; C. E. Smith, 2; F. Lock, 3; J. Livermore, 4; S. Saker (conductor), 5; W. H. Swain, 6.

WEST TARRING (Sussex).—On Saturday, December 28th, at the parish church, six members of the Angmering branch rang 720 College Exercise. H. Finch, 1; T. Linfield, 2; A. Child, 3; C. Hills, 4; J. Hills, 5; J. Parsons (conductor), 6. And 720 Kent Treble Bob. G. Norris (first in the method), 1; H. Evans, 2; C. Hills, 3; T. Parsons, 4; B. Bassett, 5; T. Linfield (conductor), 6. And 720 Plain Bob. G. Skinner, 1; H. Evans, 2; J. Paice, 3; G. Norris, 4; B. Bassett, 5; C. Hills (conductor), 6. Messrs. Paice and Bassett hail from Heene; Evans from Goring; Norris and Skinner are local men.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH (Northants).—On Monday, December 2nd, 360 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. C. Newman, 1; A. Perkins, 2; J. Houghton, sen., 3; W. Pettitt, 4; J. Garratt, 5; A. Tyler (conductor), 6. And 720 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. J. Houghton, sen., 1; C. Newman, 2; A. Tyler, 3; A. Perkins, 4; W. Pettitt, 5; J. Houghton, jun., 6; J. Garratt, 7; H. Sharp (conductor), 8. On December 9th, 432 Double Norwich. G. Burton, 1; C. Newman, 2; H. Sharp, 3; A. Perkins, 4; W. Pettitt, 5; A. Tyler, 6; J. Houghton, 7; J. Houghton, jun. (conductor), 8. And 288 Oxford Treble Bob Major. On Monday, December 16th, 720 Double Oxford Bob Minor. H. Sharp, 1; A. Perkins, 2; C. Newman, 3; J. Garratt, 4; A. Tyler, 5; J. Houghton, jun. (conductor), 6. This is the first 720 in the method on the bells. On Christmas-eve 360 each of Plain Bob, Oxford,

and Kent Treble Bob. A. Perkins, 1; A. Tyler, 2; W. Pettitt, 3; J. Garratt, 4; J. Houghton, sen., 5; J. Houghton, jun. (conductor), 6. And at midnight 1440 Bob Major. J. Seamark, 1; C. Newman, 2; A. Tyler, 3; A. Perkins, 4; W. Pettitt, 5; J. Garratt, 6; J. Houghton, 7; J. Houghton, jun. (conductor), 8. For early service on Christmas morning 960 Bob Major. C. Newman, 1; J. Houghton, jun., 2; J. Houghton, sen., 3; A. Perkins, 4; W. Pettitt, 5; J. Seamark, 6; J. Garratt, 7; A. Tyler (conductor), 8. And 288 Kent Treble Bob Major. In the afternoon 1148 Kent Treble Bob Major. J. Houghton, 1; C. Newman, 2; W. Pettitt, 3; A. Perkins, 4; J. Garratt, 5; J. Seamark, 6; J. Houghton, sen., 7; A. Tyler (conductor), 8. In the evening 544 Double Norwich. J. Seamark, 1; C. Newman, 2; W. Pettitt, 3; A. Perkins, 4; A. Tyler, 5; A. Martin, 6; J. Garratt, 7; J. Houghton, jun. (conductor), 8. On December 28th, 518 Grandsire Triples. W. Gilbert, 1; C. Brice, 2; A. Tyler, 3; J. Garratt, 4; W. Pettitt, 5; J. George (conductor), 6; J. Houghton, jun., 7; H. Stubbs, 8. And 544 Double Norwich. H. Stubbs, 1; W. Gilbert, 2; A. Tyler, 3; J. George, 4; W. Pettitt, 5; C. Brice, 6; J. Garratt, 7; J. Houghton, jun. (conductor), 8. And 576 Kent Treble Bob Major. J. Houghton, jun., 1; C. Newman, 2; J. Garratt, 3; A. Perkins, 4; F. Filbert, 5; A. Tyler (conductor), 6; J. Houghton, sen., 7; J. George, 8.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

ASSTEAD (Surrey).—On Tuesday, December 17th, an attempt was made for a peal of Stedman Triples, but after ringing 3100 changes in 1 hr. 45 mins., it came to grief owing to a change-course. J. Wyatt, 1; S. Wilson, 2; W. Chantler, 3; T. Miles, 4; G. C. Scowen, 5; H. Wilkinson, 6; G. Chantler (conductor), 7; A. E. Bassett, 8.

CROYDON (Surrey).—On Thursday, December 26th, at St. Peter's church, an attempt was made for Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples, but after ringing 3 hrs. and 8 mins., the peal was unfortunately lost in the last six changes. W. Dolton, 1; E. Bennett, 2; F. Larbey, 3; H. Lover, 4; E. Matthews, 5; H. Brooker (conductor), 6; G. M. Burt, 7; F. G. Hermon, 8.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

LEICESTER.—On December 16th, at St. George's church, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). E. E. Smith, 1; S. Cooper, 2; W. Willson (conductor), 3; *F. Cooke, 4; J. Veasey, 5; J. Buttery, 6. *First 720. On Friday, December 27th, on handbells, a peal of Grandsire Triples was attempted but unfortunately came to grief in the last two courses when 4900 had been rung in 2 hrs. 19 mins. J. O. Lancashire, 1-2; W. Willson, 3-4; G. Cleal (conductor), 5-6; J. Buttery, 7-8.

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

TIPTON (Staffordshire).—On Saturday, December 21st, at St. Martin's church, 720 Plain Bob Minor in 25 mins. A. H. Hill, 1; G. James, 2; W. Micklewright (conductor), 3; W. James, 4; F. Bywater, 5; W. R. Small, 6. Also several 120s of Stedman Doubles. F. Bywater, 1; W. R. Small (conductor), 2; W. Micklewright, 3; G. James, 4; W. James, 5; J. Bell, 6. First of Bob Minor and Stedman Doubles by Messrs. Bywater and James. The above was rung in consequence of meeting one short for a peal of Triples. Tenor 12½ cwt.

THE ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY, IPSWICH.

GREENWICH (Kent).—On December 26th, ten members of the above Society attempted a peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Royal, but after ringing 2 hrs. it came to grief. W. L. Catchpole (conductor), 1; W. Motts, 2; I. S. Alexander, 3; H. C. Gillingham, 4; A. E. Durrant, 5; J. Motts, 6; W. G. Crickmer, 7; W. Woods, 8; F. J. Tillet, 9; R. H. Brundle, 10.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

NETHERTON (Worcestershire).—On Tuesday, December 24th, 720 Grandsire Minor in 27 mins. H. Hills, 1; W. Talbot, 2; H. Salisbury, 3; J. W. Smith, 4; J. Prestidge, 5; J. Smith, 6. This was rung just before midnight as a birthday compliment to R. Round, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns. On Christmas morning for Divine Service, 720 Canterbury Pleasure in 26 mins. H. Hills, 1; W. Talbot, 2; Jno. Smith, 3; *H. Salisbury, 4; J. W. Smith, 5; R. Round, 6. *First 720 in the method and hails from Little Comberton. On Monday, December 30th, 720 Kent Treble Bob in 29 mins. W. Micklewright (conductor), 1; W. Talbot, 2; W. R. Small, 3; J. W. Smith, 4; S. Spittle, 5; R. Round, 6. Also 720 Oxford Bob in 29 mins. J. Smith, 1; W. Talbot, 2; W. Micklewright, 3; J. W. Smith, 4; S. Hampton, 5; R. Round (con-

ductor), 6. The ringing on December 30th was rung with the bells half-muffled to commemorate the 23rd anniversary of the death of Mrs. Blanche Skidmore, the donor of the bells.

DUDLEY (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, December 29th, at St. Thomas' church, 700 Grandsire Triples. W. Micklewright (conductor), 1; Jno. Mills, 2; A. Spittle, 3; G. Pearsal, 4; Jno. Smith, 5; J. Goodman, 6; H. Salisbury, 7; J. Godfrey, 8. H. Salisbury hails from Little Comberton; J. Godfrey from Pershore.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

MARSHAM (Norfolk).—On Wednesday, December 18th, 720 Bob Minor. G. Neale, 1; John Moy, 2; J. Moy, 3; W. Bough, 4; P. Cushions (conductor), 5; G. Moy, 6. On Sunday, December 22nd, for afternoon service, 360 Bob Minor. H. Hayes, 1; J. M. Roberts, 2; J. Moy, 3; W. Bought, 4; P. Cushions, 5; G. Moy, 6. And on Christmas morning, 720 Bob Minor. P. Cushions, 1; D. Winterbourne, 2; J. Moy, 3; W. Bought, 4; John Moy, 5; G. Moy, 6.

THE NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

GAINSBOROUGH (Lincolnshire).—On Tuesday, December 31st, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Bob Major, 1264 changes, in 47 mins. W. D. Tinker, 1; A. H. Wheeler, 2; F. S. W. Butler, 3; J. C. Tinker, 4; J. T. Ladd, 5; W. W. Bust, 6; G. Wilson, 7; H. W. Kirtan (conductor), 8. This is the first quarter-peal of Major by all the local band, and was rung at the first attempt.

THE WATERLOO SOCIETY, LONDON.

BRIXTON.—On Sunday, January 12th, at the church of St. John the Divine, Vassall road, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original, in 47 mins. A. R. Davis, 1; V. W. West, 2; H. N. Davis, 3; F. J. Pitts, 4; H. Barton, 5; J. E. Davis, 6; G. Wild, 7; E. W. Fraser, 8. The above was rung strictly non-conducted, without sign or motion on the part of any of the band, and is the longest non-conducted touch by all, and was rung at the first attempt. Umpire—F. G. Perria, who ticked off every lead as rung.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BROMLEY (Kent).—On Tuesday, December 17th, for practice, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples in 46 mins. J. Town, 1; I. Emery (conductor), 2; E. Dunn, 3; J. Hack, 4; W. Smith, 5; P. F. Harman, 6; G. Durling (composer), 7; W. James, 8. On Sunday morning, December 22nd, for Divine Service, 672 Oxford Bob Triples. G. Simpson, 1; I. Emery (conductor), 2; E. Dunn, 3; J. Hack, 4; G. Durling, 5; W. Smith, 6; P. F. Harman, 7; W. James, 8.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

BIDSTON (Cheshire).—On Tuesday, November 19th, for practice, 720 Grandsire (thirty-four bobs and twenty-six singles). J. Povall, 1; C. Rimmer, 2; J. Walter, 3; W. Joynson, 4; W. Wilcox, 5; T. Povall, 6. On Sunday morning, November 24th, for Divine Service, 720 Kent (nine bobs). W. Joynson, 1; C. Rimmer, 2; J. Walter, 3; J. Griffiths, 4; W. Wilcox, 5; T. Povall, 6. For evening service 720 Oxford (nine bobs). J. Povall, 1; the rest as in the Kent. On Sunday evening, December 29th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob (nine bobs). J. Povall, 1; C. Rimmer, 2; J. Walter, 3; J. Griffiths, 4; W. Wilcox, 5; T. Povall, 6. All conducted by W. Wilcox.

OXTON (Cheshire).—On Tuesday, December 3rd, by kind permission of the Rev. P. Robin, the Bidston ringers rang a 720 of Canterbury (twenty-six bobs and ten singles) with 6-8 covering. W. Joynson, 1; C. Rimmer, 2; J. Walter, 3; J. Griffiths, 4; W. Wilcox (conductor), 5; C. Taylor (Woodchurch), 6; T. Povall, 7; W. Grimmant (Oxton), 8. First 720 of Minor on the bells.

ALDINGTON (Kent).—On Friday, December 6th, on handbells, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. F. Slingsby, 1-2; R. Goodbourn (conductor), 3-4; W. Sherwood, 5-6. On Friday, December 20th, for practice, 360 Bob Minor. C. Slingsby, 1; W. Sherwood, 2; T. Post, 3; F. Slingsby, 4; R. Goodbourn (conductor), 5; W. Post, 6. On Monday, December 23rd, for practice, 720 Bob Minor in 28 mins. C. Slingsby, 1; W. Sherwood, 2; R. Goodbourn, 3; F. Slingsby (first 720 with a bob bell), 4; W. Hyder (conductor), 5; W. Post, 6. On December 26th, 720 Bob Minor. C. Slingsby, 1; W. Sherwood, 2; R. Goodbourn, 3; F. Slingsby, 4; W. Hyder (conductor), 5; W. Post, 6. And 720 Bob Minor. C. Slingsby, 1; W. Sherwood, 2; T. Post (first 720), 3; F. Slingsby, 4; W. Hyder (conductor), 5; R. Goodbourn, 6.

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Notices.

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The Middlesex Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held to-day, Saturday, January 18th, at St. Stephen's, Hampstead. By the kind permission of the Rev. J. Kirkman, the tower will be open for ringing at 5 o'clock. Business meeting at 7.30. Members and friends of the Association are cordially invited to attend.

ARTHUR T. KING, *Hon. Sec.*
Sarum, Ravenscroft Park Road, Barnet.

The Heavy Woollen District Association, Yorkshire.—The annual meeting will be held at The Market House inn, top of Church street, Dewsbury, to-day, Saturday, January 18th, at 5 p.m. prompt. The following business will be transacted: Election of officers and passing of Balance Sheet, dates of future contests and draw for same; the following propositions to consider: extension of radius, alterations of rules 12 and 13, the alteration of contest rules, with respect to late competitors and their number of faults, and other items of importance. All members are urged to attend. Subscriptions are due for 1896.

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

All Saints' Society, Fulham.—The annual general meeting will take place to-day, Saturday, January 18th. The tower will be open to members and friends at 4.30 p.m. Tea in church room at 6.0 p.m., business meeting afterwards.

Fulham Palace. J. GREEN, *Hon. Sec.*

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.—Anniversary meeting, Bristol, on Monday, January 20th. Short service at St. Stephen's at 2.30 p.m., address by the Rev. Canon Tetley, M.A. Dinner at St. Stephen's Restaurant, near the church, at 3.0 p.m., at 2s. 6d. per head. Business meeting immediately after dinner for election of officers, etc. Belfries open to the Association.—All Saints', St. James', St. John's, St. Mary Redcliffe, St. Stephen's, and Temple Church.

C. H. JOBERNS, *Hon. Sec.*
St. Stephen's Rectory, Bristol.

St. Margaret's Society, Westminster.—The annual meeting will be held on Monday, January 20th, at 7.45 p.m., at St. Margaret's, the Rector in the chair, when officers for the ensuing year will be elected.

H. BARTON, *Hon. Sec.*

The Essex Association.—There will be a district meeting of the above at Loughton, on Saturday, January 25th. The towers of Loughton (8 bells), and Woodford (6 bells), will be at the service of the members. Tea and business meeting will be held at The Feathers at 5 p.m. Members wishing to be present must notify the same to me, not later than the previous Monday. Visitors should book to George Lane, Woodford (nearest station).

HENRY T. W. EYRE, *Assistant Sec.*
Great Totham Vicarage, Witham.

Worcestershire and Districts Association.—The next Quarterly and Committee meeting of this Association will take place in the Chantry of St. Mary's church, Kidderminster, on Saturday, January 25th, at 5.30 p.m. prompt. The Rev. S. Phillips, vicar, has

kindly consented to preside. The bells will be at the disposal of members and friends until 7.30 p.m. Members will kindly note that all subscriptions are due at this meeting.

JOHN SMITH, *Hon. Sec.*
36, Simms Lane, Neitherton, Dudley.

Archdeaconry of Salop Guild.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Bridgnorth, on Saturday, January 25th. Ringing at 12.30 p.m. Business meeting at 3.0 p.m. Train leaves Shrewsbury at 11.20 a.m.

J. MACRAY, *Hon. Sec.*
Leaton Vicarage, Shrewsbury.

The Ashton-under-Lyne Society.—The next meeting will be held at the Town Hall, Manchester, on Saturday, January 25th. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Entrance in Lloyd Street.

JOHN HOPWOOD, *Hon. Sec.*
27, Egerton Street, Ashton-under-Lyne.

Kent County Association.—Tunbridge District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Staplehurst on Saturday, January 25th. Tower open at 2.30; tea at 4.30 at Royal Oak; business meeting immediately after the tea. Railway allowances (*half fare only*), up to, but not exceeding two shillings, will be paid at the meeting. Members intending to be present are requested to give notice to the district secretary not later than Monday, January 20th, so as to enable him to apply to the Railway Company for reduced fares, and also to arrange for the tea.

W. LATTER, *Hon. District Sec.*
67, Goods Station Road, Tunbridge Wells.

South and West Middlesex Guild.—The next monthly meeting of this guild will be held (by kind permission of the Rev. H. P. Prosser), at Twickenham, on Saturday, January 25th. Ringing 5.30 to 7.30.

E. J. WALSOM, *Hon. Sec.*
1, Kerrison Villas, The Park, Ealing.

Lancashire Association.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Rawtenstail, on Saturday, January 25th. Bells ready at 3.0 p.m., meeting at 7.45, at which time the bells will cease.

J. B. TAYLOR, *Branch Sec.*
7, Church Street, Waterfoot.

The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The next monthly ringing meeting of this society will be held at Pudsey (8 bells), on Saturday, January 25th. A peal will be attempted at 2.30 prompt. Meeting house, The Park hotel. Handbells provided.

R. BINNS, *Hon. Sec.*
3, Dame Street, Hogg's Field, Holbeck.

Chester Diocesan Guild.—Wirral Branch.—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, January 25th, in the Old Schoolroom, West Kirby. Tea at 6.30 (free). Tower open from 3.0 p.m. Members who intend to be present must send their names on or before Monday, January 20th, to

F. R. T. BOLTON, *Hon. Sec.*
Braeside, West Kirby.

St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.—The usual quarterly meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 28th, at The Tamworth Arms, Moor street. Chair to be taken at 8.30 p.m. The attendance of every member for the consideration of special business is earnestly requested. Particular attention is directed to clause 4 of rule vi.

W. H. GODDEN, *Hon. Sec.*
61, Roland Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

The Midland Counties' Association.—The third quarterly meeting will be held at

Birmingham, on Saturday, February 1st. Full particulars in next issue. At this meeting the following proposed addition to rule 4 will be discussed, viz.: "Any member owing two years' subscriptions shall have his name erased from the books."

J. O. LANCASHIRE, *Hon. Sec.*
22, St. Peter's Road, Leicester.

Oxford Diocesan Guild.—East Berks. and South Bucks. Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Old Windsor on Saturday, February 1st, and is open to the whole Guild. Ringing at Old Windsor, Wraysbury, and the Curlew tower, Windsor. Evensong, with sermon by the Vicar of Old Windsor, at 5.0 p.m. Tea (cost to those not members of the Branch, 6d.), at 6 p.m., in the Tapestry Hall, Old Windsor. Frequent trains to and from Windsor, distant two miles from Old Windsor. Members intending to be present should send their names to Mr. T. E. Harwood, the Vicarage, Old Windsor, not later than Wednesday, January 29th.

R. P. NEWHOUSE, *Branch Hon. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—The monthly meeting of the above branch will be held at St. Luke's church, Liverpool, on Saturday, February 1st. Tower open for ringing at 4 o'clock. Business meeting in Cocoa Rooms, St. Luke's place, at 6 o'clock. Members are particularly requested to attend.

ALFRED G. NICHOLSON, *Hon. Sec.*
30, Upper Stanhope Street, Liverpool.

Bath and Well Diocesan Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Frome on Saturday, February 1st. Particulars next week. Members who intend to be present must please give their local secretaries notice of their intention at once.

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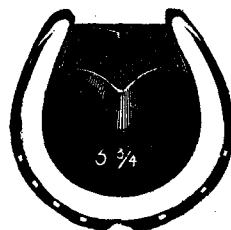
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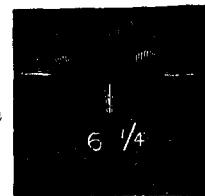
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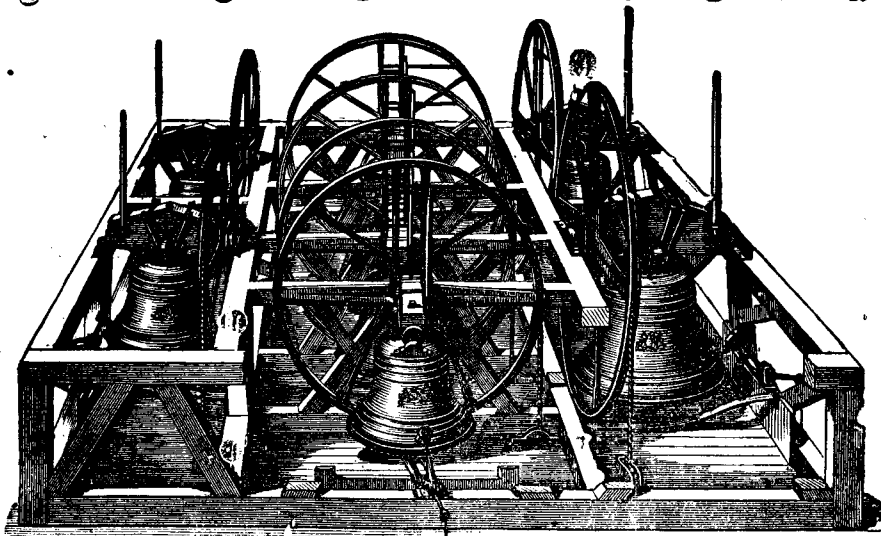
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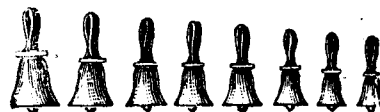
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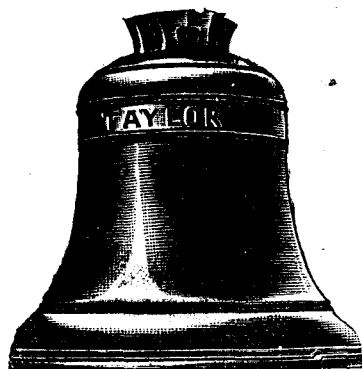
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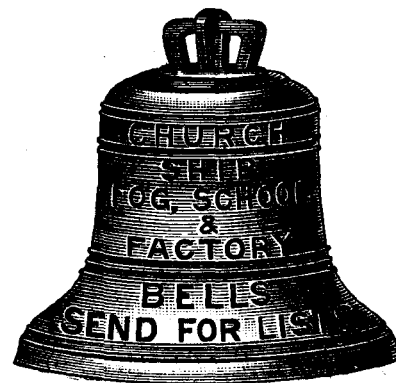
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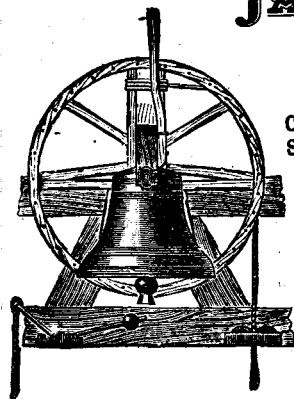
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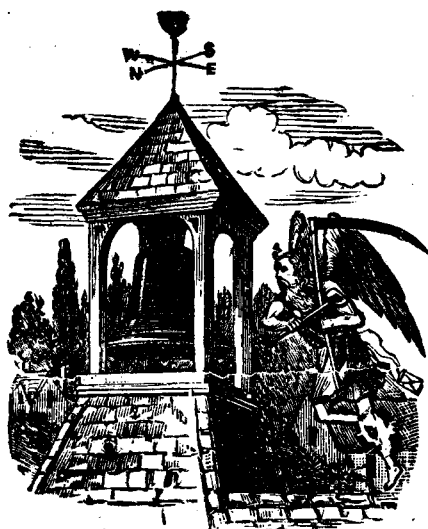
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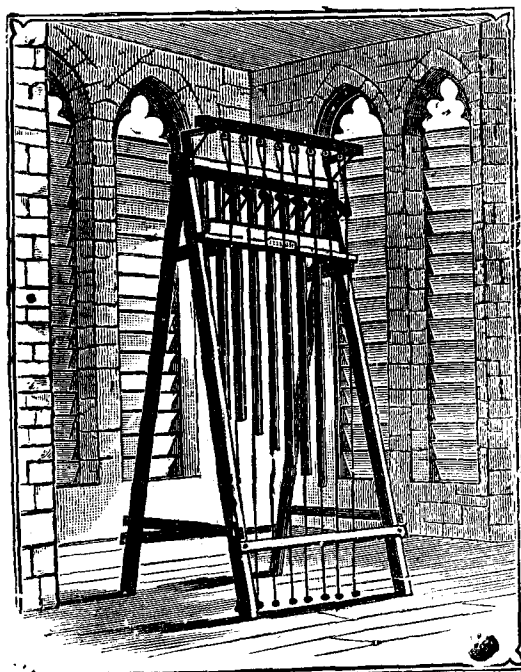
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EAST RETFORD, NOTTS.

On Saturday, January 11th, the members of the local company attempted to ring a peal of Bob Major (5024 changes), composed by Arthur Knights, of Chesterfield, but after ringing 1 hr. 28 mins., the striking of which was very good, it came to grief owing to a change-course. G. W. D. Metcalfe, 1; J. T. Bottomley, 2; G. R. Winter, 3; T. H. Denman, 4; H. Haigh, 5; H. Warburton, 6; T. Spurr, 7; J. B. Joynes (conductor), 8. The whole company of ringers along with three from Ordsall, afterwards adjourned to The White Horse hotel, where knife and fork Surprise was the methods of the evening in the shape of an excellent dinner served by host Dennett. The bill of fare consisted of roast beef, boiled mutton, goose, rabbit pie, and an assortment of other good things,

Which were like snowflakes on a river,
One moment seen then gone for ever.

After the loyal toast of "The Queen" had been duly honoured, Mr. Denman rose and said that it had been customary on these occasions to make a short review of the events of the preceding year, interesting to the East Retford company. In the first place he suggested that there were two sides to the picture, one bright, and one somewhat dark. The first entry on the dark pages of their ledger was undoubtedly the fact that since their last supper four members had resigned, and as to one of these, Mr. John Swannack, he expressed his personal sorrow, as Mr. Swannack, in addition to being a good ringer, was always a pleasant companion in the belfry, and he regretted that Mr. Swannack's other engagements had occasioned to their tower the loss of his services, though they still had the occasional pleasure of his company when engaged with Treble Bob methods. Perhaps in some of the other cases they had a good object lesson; for in an amateur company like their own, when anyone declined to subordinate his own wishes to those of the majority of his companions, it became better for him to go. In no organization, from Her Majesty's Government to a village club, could satisfaction be given and work carried on harmoniously so long as individuals put themselves first and allowed other considerations to come in a very bad second. A higher ideal took for its motto "Loyalty to cause and comrades," and if that motto was not written on the walls of their belfry at least it might be always in their memories. Another reason for regret was their failure to score a peal, though they had had three good tries in different methods. The only thing was to go on trying; though he suggested that they should give their own bells a rest for a time as regarded peal-ringing in consideration for the feelings and hearing of their neighbours, some of which were much annoyed by the noise of the bells. On the bright side they welcomed the accession of four probationers to the company, and he believed that these recruits were standing on the threshold of what would be an added interest to their lives. Also on this side was the fact that they had taken up Treble Bob methods; and it was only by very bad luck that they had failed to score a peal in the Kent variation after ringing 2½ hours. He concluded by expressing the pleasure it gave him to welcome them all to supper that evening, and coupled with his remarks the health of his friend, Mr. Spurr, their late steeple-keeper and present Master.

Mr. Spurr in reply said he was extremely obliged for the kind way in which Mr. Denman had mentioned his name, and also for proposing the toast of his health. He hoped he would be able to carry out the duties of Master for the ensuing year in a man satisfactory to all.

Mr. Warburton briefly proposed the toast of "The Visitors," and Mr. White, of Ordsall, responded. He commenced by turning to one of the ringers and saying that he was no speech-maker. He was like that Irishman that was repairing a chimney stack down at Owston Ferry in Lincolnshire, and part of the scaffold gave way and down he came. His comrade up above shouted "Are you dead, Bill?" He replied "No, but I am speechless." Mr. White coupled with his toast "The Probationers," and Mr. Abbotts responded.

The evening was interspersed with comic songs by Messrs. Swannack, White, and Clayton, whilst Mr. Denman also entertained the ringers with winter and summer views of the Niagara Falls, by means of about twenty slides thrown on a screen by a powerful lantern, giving details of every picture.

At 10.50 p.m. Mr. T. Spurr briefly proposed the health and a

vote of thanks to Mr. Denman for providing such an excellent dinner. Although the ringers had failed with the peal on the tower bells, they had succeeded in the knife and fork method, and despite the last two drawbacks which they had experienced in peal-ringing, he hoped they would not relax in their efforts, but persevere and bring off several well-struck peals during 1896.

Mr. H. Haigh seconded, and remarked that he had done very badly in both peals (inside and outside the tower), but hoped to do better next time. He thought such meetings as these was the one good road to friendliness and good fellowship among ringers, and trusted that Mr. Denman would take the same interest in East Retford ringers in the future as in the past for many years to come. This was not the first dinner the ringers had been invited to, and he looked upon it as an annual event.

Mr. Denman briefly replied, assuring the ringers that so long as he could find sufficient time to devote to the Art, it would have his best attention, because he looked upon change-ringing as an intellectual work combined with an amount of physical exercise.

The toast was heartily drank and responded to by a chorus of voices singing "For he's a jolly good fellow." "Time gentlemen" brought to a close the most enjoyable evening spent in connection with the society.

STEYNING, SUSSEX.

On Thursday, January 9th, the members of the local company held their annual dinner at The Norfolk Arms, where a goodly company, including T. Duke, Esq., in the chair, Dr. Turner, Mr. G. F. Attree, Mr. H. J. Burt, Mr. Hook, and Mr. C. J. Cherryman, sat down at 6.30 to well-laden tables. After the company had paid their respects to the good things that had been provided, and the tables cleared, the chairman rose and gave the toast of "The Queen and Royal Family," which was heartily responded to by the company rising and singing the National Anthem. Then pipes were brought forward, and the evening devoted to harmony and conviviality. Mr. H. S. Browne, of Newhaven, who was invited by the host, then took his place at the piano, where he ably presided for the evening. Mr. H. J. Burt was the first on the programme, and sang an excellent song—"Three little owls," for which he received an encore. He was quickly followed by Mr. C. J. Cherryman with "Lads of the ironclads." Mr. G. F. Attree then gave the toast of the evening, and in rather a lengthy speech said that Steyning was very lucky in that it possessed a most promising branch of the Sussex County Association, there being many good old stagers and young blood, and also that they possessed not only one of the finest churches in the county, but also one the finest peals of bells, but the ringers wanted to give more time and attention to their work to become competent. The toast having been responded to, Mr. W. Woolgar sang "The Song that reached my Heart." Dr. Turner then proposed the health of "The Visitors," which was heartily drank. Mr. H. S. Browne then gave a mandoline solo—"Che Ridere Polka," and for an encore "Fascination Waltz." Mr. T. Searle then sang "Waste not, want not." Mr. Attree then ably responded for "The Visitors." The next item on the programme was a song "Swinging in the lane," by Sergeant L. Chalcraft, 2nd Royal Sussex Volunteers. Mr. Burt then proposed "The Absent Ones," the Rev. —. Pridgeon and his family. "The Englishman" was then well rendered by T. Duke, Esq. The next toast was "The Trade of Steyning," responded to by Mr. Cherryman. Mr. J. Burt kept the harmony going with "They've all got a mate but me," and as the company would not part with him he sang "The pretty little girl that I know," which was followed by "The Grass Widow," very well sung by Mr. Maidment. Mr. Roper added an amusing item in "Paddy stole the rope." This was quickly followed by "Clang, Clang, Clang," by Mr. H. Tweed. Then the chairman rose and gave a vote of thanks to Mr. H. S. Browne who had so ably presided at the piano and had greatly amused the company with some very good mandoline solos. Then songs were very well rendered by Messrs. Gatlin (captain), Holmes, Woolgar, Browne, and W. Beach. At 11 p.m. the singing of Auld Lang Syne and the National Anthem brought to a close one of the pleasantest evenings that was possible to procure.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

The Annual Meeting of this Association was held at Croydon on Monday, January 13th, and being fine weather a large number of members put in an appearance, which rather taxed the amount of space available in the church-room, kindly placed at the disposal of the members for tea by the Vicar—the Rev. J. White. However, with a little squeezing, some 75 were enabled to partake of the good things provided by Mrs. Butts. The Rev. G. M. Drought, (hon. member) of Streatham, took tea, and having to leave early on account of another engagement, wished the Surrey Association every success and “good-bye,” he shortly leaving Streatham, to the regret of all, having accepted a living in Ireland, after ten years’ arduous duties at the Parish Church.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, seven peals were announced as having been rung since the last meeting. Five new members were elected, together with the Rev. J. White and Mr. Sylvester (churchwarden), as honorary members. The Secretary in submitting his report for the past year, announced that 25 peals had been added to the previous record, making a total of 228 since the formation of the Association; special mention being made of the peal of Double Norwich rung at Mitcham, and conducted by Dr. A. B. Carpenter, as being the only one in the method since April 1892. Two honorary, four life, and ten ringing members have been elected, while death has deprived the Association of three—the Rev. John Booker, of Benhilton, Mr. J. Harding, of Beddington, Mr. J. Bashford, sen., of Bletchingley, the number of member at the present time being 229. The Cash Account shows an income of £9 2s. 6d., and an expenditure of £23 11s., showing a loss of some four pounds, consequent upon the large number of peals which have had to be entered to bring them up to date, and the falling off of subscriptions.

To meet the additional expenditure some discussion took place as to the advisability of charging for the Annual Reports, which cost £3, and are distributed free, or a small charge for peal booking. It was decided that as the matter had been ventilated, it should stand over until the next meeting. The election of officers for the ensuing twelve months resulted in the present Secretary being re-elected, and Mr. E. Trendell, of Benhilton, as assistant Secretary; Mr. G. Huggett, of Betchworth, being added to the gentlemen of the Committee. The two representatives on the Central Council are Dr. A. B. Carpenter and the Secretary. Mr. S. Greenwood and Mr. S. Pell are Auditors.

The Secretary brought forward his proposition of which he had given notice, that “A Monthly Ringing Meeting be established for the purpose of practising the higher class methods; that it would be beneficial to the members if this could be arranged.”

Several members spoke in favour of the proposition, and that it be tried for twelve months, and a report be given of the same at the next Annual Meeting.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for his kindness, not only in granting the use of the bells and the room for the tea, but also for his attendance and presiding at the meeting.

In reply, the rev. gentlemen stated how pleased he was the meeting had been so far successful. There had been some doubt whether the bells would be rung at all that day on account of illness close by, but by his own personal influence, assisted by that of his churchwarden, Mr. Sylvester, they together had done all they could, so that having promised the tower, they did not want the members to be disappointed. He hoped they would not be so long again without paying another visit.

Mr. Sylvester spoke of the trouble the Vicar had taken, and far from him assisting him, he had only been a very little help, for the Vicar had done all himself.

Members were present from nearly every district of the county, various touches being rung at St. Peter's and the Parish Church during the afternoon and evening.

The next meeting will be held at Streatham on Easter Monday.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

THE ST. MICHAEL'S SOCIETY, MACCLESFIELD.—Through the kindness of the Vicar (the Rev. S. A. Boyd), and Mrs. Boyd, the members of the above Society were entertained to dinner at the Vicarage, on the 27th of December. Eleven members sat down to a first-class spread, and the changes were soon being rolled off in the method all ringers can ring without losing their coursing order. This party proved no exception to the rule, and the Vicar, who wielded the carving-knife, was kept very busy for a long time, and when stand was called every man was found to have done his duty. After supper the company adjourned to the drawing-room, where they were joined by Mrs. Boyd and Miss Jackson, who teaches several of the ringers in the Sunday School. The rest of the evening was spent in handbell ringing by the company, songs by J. Norbury and F. Stoneley, a duet on the piano and piccolo by J. Armstrong and W. Gayes, a solo on the piccolo by W. McKinnell, and a recitation by W. Stell, after which a vote of thanks was proposed by W. Blackwell (sexton), and seconded by J. Norbury (conductor), to the Vicar and Mrs. Boyd for their kindness in entertaining them to supper, and to Miss Jackson for presiding at the pianoforte and helping to make the evening an enjoyable one. On being put, it was carried by three ringing cheers which fairly brought down the house. After the Vicar had said a few words, hoping the ringers would be able to ring some peals during the coming year, God save the Queen was sung, and an enjoyable evening brought to a close.

THE WORCESTER CATHEDRAL GUILD.

The Annual General Meeting of the above Guild was held in the Guild Room, Edgar Tower, on Thursday, January 16th, the Rev. Minor Canon W. G. Melville (Warden) in the chair. The minutes of the last meeting and also the balance-sheet of the past year was passed as read, and the election of officers then took place. Mr. W. Page was elected Master, and Mr. G. Hinton Deputy-Master for the ensuing twelve months. Mr. W. H. Johnson was re-elected Hon. Secretary, and Messrs. Powell and Hill on the Committee. Mr. B. S. Hill was also elected as delegate to attend and represent the Guild at the Worcester-shire Association meetings.

The Rev. W. G. Melville, in congratulating the members upon their success of the past year as to peal-ringing, said he was sorry that there was no chance for obtaining any peals upon the church bells in the “Faithful City,” owing chiefly to the condition of the several towers. Before closing the meeting he should on behalf of the members thank the officers of the past year for their kindness in fulfilling their respective offices, and wished them every success for the year they had just commenced.

ST. PETER MANCROFT SOCIETY, NORWICH.

On Wednesday, January 8th, the members of the above Society were entertained to dinner by Mr. C. E. Borrett, in honour of his twenty-first birthday. The repast, which was served by Mr. Grix, at the Central Restaurant, consisted of seven courses, the Master—Mr. Geo. Howchin—being at the head, and the Deputy-Master—Mr. F. H. Knights—at the foot of the table. Afterwards, dessert was set on the table, and a very enjoyable evening spent. At the close, the Master, in a few words thanked Mr. Borrett on behalf of the Society, and expressed a hope that his future career might be prosperous, and that all those present might ring many more peals together in the future; wishes which all those present heartily echoed.

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST, PIMLICO.

The local ringers of this church assembled on Saturday evening, January 18th, to pay a mark of respect to their late brother-ringer, Mr. William Chew, who had been one of the respected ringers at this church since 1878. The usual whole pull and stand was rung by W. Teasdale, 1; J. Reed, 2; E. C. Phillips, 3; W. Moore, 4; J. Thimblethorpe, 5; J. Martin, 6; F. T. Gover, 7; G. T. McLaughlin, 8. Followed by a 518 of Grandsire Triples, in which E. Duff took the place of W. Teasdale. Conducted by G. T. McLaughlin.

THE OXFORD SOCIETY.

The annual dinner of this ancient society was held on Thursday evening, January 16th, at the house of Mr. Charles Hounslow, "Ringwell," Ifley road, the company numbering twenty-two. The chair was taken by the Rev. F. E. Robinson, Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild; the vice-chair by Mr. J. W. Washbrook, Master of the Oxford Society. Amongst those present were Messrs. C. Hounslow (Treasurer), A. Fox (Secretary), J. Howes (Steward), A. Strange, C. Hester, J. Chandler, A. Hawes, W. J. Smith, W. Jeffrey, T. Payne, P. Hind, J. Fox, etc. An excellent dinner was most ably served by Mr. Hounslow's housekeeper. On the removal of the cloth, Mr. Washbrook gave the toast of "Church and State."

The Rev. F. E. Robinson, in giving "The Oxford Society," said it afforded him very great pleasure to meet the members of this old society on this occasion, and after referring to the excellent peals that had been accomplished by the society in the past, hoped to hear of a peal of Double Norwich Caters being shortly attempted, a peal in this method not having yet been rung in the Diocese. He hoped the time would soon come for the Cathedral bells to be augmented, by the addition of two trebles, to a peal of twelve.

After a stirring address to the members by the rev. gentleman, Mr. Washbrook said the toast placed in his hands was "The Oxford Diocesan Guild," coupled with the name of the Rev. F. E. Robinson, the esteemed Master.

The rev. gentleman, in response, referred to the great progress made by the Guild during the past years, and trusted to have a record of its continued prosperity. The rev. gentleman then left, having to catch the last train for home.

The remainder of the evening was passed in a very social manner, handbell ringing and several good songs, comic and sentimental, being given by Messrs. C. Hounslow, J. W. Washbrook, J. Chandler, J. Fox, W. Peglar (Gloucester), A. Hawes, J. Howes, E. Hims, etc. Mr. Hounslow also recited "The Charge of the Light Brigade," and delighted the company with his excellent talent as a siffleur. After spending a very pleasant evening, the party broke up at a late hour, after passing a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Hounslow and his housekeeper for their kindness in entertaining them that evening.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,—It takes a good deal to stir us Thorverton chaps up much, but last week's doings will not be forgotten for some time. It was a big week so far as ringing and ringers were concerned. January 16th.—Eight members of the above Society, four from Exeter and four from Tiverton, met and started for a peal of Grandsire Triples, which was successfully brought round in 3 hours and 3 minutes. This peal was rung in honour of our respected Vicar's (the Rev. S. Childs Clarke) birthday, and is the first peal on the bells. The performers were kindly invited to the Vicarage to tea, and were well entertained, the Vicar relating some very funny tit-bits of Devon and Cornwall, which were very amusing. Saturday, January 18th, was the birthday of Mr. H. T. Radmore (the Vicar's Warden), when four ringers from Exeter assisted four of the local band through the first 504 Triples, standing as follows:—J. A. Martin, 1; Dr. Puddicombe (Thorveston), 2; F. Shepherd, 3; W. Drake, 4; E. Shepherd (Exeter), 5; J. Riddler (Thorveston) 6; F. Davey (Exeter), 7; W. H. Tatt (Thorveston), 8. After this, about 30 ringers and friends sat down to a splendid supper at Mr. Redmore's, Court Barton. The lead-ends of this capital spread turned up in the most astonishing order. In fact, it could not very well be otherwise with the kind attention of our amiable hostess, who made her appearance whenever a ringer got in difficulty with an empty plate, and very soon put him right again. The evening was spent in singing songs, and Miss Redmore played some very nice violin solos, and the Exeter visitors gave us some selections on their handbells, and also a few courses of Triples, which passed the evening much too quickly. At 11.45 p.m., the whole company crossed hands and sang "Auld lang syne," and "God save the Queen" brought a very pleasant evening to a termination. J. R.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

PRELIMINARY NOTICE.—The Sixth Annual Meeting of the Central Council will be held at Brighton, on Tuesday in Easter-week, April 7th, 1896.

Notices of motion and other business to be brought before the Council, must be signed by *two* members of Council, and should be forwarded so as to reach the Hon. Secretary *at least one clear month* before the date of meeting. Late notices cannot be accepted. Hon. Secretaries of Societies are respectfully reminded that the subscriptions for 1896 became due on January 1st, and should be remitted to the Hon. Secretary of the Council, at the rate of 2s. 6d. for each elected representative, without delay. Information as to any change in representation, or in the addresses of representatives, is also particularly requested.

The next triennial election of Representatives should take place between the meeting now advertised and the 1st January, 1897.

H. EARLE BULWER, Hon. Sec.

Stanhoe Rectory, King's Lynn, January 2, 1896.

GILLINGHAM, KENT.

On Thursday, January 9th, Mr. Churchwarden Skinner kindly invited the bell-ringers to spend a social evening at his house. A jovial party assembling, a most pleasant time was spent in games. Tunes on the handbells, and several songs were ably sung by Messrs. Baker, Kings, Easter and Hunt, the Misses Skinner kindly contributing selections on the pianoforte and mandoline. An excellent supper was provided, to which the ringers did full justice, course-ends coming up in fine style. On behalf of the ringers, the captain proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Skinner for their kindness in entertaining them. He felt sure everyone had enjoyed themselves, and it shewed that a good feeling existed between them, and that they appreciated their work as bellringers. Mr. Skinner suitably responded, and said he hoped it would not be the last time he should have the pleasure of entertaining them. All joined in by singing "He's a jolly good fellow," which brought a most pleasant evening to a close.

THE HEAVY WOOLLEN DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

The third annual meeting of this Association was held at Dewsbury on Saturday, January 18th, at the house of Mr. S. Waddy, Market Tavern inn, Mr. D. Stephenson, vice-president, occupying the chair. About sixteen towers were represented, and it was considered to be one of the best meetings the society have had. After the minutes had been read and passed, the secretary read the balance-sheet, which was adopted, and showed a balance of upwards of £4 in hand, the society standing at 185 members strong.

Mr. F. Scholefield proposed, and Mr. F. Bailey seconded, the admittance of other three new members.

Mr. G. Hardy proposed, and Mr. J. G. Hardy seconded, "That the radius be extended to fifteen miles," which was carried.

Mr. G. Hardy proposed, and Mr. E. Dawson seconded, to alter competition rule 12, but this was defeated.

It was unanimously resolved to inflict a penalty of 100 faults upon late competitors at future contests. After other business of minor importance had been got through, the following were elected as officers for the ensuing year: President—Mr. Fred. Scholefield; Vice-President—Mr. J. G. Hardy; Treasurer—Mr. J. Garforth; Secretary—Mr. G. H. Simon; Auditor—Mr. W. Stubbley. The draw for the next eight-bell competition took place, which will be held at Low Moor or Birstal. The offer of the Armitage Bridge company to hold the six-bell competition at their church being accepted, the eight-bell competition on Easter Monday, and the six-bell competition on Whit-Monday was unanimously agreed to.

EMPLOYMENT is offered a Practical Out-door Gardener, Good Change-ringer, and able to take charge of a ring of bells. Single man preferred.—Apply, Editor.

ANALYSIS OF PEALS RUNG DURING THE FIRST ELEVEN MONTHS OF 1895 AND PUBLISHED IN THIS PAPER.

Position in 1895.		January to October	November	Total	Treble Bob Methods.		In 7 Treble Bob Minor methods.	Grandsire.		On 6 bells.	Dble Mth C.B. Major.	Plain Methods.		Surprise Methods.		Stedman.		Value in points. see*													
					Maximus.	Royal.		Cinquies.	Caters.			Major.	Triples.	In 1, 2, or 3 Minor methods.	In 4, 5, 6, or 7 Minor methods.	Dble, Norwich C.B. Major.	Royal.		Caters.	Major.	Triples.	Doubles.	London	Cambridge	New Cumberland.	Superlative	Champion.	In 7 Surprise Minor methods.	Cinquies.	Caters.	Triples.
1	Norwich Diocesan Assn.	59	5	64	1	2	24	1	1	2	—	3	6	5	6	1	—	11	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	915	
2	Yorkshire Association	44	7	51	1	1	30	7	—	—	—	2	1	—	—	—	—	7	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	854	
3	Kent County Association	34	11	45	—	—	14	—	—	—	—	15	1	—	3	—	—	2	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	—	670	
4	Oxford Diocesan Guild	38	5	43	—	2	3	—	—	1	1	10	—	—	4	—	—	2	1	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	3	12	—	1030	
5	Midland Counties' Assn.	40	2	42	—	—	2	—	—	1	2	10	1	—	—	2	5	13	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	533	
6	Sussex County Association..	27	10	37	—	1	3	1	—	—	1	9	—	—	2	—	—	—	1	—	—	3	1	1	6	1	—	3	4	1040	
7	Lancashire Association	29	4	33	—	—	11	—	—	1	—	12	—	1	1	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	—	502	
8	Winchester Diocesan Guild..	23	3	26	—	1	3	—	—	2	—	12	—	—	1	—	—	4	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	336	
9	Glo'ster and Bristol Asso....	18	7	25	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	10	2	1	2	—	—	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	1	—	398	
10	Ancient Soc. Coll. Youths....	20	4	24	1	1	4	—	—	—	—	5	—	—	2	—	—	2	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	6	—	500	
11	Surrey Association	20	3	23	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	10	—	1	1	—	—	—	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	270	
12	Durham & New'cle Assn.....	20	1	21	—	2	12	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	4	—	420	
13	Bedfordshire Association....	15	2	17	—	—	3	3	—	—	—	2	—	6	2	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	268	
14	Royal Cumberland Youths...	14	2	16	—	1	3	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	3	—	—	3	—	—	—	1	—	—	2	—	—	—	2	392	
15	Essex Association.....	12	4	16	—	—	8	—	—	1	—	2	—	1	—	—	—	1	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	202	
16	Soc. Archdeaconry of Staff...	12	0	12	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	8	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	120
17	Worcester and Dis. Asso....	11	0	11	—	—	—	—	—	2	2	2	—	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	144
18	Central Northampton. Asso...	9	2	11	—	—	4	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	5	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	137	
19	St. Martin's Soc. B'ham.....	8	3	11	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	4	288	
20	Waterloo Society, London...	9	1	10	—	—	4	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	2	228	
21	Stoke Archidiaconal Assn ..	9	1	10	—	—	1	3	—	—	—	4	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	168	
22	North Lincolnshire Asso.....	8	1	9	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	2	—	1	4	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	145	
23	Old East Derbyshire Asso...	8	0	8	—	—	—	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	204	
24	Hertford Association.....	7	1	8	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	66
25	Bath and Wells Dio. Asso....	7	1	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	112	
26	Salisbury Diocesan Guild...	7	0	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	100	
27	Chester Diocesan Guild	6	1	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	2	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	68	
28	South & West Midd'x Asso...	4	2	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	52	
29	Middlesex Association.....	5	0	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	52
30	Devonshire Guild	5	0	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	2	152	
31	Salop Guild.....	2	1	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	24	
32	Eastern Counties' Guild	2	0	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	16
33	Hereford Diocesan Guild....	2	0	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	16
34	St. James's Society London...	2	0	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	72	
35	Llandaff Diocesan Asso.....	1	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	20	
36	South Lincolnshire Assn....	1	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	18
37	Liverpool Dio. Guild.....	1	0	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	8
38	Ely & Districts Asso.....	0	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	12
	Independent Societies	25	7	32	—	1	4	—	3	2	—	9	—	1	—	—	—	1	4	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	—	—	400
	Totals	564	94	658	3	13	136	22	4	20	7	158	12	24	39	2	2	58	46	8	7	1	1	13	1	2	2	19	58	10952	

The peals of Triples, Major, Caters and Royal in plain methods comprise: Bob Triples, 12; Bob Major, 54; Bob Caters, 1; Bob Royal, 2; Oxford Bob Triples, 20; Union Triples, 7; Darlaston Bob Triples, 3; Canterbury Pleasure Triples, 4; Canterbury Pleasure Major, 3; Canterbury Pleasure Caters, 1; College Single Major, 1.

The 32 peals by Independent Societies were rung as follows: in Lancashire 6; Middlesex 4; Surrey 4; North Wales 4; Cheshire 3; Suffolk 2; Sussex 2; Cambridgeshire 1; Hertford 1; Kent 1; Gloucestershire 1; Norfolk 1; Staffordshire 1; Worcester 1.

1893—	January	..	77	1894—	January	..	65	1895—	January	..	74
	February	..	90		February	..	59		February	..	82
	March	..	44		March	..	80		March	..	59
	April ..	..	82		April ..	..	69		April ..	..	78
	May ..	..	48		May ..	..	81		May ..	..	52
	June ..	..	38		June ..	..	66		June ..	..	42
	July ..	..	29		July ..	..	26		July ..	..	25
	August	..	29		August	..	45		August	..	33
	September	..	33		September	..	73		September	..	44
	October	..	72		October	..	82		October	..	75
	November	..	77		November	..	96		November	..	94
			619				742				658

Decrease on the corresponding eleven months on 1894 :—84:

*Schedule of points per ringer for ascertaining the respective value of peals in various methods as given in the last column of the above analysis: Triples in all plain methods, 1 point; Major in all plain methods, 1½ points; Treble Bob Major (Oxford, Kent) and Forward Major, 2 points. Double methods twice the number of points as single in same methods, 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.

GEO. 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.

The Essex Association.—There will be a district meeting of the above at Loughton, to-day, Saturday, January 25th. The towers of Loughton (8 bells), and Woodford (6 bells), will be at the service of the members. Tea and business meeting will be held at The King's Head at 5 p.m. Visitors should book to George Lane, Woodford (nearest station).

HENRY T. W. EYRE, Assistant Sec.
Great Totham Vicarage, Witham.

Worcestershire and Districts Association.—The next Quarterly and Committee meeting of this Association will take place in the Chantry of St. Mary's church, Kidderminster, to-day, Saturday, January 25th, at 5.30 p.m. prompt. The Rev. S. Phillips, vicar, has kindly consented to preside. The bells will be at the disposal of members and friends until 7.30 p.m. Members will kindly note that all subscriptions are due at this meeting.

JOHN SMITH, Hon. Sec.
36, Simms Lane, Netherton, Dudley.

Archdeaconry of Salop Guild.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Bridgnorth, to-day, Saturday, January 25th. Ringing at 12.30 p.m. Business meeting at 3.0 p.m. Train leaves Shrewsbury at 11.20 a.m.

J. MACKAY, Hon. Sec.
Leaton Vicarage, Shrewsbury.

The Ashton-under-Lyne Society.—The next meeting will be held at the Town Hall, Manchester, to-day, Saturday, January 25th. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Entrance in Lloyd Street.

JOHN HOPWOOD, Hon. Sec.
27, Egerton Street, Ashton-under-Lyne.

Kent County Association.—Tunbridge District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Staplehurst to-day, Saturday, January 25th. Tower open at 2.30; tea at 4.30 at Royal Oak; business meeting immediately after the tea. Railway allowances (half fare only), up to, but not exceeding two shillings, will be paid at the meeting.

W. LATTER, Hon. District Sec.
67, Goods Station Road, Tunbridge Wells.

South and West Middlesex Guild.—The next monthly meeting of this guild will be held (by kind permission of the Rev. H. P. Prosser), at Twickenham, to-day, Saturday, January 25th. Ringing 5.30 to 7.30.

E. J. WALSOM, Hon. Sec.
1, Kerrison Villas, The Park, Ealing.

Lancashire Association.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Rawtenstall, to-day, Saturday, January 25th. Bells ready at 3.0 p.m., meeting at 7.45, at which time the bells will cease.

J. B. TAYLOR, Branch Sec.
7, Church Street, Waterfoot.

The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The next monthly ringing meeting of this society will be held at Pudsey (8 bells), to-day, Saturday, January 25th. A peal will be attempted at 2.30 prompt. Meeting house, The Park hotel. Handbells provided.

R. BINNS, Hon. Sec.
3, Dame Street, Hogg's Field, Holbeck.

Chester Diocesan Guild.—Wirral Branch.—The annual meeting will be held to-day,

Saturday, January 25th, in the Old Schoolroom, West Kirby. Tea at 6.30 (free). Tower open from 3.0 p.m.

F. R. T. BOLTON, Hon. Sec.
Braeside, West Kirby.

St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.—The usual quarterly meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 28th, at The Tamworth Arms, Moor street. Chair to be taken at 8.30 p.m. The attendance of every member for the consideration of special business is earnestly requested. Particular attention is directed to clause 4 of rule vi.

W. H. GODDEN, Hon. Sec.
61, Roland Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

The Waterloo Society, London.—The annual meeting will be held at St. John's, Waterloo road, on Wednesday, January 29th, for the election of officers and other business. Members are kindly requested to attend.

F. PERRIN, Hon. Sec.

The Midland Counties' Association.—The third quarterly meeting will be held at Birmingham, on Saturday, February 1st. The following towers open for ringing from 3.0 p.m., viz: St. Martin's (12 bells), St. Philip's (10 bells), Aston (10 bells), St. John's, Deritend (8 bells), Bishop Ryder's (8 bells), St. Chad's r.c. Cathedral (8 bells). Committee meeting at 4.45 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m., followed by general meeting both at Queens College. Members who have paid their subscriptions for 1895 and send their names to Mr. John Carter, 257, Park road, Aston, Birmingham, not later than Wednesday, January 29th, will be charged 6d. each for tea; local members, and others not complying with above stipulations 1s. each as usual. At this meeting a proposed addition to rule 4 will be discussed, viz.: "Any member owing two years' subscriptions shall have their names erased from the books." Mr. Griffin has kindly arranged special trains to leave Derby at 1.10 p.m. and Leicester 1.15 p.m. Parties of eight or more from other centres can obtain fare and a quarter tickets by giving three days' notice at any station. Members on arrival are requested to proceed either to St. Martin's or St. Philip's.

J. O. LANCASHIRE, Hon. Sec.
22, St. Peter's Road, Leicester.

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—The monthly meeting of the above branch will be held at St. Luke's church, Liverpool, on Saturday, February 1st. Tower open for ringing at 4 o'clock. Business meeting in Cocoa Rooms, St. Luke's place, at 6 o'clock. Members are particularly requested to attend.

ALFRED G. NICHOLSON, Hon. Sec.
30, Upper Stanhope Street, Liverpool.

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Frome on Saturday, February 1st. Towers open—Frome (8 bells), Mells (8 bells), and Buckland Dinham (6 bells). Short service in church at 3.0 p.m., to be followed by tea and business meeting. Members who intend to be present must please give their local secretaries notice of their intention at once.

HY. W. TOMKINS, Hon. Sec. and Treas.
The Cottage, Old Cleeve, Washford.

Sussex County Association.—Western Division.—The next meeting will be held at Heene (8 bells), on Saturday, February 1st. Tower open at 2.30 p.m., tea at 5 p.m., short special service at 6 p.m. A six-bell tower within easy walk. Secretaries of bands requested to forward numbers to

REV. J. W. G. LODER COTHER, Hon. Sec.
Yapton Vicarage, Arundel.

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next meeting of this association will be held at Newcastle on Saturday next, February 1st. Members intending to be present are requested to give notice to Mr. J. Riley, 6, West street, Newcastle, not later than Wednesday, January 29th.

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

Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next ringing meeting will be held at St. Thomas' church, Pendleton, on Saturday, February 1st. Bells ready at 4.0 p.m., business at 7.0 p.m.

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

The Yorkshire Association.—The next general meeting will be held at Rawmarsh on Saturday, February 8th. Tea at 5 o'clock, business meeting at 6th. The local hon. sec. is Mr. V. Hawkins, Chapel street, Rawmarsh.

B. T. COPLEY, Hon. Sec.
14, Hillside Terrace, Bradford.

Norwich Diocesan Association.—General meeting at Loddon on Tuesday, February 4th. Dinner at 1.30; 25. 3d. hon., 1s. 3d. company members. Railway stations, Ellingham or Reedham. Conveyances to or from 6d. (to be paid to hon. sec.) Towers open—Loddon (8 bells), Norton (6), Raveningham (5). Hon. sec. requests notice by January 30th, with name of station and number requiring reduced fare.

H. EARLE BULWER, Hon. Sec.
Stanhoe Rectory, King's Lynn.

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SATURDAY, JANUARY 25, 1896.

For the past three weeks the country has been on the *qui vive* owing to events which have taken place in that part of South Africa known as "The Transvaal," and the attitude of the German Emperor in relation thereto. Other important questions which previously agitated the public mind have been put completely in the shade by the behaviour of His Imperial Majesty, and the country has evidently awakened, not merely to a sense of its position among the nations, but to the fact that it is as able as ever, and as willing as ever, to maintain that position. The Press, both foreign and domestic, has been most busily exercised during the period of tension, as it is called. By means of this agency, we have been told that Englishmen have no friends in the world; that we stand isolated among the nations, all of whom would be pleased to see our downfall: and other lugubrious assertions. Some of these sapient prophets are no doubt by this time of a different opinion, for it cannot be gainsayed that the present position of affairs shows the very reverse. If we take that continental power of whom it is said that by

reason of the wealth and prosperity of England we are immensely hated, the isolation would appear to be all the other way. Of course Englishmen prefer the love of any power to its hatred; but the country manages to get on somehow whether it has friends or not. There is an old saying about having the best friend in the breeches pocket, and the application of this remark appears somewhat appropriate just now.

The sin of ingratitude is said to be one of the most heinous. If there really is a continental nation who feels a genuine hatred towards this country, that nation is guilty of ingratitude most foul and unnatural. There is scarcely a power in Europe (except France) but who at different times has received the liberal and ungrudging help of England. Our forefathers spent their blood and treasure like water in assisting European nations to repel the invader of their country. England not only supplied money, but all the necessary munitions of war, for this purpose, though it was chiefly by the arms of British soldiers that peace was given to Europe, and the exhausted nations were able to breathe again. Our National Debt is the result of these efforts. And yet we are told the descendants of those to whom Great Britain was, amid the most dire calamity, a saviour, hate us! Let us hope the assertion is utterly without foundation, and that it is merely an outcome of journalistic exuberance.

Just as we are about going to press, the news is published of the untimely death of Prince Henry of Battenberg, husband of H.R.H. Princess Beatrice. This is a melancholy ending to the Ashanti expedition. For the young widowed Princess much commiseration and sympathy will be evoked, and no small anxiety will be felt for Her Majesty the Queen. Every consolation possible will be experienced by the bereaved ones; and the condolences of the people of this mighty Empire will it is hoped soften the pains of the hour of trial and tribulation which has overtaken our Queen's youngest daughter.

The Metropolis.

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

On Saturday, January 18, 1896, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN, WESTMINSTER,

A PEAL OF DUFFIELD MAJOR, 5000 CHANGES.

Tenor 24 cwt.

JOHN N. OXBORROW Treble.	CHARLES T. P. BRICE .. 5.
WALTER J. SORRELL .. 2.	WILLIAM T. COCKERILL .. 6.
FRANK BUCK 3.	JAMES WILLSHIRE .. 7.
HENRY S. ELLIS 4.	HENRY R. NEWTON Tenor.

Composed by A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD and Conducted by HENRY R. NEWTON.

This is the first peal in the method by all the band, also the first peal of Duffield rung in London, and was rung at the first attempt. The calling of this peal will be found in "Duffield," page 55.

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THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Monday, January 20, 1896, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MATFELON, WHITECHAPEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

JOSEPH DAVIDSON Treble.	JOSEPH WAGHORN, SEN. .. 5.
HENRY A. BARNETT 2.	SAMUEL E. JOYCE 6.
WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE .. 3.	JOSEPH WAGHORN, JUN. .. 7.
CHARLES A. BUTTON 4.	EDWARD P. O'MEARA .. Tenor.

Conducted by J. WAGHORN, JUN.

The Provinces.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION. (WORCESTER CATHEDRAL GUILD.)

On Tuesday, January 7, 1896, in Two Hours and Twenty-six Minutes,

AT THE HOUSE OF MR. BRADFORD,

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.

W. COTTON* 1-2.	W. POWELL 5-6.
W. PAGE 3-4.	† W. BRADFORD 7-8.

Conducted by W. BRADFORD.

*First peal on handbells. †First peal as conductor. W. H. Johnson and G. Hinton acted as referees, and checked off the bobs and singles as they were called, also the course-ends. Rung in honour of the birthday of both Mr. and Mrs. Bradford, the members wishing them many happy returns.

MITCHAM, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 15, 1896, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS' PEAL. Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

ARTHUR B. CARPENTER .. Treble.	FRANK HOLDER 5.
FRANK M. BUTLER 2.	WILLIAM S. SMITH 6.
REV. EDWD. W. CARPENTER .. 3.	CHARLES BANCE 7.
GEORGE WELLING 4.	JOSEPH FAYERS Tenor.

Conducted by DR. A. B. CARPENTER.

THORVERTON, DEVON.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Thursday, January 16, 1896, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLLIS' FIVE-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

W. DRAKE Treble.	T. RUDGE 5.
F. DAVEY 2.	J. GRATER, SEN. 6.
F. TAYLOR* 3.	F. SHEPHERD 7.
R. GRATER, JUN. 4.	J. HART Tenor.

Conducted by FERRIS SHEPHERD.

*First peal. First peal on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to the rector, the Rev. Childs Clarke.

BEDFORD.—THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 16, 1896, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES. Tenor 27 cwt. in D.

SAMUEL CONSTANT* .. Treble.	ISAAC HILLS 5.
CHARLES CHASTY 2.	HARRY TVSOE 6.
SAMUEL J. CULLIP 3.	FRANK SMITH 7.
FRANK HULL* 4.	CHARLES WM. CLARKE .. Tenor.

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

*First peal in the method. †First peal in the method with a bob bell and first attempt. This peal has the 4th, 5th, and 6th sixteen times in 6ths place at the course-ends, the 2nd and 3rd never there. The above was taken from "THE BELL NEWS," August 27th, 1887. This is C. W. Clarke's 90th peal.

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THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND
THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

On Saturday, January 18, 1896, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
IN THE OXFORD VARIATION.

HUGH H. ABBISHAW* .. Treble.	ALFRED CHAPMAN 5.
JOSEPH HAIGH 2.	WILLIAM ABBISHAW 6.
JOSEPH C. ABBISHAW .. 3.	WALTER CHAPMAN 7.
GEORGE W. STEEL* 4.	JOHN M. CHADWICK Tenor.

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

*First peal on eight bells.

ASTON-JUXTA-BIRMINGHAM.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

On Saturday, January 18, 1896, in Three Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5151 CHANGES.

Tenor 23 cwt. in D.

THOMAS REYNOLDS Treble.	*WILLIAM WOODHEAD 6.
WALTER BRYANT 2.	ROBERT BINNS 7.
BERNARD WITCHELL .. 3.	FREDERICK CLAYTON .. 8.
HENRY BASTABLE 4.	*FRANCIS WOODHEAD .. 9.
ARTHUR J. JONES 5.	WILLIAM PAINTER Tenor.

Composed by the late HENRY JOHNSON and
Conducted by HENRY BASTABLE.

*First peal in the method. Messrs. F. and W. Woodhead and R. Binns hail from Leeds. This peal has the 6th twenty-four courses each behind the 8th and 9th.

LOW MOOR, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 18, 1896, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14 cwt.

H. SIMPSON Treble.	J. W. CUNDALL 5.
T. SIMPSON 2.	H. KERSHAW 6.
A. WILKINSON 3.	J. W. EMMETT 7.
T. B. KENDALL 4.	C. DRACUP Tenor.

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL and Conducted by C. DRACUP.

T. B. Kendall hails from Shipley, Cundall from Bradford, the rest are of the local company.

HEADINGLEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND
THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

On Saturday, January 18, 1896, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF CANTERBURY PLEASURE MAJOR,
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 20½ cwt.

ARTHUR STOKOE Treble.	LEONARD STOKOE 5.
WALTER WOOD 2.	JOHN THACKRAY 6.
TOM FLINT 3.	ALFRED NAYLOR 7.
WILLIAM CHILD 4.	ALBERT HASTE Tenor.

Composed by E. BARNETT and Conducted by A. NAYLOR.

First peal in the method by the ringers of the 1st, 4th, 5th and 6th. Rung as a birthday compliment to L. Stokoe, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns of the day.

QUEDGELEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 18, 1896, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF CANTERBURY PLEASURE MAJOR,
5120 CHANGES.

JOHN G. LUSHER Treble.	WILLIAM BROWN 5.
THOMAS MANSFIELD .. 2.	STEPHEN KNIGHT 6.
HARRY FORD 3.	CHARLES LYES 7.
CHARLES COX 4.	FRANK KNIGHT Tenor.

Composed by E. BARNETT and Conducted by FRANK KNIGHT.

TIPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD
AND THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 18, 1896, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF FORWARD MAJOR, 5000 CHANGES.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JAMES JONES Treble.	GEORGE WALKER 5.
THOMAS COLLINSON* .. 2.	*WILLIAM MICKLEWRIGHT 6.
JOHN JENNINGS* 3.	*REUBEN HALL 7.
WILLIAM ROCK SMALL .. 4.	JOHN CARTER Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JOHN CARTER.

*First peal. This peal contains the full extent of the 6th wrong and right, and is the first peal of Forward rung on the bells. T. Collinson was proposed a member of the Stafford Association before starting. All the above are members of the Birmingham Amalgamated Society.

SPELDHURST, KENT.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, January 18, 1896, in Three Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6336 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12½ cwt.

JAMES BAKER Treble.	GEORGE TURLEY 5.
WILLIAM H. CARD 2.	GEORGE A. CARD 6.
RICHARD PELLING 3.	ALBERT E. EDWARDS .. 7.
JAMES MAYNARD 4.	THOMAS CARD Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS and Conducted by THOMAS CARD.

This is the longest length yet composed without the and in 6ths place at a course-end, and is now rung for the first time. Rung as a birthday compliment to W. H. Card, his brother-strings wishing him many happy returns.

GLOUCESTER.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(ST. MICHAEL'S JUNIOR'S SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, January 21, 1896, in Three Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 28 cwt.

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

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

This is the first peal of Surprise on the bells, and was rung in honour of the election of Mr. C. E. D. Boutflower as Master of the Association, at Bristol, on Monday. The composition will appear in its proper place.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 22, 1896, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5072 CHANGES. Tenor 12½ cwt.

EDWARD WALLIS .. Treble.	FRANCIS LEES 5.
JOSEPH E. R. KEEN* .. 2.	*THOMAS HUDSON, SEN. .. 6.
ROBERT S. STORY 3.	ALFRED HILLIER 7.
HENRY H. LINDSAY .. 4.	FREDK. J. HARRISON .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by FREDK. J. HARRISON.

*First peal of Double Norwich.

PEAL CORRECTION.—The date of the peal at St. Thomas', Pendleton, was Saturday, January 11th, and it was A. Cross's first peal.

CENTRAL COUNCIL.—PEAL COLLECTION.—APPENDIX 1895 is now ready, containing 100 pages of peals in various methods; uniform with Report on Calls, with which it will be forwarded post free on receipt of sevenpence-halfpenny in stamps by Rev. H. EARLE BULWER, Stanhoe Rectory, King's Lynn.

Date Touches.

THE YORKSHIRE AND THE HEAVY WOOLLEN DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS.

OSSETT (Yorkshire).—On Sunday, January 5th, for evening service at the church of The Holy Trinity, a date touch of 1896 Kent Treble Bob Major, in 1 hr. 15 mins. A. Goodall (conductor), 1; G. Crawshaw, 2; D. Senior, 3; W. Illingworth, 4; D. Stephenson, 5; W. Dixon, 6; W. Byrom, 7; J. Ruddlesdon, 8. Composed by G. H. Hardy.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

WICKHAM SKEITH.—On Wednesday, January 15th, at the church of St. Andrew, for practice, a date touch of 1896 changes, in 1 hr. 5 mins., in the three following methods: 720 Kent Treble Bob, 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, and 456 College Single. F. Potter, 1; D. Mays, 2; C. Nunn, 3; G. Kemp, 4; T. Davy, 5; G. Cattermole (conductor), 6.

THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

SHIREOAKS (Notts.).—On Sunday, January 5th, at the church of St. Luke, for evening service, a date touch, consisting of 456 Oxford, 720 Duke of York, and 720 Violet, in 1 hr. 5 mins. S. Tomlinson, 1; D. Russon, 2; J. Fitzjohn, 3; B. Hall, 4; W. Hargreaves (conductor), 5; F. Hargreaves, 6.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BEVERLEY (Yorks.).—On Saturday, December 21st, for practice at St. Mary's church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples in 1 hr. 12 mins. H. Blyth, 1; W. Whitfield, 2; H. Ushaw, 3; J. Youney, 4; F. Osgerby (conductor), 5; H. Smelt, 6; H. Ushaw, jun., 7; R. Rogers, 8.

Miscellaneous.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NORWICH.—On Saturday, December 28th, at the residence of Mr. C. J. Burton, "The Elms," Mount Pleasant, on handbells retained in hand, 720 Bob Minor in 16 mins. J. A. Trollop, 1-2; J. E. Burton, 3-4; G. P. Burton (conductor), 5-6. Also a plain course of each of the following twelve and six-bell methods: Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Forward, Canterbury Pleasure, Christmas Eve, Yorkshire Court Bob, Court Bob, Double Bob, Reverse Bob, Grandsire, and New Grandsire.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

LEEDS (Kent).—On Friday, December 13th, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor. T. Earll (conductor), 1; E. Newman, 2; H. Hollands, 3; T. Russel, 4; W. Cheeseman, 5; J. Fermor, 6; W. Hadlow, 7; H. King, 8. On Thursday, December 19th, 360 Bob Minor. W. King, 1; W. Hadlow, 2; T. Earll (conductor), 3; T. Russel, 4; E. Newman, 5; J. Fermor, 6; H. King, 7; W. Coulter, 8. Tenor 20 cwt. Messrs. Hadlow and Fermor hail from Harrietsham; Newman from Mereworth.

HARRIETSHAM (Kent).—On Sunday morning, December 22nd, for Divine Service at the parish church, two 6-scores of Bob Doubles on the back six. G. Hadlow, 1; W. Hadlow (conductor), 2; E. Randall, 3; A. Randall, 4; J. Fermor, 5; J. Hadlow, 6. Tenor 13½ cwt.

BORDEN (Kent).—On Sunday, December 29th, for Divine Service, 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, 7; R. Weller, 8.

ASHFORD (Kent).—On new year's eve, 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-four bobs two singles), with 6-8 behind. F. Chapman, 1; E. Dyson, 2; H. N. Horton, 3; A. J. Dyson, 4; G. Head (conductor), 5; W. Ansell, 6; T. Tabrett, 7; A. Collins, 8.

EDENBRIDGE (Kent).—On Wednesday, December 25th, a 720 of Grandsire Minor. *J. Maylon, 1; J. Wallis, 2; J. Heasman, 3; T. Wallis, 4; R. Jenner, 5; J. Preston (conductor), 6. *First 720. On Sunday, December 29th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. R. Jenner, 1; J. Wallis, 2; J. Steddy, 3; J. Heasman, 4; C. Chapman (Speldhurst), 5; J. Preston (conductor), 6. On Sunday, January 5th, 720 Oxford Bob (eighteen bobs and two singles). R. Jenner, 1; J. Wallis, 2; J. Steddy, 3; T. Wallis, 4; J. Heasman, 5; J. Preston (conductor), 6. First in the method by all.

SWANSCOMBE (Kent).—On December 22nd, 720 Kent Treble Bob. H. Catton, 1; L. Digweed, 2; F. Hayes (conductor), 3; F. J. Ring, 4; W. Martin, 5; W. Harper, 6. On December 31st, 720 Bob Minor.

H. Milhams, 1; H. Catton, 2; L. Digweed, 3; M. Digby, 4; F. J. Ring, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6. And for midnight service, 720 Bob Minor. H. Catton, 1; H. Milhams, 2; L. Digweed, 3; F. J. Ring, 4; W. Martin, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6. On January 1st, after service, 720 Bob Minor. H. Catton, 1; L. Digweed, 2; F. J. Ring, 3; A. Cornford, 4; W. Martin, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6. On Sunday, January 5th, 720 Bob Minor. H. Milhams, 1; F. Hayes, 2; F. J. Ring, 3; A. Cornford, 4; W. Martin, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6.

HORSMONDEN (Kent).—On December 1st, at the parish church, 720 Kent Treble Bob (nine bobs), in 28 mins. E. Lambert, 1; E. C. Lambert, 2; J. Beach, 3; W. Lambert, 4; F. Butchers, 5; F. J. Lambert (conductor), 6. On December 5th, a 6-score of Stedman Doubles, the first in the method by all. E. Lambert, 1; E. C. Lambert, 2; F. Butchers, 3; F. Lambert (conductor), 4; J. Beach, 5; G. Good, 6. On December 19th, 120 Oxford Treble Bob, and 144 in the same method, being the first by all. E. Lambert, 1; E. C. Lambert, 2; F. Butchers, 3; W. Lambert, 4; J. Beach, 5; F. Lambert (conductor), 6. And 720 Bob Minor, in 28 mins. G. Good (first 720), 1; E. C. Lambert, 2; F. Butchers, 3; G. Hodge, 4; F. Lambert (conductor), 5; J. Beach, 6. Also 144 Kent Treble Bob. E. Lambert, 1; J. Wheadon (Brenchley), 2; J. Beach, 3; F. Butchers, 4; W. Lambert, 5; F. Lambert, 6. A 6-score of Stedman. J. Beach, 1; E. C. Lambert, 2; F. Butchers, 3; F. Lambert, 4; W. Lambert, 5; G. Good, 6. On December 25th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob (nine bobs), in 28 mins. E. Lambert, 1; E. C. Lambert, 2; F. Butchers, 3; W. Lambert, 4; J. Beach, 5; F. Lambert (conductor), 6. On December 31st, with the bells muffled, in memory of Mrs. Courthope, wife of G. J. Courthope, Esq., of "Srivvers," Horsham, 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-four bobs and two singles), in 31 mins. G. Hodge, 1; E. C. Lambert, 2; F. Butchers, 3; W. Lambert, 4; J. Beach, 5; F. Lambert (conductor), 6. Also 240 Kent and 240 Oxford Treble Bob. E. Lambert, 1; the rest as before. And 360 Plain Bob. G. Good, 1; G. Hodge, 2; F. Lambert, 3; W. Lambert, 4; F. Butchers, 5; J. Beach, 6.

BEARSTED (Kent).—On Tuesday, January 7th, for practice, 180 Bob Minor. C. Apps, 1; W. Cheeseman, 2; G. Pound (Boxley), 3; A. Cooper, 4; J. Shorter, 5; Rev. A. L. Brine (conductor), 6.

FOLKESTONE (Kent).—On Christmas morning, for Divine Service, 1008 Grandsire Triples. G. Millen, 1; S. Binfield, 2; J. Fisher, 3; H. Petts (first 1008), 4; S. Barker (conductor), 5; G. Holdom, 6; F. Finn, 7; E. Marchant (first 1008), 8. On Tuesday, December 31st, 504 and 336 Grandsire Triples. S. Binfield, 1; A. Manning, 2; J. Fisher, 3; H. Petts, 4; S. Barker (conductor), 5; S. Gower, 6; F. Finn, 7; A. Pilcher, 8. On Sunday morning, January 12th, for Divine Service, 279 and 195 Grandsire Triples. A. Pilcher, 1; S. Binfield, 2; J. Fisher, 3; H. Petts, 4; — Marriott, 5; S. Barker (conductor), 6; F. Finn, 7; G. Millen, 8. On Monday, January 4th, 504 Grandsire Triples. G. Millen, 1; A. Manning, 2; J. Fisher, 3; E. Potter, 4; S. Binfield, 5; S. Barker (conductor), 6; F. Finn, 7; H. Petts, 8.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HIGHAM FERRERS (Northants.).—On Christmas eve, December 24th, 1032 Grandsire Triples. A. Everitt, 1; A. H. Martin (conductor), 2; G. Warner, 3; W. Pettit, 4; G. Brown, 5; W. Parker, 6; J. B. Martin, 7; A. Goosey, 8. And for midnight service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. A. Everitt, 1; J. B. Martin, 2; G. Warner, 3; W. Pettit, 4; G. Brown, 5; W. Parker, 6; A. H. Martin (conductor), 7; A. Goosey (first quarter-peal), 8. On Christmas morning, for early service, 336 Grandsire Triples. A. Everitt, 1; W. Pettit, 2; G. Warner, 3; A. H. Martin, 4; G. Brown, 5; W. Parker, 6; J. B. Martin (conductor), 7; A. Goosey, 8. For morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. A. Everitt, 1; W. Pettit, 2; G. Warner, 3; G. Brown, 4; J. B. Martin (conductor), 5; A. H. Martin, 6; W. Parker, 7; A. Goosey, 8. Also 560 Bob Major. A. Everitt, 1; A. H. Martin, 2; G. Warner, 3; W. Pettit, 4; G. Brown, 5; W. Parker, 6; G. Burton, 7; J. B. Martin (conductor), 8. On Thursday, December 26th, 560 Bob Major. G. Warner, 1; G. Burton, 2; W. Hall, 3; G. Brown, 4; J. Seamark, 5; W. Parker, 6; W. Pettit, 7; J. B. Martin (conductor), 8. And 768 Kent Treble Bob Major. G. Warner, 1; W. Pettit, 2; W. Hall, 3; A. H. Martin, 4; G. Burton, 5; J. Seamark, 6; W. Parker, 7; J. B. Martin (conductor), 8. And 168 Grandsire Triples. W. Everitt, 1; G. Warner, 2; W. Hall (conductor), 3; G. Brown, 4; J. B. Martin, 5; W. Parker, 6; G. Burton, 7; W. Pettit, 8. These touches were rung to celebrate the marriage of our brother-ringer, Alfred Henry Martin, who invited us at 8 o'clock to a capital supper. When all was ready "go" was called, and each did justice to the good things provided, the courses coming up in fine style. After the cloth was removed, the rest of the evening was spent in harmony, the ringers wishing Mr. and Mrs. Martin long life and

happiness. On the above occasion an attempt was made for a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, but came to grief after an hour's ringing, through a rope breaking.

THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AND YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.

TRETON (Yorks.)—On Sunday, December 1st, for service, 720 Superlative Surprise. A. Woofenden, 1; J. H. Brothwell, 2; S. Walker, 3; A. J. Plowman, 4; W. J. Nicholson, 5; T. Whitworth (conductor), 6. On Sunday, December 8th, for service, 720 Superlative. A. Woofenden, 1; T. Whitworth (conductor), 2; S. Walker, 3; A. J. Plowman, 4; J. H. Brothwell, 5; W. Lambert, jun., 6. On Sunday, December 15th, for service, 240 Oxford and 720 Tulip. A. Woofenden, 1; T. Whitworth, 2; W. Lambert, 3; A. J. Plowman, 4; W. J. Nicholson, 5; J. H. Brothwell (conductor), 6. On Sunday, December 23rd, for morning service, 720 College Exercise. A. Woofenden, 1; W. Lambert, jun., 2; S. Walker, 3; A. J. Plowman, 4; W. J. Nicholson, 5; J. H. Brothwell (conductor), 6. And for evening service, 720 College Treble Bob, and 120 each of Primrose and Tulip, standing as in the morning. On Christmas morning, for early service, 720 Oxford. A. Woofenden, 1; T. Whitworth, 2; S. Walker, 3; A. J. Plowman, 4; W. Lambert, jun., 5; J. H. Brothwell (conductor), 6.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HORBURY (Yorks.)—On Tuesday, October 29th, at St. Peter's church, 720 Superlative Surprise and 720 Wells Surprise. G. Horner, 1; E. Brooke, 2; G. Hunt, 3; H. Rowley (conductor), 4; G. F. Pickles, 5; R. Thickett, 6. On Sunday, November 3rd, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. A. Yelland, 1; G. Horner, 2; G. Hunt (conductor), 3; W. Illingworth (Ossett), 4; G. F. Pickles, 5; R. Thickett, 6. On Sunday, November 17th, 720 Tulip. W. H. Giggie, 1; E. Brooke, 2; G. Hunt, 3; H. Rowley (conductor), 4; G. F. Pickles, 5; R. Thickett, 6. On Sunday, November 24th, 720 London Scholars' Pleasure, standing as above. On Sunday, December 1st, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. G. Hunt (conductor), 3; G. Horner, 4; the rest as above. On Sunday, December 15th, 720 Cambridge Surprise; December 22nd, 720 Duke of York, standing as before. On Tuesday, December 31st, 720 each of Violet, Duke of York, Oxford, Arnold's Victory, and Huddersfield Surprise. On Sunday, January 5th, 360 City Delight, and 240 Arnold's Victory, standing as above. Tenor 10½ cwt.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

WRITTLE (Essex.)—On Monday, December 23rd, to commemorate the wedding of Mr. T. Williams, schoolmaster of the parish, with Miss T. E. Dawson, 504 Grandsire Triples was rung directly after the ceremony. H. Lincoln, 1; G. W. Sorrell, 2; A. Head, 3; G. Head, 4; T. Lincoln, 5; F. Radley, 6; W. Lincoln, 7; C. J. Dennison, 8. On Boxing-Day, a peal of Grandsire Triples was attempted, but after ringing about 1 hr. a continuous knocking was heard at the door, which brought it to grief. Someone had taken a fancy to see how the bells were rung. The band rang 168 to satisfy their curiosity, which gave them time to read the peal-boards, after which they could understand what mischief was done, and profusely apologised for interruption. H. Lincoln, 1; E. W. Davis, 2; G. W. Sorrell, 3; A. Head, 4; R. Wood, 5; W. Lincoln (conductor), 6; T. Lincoln, 7; F. Edwards, 8. Later in the day the same band rang a quarter-peal of Court Bob Triples, being the first by the local company. On New Year's Eve the bells were rung half-muffled at intervals till 12, after which a short touch was rung open to welcome in the new year.

STANSTED (Essex.)—On Christmas morning at 7 a.m. at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, 720 Cambridge Surprise. T. Jordan, 1; G. Jordan, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. For morning service 720 Chichester Surprise. J. Jordan, 1; I. Hammond, 2; T. J. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; W. Watts, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. And to ring the old year out and the new year in, 360 Plain Bob Minor and 720 Cambridge Surprise. J. Cavill, 1; G. Jordan, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. Tenor 13 cwt. This company's summary for the year 1895 consists of 131 complete 720s, viz.: fifteen of Cambridge Surprise, ten of London Surprise, nine each of York Surprise and Oxford Treble Bob, eight of Superlative Surprise, seven of College Exercise, six each of Worcester Surprise, Woodbine Treble Bob and Plain Bob, four each of London Scholars' Pleasure, Chichester Surprise, Durham Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, and Violet Treble Bob, three each of Oxford Delight and Wells Surprise, two each of Double Oxford Bob, Bocking Treble Bob, Duke of York, Morning Exercise, London Treble Bob, Bristol Surprise, Lichfield Surprise, College Pleasure, Killamarsh Treble Bob, and New London Pleasure, one each of Morning Star, Rochester Surprise, College Single, Braintree Treble Bob, Victoria Treble Bob, Double Court Bob, Yorkshire Court Bob, Lincoln Surprise, and City Delight. Of

the foregoing sixty, six were conducted by W. Watts; forty-one by J. Luckey; twenty-three by T. J. Watts; and one was conducted by I. Cavill, of Brickendon, Hertfordshire. It will be seen that the above 131 720s have been rang in thirty-five different methods. Altogether with touches and peals, this company has brought round 111,783 changes.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

CHIPPING.—On November 20th, at the parish church, 720 Kent Treble Bob. R. Kenyon, 1; W. Timbrell, 2; J. Kenyon, 3; E. Timbrell (conductor), 4; T. Seed, 5; F. Timbrell, 6. On December 8th, 720 Kent, standing as above. On December 15th, 720 Bob Minor. R. Kenyon (conductor), 1; J. Seed, 2; J. Kenyon, 3; E. Timbrell, 4; T. Seed, 5; E. Seed, 6. On December 31st, an attempt was made for a 5040 in seven Minor methods, but came to grief after ringing 720 each of Oxford and Kent, and about 400 of Grandsire. R. Kenyon, 1; W. Timbrell, 2; J. Kenyon, 3; E. Timbrell (conductor), 4; T. Seed, 5; F. Timbrell, 6. On January 12th, 720 Grandsire Minor. R. Kenyon, 1; W. Timbrell, 2; J. Kenyon, 3; E. Timbrell (conductor), 4; T. Seed, 5; F. Timbrell, 6.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

LLANDAFF.—On Christmas morn, at the Cathedral, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 1260 changes, containing the twenty-four 6-7s. J. Pitcher, 1; J. Harris, 2; W. Coombes, 3; W. B. Biss, 4; C. Lloyd (conductor), 5; H. Roberts (Cheltenham), 6; J. Clutterbuck, 7; R. Brothwell, 8. On a recent Monday, for practice, 1008 Grandsire Triples (composed by the late H. Johnson). W. Lloyd, 1; C. Lloyd (conductor), 2; J. Pitcher, 3; J. W. Smythe, 4; J. Harris, 5; W. B. Biss, 6; J. Clutterbuck, 7; J. Thomas, 8.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

HESWALL.—On Saturday, December 21st, six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. J. Mealar, 1; J. Edwards, 1; W. Briscoe, 3; W. Williams, 4; A. Cripps (conductor), 5. Also 120 Grandsire Doubles. J. Mealar, 1; A. Cripps, 2; W. Briscoe, 3; F. Dale, 4; W. Williams, 5. F. Dale belongs to Heswall; the rest belong to Neston. Tenor 10 cwt.

NESTON (Cheshire.)—On Thursday, December 19th, for practice, 360 Oxford Bob Minor. J. Mealar, 1; J. Edwards, 3; W. Williams, 4; J. Sutton, 5; W. Briscoe, 6; A. Cripps (conductor), 7; H. Grundy, 8. On New Year's eve 720 Oxford Bob Minor. J. Mealar, 1; J. Edwards, 3; W. Williams, 4; J. Sutton, 5; *W. Briscoe, 6; A. Cripps (conductor), 7; A. Cartmel, 8. First 720 of Minor by all except the ringers of the 6th and 7th. *First 720 with a bob bell.

MACCLESFIELD.—On Tuesday, January 7th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins. W. Matthews, 1; F. Stoneby, 2; W. Kenny, 3; W. Stubb, 4; J. Armstrong, 5; W. Gayes, 6; J. Norbury, 7; W. Walmsley, 8. Rung as a birthday company to the vicar, the ringers wishing him many happy returns.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BRIGHTON.—On Monday, December 23rd, at the parish church of St. Peter, 504 Stedman Triples. J. Jay, sen., 1; J. N. Frossell, 2; G. King, 3; I. Jay, jun., 4; G. Williams, 5; G. Baker, 6; G. F. Attree (conductor), 7; H. Tugwell, 8. Also 224 Double Norwich. J. Jay, jun., 1; G. F. Attree, 2; G. Smart, 3; G. A. King, 4; J. N. Frossell, 5; J. Jay, sen., 6; G. Baker, 7; G. Williams (conductor), 8. The above touches were rung immediately after the wedding of Mr. E. C. Merritt, a prominent member of the St. Peter's society, his brother-ringers wishing him every happiness.

THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

HADLEY (Middlesex.)—Recently, for the Christmas and New Year's services at the parish church, several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, each called differently, and 108s and 216s of Grandsire Minor have been rung by the following. Doubles—C. Marshall, 1; W. J. Dell, 2; A. Baldwin, 3; G. Godfrey (conductor), 4; C. Abbott, 5; F. Crack, 6. Minor—A. Baldwin, 1; W. Godfrey, 2; W. J. Dell, 3; G. Abbott, 4; C. Abbott, 5; G. Godfrey (conductor), 6.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—ROSSENDALE BRANCH.

BACUP.—On Sunday, December 1st, at Christ Church, 720 Symphony. W. Ormerod, 1; J. Smith, 2; G. Shotten, 3; J. H. Smith, 4; J. S. Lomas, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. On Saturday, December 7th, 720 Imperial. L. Holt, 1; J. Smith, 2; G. Shotten, 3; J. H. Smith, 4; J. S. Lomas, 5; Z. Lord (conductor), 6. On Sunday, December 8th, 720 College Treble Bob. Z. Lord, 1; J. Smith, 2; G. Shotten, 3; J. H. Smith, 4; J. S. Lomas, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. On Sunday, December 15th, 720 Arnold's Victory. Z. Lord, 1; J. Smith, 2; G. Shotten, 3; J. H. Smith, 4; J.

S. Lomas, 5; E. J. Cockroft (conductor), 6. On Sunday, December 22nd, 720 City Delight. 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, December 27th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. L. Holt, 1; Z. Lord, 2; A. L. Hardman, 3; J. H. Smith, 4; J. S. Lomas, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. On Sunday, December 29th, 720 College Exercise. Z. Lord, 1; E. J. Cockroft, 2; G. Shotton, 3; J. H. Smith, 4; J. S. Lomas, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BEDFORD.—On November 10th, at the church of St. Paul, 480 Grandsire Triples. J. Sear, 1; C. Chasty, 2; W. Hall, 3; F. Hull, 4; W. Keech, 5; I. Hills, 6; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 7; F. Ball, 8. On December 5th, 384 Superlative Surprise Major. S. J. Cullip, 1; C. Chasty, 2; W. Hall, 3; W. Shimmans, 4; I. Hills, 5; H. Tysoe, 6; F. Smith, 7; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 8. First touch in method by all except the conductor. Also 224 in the same method. S. J. Cullip (first course with a bob bell), 2; the rest as before. On December 8th, 576 Superlative Surprise Major. S. J. Cullip, 1; C. Chasty, 2; W. Hall, 3; F. Smith, 4; I. Hills, 5; H. Tysoe, 6; H. Sharp, 7; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 8; and 316 Stedman Triples. On December 15th, 672 Superlative Surprise Major. S. J. Cullip, 1; C. Chasty, 2; W. Hall, 3; H. Sharp, 4; I. Hills, 5; H. Tysoe, 6; F. Smith, 7; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 8. On December 22nd, 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Sear (first 504), 1; C. Chasty, 2; W. Hall, 3; F. Hull, 4; I. Hills, 5; H. Tysoe, 6; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 7; F. Ball, 8. And 448 Superlative Surprise Major. S. J. Cullip, 1; C. Chasty, 2; W. Hall, 3; W. Shimmans, 4; I. Hills, 5; H. Tysoe, 6; H. Sharp, 7; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 8; and 216 Stedman Triples. On December 26th, 504 Grandsire Triples. S. J. Cullip, 1; C. Chasty, 2; W. Hall, 3; F. Hull, 4; I. Hills, 5; F. Smith, 6; H. Sharp (conductor), 7; J. Sear, 8. On December 31st, 448 Superlative Surprise Major. S. J. Cullip, 1; C. Chasty, 2; W. Hall, 3; H. Tysoe, 4; I. Hills, 5; W. Shimmans, 6; H. Sharp, 7; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 8. And 224 Double Norwich and 216 Stedman Triples.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

BASINGSTOKE (Hants).—On Sunday evening, December 29th, for Divine Service, 464 Bob Major. H. Lawes, 1; C. Holdaway, 2; T. Curtis, 3; C. Hansford, 4; F. Wilson, 5; J. R. Higgins, 6; J. E. Ballard, 7; H. White (conductor), 8. On Wednesday, January 1st, in the early morning, 504 Grandsire Triples. T. Curtis, 1; C. Holdaway, 2; J. E. Ballard, 3; C. F. Hansford, 4; F. G. Wilson, 5; J. R. Higgins, 6; H. White (conductor), 7; A. Knight, 8.

FARNHAM (Hants).—On January 1st, after midnight service, a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples. A. Schofield, 1; A. Smith, 2; H. Garfath (conductor), 3; C. Headey, 4; F. A. Barrett, 5; C. Fry, 6; C. Clapshaw, 7; H. Wright, 8. On January 9th six 6-scores of Stedman Doubles. A. Le Clercq, 1; C. Headey, 2; H. Garfath, 3; C. Fry, 4; F. A. Barnett, 5; C. Clapshaw, 6.

GOSPORT (Hants).—On Saturday, December 14th, for practice, 360 Kent Treble Bob Minor. *R. Gardner, 1; J. Hewitt (conductor), 2; *H. Westbrook, 3; *R. Fuge, 4; †A. Peckham, 5; E. Reynolds, 6. On Sunday, December 15th, for evening service, 240 Kent Treble Bob Minor. R. Gardner, 1; *F. Burnett, 2; *H. Reynolds, 3; R. Fuge, 4; A. Peckham, 5; A. E. Tomlins (conductor), 6. Also 224 Bob Major. H. Westbrook, 1; J. Hewitt, 2; E. Reynolds, 3; R. Fuge, 4; H. Reynolds, 5; F. Burnett, 6; A. Peckham, 7; A. E. Tomlins (conductor), 8. On Sunday, December 22nd, for evening service, 419 Grandsire Triples. H. Westbrook, 1; J. Hewitt, 2; A. Peckham, 3; H. Reynolds, 4; R. Davies, 5; F. Burnett, 6; A. E. Tomlins (conductor), 7; E. Reynolds, 8. Also 408 Stedman Triples. A. Peckham, 1; J. Hewitt, 2; H. Reynolds, 3; R. Fuge, 4; F. Burnett, 5; H. Westbrook, 6; A. E. Tomlins (conductor), 7; E. Reynolds, 8. On Christmas Day, for afternoon service, 408 Stedman Triples. F. Burnett, 1; H. Reynolds, 2; E. Reynolds, 3; H. Westbrook, 4; W. J. Freakes, 5; A. Peckham, 6; A. E. Tomlins (conductor), 7; E. Drinkwater, 8. On Saturday, January 4th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 25 mins. *R. Gardner, 1; *R. Fuge, 2; E. Reynolds, 3; †A. Peckham, 4; *J. Gould, 5; †A. E. Tomlins (conductor), 6. *Longest. †Longest with a bob bell. †First 720 in the method as conductor. W. J. Freakes hails from Guildford; J. Gould and E. Drinkwater from Portsea.

THE WORCESTER CATHEDRAL GUILD.

WORCESTER.—On Monday, January 13th, for practice at the Cathedral, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, 1259 changes. B. S. Hill, 1; G. Hinton, 2; W. Powell, 3; W. Cotton, 4; G. Checketts, 5; W. Page, 6; L. Longney (conductor), 7; W. Bradford, 8; W. H. Johnson, 9; S. Rudge, 10.

THE ST. MARTIN'S SCHOLARS, STAMFORD.

STAMFORD.—On Friday, December 20th, at St. Martin's church, 720 Oxford Bob. E. Popple, 1; R. S. Cox, 2; R. Wyche (conductor), 3; W. Turner, 4; C. Harper, 5; F. Dennison, 6. On Friday, December 27th, 720 Oxford Bob. E. Popple, 1; C. Harper, 2; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 3; Rev. H. Law James, 4; C. T. P. Brice, 5; F. Denison, 6.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

TAUNTON (Somerset).—On Sunday, December 22nd, for Divine Service at St. James's church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 26 mins. J. Maddick (conductor), 1; A. Doble, 2; H. Pearce, 3; F. Millard, 4; H. Poole, 5; G. Yandell, 6. First in the method by all.

DEVIZES (Wilts).—On Thursday, January 2nd, at St. John's church, four 6-scores of Bob Doubles. C. H. Hampton (conductor), 1; T. Raddon, 2; C. D. Heginbotham, 3; S. Hillier, 4; A. Draper, 5; R. Phillips, 6. The foregoing touch was rung to celebrate the wedding day of the Bishop of the diocese.

LONDON.—On Thursday, January 2nd, at St. Paul's, Homerton, 720 Plain Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles) in 25 mins. H. Spencer, 1; F. Webb, 2; G. Long, 3; A. Fisher, 4; J. Berry, 5; H. Stubbs (conductor), 6. And 720 in the same method. H. Spencer, 1; J. Berry, 2; G. Long, 3; A. Fisher, 4; W. G. Beam, 5; H. Stubbs, 6. On Sunday evening, January 5th, after Divine Service at the church of St. Mary, Stoke Newington, 720 Bob Minor in 26 mins. H. Spencer, 1; F. Webb, 2; G. Long, 3; A. Fisher, 4; J. Berry, 5; H. Stubbs, 6. And on Monday, January 6th, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles) in 25 mins. H. Spencer, 1; F. Webb, 2; G. Long, 3; A. Fisher, 4; W. Waterman (first 720 in the method), 5; H. Stubbs, 6. Also 720 in the same method (eight bobs and six singles). H. Spencer, 1; G. Gains, 2; G. Long, 3; A. Fisher, 4; W. G. Beam, 5; H. Stubbs (conductor), 6.

MARTLEY (Worcestershire).—On Wednesday, January 1st, at the parish church, a date touch of 1896 Grandsire Doubles, in 1 hr. H. Humpherson, 1; W. Caswell, 2; Rev. J. F. Hastings, 3; C. Archer, 4; F. Rowley, 5; J. Nott, 6. Tenor 14 cwt. in E. The above touch, which was arranged and conducted by F. Rowley, is the longest length yet rung on the bells by local ringers.

MONKS ELEIGH (Suffolk).—On Sunday, January 12th, 720 Bob Minor, in 28 mins. W. Greene, 1; R. Keeble, 2; E. W. R. Grimwood, 3; C. Greene, 4; C. Parker, 5; A. Keeble (conductor), 6. And 360 in the same method and a course of Oxford Treble Bob. This is the first course of Treble Bob on tower bells by C. W. R. Grimwood, who hails from Hitcham, the rest belong to the local company.

NORWICH.—On Monday, December 23rd, at St. Michael's Coslany, an attempt for a peal of Bob Major came to grief after ringing 1 hr. 65 mins, owing to the 3rd wheel falling to pieces. A. W. Brighton (conductor), 1; G. Howchin, 2; S. Smith, 3; F. J. Howchin, 4; A. G. Warnes, 5; G. Smith, 6; J. Smith, 7; W. Bales, 8. On Thursday, December 26th, an attempt for a peal of Bob Major came to grief after ringing 1 hr. 45 mins. P. C. Artis, 1; F. J. Howchin, 2; G. Howchin, 3; E. Ward, 4; A. G. Warnes, 5; S. Smith, 6; G. Smith, 7; A. W. Brighton (conductor), 8. On Thursday, December 26th, an attempt for a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major came to grief after ringing 50 mins. P. C. Aris, 1; A. W. Brighton (conductor), 2; A. Markwell, 3; H. Sharpe, 4; G. Howchin, 5; E. Francis, 6; S. Smith, 7; F. J. Howchin, 8.

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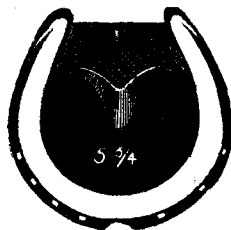
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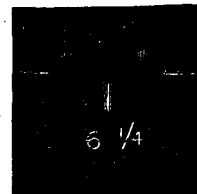
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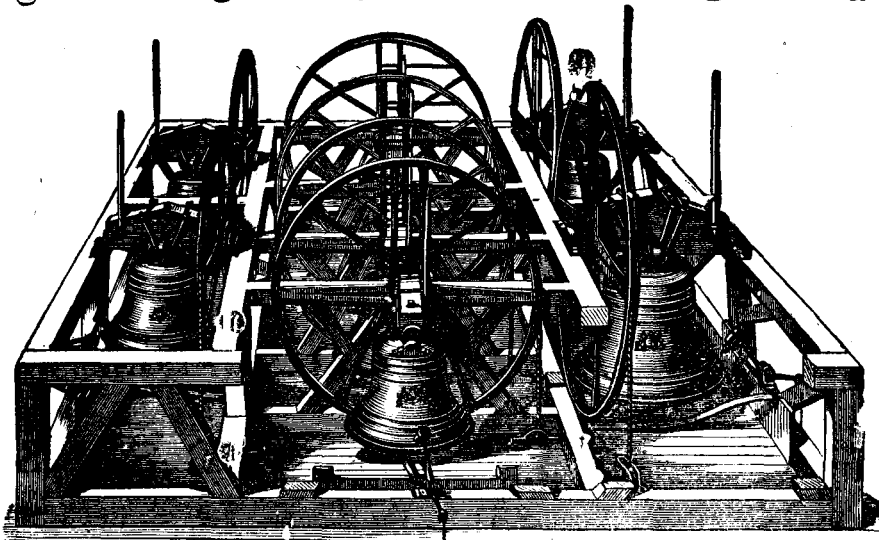
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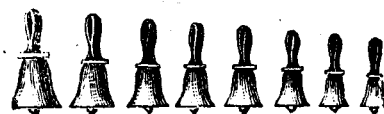
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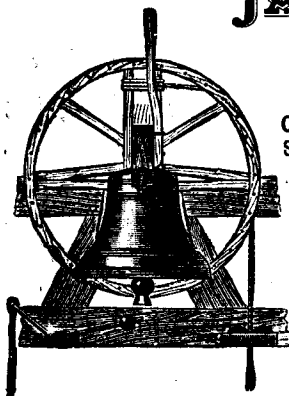
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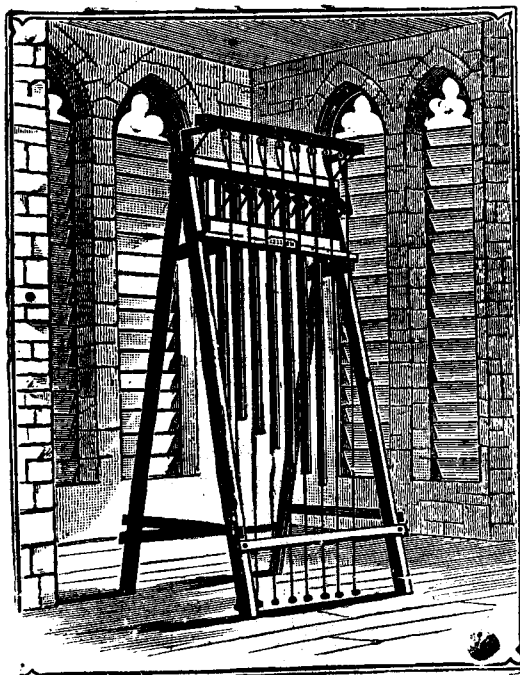
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There was only a moderate attendance at the quarterly meeting of the above branch of the Lancashire Association on Saturday last, at St. Anne's-on-the-Sea. Various methods were satisfactorily rung on the five bells of St. Anne's Parish Church. At the subsequent business meeting, the chair was occupied by the Rev. J. K. Jacques. The Branch Secretary (Mr. J. Fell), said he had received letters apologising for non-attendance from Mr. Mather, Secretary to the Association, Dr. Slater (Lytham), and the Rev. R. Halstead (Lytham). He wished all a Happy New Year. With regard to the progress of the branch, he could not say that they had done anything startling during the past year, but he hoped that the members took the hint on the lines he suggested at the last meeting. He thought they ought to have a ringing-master for the branch, and he was sure such a person would be the means of advancing scientific change-ringing. He was pleased to say that their friends of St. Cuthbert's Church (Lytham), practice that intricate method, Double Norwich Court Bob Minor, and he hoped they would give them their first 5040 before long. With reference to the death of Prince Henry of Battenburg, he said that they, as members of the Church of England, with Her Majesty at the head of that Church, would pray that she and her family may be consoled by that great King, whose blessing and help she and all hoped to inherit in time of trouble and tribulation. The Chairman apologised for the absence of the Rev. W. G. Terry, who was prevented by illness from being present. Personally, he did not know much about the art of change-ringing. He had seen it in an old book that Englishmen were the only nation who had ever succeeded in the real art of change-ringing. They could take that for what it was worth. There were various opportunities when they rang bells, sometimes for joy, sometimes for sorrow, such as a national calamity, as was the case only that week. The chief object of bell-ringing was to call people to worship. He did not think the position of bell-ringers was fully recognised by the ringers themselves as it ought to be. The belfry was a part of God's house, and it was sacred to Him. He also wanted them to realise that bell-ringing was an art which required great practice and perseverance. In conclusion, he said it was not right for them to go away after ringing, and it seemed a strange thing that they did not go to the same worship to which they called upon others to attend. The matter with reference to the appointment of a ringing master was deferred, as was also the question of the election of a Fylde committee. No new members were proposed. The place of the next meeting is Poulton, on the 18th of April. A vote of thanks to the Chairman and the Rev. W. G. Terry concluded the meeting.

HANDSWORTH PARISH CHURCH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

On Monday, January 20th, the ringers at the above church held their fourth anniversary dinner at The Frighted Horse inn. With their friends and guests numbering about twenty in all they discussed with eminent satisfaction the capital dinner provided by Host Taylor. At the clearing of the cloth the veteran Captain of the ringers—Mr. Verry—was unanimously chosen as chairman, and in a few well chosen remarks referred to the pleasure it gave him to meet every one present that evening. He had to express his own, as well as the regret of all the ringers, that a gentleman was compelled to be absent from that meeting, whose presence among them was always highly appreciated—he meant the Rev. C. E. E. Bulwer, who, since his advent to Handsworth as curate, had identified himself with the ringers and the ringing. He went on to enumerate some of the difficulties attending the band in their endeavours to make themselves proficient as ringers, and trusted that in the future they would have to be indebted, even still more than in the past, to the assistance of their more proficient friends, many of whom were present that evening. He concluded by giving the toast of "Queen, Church, and State," which was duly honoured in a becoming manner.

In proposing "Continued Success to the Handsworth ringers, coupled with the name of the Chairman (their Captain)," Mr. Fred. Smith expressed his pleasure at again meeting them on a social occasion of that kind, and stating that he was proud to

reckon the chairman one of his personal friends, went on to commend the energy and perseverance he always displayed.

Mr. W. H. Godden, as one of the Handsworth ringers, seconded the previous speaker's remarks on their chairman, and bore testimony to his many good qualities, which were a living example to younger members.

This toast was enthusiastically received, the chairman's health being given with musical honours. "Our Visiting Friends" was proposed by Mr. Westwood and duly honoured, and the health of the host and hostess having been given, the rest of the evening was devoted to social converse and harmony.

Some capital tunes were given on the handbells by Messrs. Banks, J. Bastable, T. Verry, and W. Bacon: a sample of ringing in hand by Messrs. H. Bastable, Kent, Avery, and Godden: and capital songs by Messrs. W. Verry, sen., W. Verry, jun., T. Verry, R. Fane, H. Manton, —, Jenkins, and the pianist—H. Butcher, a most enjoyable evening ending all too quickly.

THE ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.

The January quarterly meeting of the above society was held on January 25th, at the Town Hall, Manchester, but owing to the death of Prince Henry of Battenburg, the bells could not be rung. The business meeting was held in the ringing-room of the Town Hall tower, Mr. G. E. Turner being elected chairman. At the beginning of the meeting the secretary regretted that he had not been able to obtain the cathedral bells for the members, but the bells of St. John's Deansgate would be open after the meeting. The minutes of the last meeting were then read, and those which were in order passed, the secretary explaining some of the minutes being alterations of rules which required notice as per rule. The next business was the election of new members.

A vote of thanks was then passed to the Corporation of Manchester for their kindness in granting the room for the meeting, and hoping to soon accept their offer of the bells on some future occasion.

A vote of thanks to the chairman concluded the meeting, which was a fairly successful one, over twenty members being present.

Touches of Stedman and Grandsire were afterwards rung at St. John's church, Deansgate, for the use of which bells many thanks are due to Mr. Walter Brown.

ST. PETER MANCROFT SOCIETY, NORWICH.

The annual meeting for the election of officers, etc., for the above Society took place at the Parish Rooms on Wednesday, January 15th, under the chairmanship of Mr. Eagles (Parish Warden). Both the Master and Deputy-master were re-elected; the former (Mr. G. Howchin) being proposed by Mr. F. Knights, and seconded by Mr. E. Ward, and the latter (Mr. F. H. Knights), proposed by Mr. C. E. Borren, and seconded by Mr. G. Sadler. The vacancy in the Society, caused by the removal of Mr. A. W. Brighton to Cambridge, was also filled by the unanimous election of Mr. A. G. Warnes. A vote of thanks to the Chairman, who suitably responded, brought the meeting to a close.

ST. MARY'S GUILD, TAUNTON.

The Annual Meeting of the above Guild was held in the belfry on Saturday, January 19th, the President, the Rev. Prebendary Askwith, in the chair. The following members were present:—Messrs. T. Doble, G. E. Harbour, T. W. Radford, S. Radford, A. Evans, O. Bond, J. Joyce, and J. Burge. The minutes of the last meeting were signed, and the balance-sheet of the past year was presented and passed. Owing to the resignation of Mr. T. Doble, who for several years had acted as steward, Mr. G. E. Harbour filled the vacancy, and Mr. T. Radford was re-elected conductor for the third year. It was resolved that the surplus money be paid into the Savings Bank. The following were elected as members:—J. Jones, J. Hunt, S. Wyatt, and A. Walker. A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for presiding, brought the meeting to a close. Any communication respecting the above Guild to be addressed to Mr. S. E. Harbour, 7, Herbert Street, Rowbarton, Taunton.

ST. MARY'S SOCIETY, BOW, LONDON, E.

On Thursday, January 16th, the annual dinner of this society took place at The Blue Anchor inn, Bow, when members and friends to the number of twenty-two sat down to an excellent spread provided by host and hostess Drake in their usual good style, and to which full justice was done. The cloth having been removed, the Master, Mr. E. Hall, took the chair, the vice-chair being filled by the ex-Master, Mr. D. J. Sutton. The harmony of the evening commenced with a voluntary on the piano by Mr. E. G. Richards, of Forest Gate, who also accompanied throughout the evening. The first toast of the evening was that of "The Queen and Royal Family," the company singing the first verse of the National Anthem. The chairman next gave "The Bow Society." This was responded to by the Secretary, Mr. H. Springall, who in a few well-chosen words reviewed the work of the society during the past year. "The Visitors" were proposed by the vice-chairman, coupled with the name of Mr. Knight, who on rising to respond was received with loud cheers. He said it gave him great pleasure to respond to this toast. He thanked them most heartily for the way they had received it. It had been his pleasure for many years to attend their annual gatherings, but for the last five years he had been removed from their midst, so had been unable to attend, but he assured them now that he had returned to Bow, it gave him extreme pleasure to be amongst them again, and he wished the society every success.

"The Press" was next proposed by the chairman, and responded to.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the host and hostess for the very efficient manner in which they had catered for them that evening.

The host in thanking them, said the Bow society would always find good anchorage at The Blue Anchor.

Mr. S. Hayes proposed a vote of thanks to the pianist, who in a neat speech thanked the members.

"The Dinner Committee" was proposed by Mr. J. Bradley, and responded to by Mr. D. J. Sutton. Songs were contributed during the evening by the chairman and vice-chairman, Messrs. Lucas, Dallimore, Bradley, Hardy, Parmenter, Joyce, Scholes, Norris, Mason and Knight. Grandsire Triples and Caters was rung during the evening on a fine-toned peal of handbells by Shaw and Son, the following taking part: G. Fenn, 1-2; R. Fenn, 3-4; J. Bradley, 5-6; T. Faulkner, 7-8; A. Hardy, 9-10. And in the Grandsire Triples the following took part: J. Bradley, 1-2; S. E. Joyce, 3-4; T. Faulkner, 5-6; W. H. Dallimore, 7-8. The singing of "Auld lang syne," and the "National Anthem," brought a successful and enjoyable evening to a close.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

NORTHWICH BRANCH.—The members of the above branch held their annual meeting at the Northwich Cocoa House on Saturday, the 18th ulto. After having partaken of a good tea, the chair was taken by the Vicar, the Rev. W. H. Binney, who in an able and pleasant speech, pointed out the advantages of being members of the Guild, and thanked the ringers for the ringing which had taken place on the Church bells during the afternoon. He also moved that the branch send the Rev. Archdeacon Barber, the President of the Guild, a congratulatory letter on the addition of two bells (making a peal of eight) to the tower of his church, St. Mary's-on-the-hill, Chester, as the dedication service was taking place that afternoon. This was passed unanimously. The accounts for the last year were read and passed as correct. The Secretary reported on the efforts he had made to get various towers to join the Guild, which were not so favourable as could be expected. He, however, thought that the ringers of Peover and Weaverham would eventually join. The Vicar promised to do his best to aid the Guild to the best of his ability. Vote of thanks to the Chairman terminated a pleasant and enjoyable meeting. During the afternoon and evening several touches of Bob Minor, Bob Major, and Grandsire were rung.

THE BATTLE SOCIETY, SUSSEX.

On Thursday, January 16th, the members of this society had their annual supper at The King's Head, host Hooker (hon. member), supplying a most excellent spread. Mr. Thomas Cane, a former churchwarden, presided. The Dean and churchwardens were prevented from being present through a Masonic engagement.

After dinner the chairman submitted "The Queen and Royal Family," which was loyally honoured.

The chairman, in proposing "The Health of the Bishop and Clergy and the Dean and Churchwardens," regretted the absence of the latter, whom all would have been glad to see present.

"The Army, Navy, and Auxiliary Forces" was the next toast given by the chairman. Never during the lives of those present (or at least of most of them) had they passed through such anxious times as they had of late, but it was marvellous to see how fast the dark clouds were rolling away. Much of this was due to the wonderful show of preparedness made by those in authority, and the enthusiasm of the navy. The difficulty with Germany seemed to have passed over, and with regard to the American question, it was a favourable sign that England had been asked to protect the subjects of that country in South Africa. He was glad to see that Mr. Chamberlain had so courteously responded to the appeal.

Colour-Sergeant King responded, saying they had some good representatives of the auxiliary forces in Battle. They were in good condition; in fact rather better than they had hitherto been.

Mr. C. J. Hyland proposed "The Honorary Members and Subscribers." They would like to have more of the former, and for ten shillings would teach them to ring bobs and singles. He thanked the subscribers most heartily for their generous support. Perhaps the ringers would be even better supported were it known that in carrying out their duties they entered the belfry 200 times in the course of the year.

Mr. Livermore, in responding for the hon. members, expressed his thanks for the kindly manner in which he was received in the belfry.

Mr. Cane, for the subscribers, paid a high compliment to the ringers for the manner in which they carried out their duties.

The chairman, in an eloquent speech, proposed "The Battle Society." He had narrowly watched their work for many years past, which had afforded him great delight. They had a good set of bells, and the ringers were a great credit to the town, and they had the honour of opening the new peal at Christ Church, St. Leonards. No one would more heartily drink to their success than himself.

Mr. W. Franks (conductor), acknowledged the compliment, and in so doing said the touch ringing during the past year had been above the average, but he could not say much for the peal-ringing. They were not central enough to get outside help, but they must not be disheartened. They hoped shortly to make a successful attempt at a peal. He urged more attention to striking and punctuality.

Other toasts were "The Accompanist to the songs" (Miss Austin), "The Visitors," "The Press," and "The Host and Hostess."

The remainder of the evening was most enjoyably spent in vocal harmony, Miss Austin kindly presiding at the pianoforte.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

The quarterly meeting in connection with this society was held on Saturday, January 11th, at St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent, and the following places were represented: Tipton, Lichfield, West Bromwich, Tamworth, Wolverhampton, and Burton. Touches in the Grandsire and Stedman methods were brought round, and a course of London Surprise Major was completed. An excellent tea was served in the Institute (kindly lent for the occasion), to which full justice was done, after which a vote of thanks was passed to the vicar for so kindly placing the Institute at the disposal of the members.

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December 21st, 1895.

The Editor, "BELL NEWS."

DEAR SIR,—Since my last contribution to your invaluable paper, we, who are so far removed from the ringing island, have not been idle, nor yet lacking in enthusiasm in the pursuit of the Art of change-ringing. Our practice during the past twelve months has been intermittent, owing principally to church services occurring so frequently on our practice-nights. This together with the fact that nearly all the towers in Sydney practice on the same night, makes it impossible to get a ring sometimes once in a fortnight. Notwithstanding these detrimental influences, we manage to progress, as will be seen by the following extracts from our peal-book.

On January 1st, 1895, 720 of Grandsire Minor in 25 mins. A. H. Pope, 1; T. Joyner (conductor), 2; H. Davies, 3; M. A. Noble, 4; J. Waterman, 5; B. Joyner, 6. On May 30th, 720 Grandsire Minor in 27 mins. A. H. Pope, 1; T. Joyner (conductor), 2; J. Waterman, 3; C. Porter, 4; B. Joyner, 5; M. A. Noble, 6. On July 13th, at All Saints, Parramatta, (distant from Sydney fifteen miles), 720 College Single in 27 mins. *J. Pope, 1; M. A. Noble, 2; J. Waterman, 3; T. Joyner, 4; C. R. Howard, 5; C. Porter (conductor), 6. *First 720. On June 28th, for evening service, 720 Grandsire Minor in 29 mins. T. Joyner, 1; M. A. Noble, 2; A. Pope, 3; B. Joyner, 4; C. R. Howard, 5; C. Porter (conductor), 6. On August 8th for practice, 360 Kent Treble Bob and 360 Oxford Treble Bob. On August 19th, at Christ Church (city), 720 Grandsire Minor in 26 mins. H. Davis, 1; A. H. Pope, 2; M. A. Noble, 3; B. Joyner, 4; C. R. Howard, 5; C. Porter (conductor), 6. This is the first 720 on the bells. On May 5th, a 720 Darling Point Minor in 26 mins. H. Davies, 1; C. Porter, 2; M. A. Noble, 3; J. Waterman, 4; B. Joyner, 5; T. Joyner (conductor), 6. On October 10th, for practice, 120 Stedman Doubles. On October 31st, 720 Grandsire Minor in 24½ mins. J. Pope, 1; M. A. Noble, 2; C. Porter, 3; J. Waterman, 4; B. Joyner, 5; T. Joyner (conductor), 6. On November 14th, on handbells, 216 Grandsire Minor. T. Joyner, 1-2; M. A. Noble, 3-4; C. Porter (conductor), 5-6.

During the past few months an Association of ringers has been inaugurated, and which promises to be a success, and although at present our membership is small, we hope that the day is not far distant when it will include the majority, if not all the ringers in the colony. A. B. JOYNER, Hon. Sec.

St. Mark's Society, Darling Point.

THE SONNING DEANERY GUILD.

The Annual Meeting of this branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild was held at St. Paul's Parish Room on Saturday, January 18th. The branch comprises 134 members, eighty-one of whom were present on this occasion. Tea was served at 6 p.m. After tea the business of the meeting was transacted, the Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis in the chair. The statement of accounts presented by the Secretary shewed a satisfactory balance of £9 10s. 4d. in favour of the Guild. The officers for the ensuing year were then elected, and a few remarks from the chairman on the work and condition of the diocesan guild, followed by the usual vote of thanks, brought the meeting to a close. Ringing afterwards took place at the towers of All Saints' and St. Paul's churches, Wokingham.

CENTRAL COUNCIL.—PEAL COLLECTION.—APPENDIX 1895 is now ready, containing 100 pages of peals in various methods; uniform with Report on Calls, with which it will be forwarded post free on receipt of sevenpence-halfpenny in stamps by Rev. H. EARLE BULWER, Stanhoe Rectory, King's Lynn.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

PRELIMINARY NOTICE.—The Sixth Annual Meeting of the Central Council will be held at Brighton, on Tuesday in Easter-week, April 7th, 1896.

Notices of motion and other business to be brought before the Council, must be signed by two members of Council, and should be forwarded so as to reach the Hon. Secretary at least one clear month before the date of meeting. Late notices cannot be accepted. Hon. Secretaries of Societies are respectfully reminded that the subscriptions for 1896 became due on January 1st, and should be remitted to the Hon. Secretary of the Council, at the rate of 2s. 6d. for each elected representative, without delay. Information as to any change in representation, or in the addresses of representatives, is also particularly requested.

The next triennial election of Representatives should take place between the meeting now advertised and the 1st January, 1897.

H. EARLE BULWER, Hon. Sec.

Stanhoe Rectory, King's Lynn, January 2, 1896.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

A district meeting of this Association was held at Loughton on Saturday, January 25th. Tea was provided at The King's Head. The chair was taken at 5 p.m. by the Rev. H. Eyre, Assistant-Secretary. Thirty-five members were present from the following towers: Great Bentley, Thorington, Coggeshall, Waltham Abbey, Walthamstow, Stansted, West Ham, Barking, Tottenham, and Woodford. The usual business was transacted. The next meeting of the Association will probably be on Easter Monday at Halstead.

Obituary.

WILLIAM HYDER.

The above ringer was born on March 12th, 1818, I believe at Mer-sham, Kent, but had resided at Aldington nearly all his life, where he learnt the Art of change-ringing under his brother Edward, and was an excellent striker in Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court Bob Minor, and a good eight-bell ringer. I have heard him relate on several occasions of ringing 88 treble leads of Bob Bob Major on Hythe bells about fifty years ago, when Henry Down (of Hythe, also ringing a bell in this touch) was 88 years of age. This was Hyder's longest touch that I have any account of. He had also rung Bob Royal at Leeds in Kent about the same time. Deceased had also took part in a 720 each of Kent, Oxford, and Double Court at Aldington, on March 25th, 1847, which is recorded on a tablet in the belfry, and strange to relate, the ringers have died as they stood in this performance: No. 1.—W. Dryland, died about 1858; 2.—R. Butcher, 1876; 3.—J. Stokes, 1885; 4.—W. Hyder, 1895; 5.—E. Hyder; T. Post, who are 83 and 77 years of age respectively. The belfry at Aldington church is about 32 feet above the ground floor, and there was a gallery about 20 feet below the present belfry until the church was restored in 1875, and it was the custom to ring at every wedding. So the ringers used to have the door open in the middle of the belfry, and then they could see right down into the chancel and commence ringing as soon as the ceremony was over. But on Sunday, October 27th, 1850, when the wedding of John Franks and Mary Hodgkin was being solemnized, deceased was assisting to raise the tenor bell, and no doubt forgot the door was open, he stepped back and fell down into the gallery and broke the back rail of one of the seats, and did not seem to be much hurt at first, but chronic rheumatism soon set in, and he never recovered from the shock, but was very helpless the rest of his life. Strange to say he died on October 27th, aged 77 years, about the same time in the day as the accident happened, forty-five years ago, and was buried on Saturday, November 2nd. A muffled peal was rung in the evening at Aldington, consisting of the whole pull and stand, and the deceased's age. He was uncle to the present conductor, W. Hyder.

P. H.

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A DATE TOUCH OF BOB MAJOR.

By THE REV. J. H. PILKINGTON,
Framlingham.
1896.

2 1 4 3 6 5 8 7	
2 4 1 6 3 8 5 7	
4 2 6 1 8 3 7 5	
4 6 2 1 3 8 5 7	
6 4 1 2 8 3 7 5	
6 1 4 8 2 7 3 5	
1 6 8 4 7 2 5 3	
1 6 4 8 2 7 3 5	
4 2 6 3 8 5 7	
4 2 3 5 6 7 8	W B H
2 4 6 3 5	S 2 -
6 2 4 3 5	- - -
4 3 6 2 5	- - -
6 4 3 2 5	- - -
3 2 6 4 5	- - -
6 3 2 4 5	- - -
2 6 3 4 5	- - -
3 4 2 6 5	- - -

Repeat last eight courses.

A DATE TOUCH OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

By JAMES GEORGE, Rugby.
1896.

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

Six odd changes.

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

Four times repeated, single instead of bob last call in fifth part.

A DATE TOUCH OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

By W. DICKINSON, Heckington.
1896.

1 2 4 3 6 5 7	6 7 2 4 5 3	2
1 4 2 6 3 7 5	3 4 6 5 7 2	1
1 4 2 3 6 7 5	4 6 3 5 7 2	4
1 4 2 3 6 5 7	2 5 4 7 6 3	1
1 2 4 3 5 6 7	6 3 2 4 7 5	2
1 2 4 3 5 7 6	3 2 6 4 7 5	4
Extra changes	7 5 3 6 4 2	2
to be made at	4 2 7 3 6 5	2
starting, then	2 7 4 3 6 5	4
as usual.	3 7 2 5 4 6	5

Four times repeated.

A DATE TOUCH OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

By CHARLES SMART, Steyning.
1896.

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

Odd changes, starting at handstroke.

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

Twice repeated, s for b end of third part. This touch contains the twelve 4-6s, 6-7s, and 7-4s.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR.

By THE REV. J. HOLME PILKINGTON,
Framlingham.

5184.

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

Repeated. Contains only the 4th and 6th in 6ths place at the course-ends, the 4th being there throughout the first part, and the 6th at home throughout the second part: also in the second part (after the first course), the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th bells come in proper succession in 5ths place. First rung at Framlingham, Dec. 26th, 1895, conducted by its composer.

A FIVE-PART PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

By A. E. BAMES, Melbourne, Australia.

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

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

Four times repeated. The parts are equal, with the exception that in any one part, at the call indicated by a star, a bob-single is made instead of a bob, which introduces the block annexed, run that block out as shown, the last call to be a bob-single, which brings the bells to the point from which the first bob-single started, and continue the calling as shown. This block can be put in any part at the same place, the bob-single simply starting at another lead of the block. I believe this to be the first five-part peal with two bob-singles in it, and to be the first peal composed out of England. A. E. B.

[This peal is proved. Its plan is not unknown to composers, but the absence of the five shunting courses from the main body of the peal appears to be a new feature in this kind of composition. This peal will admit of many interesting transpositions; it is particularly suited for making the 3rd the observation, and by reversing, a good arrangement may be had with the 7th the observation, in which the five courses may be made to fall at the commencement of the peal. We hope our Melbourne friends will soon be able to ring this composition.—Ed.]

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR.

By H. HOWLETT, Framlingham, Suffolk.

5248.

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

Three times repeated.

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE
MAJOR.By FREDERICK DENCH, *Crawley, Sussex.*

5024.

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

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH
COURT BOB MAJOR.By G. LINDOFF, *Lincoln.*

8064.

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

Five times repeated. Contains the extent of 4-5-6 in 6ths. The bob at 4 can be omitted in 2nd, 4th, and 6th parts if required, which causes the three bells working their extent to do so at twenty-four consecutive courses. It can be extended to 13,440 in ten parts, by calling the bob at 4 in 2nd course of 1st, 7th, and 9th parts, and a bob at 4 in the last course of 1st, 3rd, and 5th parts.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR.

By CORNELIUS CHARGE, *London.*

5088.

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

Five times repeated, with single at the end of 3rd and 6th parts. This composition contains the full combinations of 4-5-6.

TWO PEALS OF WOODBINE
TREBLE BOB MAJOR.By ARTHUR CRAVEN, *Lincoln.*

5088.

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

5088.

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

Each peal twice repeated, and contains the 6th her extent wrong and right. The bob used in these peals is made in 6ths place.

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE
SURPRISE MAJOR.By G. LINDOFF, *Lincoln.*

5088.

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

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH
COURT BOB MAJOR.By FREDERICK DENCH, *Crawley, Sussex.*

5136.

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

Twice repeated. This peal has the 6th eighteen times wrong and twenty-four times right, with the 2nd never in 6ths place.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 1896.

A few weeks ago we asked our friends to be more careful in forwarding their reports of peals rung. Since then several defective reports have been received, two being in this very number. One peculiarity of this is, that those who in sending these reports omit some particular, important or otherwise, generally express themselves confident of having made no error or omission, but insist that the fault lies with us. We try to bear this philosophically, but at the same time we repeat our request that more care may be observed.

The Metropolis.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Thursday, January 23, 1896, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, BOW, E.,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES.**

Tenor 14 cwt.

EMANUEL HALL Treble.	SAMUEL JOYCE 5.
THOMAS FAULKNER* 2.	HENRY SPRINGALL 6.
YORK GREEN 3.	WILLIAM BURKIN 7.
ALBERT HARDY* 4.	SAMUEL HAYES Tenor.

Composed by J. H. BARRETT of Stepney, and
Conducted by HENRY SPRINGALL

*First peal in the method. This composition, now rung for the first time, has the 6th twenty-four times wrong and right.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Tuesday, January 28, 1896, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, BATTERSEA,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 15½ cwt.

WALTER J. SORRELL .. Treble.	EDWARD H. ADAMS 5.
FRANCIS G. GODFREY* .. 2.	JAMES WILLSHIRE 6.
WILLIAM E. GARRARD .. 3.	HENRY R. NEWTON 7.
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Composed by FREDERICK DENCH and
Conducted by WALTER J. SORRELL.

*First peal in the method.

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(THE OXFORD SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, January 22, 1896, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' COMPOSITION. Tenor 9 cwt.

ARTHUR E. HAWES Treble.	THOMAS PAYNE 5.
FREDERICK C. EXON 2.	ALFRED FOX 6.
CHARLES H. FOWLER 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
CHARLES H. EXON 4.	JAMES MOGRIDGE Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON, M.A.

Rung at the invitation of the Rev. F. E. Robinson, Vicar of the parish, and Master of the Oxford Guild. The ringers wish, through the medium of this paper, to thank the rev. gentleman for conducting the peal and for so kindly entertaining them on this occasion.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

On Thursday, January 23, 1896, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
J. J. PARKER'S SIX-PART NO. 2. Tenor 13½ cwt.

J. FREEMAN* Treble.	HERBERT RANN 5.
JOHN FOX 2.	THOMAS J. ADES 6.
FREDERICK HILL 3.	PHILIP ALLFREY 7.
WILLIAM PALMER 4.	*H. STALHAM Tenor.

Conducted by HERBERT RANN.

*First peal.

BIRMINGHAM.—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.
(BIRMINGHAM AMALGAMATED SOCIETY BRANCH.)

On Friday, January 24, 1896, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, DERITEND,

A PEAL OF COLLEGE SINGLE TRIPLES,
5040 CHANGES. Tenor 13 cwt.

THOMAS COLLINSON Treble.	GEORGE HITCHMAN 5.
CHARLES SPARKES 2.	FRANK H. JAMES 6.
JAMES JONES 3.	JOHN CARTER 7.
JOHN JENNINGS 4.	*JAMES DAVIES Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JOHN CARTER.

This peal is in six parts, and is the first peal in the method ever rung in the district, and the first by all the band. *First peal.

STEYNING, SUSSEX.—SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 25, 1896, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' ORIGINAL.

WILLIAM WOOLGAR Treble.	JAMES GEORGE 5.
CHARLES SMART 2.	GEORGE WILLIAMS 6.
JOHN SMART 3.	JAMES N. FROSSELL .. 7.
FRANK BENNETT 4.	GEORGE GATLAND Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

The above was rung with the bells half-muffled, owing to the death of H.R.H. Prince Henry of Battenburg.

HIGHAM FERRERS, NORTHANTS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 23, 1896, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5024 CHANGES. Tenor 22 cwt. 3 qrs. 17 lbs. in Eb.

FRANK HULL Treble.	CHARLES W. CLARKE .. 5.
FRANK SMITH 2.	ALFRED H. MARTIN .. 6.
CHARLES CHASTY 3.	*JOHN B. MARTIN .. 7.
ISAAC HILLS 4.	HERBERT SHARP Tenor.

Composed by A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD and Conducted by H. SHARP.

*First peal in the method and first attempt. First peal in the method as conductor by H. Sharp. This peal has the 4th, 5th, and 6th sixteen times in 6ths place at the course-ends, the 2nd and 3rd never there. The brothers Martin belong to Higham Ferrers; the remainder to St. Paul's, Bedford.

BLOXWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

(BIRMINGHAM AMALGAMATED SOCIETY BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 25, 1896, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.
Tenor 13½ cwt.

JOHN CARTER Treble.	JOHN JENNINGS 5.
THOMAS HORTON 2.	JAMES JONES 6.
THOMAS COLLINSON 3.	GEORGE WALKER 7.
CHARLES SPARKES 4.	JOHN T. PERRY Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JOHN CARTER.

This peal contains the full combinations of 456 in 5-6, without the 2nd or 3rd being in 6ths place at the course-ends. This is the first peal of Bob Major rang upon the bells.

ERITH, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, January 26, 1896, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 18 cwt.

ARTHUR J. NEALE† Treble.	WILLIAM G. GROVE 5.
JOHN H. ROUGHT* 2.	HAROLD N. DAVIS 6.
HARRY WARNETT 3.	WALTER INGHAM 7.
ARTHUR R. DAVIS 4.	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS and Conducted by ARTHUR J. NEALE.

*First peal. †First peal as conductor. This composition has the 4th, 5th, and 6th their extent in 6ths place, and the 2nd never there at a course-end.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 27, 1896, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 12½ cwt.

EMMETT W. J. LINCOLN .. Treble.	ROBERT S. STORY 5.
WILLIAM HOLMES 2.	WILLIAM STORY 6.
ROBERT C. HUDSON 3.	FRANCIS LEES 7.
ALFRED F. HILLIER 4.	FREDK. J. HARRISON .. Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF and Conducted by F. J. HARRISON.

CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.—SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 27, 1896, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THE REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' FIVE-PART. Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

WARDEN WALDER Treble.	WILLIAM GIBSON 5.
GEORGE WALDER, JUN. .. 2.	*ISAAC ATTWATER 6.
FREDERICK P. BENNETT* .. 3.	FREDERICK HOUNSELL .. 7.
JAMES PRIVETT 4.	JOHN OSBORNE Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WALDER, JUN.

*First peal. Messrs. G. and W. Walder, J. Privett and G. Osborne hail from Bolney; the rest belong to the local band.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK. THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 27, 1896, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 19 cwt.

WALTER W. MILLER .. Treble.	JAMES DURRANT .. 5.
EDGAR WIGHTMAN .. 2.	GEORGE WIGHTMAN .. 6.
WALTER WHITING .. 3.	STEPHEN WIGHTMAN, JUN. 7.
GEORGE THURLOW .. 4.	ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN .. Tenor.

Composed by the late WM. SOTTANSTALL and
Conducted by GEORGE WIGHTMAN.

This is a three-part peal, being the 5th one on page 419 of the composer's book.

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On Tuesday, January 28, 1896, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; THURSTANS' ORIGINAL. Tenor about 21 cwt.

A. W. HUMPHRIS .. Treble.	REV. C. D. P. DAVIES .. 5.
W. T. PATES .. 2.	W. DYER .. 6.
J. AUSTIN .. 3.	G. H. PHILLOTT .. 7.
F. E. WARD .. 4.	REV. G. F. COLERIDGE .. Tenor.

(No Conductor mentioned.)

HELMSHORE.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. (ROSSENDALE BRANCH.)

Recently (no date given) in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

J. H. ENTWISTLE .. Treble.	J. H. BANKS .. 5.
R. WALLWORK .. 2.	J. BANKS .. 6.
T. P. BRANDWOOD .. 3.	T. WALLWORK .. 7.
G. H. LAW .. 4.	J. ENTWISTLE .. Tenor.

Composed by J. J. PARKER and Conducted by R. WALLWORK.

Performances on Five and Six Bells.

HEIGHINGTON, DURHAM.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. (THE DARLINGTON HOLY TRINITY SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, January 25, 1896, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

SEVEN 720s OF MINOR, as follows;

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

E. COX* .. Treble.	†T. LUNGLEY .. 4.
G. J. LUNGLEY† .. 2.	†G. PARK .. 5.
R. B. WILSON* .. 3.	†G. W. PARK .. Tenor.

Conducted by G. W. PARK.

*First 5000. †First in seven methods. This is the first 5000 upon the bells. The ringers wish to thank the church officers for the use of the bells.

SHIREOAKS.—THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 25, 1896, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

SEVEN 720s OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, as follows:

College Pleasure, City Delight, Arnold's Victory, Duke of York,
Violet, Kent, and Oxford. Tenor 9 cwt.

EDWARD RUSSON .. Treble.	BENJAMIN HALL .. 4.
DANIEL RUSSON .. 2.	WILLIAM HARGREAVES .. 5.
JAMES FITZJOHN .. 3.	FREDERICK HARGREAVES .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM HARGREAVES.

First 5040 by all, also the first 5040 ever rung at Shireoaks by a local company.

NUTFIELD, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION. (THE NUTFIELD SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, January 25, 1896, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

SEVEN 720s OF MINOR, as follows:

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

Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

FRANK HAWKINS .. Treble.	WALTER HAWKINS .. 4.
JOHN TIDEY .. 2.	HENRY PETERS .. 5.
WILLIAM BURKIN .. 3.	GEORGE BOURNE .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. BURKIN.

PEAL CORRECTION.—The peal of 6336 Treble Eight, at Speldhurst, Kent, and reported in our last, was rung on the 11th instant, not the 18th.

Miscellaneous.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

LONDON.—Handbell Ringing.—On Friday, January 10th, at the residence of Mr. A. Hughes, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 40 mins. W. Cooter, 1-2; A. W. Barkus (conductor), 3-4; M. A. Wood (composer), 5-6; A. Hughes, 7-8. On Sunday morning, January 26th, for Divine Service at St. Matthew's church, Bethnal Green, 1260 Grandsire Triples in 44 mins. A. Hughes, 1; J. Bonney, 2; W. Cecil, 3; A. W. Barkus (conductor), 4; I. G. Shade, 5; M. A. Wood (composer), 6; W. Prime, 7; J. Monday, 8. Tenor 14 cwt. in F. On Sunday, January 26th, at the church of St. Mary Abbots, Kensington, for Divine Service in the evening, 1260 of Stedman Caters, in 56 mins. G. Langford, 1; F. G. Godfrey, 2; J. N. Oxborrow, 3; H. S. Ellis, 4; W. J. Sorrell, 5; J. Willshire, 6; S. Andrews, 7; C. T. P. Brice, 8; W. E. Garrard (conductor), 9; H. R. Newton, 10. This quarter-peal has the 6ths in 2nds place, and the 5th at home, and is the composition of J. P. Bradley, and was rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of H.R.H. Prince Henry of Battenberg.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

GRAPPENHALL (Cheshire).—On Sunday, December 1st, 720 Canterbury Pleasure. J. Mainwaring, 1; G. Lewis, 2; T. Burrows, 3; S. Horsfall, 4; F. T. Spence (conductor), 5; J. W. Booth, 6. On Tuesday, December 3rd, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob. J. Mainwaring, 1; H. Moston, 2; S. Horsfall, 3; F. T. Spence (conductor), 5; J. W. Booth, 6. Also 720 Oxford Single. J. E. Ashcroft, 1; F. T. Spence, 2; H. Moston, 3; S. Horsfall, 4; R. G. Lewis (conductor), 5; J. W. Booth, 6. On Sunday, December 8th, 720 Bob Minor (eight bobs and fourteen singles). J. Mainwaring, 1; H. Moston, 2; T. Burrows, 3; S. Horsfall, 4; G. Lewis, 5; F. T. Spence (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, December 10th, 720 New London Pleasure. J. Mainwaring, 1; H. Moston, 2; S. Horsfall, 3; G. Lewis, 4; F. T. Spence (conductor), 5; J. W. Booth, 6. On Thursday, December 12th, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob. J. Mainwaring, 1; H. Moston, 2; F. T. Spence, 3; S. Horsfall, 4; R. G. Lewis, 5; C. R. Greenall (conductor), 6. On Sunday, December 22nd, 720 College Single. J. Mainwaring, 1; G. Lewis, 2; T. Burrows, 3; S. Horsfall, 4; F. T. Spence (conductor), 5; J. W. Booth, 6. Also 720 New London Pleasure. R. Greenall (conductor), 5; F. T. Spence, 6; the rest as before. On Wednesday, December 25th, at 6 a.m. 720 Bob Minor. H. Moston, 1; R. G. Lewis, 2; T. Burrows, 3; S. Horsfall, 4; F. T. Spence (conductor), 5; C. R. Greenall, 6. Also 720 Oxford Single (twenty-eight bobs and fourteen singles). J. Mainwaring, 1; C. R. Greenall, 2; R. G. Lewis, 3; F. T. Spence (conductor), 6. On Saturday, December 28th, 720 Violet Treble Bob. H. Moston, 1; R. G. Lewis, 2; T. Burrows, 3; S. Horsfall, 4; F. T. Spence (conductor), 5; J. W. Booth, 6. Also on handbells 120 Bob Doubles. Miss A. Moston, 1; Miss C. Taylor, 2; Miss M. Taylor, 3; S. Horsfall, 4; R. G. Lewis, 5-6. On Sunday, December 29th, 720 College Single (twenty-two singles). J. Mainwaring, 1; R. G. Lewis, 2; T. Burrows, 3; S. Horsfall, 4; F. T. Spence (conductor), 5; C. R. Greenall, 6. On Monday, December 30th, 720 Braintree Treble Bob. J. Mainwaring, 1; H. Moston, 2; R. G. Lewis, 3; S. Horsfall, 4; F. T. Spence (conductor), 5; C. R. Greenall, 6. First in the method by all. This band rung during the year 1895 204 720s in fourteen different methods, of which R. G. Lewis has conducted 6, J. Booth, 24, C. R. Greenall, 24, and F. T. Spence, 142.

EASTHAM (Cheshire).—On Wednesday, January 22nd, at St. Mary's church, 720 Plain Bob in 29 mins. J. Hasprey, 1; J. Woods, 2; W.

Smith (conductor), 3; J. Hughes, 4; J. Dillon, 5; J. Rowlands, 6. Rung with the bells muffled as a mark of respect to the late Prince Henry of Battenberg.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BARKING (Essex).—On Sunday evening, January 5th, for Divine Service at St. Margaret's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original, in 45 mins. A. Carter, jun. (first quarter-peal), 1; C. Fenn, 2; J. H. Cook, 3; R. Fenn, 4; A. Whight, 5; T. Faulkner (conductor), 6; A. Hardy, 7; A. D. Mason (first quarter-peal), 8.

HARLOW (Essex).—On Tuesday, January 14th, at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. W. W. Tucker, 1; H. Perrin, jun., 2; R. Tabor, 3; G. Dent (conductor), 4; C. French, 5; T. Ellis, 6; H. J. Tucker, 7; H. Perrin, sen., 8. Tenor 21½ cwt. in E. Messrs. Tucker (2) hail from Bishops Stortford.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HULL.—On Saturday, January 11th, at Holy Trinity church, an attempt was made for a peal of Grandsire Triples, but after ringing an hour it came to grief owing to a change-course. Afterwards a quarter-peal was rung. G. T. Marshall, 1; T. Stockdale, 2; F. Saunderson, 3; J. F. Mallaby, 4; W. H. Saunderson, 5; C. Jackson (composer and conductor), 6; W. Welch, jun., 7; J. W. Dale, 8. Tenor 25 cwt. The ringers of the 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 7th hail from Thorne.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BEDFORD.—On December 3rd, at St. Mary's church, 720 Double Court. F. Ball, 1; I. Hills, 2; C. Chasty, 3; W. Hall, 4; S. J. Cullip, 5; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 6. Also 720 London Scholars' Pleasure. S. J. Cullip, 1; I. Hills, 2; C. Chasty, 3; F. Smith, 4; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 5; F. Hull, 6. On December 12th, 720 Grandsire Minor. F. Ball, 1; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 2; W. Hall, 3; C. Chasty, 4; S. J. Cullip, 5; H. Tysoe, 6. Also 720 Woodbine. S. J. Cullip, 1; F. Smith, 2; W. Hall, 3; C. Chasty, 4; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 5; H. Tysoe, 6. On December 17th, 720 Bob Minor. F. Ball, 1; I. Hills, 2; H. Toll, 3; C. Chasty, 4; S. J. Cullip, 5; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 6. Also 720 Violet. H. Toll, 1; I. Hills, 2; C. Chasty, 3; H. Tysoe, 4; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 5; F. Hull, 6. Also 720 Bob Minor. F. Ball, 1; I. Hills, 2; H. Toll, 3; H. Toll, 4; C. W. Clarke, 5; C. Chasty (conductor), 6. On December 24th, 720 Woodbine. S. J. Cullip, 1; I. Hills, 2; H. Sharp (conductor), 3; F. Smith, 4; W. Hall, 5; C. Chasty, 6. On December 31st, 720 Double Court. F. Ball, 1; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 2; W. Hall, 3; C. Chasty, 4; S. J. Cullip, 5; H. Tysoe, 6. Also 720 Woodbine. F. Hull, 1; F. Smith, 2; C. Chasty, 3; H. Sharp, 4; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 5; H. Tysoe, 6. And 720 Oxford Treble Bob. F. Smith, 1; I. Hills, 2; C. W. Clarke, 3; H. Sharp (conductor), 4; W. Hall, 5; F. Hull, 6.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

REDENHALL (Norfolk).—On Friday, January 3rd, eight members of the above Association attempted a peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major, but after ringing 3800 changes in 2 hrs. and 27 mins. it came to grief. E. Smith, 1; J. Betts, 2; R. Whiting, 3; F. R. Borrett, 4; E. F. Poppy, 5; J. Tann, 6; F. Smith, 7; W. Pye (conductor), 8. On Saturday, January 4th, another attempt was made, which came to grief after ringing 1 hr. 35 mins., after which a course of Superlative Surprise Major was rung. E. Smith, 1; J. Betts, 2; G. Prime, 3; F. R. Borrett, 4; E. F. Poppy, 5; F. Smith, 6; J. Souter, 7; W. Pye 8. Tenor 24 cwt.

RUSHMORE (near Ipswich).—On Sunday, December 29th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. T. Cook, 1; A. E. Durrant, 2; F. J. Tillett, 3; H. E. Gillingham, 4; J. Motts, 5; W. Pye (conductor), 6.

TIBENHAM (Norfolk).—On Sunday, January 19th, 720 Bob Minor in 29 mins. E. Ettridge, 1; R. Hutton, 2; G. Manser, 3; A. Howes (conductor), 4; G. Smith, 5; J. Hilton, 6. Tenor 23 cwt. Ettridge and Howes hail from Attleborough.

NORWICH.—On Thursday, January 9th, a band met in the tower of St. Peter Mancroft to attempt a peal of Oxford Treble Bob Royal, in honour of the twentieth birthday of Mr. J. A. Trollop, but just as they were about to pull off they were stopped through illness. They then adjourned to the church of St. Michael of Coslany, and started for a peal of Bob Triples, but after nearly 1800 changes the second rope broke, effectually putting an end to further peal-ringing that evening. J. A. Trollop (composer and conductor), 1; G. Howchin, 2; A. G. Warnes, 3; F. J. Howchin, 4; G. Smith, 5; C. E. Borrett, 6; F. Knight, 7; W. Bales, 8. Tenor 14 cwt. On Tuesday, January 14th, at St. Giles' church, an attempt was made for a peal of Bob Major,

but the tenor rope unstranded and the conductor called the bells round at the 1056th change. J. A. Trollop (composer and conductor), 1; G. Howchin, 2; A. G. Warnes, 3; A. Crisp, 4; F. Burleigh, 5; F. J. Howchin, 6; F. H. Knight, 7; C. E. Borrett, 8. Tenor 14½ cwt. This attempt was arranged for the ringers of the 4th and 5th, who belong to East Dereham. Afterwards some Grandsire Triples was rung.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BURTON (Northants).—On Saturday, January 11th, the Finedon ringers visited Burton and rung 720 Bob Doubles. F. Abbot, 1; L. Cooper, 2; W. Perkins, 3; P. J. Mannering, 4; J. T. Tompkins (conductor), 5. And 240 in the same method. T. Abbot, 1; J. T. Tompkins, 2; W. Perkins, 3; P. J. Manning, 4; J. Meadows (conductor), 5. And 120 Grandsire Doubles. T. Abbot, 1; J. T. Tompkins (conductor), 2; J. Meadows, 3; P. J. Manning, 4; W. Perkins, 5. The ringers heartily thank the Vicar for the use of the bells.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

READING (Berks).—On Tuesday, January 14th, at St. Giles' church, 504 Stedman Triples. G. Boddington, 1; F. Sweetzer, 2; A. E. Reeves, jun., 3; J. F. Tarrant, 4; A. E. Evans, 5; J. Hands, 6; A. E. Reeves (conductor), 7; W. J. King, 8. Tenor 15 cwt.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—BLACKBURN BRANCH.

BURNLEY (Lancashire).—On Christmas morning, for Divine Service at Holy Trinity church, 360 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. N. Townend, 1; D. Campbell, 2; T. Redman, 3; R. Ashworth, 4; T. Mouncey, 5; H. Heyworth (conductor), 6. On Sunday, December 29th, for evening service, 576 Oxford Treble Bob Major. D. Campbell, 1; R. Ashworth, 2; J. W. Stirk, 3; J. R. Werring, 4; F. Towns, 5; H. Heyworth, 6; D. Heys, 7; T. Redman (conductor), 8. On New Year's Eve, for the watch-night service, 576 Kent Treble Bob Major. D. Heys, 1; N. Townend, 2; R. Ashworth, 3; J. R. Werring, 4; F. Towns, 5; H. Heyworth, 6; T. Mouncey, 7; T. Redman (conductor), 8. On January 5th, for morning service, 576 Kent Treble Bob Major. H. Heyworth, 1; D. Campbell, 2; J. B. Taylor (Waterfoot), 3; R. Ashworth, 4; J. R. Werring, 5; J. W. Stirk, 6; T. Mouncey, 7; T. Redman (conductor), 8. For evening service 168 in the same method standing as above. On Tuesday, January 7th, for practice 720 Violet. T. Mouncey, 1; J. R. Werring, 2; J. W. Stirk, 3; T. Redman (first 720 in the method), 4; D. Heys, 5; H. Heyworth (conductor), 6. On Sunday, January 12th, for morning service, 576 Oxford Treble Bob Major. N. Townend, 1; T. Redman, 2; J. R. Werring, 3; J. W. Stirk, 4; R. Ashworth, 5; H. Heyworth, 6; T. Mouncey, 7; D. Heys (conductor), 8. For evening service, 704 in the same method. D. Campbell, 1; R. Ashworth, 2; J. R. Werring, 3; T. Redman, 4; F. Towns, 5; D. Heys, 6; T. Mouncey, 7; H. Heyworth (conductor), 8. On Tuesday, January 14th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. H. Heyworth, 1; J. R. Werring, 2; J. W. Stirk, 3; T. Mouncey, 4; W. Wormwell (first 720), 5; T. Redman (conductor), 6.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

PENARTH.—On Sunday morning, December 8th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-eight bobs and twenty-two singles). J. Jones, 1; W. B. Biss, 2; D. Thomas (conductor), 3; F. Bartlett, 4; T. Northey, 5; J. Vinnicombe, 6. For evening service 720 Plain Bob, standing as before. This is J. Vinnicombe's 250th 720. On Tuesday, December 20th, for practice, 720 Kent. G. Watkins, 1; W. B. Biss (conductor), 2; D. Thomas, 3; F. Bartlett, 4; T. Northey, 5; J. Vinnicombe, 6. And a 720 Plain Bob (eight bobs and six singles). J. Jones, 1; D. Thomas (conductor), 2; F. Bartlett, 3; J. Vinnicombe, 4; H. G. White (Cardiff), 5; G. Watkins (Barry), 6. On Sunday morning, December 22nd, for Divine Service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. J. Vinnicombe, 1; W. B. Biss, 2; D. Thomas (conductor), 3; F. Bartlett, 4; T. Northey, 5; H. Roberts (Cheltenham), 6. For evening service 720 Plain Bob. J. Vinnicombe, 1; W. B. Biss, 2; D. Thomas (conductor), 3; J. E. Cooke, 4; T. Northey, 5; G. Watkins, 6. On Christmas Day for Divine Service, 720 Plain Bob. D. Thomas (conductor), 1; F. Bartlett, 2; J. Cox (Bridgend), 3; J. Vinnicombe, 4; T. Northey, 5; G. Watkins, 6. On Friday, December 27th, 720 Plain Bob (fifteen bobs and six singles). C. Smith, 1; W. B. Biss, 2; D. Thomas, 3; J. Vinnicombe, 4; T. Northey, 5; H. Roberts (conductor), 6. On Sunday morning, December 29th, for Divine Service, 720 Plain Bob. J. Jones, 1; J. Cox, 2; D. Thomas (conductor), 3; F. Bartlett, 4; T. Northey, 5; J. Vinnicombe, 6. For evening service 720 Oxford Treble Bob (nine bobs). J. Cox, 1; D. Thomas, 2; W. B. Biss, 3; J. C. Cooke, 4; T. Northey, 5; H. Roberts (conductor), 6.

PETERSTON-SUPER-ELY.—On Thursday, December 26th, on the occasion of the Quarterly Meeting, 720 Kent. G. Watkins, 1; F. Bartlett, 2; D. Thomas, 3; W. B. Biss, 4; J. Vinnicombe, 5; H.

Roberts (conductor), 6. And 720 Plain Bob. R. Evans, 1; G. Watkins, 2; D. Thomas (conductor), 3; W. B. Biss, 4; H. Roberts, 5; C. Smith, 6.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS.—On November 8th, for practice, 720 Plain Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 24 mins. T. Watson (conductor), 1; T. Townson, 2; C. J. A. Cushing, 3; T. Suart, 4; T. R. Jackson, 5; J. Burrows, 6. On Christmas morning, 720 Plain Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles), in 23 mins. T. Watson, 1; T. Suart, 2; R. W. Burrows (conductor), 3; C. J. A. Cushing, 4; T. R. Jackson, 5; J. Burrows (Bury), 6.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

DERBY.—On Wednesday, January 8th, on handbells, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 37 mins. F. Bradley, 1-2; W. Wallace, 3-4; A. H. Ward, 5-6; S. W. Maskrey, 7-8. Composed by H. Franks and conducted by F. Bradley. On September 13th, 504 Grandsire Triples. F. Bradley, 1-2; W. Wallace, 3-4; A. H. Ward (conductor), 5-6; John Howe, 7-8. On November 17th, 672 Grandsire Triples, and 464 Bob Major, ringers as before. Conducted by A. H. Ward. On December 19th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. John Howe, 1-2; W. Wallace, 3-4; A. H. Ward, 5-6; F. Bradley (conductor), 7-8. This quarter-peal contains the twelve 4-6's and the twelve 7-4's, and is the composition H. W. Wilde, of Duffield. On January 3rd, 1386 Grandsire Triples. F. Bradley, 1-2; W. Wallace, 3-4; A. H. Ward (conductor), 5-6; S. Maskrey, 7-8. This touch contains the twelve 4-6's, the twelve 7-4's and the twelve 6-7's, and is taken from the *Clavis*.

THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

CROSTON (Lancashire).—On Monday, January 27th, at St. Michael's church, 720 Grandsire Minor in 28 mins. J. Page, 1; J. Hall, 2; T. Bannister, 3; R. Hough, 4; W. Sumner (conductor), 5; W. Walton, 6; T. Dalton, 8. Rung with the bells deeply muffled as a mark of sympathy and condolence with the Royal Family on the death of Prince Henry of Battenberg.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BROMLEY (Kent).—On Tuesday, December 31st, for midnight service, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples. G. Simpson, 1; R. Humphrey, 2; E. Dunn, 3; G. Durling, 4; P. F. Harman, 5; F. Sanders, 6; T. Harford (conductor), 7; W. James, 8. Also after service to welcome in the New Year, 546 Oxford Bob Triples. G. Simpson, 1; F. Sanders, 2; E. Dunn, 3; P. F. Harman, 4; G. Durling (conductor), 5; R. Humphrey, 6; T. Harford, 7; W. James, 8.

THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY, LONDON.

LONDON.—On Monday, January 27th, at the church of St. Clement Danes, Strand, a muffled peal, consisting of the usual whole pull and stand, and touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung. C. F. Winney (conductor), 1; H. Langdon, 2; J. W. Mansfield, 3; W. Weatherstone, 4; J. Coomb, 5; J. Waghorn, 6; F. Butler, 7; W. F. Meads, 8; E. P. O'Meara, 9; J. Barry, 10. The above was rung as a last mark of respect to the late Mr. W. Chew, for thirty-five years a greatly esteemed member of this Society, who died somewhat suddenly on the 8th inst. through a fall downstairs.

ST. MARTIN'S SCHOLARS, STAMFORD.

STAMFORD.—On Tuesday, December 31st, at St. Martin's church, 720 Oxford Bob Minor in 24 mins. G. Slaughter, 1; R. S. Cox, 2; R. Wyche, 3; F. Dennison, 4; C. Harper, 5; Rev. H. Law James (conductor), 6. On Monday, January 6th, 720 Court Bob Minor in 23½ mins. R. S. Cox, 1; E. Popple, 2; W. Turner, 3; C. Harper, 4; F. Dennison, 5; Rev. H. Law James (conductor), 6.

ARMLEY (Yorks).—On Sunday morning, January 19th, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor. Joe Thackray (first 720 in the method as conductor), 1; B. Cowling, 2; J. Summersall (first 720 in any method, and hails from Pateley Bridge), 3; M. Broadbent, 4; J. Heckingbottom, 5; J. Guy, 6. For evening service 180 Bob Minor. F. Keray, 1; B. Cowling, 2; J. Summersall, 3; M. Broadbent, 4; J. Heckingbottom, 5; Joe Thackray (conductor), 6. Also 360 Bob Minor. Joe Thackray, 1; the rest as in the 180. Tenor 16 cwt.

BOUGHTON-UNDER-BLEAN (Kent).—On Thursday, January 9th, 2520 Grandsire Triples. A. Smith, 1; R. G. Castle, 2; R. Staines, 3; J. E. Chambers, 4; H. F. Foreman, 5; A. F. Castle, 6; E. E. Foreman (conductor), 7; W. Foreman, 8. On Sunday, January 12th, 504 and 168 Grandsire Triples. H. Foster, 1; R. G. Castle, 2; R. Staines, 3; J. Chambers, 4; E. E. Foreman (conductor), 5; A. T. Castle, 6;

H. F. Foreman, 7; W. Foreman, 8. The whole of the above was rung with the bells muffled as a token of respect to Mr. G. Boulden, who died on January 2nd, aged seventy. Mr. Boulden was one of the oldest and most respected tradesmen in Boughton.

CRAWLEY (Sussex).—On Saturday, January 11th, for practice, two courses of London Surprise. G. Paice, 1; J. Rice, 2; J. R. Sharman, 3; F. Dench, 4; I. G. Shade, 5; R. Jordan, 6; J. Parker, 7; F. W. Rice, 8. And 448 Superlative Surprise. G. Paice, 1; J. Rice, 2; J. R. Sharman, 3; H. Wood, 4; I. G. Shade, 5; R. Jordan, 6; J. Parker, 7; F. Dench, 8. On Sunday, January 12th, for morning service, 448 in the same method by the same band. For evening service 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Parker, 1; J. Newnham, 2; H. Wood, 3; G. Attfield, 4; I. G. Shade, 5; F. W. Rice, 6; J. R. Sharman (conductor), 7; J. Rice, 8.

KIDDERMINSTER (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, December 15th, for Divine Service in the morning, 720 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. T. Wakeman, 1; N. Davies, 2; G. Salter, 3; E. C. Hunt, 4; J. Bennett, 5; J. Pagett, 6; T. J. Salter (conductor), 7; J. Crane, 8. Longest touch by T. Wakeman. On Sunday, December 22nd, for evening service, 504 Stedman Triples. G. Salter, 1; J. Chance, 2; E. Gilbert, 3; N. Davies, 4; J. Bennett, 5; J. Pagett, 6; T. J. Salter (conductor), 7; F. Smith, 8. On Sunday, December 29th, for evening service, 504 Stedman Triples. J. Bennett, 1; W. H. Smith, 2; T. J. Salter (conductor), 3; J. Bennett, jun., 4; E. C. Hunt, 5; G. Salter, 6; J. Crane, 7; F. Smith, 8. On December 31st, at midnight, 504 Stedman Triples. J. Bennett, 1; N. Davies, 2; G. Salter, 3; T. J. Salter, 4; J. Crane, 5; J. Pagett, 6; W. H. Smith (conductor), 7; T. Wakeman, 8. And 240 Double Norwich. On Sunday, January 12th, 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Chance, 1; T. Wakeman, 2; T. J. Salter (conductor), 3; E. Gilbert, 4; N. Davies, 5; J. Bennett, 6; J. Pagett, 7; T. Roberts, 8. F. Smith hails from Bushey, Herts; J. Chance, E. Gilbert and T. Roberts from Chaddesley Corbett.

KING'S NORTON (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, January 19th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 43 mins. W. H. Sumner, 1; F. Sumner, 2; F. Clayton, 3; J. S. Pritchett, 4; T. Pritchett, 5; W. S. Pritchett (conductor), 6; J. Betterton, 7; G. Cooper, 8. Composed by John Wright, formerly of King's Norton, but now resident in the United States. In ringing this musical composition, his old friends wish Mr. Wright a happy New Year, and cordially invite him back again.

LIVERPOOL.—On Tuesday, December 31st, at the parish church of St. Nicholas, with the bells muffled, as a last token of respect to the late Mrs. Rich, wife of J. D. Rich, Esq., J.P., and mother of the Rev. L. J. Rich, of the above church, the usual whole pull and stand and several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. J. Fisher (conductor), 1; J. Moore, 2; W. Davies, 3; J. Evans, 4; T. Hammond, 5; G. Foote, 6.

NORTHAMPTON.—On Friday, December 27th, at St. Edmund's church, 336 Double Norwich. J. Houghton, sen., 1; C. Newman, 2; W. Pettit, 3; A. Perkins, 4; F. Gilbert, 5; J. Garratt, 6; J. Houghton, jun., 7; J. Sharman (conductor), 8. And 336 Bob Major. J. Houghton, 1; J. Garratt, 2; H. Stubbs, 3; F. Gilbert, 4; J. Mackay, 5; W. Roberts, 6; J. Houghton, sen., 7; J. Sharman, 8. Also 336 Grandsire Triples. A. Perkins, 1; J. Garratt, 2; W. Pettit, 3; F. Gilbert (conductor), 4; J. Mackay, 5; W. Roberts, 6; J. Houghton, jun., 7; J. Freeman, 8. And a course each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major. And at St. Giles' church, 336 Double Norwich. H. Stubbs, 1; C. Newman, 2; A. Perkins, 3; J. Garratt, 4; W. Pettit, 5; J. Houghton, jun., 6; J. Houghton, jun., 7; F. Gilbert (conductor), 8. And a course of Grandsire Caters. H. Stubbs, 1; J. Houghton, jun., 2; J. Mackay, 3; C. Newman, 4; J. Garratt, 5; W. Pettit, 6; F. Gilbert, 7; W. Roberts, 8; W. Thomson, 9; W. Ward, 10.

RAUNDS (Northants).—On Saturday, December 7th, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob, 720 Kent Treble Bob, 720 Oxford Treble Bob, and 360 Double Court. F. Kirk, 1; H. Stubbs, 2; W. J. Gilbert, 3; J. Garratt, 4; J. Houghton, jun., 5; F. Gilbert (conductor), 6. Houghton and Garratt hail from Irthlingborough.

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The Midland Counties' Association.—The third quarterly meeting will be held at Birmingham, to-day, Saturday, February 1st. The following towers open for ringing from 3.0 p.m., viz: St. Martin's (12 bells), St. Philip's (10 bells), Aston (10 bells), St. John's, Deritend (8 bells), Bishop Ryder's (8 bells), St. Chad's r.c. Cathedral (8 bells). Committee meeting at 4.45 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m., followed by general meeting, both at Queens College. Members who have paid their subscriptions for 1895 and send their names to Mr. John Carter, 257, Park road, Aston, Birmingham, not later than Wednesday, January 29th, will be charged 6d. each for tea; local members, and others not complying with above stipulations 1s. each as usual. At this meeting a proposed addition to rule 4 will be discussed, viz.: "Any member owing two years' subscriptions shall have their names erased from the books." Mr. Griffin has kindly arranged special trains to leave Derby at 1.10 p.m. and Leicester 1.15 p.m. Parties of eight or more from other centres can obtain fare and a quarter tickets by giving three days' notice at any station. Members on arrival are requested to proceed either to St. Martin's or St. Philip's. J. O. LANCASHIRE, *Hon. Sec.*
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Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Frome to-day, Saturday, February 1st. Towers open—Frome (8 bells), Mells (8 bells), and Buckland Dinham (6 bells). Short service in church at 3.0 p.m., to be followed by tea and business meeting.

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WALTER BROWN, *Branch Sec.*
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Norwich Diocesan Association.—General meeting at Loddon on Tuesday, February 4th. Dinner at 1.30; 2s. 3d. hon., 1s. 3d. company members. Railway stations, Ellingham or Reedham. Conveyances to or from 6d. (to be paid to hon. sec.) Towers open—Loddon (8 bells), Norton (6), Raveningham (5). Hon. sec. requests notice by January 30th, with name of station and number requiring reduced fare.

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The Yorkshire Association.—The next general meeting will be held at Rawmarsh on

Saturday, February 8th. Tea at 5 o'clock, business meeting at 6. The local hon. sec. is Mr. V. Hawkins, Chapel street, Rawmarsh.

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The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Chad's, Rochdale, on Saturday, February 8th. Bells ready at 4.30 p.m., meeting at 6.0 p.m. Methods to be practised are Grandsire and Treble Bob.

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The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—Owing to the death of the late Prince Henry of Battenberg, the monthly meeting for February is postponed till Saturday, February 8th, at St. Luke's church, Liverpool. Members are requested to attend.

ALFRED G. NICHOLSON, *Hon. Sec.*
30, Upper Stanhope Street, Liverpool.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Members are requested to attend St. Paul's meeting on Tuesday, February 11th, when important business affecting rule 1, will be discussed. The sum of 1s. 8d. in lieu of booking fees is now due.

W. T. COCKERILL, *Hon. Sec.*
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Hertfordshire Association.—District meeting at Hertford on Saturday, February 15th.

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The Waterloo Society, London.—The 28th anniversary dinner of this society will take place at The York hotel, Waterloo road, on Saturday, February 15th. Tickets, 3s. each, to be had of the following dinner committee. H. N. Davis, 419, Old Kent road, S.E., F. J. Pitts, 128, Leathwaite road, Clapham Junction, S.W., H. Barton, 36, Havel street, Camberwell, W. Hasted, 37, Rita road, Vauxhall park, E. Fraser, 37, Vincent street, Westminster, and of F. G. PERRIN, *Hon. Sec.*
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Kent County Association.—Maidstone District.—The annual meeting will be held at Harrietsham, on February 15th. Tower (8 bells), open at 3. Short service and unveiling of peal-board by Rev. C. Marsham, at 5. Committee meeting at The Roebuck at 5.40. Tea at 6. Half fares paid up to 2s. Members wishing for tea tickets kindly apply not later than February 9th, to

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Winchester Diocesan Guild.—A meeting will be held at Winchester on Saturday, February 15th. Cathedral tower open from 12.0 to 3.30 and from 5.0 to 7.0 p.m. Twyford (6), open during afternoon. Business meeting at Wolvesey Palace at 3.30. Election of representative on Central Council, Barnett memorial, etc. Arrangements will be made for tea after the meeting.

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St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.—The Johnson Commemoration will be combined this year with the Guild's Anniversary Dinner, and arrangements are being made for holding the same on Saturday, February 29th. Every full subscribing member of one year's standing is entitled to a dinner ticket free, and other members or friends can obtain tickets at 3s. each by application to the undersigned. Further particulars will be announced next week.

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HORNSEY (Middlesex).—On Sunday, January 12th, after evening service, 7.20 Bob Minor, in 25 mins. E. King, 1; J. Ward, 2; G. Griffin, 3; J. Miller, 4; W. Dixon, 5; A. Jacob (conductor), 6.

SOUTHGATE (Middlesex).—On Wednesday, January 15th, for practice, four 6-scores of Stedman Doubles, with 4-6-8 covering. A. Jacob, 1; G. Newson (conductor), 2; J. Miller, 3; C. Bale, 4; H. Newby, 5; J. Howard, 6; A. Miller, 7; J. Hitch, 8.

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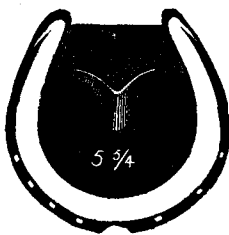
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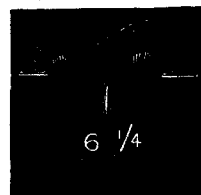
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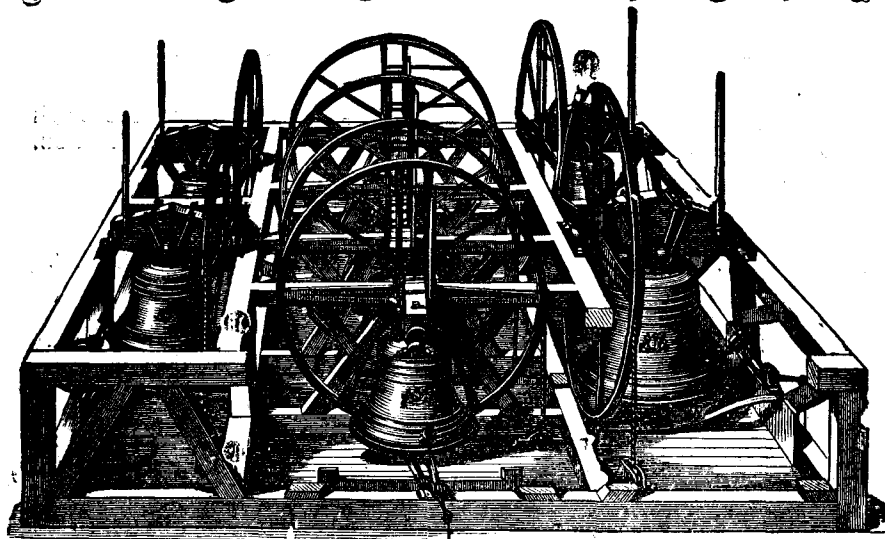
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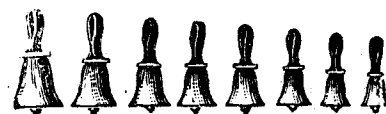
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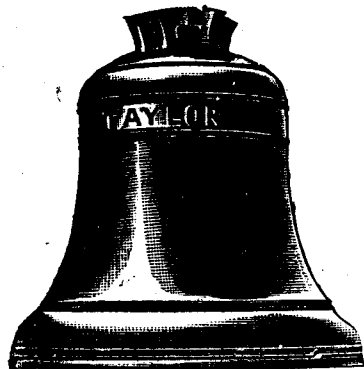
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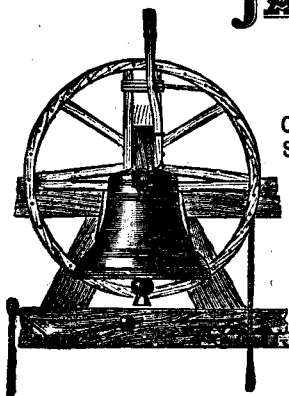
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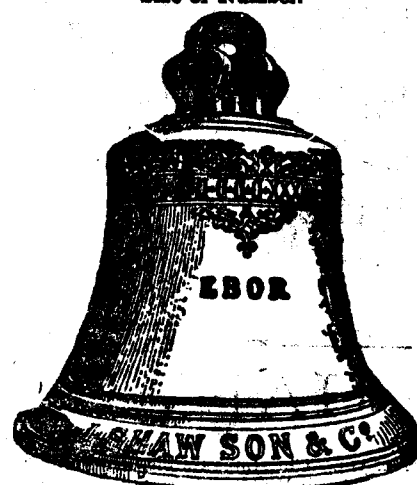
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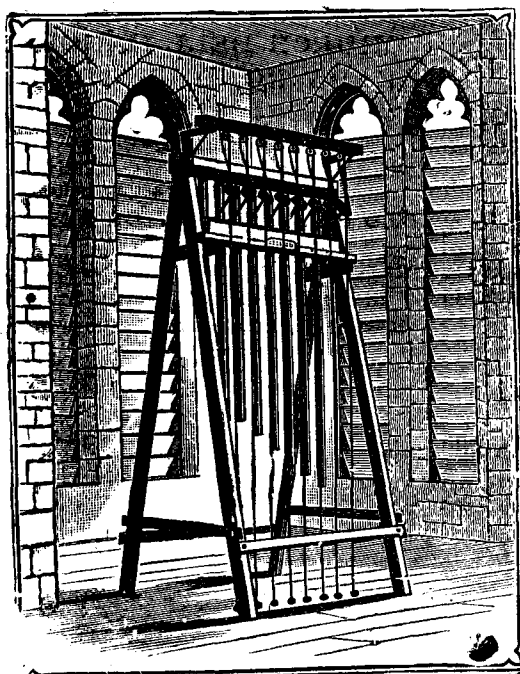
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DEDICATION OF THE BELLS.

The bells of this church, restored and enlarged to eight, were dedicated on Saturday afternoon, January 25th, by the Bishop of Chester, in the presence of the Duchess of Westminster. The clergy present, in addition to the Bishop, were the Ven. Archdeacon Barber, Rev. C. Upperton (rural dean), Rev. J. Pryce (curate), Rev. G. A. Robins (Eccleston), S. Cooper Scott (St. John's), J. Parry Woodcock (St. Paul's, Boughton), J. F. Howson (Christ Church), J. Lyon, Rev. H. H. Wright (Precentor), Rev. H. S. Branscombe (minor canon, Cathedral), Rev. H. Grantham (St. Mary-without-the-Walls), Rev. J. L. Bedford (Little St. John's). The proceedings opened with a processional hymn, "Songs of praise the Angels sang," and after a few special prayers and psalms the Bishop gave a short address from the words "Lord, Thou hast been our refuge from one generation to another" (Psalm xc., i.). You all know, brethren, he said, the meaning of this service. We are here solemnly to re-dedicate the ancient bells of this church together with two of the bells belonging to the now passed away church of St. Bridget—thus binding the two churches and parishes into one. In this way the "ring" of bells has become a peal. A "ring" consists of six bells, but a peal requires eight. The work has been one of necessity. You may be sure that the Vicar and churchwardens, with their willing and laborious helpers, would not have taken a new work in hand had they not been compelled, for they have had difficulties to face such as those only who had them to combat could understand. They had had the repair or restoration of the church, and they knew how worthily that had been done. Then came the improvement of the organ at a cost of £300. As he had said, only those inside knew what it involved upon those who bore the brunt of such undertakings, and their best sympathy and respect should go out to those who carried out these tasks, and not only in that parish, but in most parishes in the country. And now came the time when the bells must be taken in hand—they were in an unsafe condition. When the tower was raised from its original low height the bells were raised, but not repaired or fitted, and it was also found that the floor was not safe, and the apparatus unstable, and so it became an absolute necessity to put the whole of the tower, so far as the bells were concerned, into thorough order, and towards this work many had willingly contributed, one whom he must particularly mention—the friends and family of the late Mr. Topham, who had borne the cost of removing and the repair of two bells. These bells bound generations together; they were going to sing a new song, but they were the same old bells. What different scenes they had witnessed; what a history they could tell. The more they looked at these various epochs the more they would be reminded of the same "Lord, Thou hast been our refuge." They might group the bells in three divisions, and they would be on tolerably safe ground when they said the oldest bell was the one dated 1629. Then came five of the bells—four belonging to this tower and one from St. Bride's, dated 1657. Then the remaining two bells belonged to the latter part of the eighteenth century—1787. Go back in thought to 1629. It was a period full of anxiety and danger to the Church of England—not from without, but within, as dangers always came from controversies within. The principal controversy was that between Arminianism and Calvinism, on pre-election and predestination; with John Wesley on the one side favouring Arminianism, and George Whitfield on the other, and feeling was so strong that the clergy were cautioned not to enter into controversial subjects. In the year 1629 Oliver Cromwell first appeared in the House of Commons, at all events he first spoke and denounced Bishop Neile, who was a favourite of those who preached flat Popery. The Church was really in flames, and the State as well. After the Parliament of 1629 was dissolved, for eleven years no Parliament was called together, and during that period Archbishop Laud worked out that remarkable policy of his which did such great things for the Church of England, which were carried out with tact. How deeply they were indebted to his policy was becoming better understood as the history of that period was studied. Between that first bell and the next group of bells they had the monarchy destroyed and the Commonwealth established. In 1657, to which period four of the bells belonged

bearing the names of Chamberlain and Randle Holme, the Church of England had sunk so low that they were told by one who on Christmas Day with some other friends went to partake of Holy Communion, that they found the chapel surrounded by soldiers, and they were taken prisoners. Under that Puritan rule many were persecuted. Pass on to the third group 1787—George III. The American War of Independence was just over, and how important it was then as now that a bridge should be built across the Atlantic, a bridge of fellowship between the new colonist, the new United States of America, and the people on this side of the water; and this good work was done by the Church in binding up the wound which had gone so deep between these peoples. That, shortly, was the little story of the bells, but even that might help to remind them that God had been their refuge.

The Bishop concluded with a word as to the spirit in which these bells should be used and listened to, and then read a few special dedicatory prayers in reference thereto.

A short touch was then rung. W. Little, 1; W. Kendall, 2; T. Chamberlain, 3; G. Fannon, 4; T. Rowlands, 5; J. Smith, 6; R. Humphreys, 7; E. F. Fletcher (conductor), 8. The offertory realised £18 14s. 2d.

The following particulars of the old bells may be interesting: The bells were placed in the tower when it was repaired after the civil war in 1657, George Chamberlain and Randle Holme the third (the great Freemason, Herald, etc.) being churchwardens. Their initials were placed on the bells.

- 1.—"Jesus be our speed. C. W., G. C., R. H., 1657."
- 2.—"Gloria in excelsis Deo. C. W., G. C., R. H., 1657."
- 3.—"Dulcedine Vocis cantabo tuo nomine. C. W., G. C., R. H., 1657."
- 4.—"Jucunditate soni sonabo tibi Domine. C. W., G. C., R. H., 1657."

Two were afterwards added (or recast) bearing inscriptions—5.—"Charles and John Rudhall Fecit. Wm. Orford and John Grindley, wardens, 1786."

- 6.—The date only—1783.

When the low embattled tower was raised by Canon Bowen, the bells were also lifted another storey, but they were not refitted or repaired. They had latterly become in a dangerous condition, one headstock being broken in two, and all the bells needing to be quartered, from constant wear in one place. Dry rot had also appeared in the floor which had been raised, and had already attacked the supporting beams. The work of restoration was thus urgently necessary. The two bells from St. Bridget's church were somewhat older than those of St. Mary's, bearing the dates 1629 and 1656.

- 7.—On the older bell was the inscription—"God save His Church. Our King and Relme."

- 8.—On the other the names of the churchwardens, William Warrington and Thomas Bolland.

These bells have been recast and added to the peal, the expense being borne by the family of the late Wm. Topham, as a memorial to their father. On the bells, so recast, is inscribed the original date and the words S. Bride, to show whence they were brought, and also the date 1895, with the initials of the present churchwardens and the words "In mem.: W. Topham." By the addition of these bells the peal is now raised to a peal of eight.

The expense has been considerable, the recasting and refitting of the bells with iron frames costing £246. The removal of the old floor and the replacing of it by a new one has cost £35, whilst the tablet, with inscription, and printing and advertising, etc., may be put at £4, making a total of £285. Of this sum £185 has been already secured, leaving a deficiency of £100, to meet which liberal offerings are needed. The recasting and refitting of the bells have been satisfactorily carried out by Messrs. Warner and Sons, of Cripplegate, London.

THE BATTLE SOCIETY, SUSSEX.

The Annual Meeting of this Society was held on Tuesday, January 28th. The accounts and balance-sheet were presented and passed; Mr. Walter Franks was unanimously re-elected. The Secretary, F. Mathis, who was first elected in 1889, tendered his resignation, and it was resolved that Mr. Charles James Hyland, of Mount Street, Battle, be Secretary for the ensuing year.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

TONBRIDGE DISTRICT.—The Annual Meeting of this district of the above Association was held at Staplehurst on Saturday, January 25th, and was attended by nearly 60 members from Ashford, Brencley, Edenbridge, Horsmorden, Harrietsham, Maidstone, Tunbridge Wells, Tonbridge, and Westerham. Ringing was commenced at 2.30, and some capital touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Plain Bob and Treble Bob Major were rung during the afternoon and evening. At 5 o'clock the members sat down to a capital meat tea at the Royal Oak, the Rector of Staplehurst, the Rev. J. S. H. Chamberlain presiding. Grace having been said, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The District Secretary read his Annual Report, in which he said that one band had left during the year, and one had joined. There had been a slight falling off in the number of hon. members, and in conclusion, he urged the members to do all they possibly could to obtain both hon. and practising members, in order that the work of the Association might be extended. At this point the Rector announced that he was obliged to leave to conduct a service, and in replying to a vote of thanks, expressed the pleasure it gave him to preside at the meeting. He compared the ringers of years ago (when he said they were considered the scum of the parish), and the ringers of to-day, when the clergy were proud of such a body of church workers, and spoke of the work of the Association in bringing about such results. He gladly became an hon. member. The Chair was then taken by W. Hoare, Esq., one of the churchwardens, and also a hon. member who had come in during the tea. Mr. W. Latter, of Tunbridge Wells, was unanimously re-elected District Secretary, Mr. W. Steed, of Tonbridge, was also unanimously re-elected representative on Central Committee. Fourteen new members were elected. The question of extra district meetings was brought forward by the Secretary, who spoke of the desirability of making the Association more known in the country districts. After some discussion it was decided to hold the next meeting at Gondhurst on Monday 6th. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded W. Hoare, Esq., for presiding, who in response, congratulated the members on their meeting, and said that local secretaries should assist the district secretary as much as possible, both in obtaining fresh hon. members and collecting the subscriptions of members in their parish, and remitting them to the district secretary. A vote of thanks was also accorded to Messrs. H. G. and E. Pope, of Staplehurst, for making arrangements for tea, and for obtaining the use of the bells.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—CREWE BRANCH.

The annual meeting of this branch was held at Crewe on Saturday, January 18th, when the following towers were represented: Sandbach, Alsager, Lawton, Crewe, Wrenbury, Acton, and Market Drayton, forty-one members being present. After reading and passing the minutes of the previous meeting the statement of accounts was read and passed, shewing a balance in hand of £2 11s. 8d. Then came the election of officers. The Rev. G. J. Howson was again elected President of the branch, R. Langford was re-elected Secretary and Treasurer, R. T. Holding and J. Davies, auditors, J. Edwards (Alsager), representative for the general committee, and Mr. Holding was again elected instructor to the branch. There were three new ringing members made and one hon. member. The branch consists of seventy-nine ringing members and thirteen hon. members. After the meeting the members sat down to a beautiful free tea kindly provided for them by the Rev. G. J. Howson, to which full justice was done, and a hearty vote of thanks was passed to the rev. gentlemen for his kindness to the members that day. After tea a short service was held in Christ Church, when the members listened to an excellent address delivered by the Rev. G. J. Howson. After the service ringing was again indulged in up to 9 p.m. and then the members went their various ways home, all thoroughly satisfied with their afternoon's outing. Amongst the various touches rung during the afternoon was a 480 of Grandsire Major. J. Davies, 1; A. Harding, 2; G. Baddley, 3; R. Langford, 4; A. Jarvis, 5; G. Harding, 6; E. Weatherby, 7; R. T. Holding (conductor), 8. And 350 Grandsire Triples, conducted by E. Weatherby, G. Chatfield ringing the tenor, the others as before.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

The Abingdon ringers and friends sat down to an excellent dinner at The Cross Keys inn, on Thursday, January 26th. The Rev. F. E. Robinson, M.A., Master of the Guild, presided, and among the company were the vicar and Councillors Pryce, Legge, and Barnett, and several gentlemen of the town. After dinner the chairman proposed "The Queen and Royal Family," which was loyally honoured. After a song by Mr. T. Holloway, Mr. Stainland proposed "The Master of the Guild."

The Rev. F. E. Robinson responded, and spoke at some length on the great improvement that had taken place within his memory in belfries, ringing, and ceremonies connected with the dedication of bells, and by the formation of diocesan guilds like the Oxford, which he was happy to say was doing a good work. He complimented the St. Helen's ringers on their perseverance, and suggested now their bells were put in good order, their aim should be progress. Other toasts during the evening were "The Bishop and Clergy," "The Visitors," "The Bell Ringers," and "The host and hostess."

EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.—The Annual Meeting of the above Society was held at Old Windsor on Saturday last. The death of Prince Henry of Battenburg prevented the use of the fine ring of eight in the Curfew Tower of the Castle, and the bells at Old Windsor were rung half-muffled; but some good work was done here and at Wraysbury during the afternoon. Evensong was at 5 p.m. at Old Windsor, and was well attended. This office was sung by Rev. A. H. Drummond (Branch Chairman), the lessons were read by Revs. R. Hart-Davis and F. E. Robinson (Secretary and Master of the Guild), and an appropriate address was given by Rev. T. E. Harwood (Vicar of the Parish). The meeting then adjourned to tea at the Tapestry Hall, after which the usual business was transacted. From the speeches of the Chairman and Secretary (Rev. R. P. Newhouse), the branch appeared to be in a very flourishing and creditable condition, both numerically and financially, and also in respect of achievements in the exercise during the past year. The Master and Guild Secretary added their congratulations to those of the previous speakers, and bore similar testimony to the progress of the whole guild. Including the officers, six clerical and about 80 lay members attended the meeting, which, in spite of the melancholy and adverse circumstances above alluded to, was one of the most successful of such gatherings held in this neighbourhood.

OPENING OF A NEW PEAL OF BELLS.

The peal of eight bells recently erected at St. Francis (R.C.) church, Manor Road, Holbeck, Leeds, will be opened on Thursday, February 13th, when eight members of the Leeds and District Amalgamated Society will attempt a peal at 7.30 a.m. Afterwards the bells will be at the disposal of ringers, members or not of the above society, at intervals, from 1 p.m. until 10 p.m. The rendezvous for the day will be The Belmont inn, David Street, close by the station. All applications for future touches or peals must be made to R. Binns, 3, Dame Street, Hogg's Field, Holbeck, Leeds.

Three summonses were returned for hearing at Spalding Police-court on Tuesday last, arising out of a dispute between the Rev. John Collin, Vicar of Whaplode, and the bell-ringers of Whaplode Parish Church, a matter which has attracted a good deal of attention in the district. The ringers, with the consent of the churchwarden, proposed to ring a muffled peal, in memory of a deceased parishioner, but the vicar objected. The ringers persisted, and, as a result of what then transpired, three of the ringers were now summoned by the vicar for "riotous, violent, and indecent behaviour in the church," and the vicar was summoned for assaulting one of the ringers. The matter was now settled by an expression of regret on the part of the ringers that they should have persisted in their action in face of the objection of the vicar, and the withdrawal of the whole proceedings. It was stated that whilst legally the churchwarden had the custody, the incumbent had the control of the bells. Under the settlement, each party to the proceedings bore their own costs. There was a crowded Court to hear the cases.—*The Standard*.

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A quarterly and committee meeting of this Association was held in the chantry of St. Martin's church, Kidderminster, on Saturday, January 25th. The chair was occupied (in the unavoidable absence of the Rev. S. Phillips, Vicar), by the Rev. A. B. Timbrell, Hon. Clerical Secretary, Rector of Old Swinford, supported by the Rev. H. H. Peckham, curate of Kidderminster. A good number of members were present from Areley Kings, Bromsgrove, Clent, Chaddesley Corbett, Dudley, Hanley Castle, Kidderminster, Malvern, Netherton, Old Swinford, Old Hill, Tipton, Wollaston, Worcester, etc. The minutes of the last quarterly meeting held at Chaddesley Corbett were read and confirmed. The Revs. J. M. Donne, Vicar of Welland, Malvern, and H. H. Harkham were elected honorary members, and eight members belonging to the Welland company, six belonging to Hanley Castle, two from Eastnor, two from Pershore and one from Malvern were elected performing members. The annual report and balance sheet having been read, it was resolved, on the motion of Mr. B. Hill (Worcester), seconded by Mr. O. James (Bromsgrove), that the same be accepted and printed for the annual meeting. On the motion of the Master, Mr. S. Spittle, seconded by Mr. H. T. Knowles, Malvern, it was unanimously resolved that the annual meeting be held at Worcester on Easter Monday, and that the Worcester friends be requested to make arrangements with the clergy to grant the use of the bells at the different churches for such a period of time during the day as may be convenient. It was resolved that the sum of £7 be deposited in the Post Office Savings Bank. On the application of the rev. chairman, Mr. A. E. Parsons (Old Hill), was appointed instructor to the Old Swinford company. During the afternoon touches were rung on the tower bells in the various methods of Grandsire, Plain Bob, Stedman, Treble Bob, Double Norwich Court Bob, Superlative and London Surprise. Also touches of Stedman and other methods on the Association's handbells.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 13th, at the Church of St. John the Baptist, a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major was attempted to celebrate the 18th birthday of Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, an enthusiastic member of the local company, but was lost after one hour and twenty minutes good ringing. Afterwards five courses 560 of Double Norwich Court Bob Major was brought round. A. J. Turner, 1; J. S. Goldsmith, 2; G. Baker, 3; G. Williams (conductor), 4; F. Bennet, 5; G. A. King, 6; H. Weston, 7; J. N. Frossell, 8. The band were afterwards entertained to an excellent spread at Ye King's Head inn by Mrs. Goldsmith and a very enjoyable evening was spent, the band, one and all, wishing Mr. Goldsmith many happy returns of the day, and thanking him for his kindness on this and other occasions.

QUEDGELEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

On Tuesday, January 21st, the choir and bell-ringers were entertained at supper through the kindness of the rector, the Rev. E. L. Bryans. After full justice had been done to the good things provided, a most enjoyable time was spent in ringing tunes and changes on the handbells, and the members of the choir singing some capital songs. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the rector on the motion of Mr. Churchwarden Fawkes, his health being drunk with musical honours. The rector in replying spoke of the great pleasure it gave him to know that such harmony and goodwill existed between the two branches of churchworkers met together that night, and he hoped they would go on as pleasantly and smoothly in the future as they had done in the past.

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LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

The usual monthly ringing meeting of this society was held at Pudsey on Saturday, January 25th, and was numerously attended, eleven companies being represented during the afternoon. A peal was attempted, but after ringing 1 hr. 10 mins., "stand" was called, one member being attacked with sickness. Other ringing followed, which included a date touch of Bob Major. A business meeting was held at The Park hotel, the President in the chair. The usual business of a formal character was gone through, and several subjects were then discussed, which included an announcement that the next meeting will be held at St. Francis (R.C.) church, Holbeck, when the new peal recently erected will be at the disposal of the members all day. A suggested re-arrangement of the order of meetings at the various churches; the Central Council representative will be considered; and the peal board competition, with regulations, be printed and issued to the various branches of the society. The usual vote of thanks to the vicar, wardens, and local ringers was proposed by Mr. A. Naylor (Headingley), seconded by Mr. E. Keighley (Calverley). Several new members were then elected. Mr. G. Bolland, the gentleman who champions the six-bell question for the ringers of Minor methods, gave the society a good explanation of the points at issue, and should by all means have a seat in the Council. The usual vote of thanks to the chairman was proposed by B. Cowling, seconded by J. Thackray, and carried unanimously. Handbell ringing followed with touches of Grandsire Triples and Caters, and Bob Major, and arrangements completed for another attempt for the peal above referred to on the Thursday night following at 6.30. This concluded another pleasant visit of the society to this renowned church.

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THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

A district meeting of the above Society for combined practice was held at Hawley, Hants, on Saturday, February 1st, by the kind permission of the Vicar. Members from the Guildford, Shalford, Yateley, Chiddingfold, Hawley and Shere bands were present, but the numbers present did not at all represent the district. Permission had been obtained to ring at Yorktown (8) and at Yateley (8), until 5 p.m., but there were not enough members present to visit all the three towers which were open. A touch of Grandsire Minor, conducted by W. W. Thorne, of Guildford, was brought round at Yorktown; but the noise of the bells was so great that the calls were heard with difficulty. Doubles, Triples, and Bob Major were the order of the day at Hawley, where Mr. M. Steer (parish clerk) had everything in readiness. Here the bells were kept going till about 8.30 p.m. The members present desire to accord their best thanks to the Incumbents of the above named parishes for permission to use the bells.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS
AND THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

The Chester Cathedral Company attempted a peal of Plain Bob Major on Saturday, February 1, on the new bells of St. Mary's-on-the-Hill, but failed after ringing 1590 changes in 1 hour:—A. Peers, 1; B. Caldwell, 2; H. Dew, 3; G. Gerrard, 4; G. Gerrard, 5; G. Caldwell, 6; W. Woods, 7; T. J. Bethell (conductor), 8, after which touches of Kent Treble Bob and Grandsire Triples were rung. The go of the bells were all that could be desired, and reflect great credit on their founders, Messrs. Warner and Sons. Mr. Churchwarden Bird met the company descending the tower, and congratulated them on their attempt, and hoped they would be successful next time. The thanks of the ringers are due to the Venerable Archdeacon Barber and Mr. Fletcher, tower-keeper, for the use of the bells, and for having everything in readiness.

CENTRAL COUNCIL.—PEAL COLLECTION.—APPENDIX 1895 is now ready, containing 100 pages of peals in various methods; uniform with Report on Calls, with which it will be forwarded post free on receipt of sevenpence-halfpenny in stamps by Rev. H. EARLE BULWER, Stanhoe Rectory, King's Lynn.

CHIPPING BARNET, HERTS.

The members of the Barnet Church Guild held their third annual dinner at the Church House on Friday, January 17th, Mrs. Dolton excelling herself in the catering, which was all that could be desired. The rector (Rev. D. W. Barrett), was in the chair. There were also present the Rev. Bruce E. Weekly (curate), A. T. King, Esq., F. A. Milne, Esq., and Mr. C. H. Martin, of Hendon, Instructor to the Guild.

After the dinner Mr. A. T. King read the financial statement, which he considered very good on the whole. He spoke as to the progress the Guild had made during the past year in the Art of change-ringing, and said that in that respect the past year was the best they had had, but he hoped that the present year would see a yet greater advancement. He mentioned the great personal interest the rector took in the ringers, and in the way he met them in the belfry as often as he could, and said he wished that all clergy would recognise the ringers as church-workers as much as the rector.

The Rev. D. W. Barrett then gave the toast of "The Queen and the Royal Family," which was received with much heartiness.

He next proposed the health of the ringers, and said he was delighted in the way they conducted themselves. Whenever he asked them to forego their usual practice on account of illness, they always did so without grumbling. He explained how awkwardly he was situated, and said he hoped that every time he requested them not to ring they would remember that he was very sorry to have to do so, but they must not forget the bells made a great noise, and in cases of illness near the church it was a source of great annoyance. He wished the ringers long life and prosperity, coupling with the toast the names of Mr. A. T. King and Mr. C. H. Martin, to both of whom the Guild was greatly indebted for the advance it had made.

Mr. A. T. King responded, saying that he wished Mr. F. A. Milne's name had also been included in the toast. He knew that very often they would not have had enough to ring for service if Mr. Milne had not been present, and he was sure that Mr. Milne had the interest of the ringers at heart, and had done all that lay in his power for them.

Mr. C. H. Martin also responded, and said that no matter where he went he could never be more appreciated than he was at Barnet, and it gave him great pleasure to come as often as he possibly could. He believed that if every rector took as much interest in the ringers as the Rev. D. W. Barrett, and sometimes went into the belfry amongst them, there would not be the trouble to get the ringers to attend the services more regularly than they did in most places.

A programme of songs was then gone through, and a very enjoyable evening was spent, the company not dispensing until the early hours of the morning.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The Anniversary Meeting was held at Bristol on Monday, January 20th. Divine Service was held in St. Stephen's church at 2.30 p.m., the preacher being the Rev. Canon Tetley. Subsequently a company of thirty-five sat down to an excellent dinner at St. Stephen's Restaurant. When ample justice had been done to the catering of host Spring, a business meeting was held under the presidency of Mr. C. E. D. Boutflower, in the unavoidable absence, through an accident, of the Master, Mr. E. Bankes James. The following appointments for the ensuing year were made: Master—Mr. C. E. D. Boutflower; Hon. Secretary—Rev. C. H. Joberns; Hon. Treasurer—Mr. F. E. Ward; and Messrs. S. Moore and A. T. Ford local secretaries respectively for the Cirencester and Stroud districts. The statement of accounts shewed a balance of £32 on the right side.

THE WATERLOO SOCIETY, LONDON.

At the annual general meeting of this society, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Master—Mr. F. G. Perrin; Secretary—Mr. W. C. Hasted; Steward—Mr. F. J. Pitts; Treasurer—Mr. C. E. Malim (re-elected).

Correspondence.

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

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

SIR,—Would you kindly inform me where a ringer called Frank Buck hails from, and what his trade is, because I knew a Frank Buck, a Joiner by trade, who left here about twenty years since for London, and I have not seen him since. I know that he had a knowledge of change-ringing when here. He is a native of Ripon or thereabouts (I think Sharow). I see there are several Franks, but I have never seen but one Frank Buck. I have seen his name as ringing in the suburbs of the Metropolis, and a number of times it has appeared in peals rung in London. In last week's "BELL NEWS" his name occurred as ringing at St. Stephen's, Westminster.

JONAS FRANCE.

Middlesbrough, Yorks.

P.S.—If you will kindly put these few lines in "THE BELL NEWS," you would greatly oblige me, as if he sees this he would know me.

A PRIOR CLAIM.

SIR,—I beg to say that the Date Touch of Grandsire Triples, published in last week's "BELL NEWS" by Mr. Charles Smart, of Steyning, is not an original composition. If Mr. Smart will see "BELL NEWS" for March 14th, 1891, he will find the same touch published as the composition of

H. W. WILDE.

Obituary.

JOHN H. WRIGHT.

It is with deep regret that we record the death at the early age of thirty years of Mr. John H. Wright, a member of the Crewe Society of change-ringers, who died on Saturday, January 25th, and was interred in Crewe cemetery on Saturday, February 1st. At 2 o'clock the bells of Christ Church, deeply muffled, began to ring; a contingent of the Railway Engineer Volunteers, of which the deceased was a corporal, fell in on the Market Square, and headed by the band, marched to the house of the deceased, when, after a short delay, the coffin was placed in the hearse, and the procession proceeded to Christ Church, where the Rev. G. J. Howson, M.A., Vicar, and the Rev. H. Tyson were waiting. The first portion of the Burial Service was taken here, after which, the procession reformed and marched to the cemetery in the following order: Members of the Ancient Order of Foresters, of which deceased was a member; his brother-ringers, and friends from other towers; the firing party of the Engineers, with arms reversed, and the band; after which came the hearse, followed by the relatives and friends of the deceased. On arrival at the cemetery the remains were taken from the hearse and borne upon the shoulders of four of his brother volunteers, and the last portion of the service was gone through, after which the usual three volleys were fired in the air by the firing party. Messrs. Langford, Jarvis, Holding, and Harding then rang upon the handbells a course of Grandsire Triples by the graveside. Afterwards the ringers ascended the tower and 504 Grandsire Triples was rung by the following: W. Evetts, 1; G. Harding, 2; A. Jarvis, 3; A. Dudley, 4; R. Langford, 5; T. Johnson, 6; R. T. Holding (conductor), 7; J. Edwards, 8. Half the buffs were then taken off, and the ringers adjourned to tea, meeting again at half-past seven, when 504 and 168 Grandsire Triples were rung. On Sunday the bells were again rung muffled. For evening service 350 Grandsire Triples were rung: W. Evetts, 1; A. Harding, 2; A. Jarvis, 3; G. Harding, 4; E. Weatherby, 5; F. Hartshorn (conductor), 6; R. T. Holding, 7; J. Edwards, 8. The deceased had been a member of the Crewe society about seven years, and had rung nine peals, eight of Grandsire Triples and one of Grandsire Caters; his first peal being rung on November 11th, 1891, and his last on July 31st, 1894. Shortly after this his health began to fail, so much so, that early in 1895 he had to leave work. Since that time he has mostly been confined to his bed, his complaint being disease of the lungs. He leaves a wife and two children to mourn his loss, while the Crewe society have lost a good ringer and firm friend, and he has gone to his rest beloved and mourned by all who knew him.

JOHN WILLIAM MAWBY.

We regret to have to record the death of John William Mawby, a well-known change-ringer and instructor, and formerly head ringer at St. Mary's, Long Sutton, Lincolnshire. Mr. Mawby had been ailing for some years past, and had been obliged to give up ringing more than a year ago. He died at Long Sutton on the 30th ult., aged 39 years.

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No. 5. 5040.
231456 S H L M R R Q M R

134526	-	-	S						
435216	-	-	S						
532146	-	-	S						
346125	-	-							
(641235)	-	-	S				S		
651423	-	-							
462135	-	-						S	

The last three courses four times repeated, omitting the first single, produce—

563241

213546	-	-	S	S					
315426	-	-	S						
126453	-	-							

These three courses three times repeated, omitting the second single, produce—

516342

326541	-	-	S	S					
(625431)	-	-	S				S		
615243	-	-							
264531	-	-						S	

The last three courses four times repeated, omitting the second single, produce—

163425

453126	-	-	S	S					
351246	-	-	S						
546213	-	-							
125346	-	-	S						

The last three courses three times repeated, completes the peal. Contains the whole of the 6-7s the right way, with quadruple bobs only, and is the first composed on this plan.

No. 11. 5040.
231456 S H L M R Q

625431	-	-							
145623	-	-							

124635	-	-	S						
235641	-	-							
431625	-	-							
325614	-	-							
214653	-	-							

153642	-	-							
542631	-	-							
341652	-	-							
452613	-	-							
513624	-	-							

265413	-	-	S						
345261	-	-							
125346	-	-							

614325	-	-							
534612	-	-							
164352	-	-							
234165	-	-							
514236	-	-							

These last five courses eight times repeated, by adding bobs at Q in the fourth course of the next part and the following fifth part. Rung at Rowley Regis, Staffordshire, November 21st, 1891.

No. 6. 5040.
231456 S H L M R R Q M R

134526	-	-	S						
435216	-	-	S						
532146	-	-	S						
346125	-	-							
(641235)	-	-	S				S		
651423	-	-							
462135	-	-						S	
(314562)	-	-			S		S		
162543	-	-						S	
643521	-	-							S
562314	-	-							S
342516	-	-	S	S					

Four times repeated. Contains the whole of the 6-7s the right way, with quadruple bobs only.

No. 8. 5040.
231456 R S H L M R Q M R

346125	S								
516342	-	-							
236514	-	-							
156324	-	-							
436152	-	-							
216435	-	-							

The last five courses repeated, adding a single at M after Q in the last course, produce—

(346125)

523416	-	-	S						
651423	-	-							
462135	-	-					S		
613452	-	-							
152436	-	-							

These five courses nine times repeated, omitting the bobs at Q in the fourth course, except the sixth part. This peal contains the whole of the 6-7s the right way.

No. 9. 5040.
231456 R S H L Q

346126	S								
216435	-	-							
546213	-	-							
326541	-	-							
156324	-	-							
436152	-	-							

The last five courses repeated, adding a single at M after Q in the last course, produce—

(346125)

536421	-	-							
345261	-	-							
461253	-	-							
624513	-	-							
213546	-	-							

These five courses nine times repeated, by omitting the bobs at Q in the fourth course, except the sixth part. This peal was rung at Whitchurch, October 9th, 1894.

No. 12. 5040.
231456 R S H L Q M

(231456)	S					S			
641235	-	-							
521643	-	-							
461253	-	-							
345261	-	-							
125346	-	-							
635124	-	-							
462135	-	-							
512463	-	-							
543162	-	-							
213546	-	-							
624513	-	-							
354621	-	-							
164352	-	-							
234165	-	-							
324156	-	-							
614325	-	-							
534612	-	-							
264531	-	-							
154263	-	-							
514236	-	-							
653214	-	-							
423651	-	-							
163425	-	-							
243615	-	-							
365142	-	-							
215364	-	-							
435216	-	-							
625431	-	-							
145623	-	-							
563241	-	-							
123564	-	-							
416523	-	-							
356412	-	-							
246351	-	-							
536421	-	-							
146532	-	-							
256143	-	-							
316254	-	-							
426315	-	-							
136245	-	-							
526134	-	-							
453126	-	-							
613452	-	-							
642153	-	-							
312645	-	-							
562314	-	-							
432561	-	-							
152436	-	-							
342516	-	-							
652341	-	-							
132654	-	-							
415632	-	-							
265413	-	-							
321465	-	-							
541326	-	-							
631542	-	-							
361524	-	-							
451326	-	-							
231456	-	-							

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 1896.

THE REV. T. L. PAPILLON.

THE Ringing Exercise will be glad to hear that the above-named rev. gentleman is, though still very weak, slowly recovering from his recent dangerous illness, and will join in the great satisfaction which those who are immediately acquainted with him feel at such welcome intelligence.

The Metropolis.

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

On Saturday, February 1, 1896, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN, WESTMINSTER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5008 CHANGES. Tenor 24 cwt.

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

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

First peal in the method. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last tribute of respect to the memory of Canon Phipps, Lord Leighton and H.R.H. Prince Henry of Battenberg.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, February 1, 1896, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANNE, HIGHGATE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 14 cwt.

GEORGE NEWSON Treble.	THOMAS TITCHENER.. .. 5.
GEORGE SMITH 2.	BENJAMIN FOSKETT 6.
RICHARD BEVAN 3.	ALBERT PITTAM.. .. 7.
GEORGE HARVEY 4.	HENRY ELLIS Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER and Conducted by GEORGE NEWSON.
This peal is No. 5 in "THE BELL NEWS" of January 4th, 1896.

THE WATERLOO SOCIETY, LONDON.

On Saturday, February 1, 1896, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER, WALWORTH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 15 cwt.

HAROLD N. DAVIS Treble.	ARTHUR J. NEALE 5.
FREDERICK G. PERRIN 2.	ARTHUR DEAN 6.
WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE 3.	HARRY WARNETT 7.
WILLIAM G. GROVE.. .. 4.	*THOMAS W. COOLEGE .. Tenor.

Conducted by HAROLD N. DAVIS.

*First peal and first attempt. W. Weatherstone was elected a member of the above society previous to starting.

The Provinces.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.—THE ST. MARY'S SOCIETY.

On Thursday, January 30, 1896, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S FIVE-PART.

A. E. MIDMORE Treble.	E. WILLOUGHBY 5.
T. WILLOUGHBY.. .. 2.	J. LEWIS 6.
H. VERNON* 3.	T. LEWIS 7.
J. BILLINGS.. .. 4.	S. LEWIS Tenor.

Conducted by T. WILLOUGHBY.

*First peal.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

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

On Thursday, January 30, 1896, in Two Hours and Ten Minutes,

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

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

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

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

Composed by the late WILLIAM ROYLE, of Manchester, and
Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

Umpire—Henry Bowell, Witnesses—Stephen Cook and Henry C. Gillingham.

BOXFORD, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 1, 1896, in Three Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 26 cwt.

HENRY BOWELL.. .. Treble.	WILBY J. HAZELL 5.
WILLIAM MOTTS 2.	WILLIAM HOWELL, SEN.. 6.
JAMES MOTTS 3.	WILLIAM J. NEVARD.. .. 7.
CHARLES SILLITOE 4.	ALFRED BOWELL Tenor.

Composed by the late THOMAS DAY and Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

Messrs. Bowell and Motts hail from Ipswich, Sillitoe and Howell from Sudbury, Nevard and Hazell from Great Bentley, Essex. It is worthy of note that this is the first peal rung in this method on these bells, and 82 years have elapsed since the last peal of Bob Major was rung on them. The ringers wish to thank the Rev. J. S. Warman, for granting permission for the use of the bells on this occasion.

FRAMLINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 1, 1896, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 17 cwt.

WILLIAM OSTLER Treble.	GEORGE WIGHTMAN 5.
EDGAR WIGHTMAN 2.	JAMES DURRANT.. .. 6.
ALBERT E. READ 3.	ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN .. 7.
STEPHEN WIGHTMAN, JUN. 4.	JOHN C. SELF Tenor.

Conducted by ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN.

The brothers Wightman and J. Durrant hail from Creetingham; the rest belong to Framlingham.

BATTLE, SUSSEX.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 1, 1896, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 23 cwt.

THOMAS HUNNISETT.. .. Treble.	*JOHN CURTIS 5.
WALTER FRANKS 2.	CHARLES HYLAND 6.
THOMAS CLARKE* 3.	*HARRY ELLIOTT.. .. 7.
WILLIAM THOMAS 4.	*WILLIAM H. ELDRIDGE .. Tenor.

Conducted by WALTER FRANKS.

*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. This is the first peal on record by a band of Oddfellows of the Manchester Unity. Messrs. Hunnisett and Clarke hail from Bexhill, the rest belong to the local band.

BINGLEY, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 1, 1896, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 17 cwt.

JOE HARDCASTLE, JUN. .. Treble.	JAMES MAWSON 5.
SIDNEY C. CLARK 2.	HARRY PAYNE 6.
JOE GARNET 3.	J. W. CUNDALL.. .. 7.
EDWIN WHEATER 4.	JOHN WOTTON Tenor.

Composed by WILLIAM SOTTANSTALL and

Conducted by JOE HARDCASTLE, JUN.

The above was rung in honour of Joe Hardcastle, junior's birthday, all the ringers wishing him many happy returns of the day. All the above hail from Bradford parish church.

BARKING, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 1, 1896, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOKS' VARIATION. Tenor 22 cwt.

WILLIAM PYE Treble.	ERNEST PYE 5.
ALBERT DEARDS 2.	GEORGE R. PYE 6.
ALBERT HARDY 3.	JOHN DALE 7.
THOMAS FAULKNER 4.	*ALBERT SMITH Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

*First peal. First peal in the method by all except the ringers of the treble and 2nd. A. Smith was elected a member of the Association previous to starting.

TAUNTON, SOMERSET.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(THE ST. MARY'S GUILD, TAUNTON.)

On Saturday, February 1, 1896, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 30 cwt. in C.

ALBERT WALKER* Treble.	SEPTIMUS RADFORD 5.
SIDNEY WYATT* 2.	THOMAS W. RADFORD .. 6.
OLIVER BOND* 3.	JAMES BURGE 7.
ALEXANDER EVANS† 4.	JOSEPH FOWLER Tenor.

Conducted by T. W. RADFORD.

*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor, his brother-strings wishing him many happy returns. It was intended to start for a peal of Caters, but meeting one short the above was rung instead.

SHIPTON-UNDER-WYCHWOOD, OXON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 1, 1896, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
WANKLIN'S SIX-PART. Tenor 16 cwt.

JOHN LONGSHAW* Treble.	WALTER LARGE 5.
SAMUEL FERRIAMAN 2.	GEORGE BARTLETT 6.
HORATIO HARRIS 3.	ALBERT TURNER 7.
WALTER LONGSHAW 4.	*ROBERT RAINBOW Tenor.

Conducted by WALTER LARGE.

*First peal. W. Large hails from Burford.

SPELDHURST, KENT.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, February 1, 1896, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12½ cwt.

JAMES BAKER Treble.	THOMAS CARD 5.
JAMES MAYNARD 2.	WILLIAM H. CARD 6.
STEPHEN PERKINS 3.	ALBERT E. EDWARDS 7.
GEORGE TURLEY 4.	*GEORGE A. CARD Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS and Conducted by GEORGE A. CARD.

*First peal in the method as conductor. This composition has the 6th her extent in 5-6, without the 2nd in 6ths place at a course-end. It was rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. Perkins and G. A. Card, their brother-ringers wishing them many happy returns.

BURY, LANCASHIRE.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(ROSSENDALE AND ROCHDALE BRANCHES.)

On Saturday, February 1, 1896, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 13 cwt.

HARRY WALMSLEY Treble.	HY. H. NUTTER 5.
WILLIAM BRACEWELL* 2.	*RICHARD BURROWS 6.
JONATHAN WOLSTENHOLME 3.	JOHN HARRISON 7.
JOHN H. HAYDOCK 4.	*JESSE JACKSON Tenor.

Conducted by HY. H. NUTTER.

*First peal. Messrs. Wolstenholme, Haydock, and Nutter hail from Ramsbottom, Walmsley from Heywood, the rest belong to the local band.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 3, 1896, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

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

FREDERICK W. RICE Treble.	GEORGE PAICE 5.
FREDERICK DENCH 2.	ROBERT JORDAN 6.
JOHN R. SHARMAN† 3.	JAMES PARKER 7.
JOHN RICE 4.	*FREDERICK MERRITT Tenor.

(No conductor mentioned.)

*First peal. †First peal of Stedman.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 3, 1896, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF UNION TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.
Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOSEPH E. R. KEEN Treble.	ROBERT S. STORY 5.
FRANCIS LEES 2.	ALFRED F. HILLIER 6.
WILLIAM STORY 3.	WILLIAM HOLMES 7.
FREDERICK J. HARRISON 4.	GEORGE DIXON Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER and Conducted by WILLIAM HOLMES.

This is the first peal in the method by all except A. F. Hillier, and was rung at the first attempt, the band never having had any previous practice; also the first peal in the method by the above association. It is believed there was a peal of Union Triples rung in Newcastle or Gateshead at the beginning of the present century by members of the old Newcastle Society, but no record has as yet been found.

Performances on Five and Six Bells.

GRAPPENHALL, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 18, 1896, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,

SEVEN 720s OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, as follows:

Braintree, Duke of York, Violet, Woodbine, Oxford, Kent, and Merchant's Return. Tenor 10½ cwt.

JAMES MAINWARING Treble.	SAMUEL HORSFALL 4.
ROBERT GEORGE LEWIS 2.	FREDERICK THOS. SPENCE 5.
THOMAS BURROWS 3.	CHARLES R. GREENALL Tenor.

Conducted by FREDERICK THOMAS SPENCE.

EVERSHOLT, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 1, 1896, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

SEVEN 720s OF MINOR, as follows;

Violet, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, Grandsire, and Plain Bob. Tenor 17½ cwt. in F.

REV. W. W. C. BAKER .. Treble.	FRANK SMITH 4.
ISAAC HILLS 2.	CHARLES W. CLARKE 5.
CHARLES CHASTY 3.	HERBERT SHARP Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARKE.

This is the first 5040 on the bells. Previous to starting, the ringers were entertained to tea by the Rector, the Rev. W. S. Baker. Rung as a birthday compliment to C. Chasty, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

CAPEL, SURREY.—THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, February 3, 1896, in Two Hours and Thirty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

SEVEN 720s OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, as follows:

Superlative Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, College Pleasure College Exercise, New London Pleasure, Kent and Oxford. Tenor 7½ cwt.

EDWARD HOLLOWAY Treble.	*CHARLES TAYLOR 4.
EDWIN JORDAN 2.	THOMAS FAIRS 5.
THOMAS M. STEDMAN 3.	DAVID JORDAN Tenor.

Conducted by DAVID JORDAN.

*First 5040.

PEAL CORRECTION.—The peal of Stedman Triples rung at Charlton Kings, near Cheltenham, which appeared in our last issue, was conducted by William Dyer, Master of the Charlton Kings Society.

Date Catches.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

EPSOM (Surrey).—On Tuesday, December 31st, at midnight, a date touch of 1896 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 4 mins. J. W. Sutton, 1; G. Saunders, 2; A. Mann, 3; J. Goff, 4; J. Crawford, 5; J. Tuttee, 6; A. Gower (conductor), 7; J. Martin, 8.

Miscellaneous.

ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL SOCIETY, EDINBURGH.

EDINBURGH.—On Saturday, November 23rd, for practice at the cathedral, on the front six, 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-four bobs and two singles). W. R. Fyfe, 1; D. McKillop, 2; C. L. Routledge (conductor), 3; C. C. Ellis, 4; W. C. S. Heathcote, 5; W. Martin, 6. First 720 of Minor on tower bells by all except the conductor. On Saturday, December 7th, for practice, 720 in the same method on bells 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, with the 3rd leading and the tenor behind. J. Murray, 3; W. R. Fyfe, 4; D. McKillop, 5; C. C. Ellis, 6; C. L. Routledge (conductor), 7; W. Martin, 8; W. C. S. Heathcote, 9; G. G. Cunningham, 10. On Sunday morning, December 15th, on the front six, 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-four bobs and two singles). W. R. Fyfe, 1; S. McKillop, 2; C. C. Ellis, 3; C. L. Routledge (conductor), 4; W. C. S. Heathcote, 5; W. Martin, 6. On Sunday morning, January 26th, 720 in the same method (thirty-eight bobs and

twenty-two singles) in 30 mins. W. R. Fyfe, 1; J. Murray (first 720 of Minor), 2; C. C. Ellis, 3; W. C. S. Heathcote, 4; W. Martin, 5; C. L. Routledge (conductor), 6. On Saturday, February 1st, for practice on the front six, 720 Bob Minor in 30 mins. W. R. Fyfe, 1; J. Murray, 2; C. L. Routledge (conductor), 3; C. C. Ellis, 4; W. C. S. Heathcote, 5; W. Martin, 6. First 720 of Bob Minor by all except the conductor. Also on Sunday morning, February 2nd, for Divine Service, a 720 in the same method in 28 mins., standing as before.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

EPSOM (Surrey).—On Tuesday evening, December 31st, for mid-night service at Christ Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 42 mins. H. Griffith, 1; A. Mann, 2; G. Saunders, 3; T. Goff, 4; J. Crawford, 5; J. Tutte, 6; A. Gower (conductor), 7; J. W. Sutton, 8. On Sunday evening, January 19th, for Divine Service at St. Martin's church, 720 Grandsire Minor in 24 mins. A. E. Bassett, 1; H. Kenten, 3; G. C. Scowen, 4; J. Easton, 5; W. Sanders, 6; T. Miles (conductor), 7; T. Everett, 8.

THE SALOP GUILD.

SHREWSBURY.—On Sunday, January 5th, at the church of St. Chad, 377 Grandsire Triples. J. T. Wall, 5; A. Bennet, 6; G. J. Taylor, 7; A. H. Espley, 8; W. J. Taylor, 9; F. W. Taylor, 10; H. A. Hall (conductor), 11; G. Scarret, 12. Tenor 43 cwt. in C. And for evening service at the church of St. Alkmund, 640 Grandsire Major. W. R. Dolman, 1; G. J. Taylor, 2; F. W. Taylor, 3; G. Burrows, 4; W. J. Taylor, 5; A. H. Espley, 6; H. A. Hall, 7; G. Byolin (conductor), 8. On Sunday, December 22nd, 320 Grandsire Major. W. R. Dolman, 1; W. H. Owen, 2; G. J. Taylor, 3; F. W. Taylor, 4; W. J. Taylor, 5; A. H. Espley, 6; G. Burrows, 7; G. Byolin (conductor), 8. H. A. Hall hails from Wolverhampton.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BATH.—On December 3rd, at Christ Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 40 mins. F. Skuse, 1; A. Hadley, 2; J. Wale, 3; C. Goodenough, 4; G. Hill, 5; J. Fussell, 6; C. W. Bell (conductor), 7; J. Large, 8. On December 22nd, for Divine Service at the church of St. John the Baptist, Bathaston, ten 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, each called differently, in 45 mins. C. W. Bell (conductor), 1; T. Davis, 2; C. Goodenough, 3; S. Rawlins, 4; I. Taylor, 5; J. Tanner, 6. First 6-score by Messrs. T. Davis, J. Taylor and J. Tanner.

TAUNTON (Somerset).—On Wednesday, December 25th, for early morning service at St. Mary's church, 504 Grandsire Triples. T. W. Radford (conductor), 1; D. Bond, 2; S. Wyatt, 3; A. Evans, 4; G. E. Harbour, 5; S. Radford, 6; J. Burge, 7; J. Joyce, 8. For the 11 a.m. service, 336 Bob Major. D. Bond, 1; S. Wyatt, 2; J. Joyce, 3; A. Evans, 4; G. E. Harbour, 5; S. Radford, 6; J. Burge, 7; T. W. Radford (conductor), 8. For evening service, 518 Grandsire Triples. T. W. Radford, 1; S. Radford (conductor), 2; S. Wyatt, 3; J. Joyce, 4; G. E. Harbour, 5; A. Evans, 6; J. Burge, 7; E. Wyatt, 8. Also 168 Grandsire Triples. E. Wyatt (first touch with a bob bell), 1; S. Wyatt, 2; A. Evans, 3; S. Radford, 4; J. Joyce, 5; T. W. Radford (conductor), 6; J. Burge, 7; W. Cording, 8. On Sunday, December 29th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, 1259 changes. S. Wyatt, 1; C. Winney, 2; D. Bond, 3; J. Joyce, 4; J. Grabham, 5; A. Evans, 6; T. W. Radford (conductor), 7; S. Radford, 8; J. Burge, 9; J. Fowler, 10. First quarter-peal of Caters by J. Grabham, who hails from Dunster; Winney from London. On Saturday, December 28th, at St. George's church, 720 Bob Minor. T. Radford (conductor), 1; S. Radford, 2; J. Joyce, 3; S. Wyatt, 4; E. Bishop, 5; J. Burge, 6. And a 6-score of Stedman Doubles, standing as before. E. Bishop hails from Swindon.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

EXETER.—On Saturday, January 4th, at the church of St. David, 1030 Stedman Triples, in 40 mins. C. Carter, 1; F. Davey (conductor), 2; T. Mudge, 3; W. Richardson, 4; F. Shepherd, 5; B. Mundy, 6; J. Moss, 7; J. Martin, 8. The band met at St. Sidwell's for a peal of Stedman Triples, but owing to illness near the church they proceeded to St. David's, and rung the above instead. On Sunday, January 5th, for evening service at the church of St. Edmund, 504 Grandsire Triples. T. Townsend, H. Swift, F. Davey (conductor), J. Moss, C. Carter, T. Mudge, W. Richardson, J. Martin.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

HITCHAM (Suffolk).—On Sunday morning, December 8th, for Divine Service at All Saints church, 720 Bob Minor (six bobs and ten singles) in 28 mins. J. Snell, 1; T. Levett, 2; W. R. Grimwood, 3; H. C. Sewell, 4; F. Cook, 5; W. Stiff (conductor), 6. Composed by A.

Symonds, of Lavenham. On Wednesday, December 11th, for practice on handbells at the residence of Mr. C. W. Grimwood, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). C. W. Grimwood (first 720), 1; J. Snell, 2; T. Levett, 3; H. C. Sewell, 4; W. R. Grimwood, 5; W. Stiff (conductor), 6. And 720 Bob Minor (six bobs and fourteen singles). H. C. Sewell, 1; J. Snell, 2; T. Levett, 3; W. R. Grimwood, 4; F. Cook, 5; W. Stiff (conductor), 6. On Sunday morning, December 15th, for Divine Service, 360 Bob Minor (twelve singles). J. Snell, 1; T. Levett (conductor), 2; W. R. Grimwood, 3; H. C. Sewell, 4; F. Cook, 5; W. Stiff, 6. And for evening service 360 Bob Minor (nine bobs). J. Snell, 1; T. Levett (conductor), 2; A. Long, 3; H. C. Sewell, 4; W. R. Grimwood, 5; W. Stiff, 6. After service 360 Bob Minor. H. C. Sewell, 1; T. Levett (conductor), 2; J. Snell, 3; W. Grimwood, 4; W. R. Grimwood, 5; J. Taylor, 6. Messrs. Long and Taylor hail from Bildeston. On Monday, December 16th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor. H. C. Sewell, 1; T. Levett, 2; J. Snell, 3; C. W. Grimwood, 4; W. Stiff, 5; W. R. Grimwood, 6. On Thursday, December 19th, on handbells at the residence of Mr. Grimwood, 720 Bob Minor (twenty-two singles), taken from *Rope Sight*. T. Levett (conductor), 1; J. Snell, 2; W. R. Grimwood, 3; H. C. Sewell, 4; F. Cook, 5; W. Stiff, 6. On Christmas morning, December 25th, 720 Bob Minor (nine bobs and six singles), composed by T. Millington, of Clay Cross. J. Snell, 1; T. Levett, 2; W. R. Grimwood, 3; H. C. Sewell, 4; F. Cook, 5; W. Stiff (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, December 31st, to ring out the old year, 720 Bob Minor (eight bobs and six singles), taken from *Rope Sight*. J. Snell, 1; T. Levett, 2; W. R. Grimwood, 3; H. C. Sewell, 4; F. Cook, 5; W. Stiff (conductor), 6. Tenor 18 cwt. in Eb.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BALCOMBE (Sussex).—The following touches were rung on Christmas Day and Boxing Day: 720 Kent Treble Bob. J. Gasson, 1; C. Holman, 2; F. Streeter, 3; A. Gasson, 4; T. Streeter, 5; E. Streeter (conductor), 6. And 240 in the same method. F. Streeter, 1; A. Gasson, 2; C. Holman, 3; J. Wedge, 4; T. Streeter, 5; E. Streeter (conductor), 6. And 720 London Treble Bob, conducted by J. Gasson. A 720 of Woodbine, conducted by C. Holman, and 720 of Violet Treble Bob, conducted by E. Streeter. On Sunday, December 29th, 720 College Pleasure, conducted by J. Gasson. On December 31st, with the bells half-muffled, 720 London Treble Bob, conducted by J. Gasson; Thursday, January 2nd, a course each of London Treble Bob, College Pleasure, College Exercise, Woodbine, Violet, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. The following took part in the ringing: J. Gasson, A. Gasson, R. Bourn, C. Holman, E. Streeter, T. Streeter, F. Streeter, and J. Wedge. B. Paine hails from Worth.

ARUNDEL.—On a recent Sunday evening, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins. E. Stevens, 1; A. Baker, 2; G. Balchin, 3; J. Netley, 4; D. Baker, 5; E. Ede, 6; C. Blackman (conductor), 7; G. Baker, 8.

STOKE-ON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

WOLLASTON.—On Sunday, December 21st, at St. Margaret's church, 1260 Stedman Triples in 45 mins. W. Miller, 1; W. Fitchford, 2; T. Miller, 3; S. Holden, 4; J. Goodhead, 5; C. Ollier (conductor), 6; A. Grocott, 7; F. Grocott, 8. This is the first quarter-peal of Stedman Triples rung in North Staffordshire.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

PENDLEBURY.—On Saturday evening, January 11th, at Christ Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, with the bells deeply muffled as a mark of respect to the late William Cottrill. J. Booth, 1; J. Hindley, 2; T. Lingard (conductor), 3; W. Pyle, 4; J. Briscoe, 5; J. Chapman, 6; T. Rushton, 7; J. Dillon, 8. W. Cottrill was respected throughout the district, and the funeral was headed by the local brass band, who played the dead march.

THE NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LINCOLN.—On Sunday, January 5th, for Divine Service in the evening at the church of St. Peter-at-Arches, 672 Superlative Surprise Major. G. Lindoff, 1; J. B. Fenton, 2; G. Chester, 3; R. Dawson, 4; C. Wells, 5; J. W. Watson, 6; A. Craven (conductor), 7; C. W. P. Clifton, 8. On Tuesday, December 31st, a half-muffled peal of Stedman Triples was attempted, which unfortunately came to grief after ringing 2 hrs. J. C. Fenton, 1; A. Craven, 2; G. Chester, 3; R. Dawson, 4; C. Wells, 5; G. Lindoff (conductor), 6; C. W. P. Clifton, 7; J. W. Watson, 8.

NETTLEHAM (Lincolnshire).—On Saturday, January 4th, 720 Oxford Bob. C. W. P. Clifton, 1; J. B. Fenton, 2; A. Craven, 3; C. Wells, 4; G. Chester, 5; G. Lindoff (conductor), 6. Also 720 Kent Treble Bob. J. Wells (first 720 in the method), 1; the rest as before.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS (Kent).—On Thursday, January 9th, for practice, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 44 mins. A. Welsh, 1; W. Latter, 2; G. Smithers, 3; E. Mankelow, 4; P. Brooker, 5; H. Porter, 6; S. Perkins (conductor), 7; G. Kimber, 8. This is S. Perkins' first quarter-peal of Stedman as conductor, and the first by all except the ringers of the treble and 4th. And 168 Stedman Triples. S. Perkins, 1; H. Porter, 2; E. Mankelow, 3; W. Pollard, 4; G. Smithers, 5; H. Ford, 6; W. Latter (conductor), 7; H. Wood, 8. Also a touch of Treble Bob Major. B. Welsh, 1; P. Brooker, 2; G. Smithers, 3; H. Porter, 4; E. Mankelow, 5; S. Perkins, 6; H. Ford, 7; W. Latter, 8.

FRINDSBURY (Kent).—On Christmas morning for Divine Service, 720 of Doubles in three different methods, being two 120s of Canterbury, two of Plain Bob, and two of Grandsire. D. Winsor, 1; C. Tully, 2; T. Pattenden (conductor), 3; C. Winsor, 4; A. Ring, 6. Tenor 18 cwt.

THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

AUGHTON (Lancashire).—On Sunday, January 26th, at Christ Church, after evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins. S. Flint, 1; C. Withington, 2; J. Gardner, 3; J. Taylor, 4; W. Fairclough (conductor), 5; W. Bentham, 6; J. Watts, 7; H. J. Morley, 8. Rung with the bells muffled as a tribute of respect to the memory of the late Prince Henry of Battenberg. On Tuesday, December 31st, with the bells muffled, 420 Grandsire Triples in 15 mins. H. J. Morley, 1; C. Sharples, 2; J. Taylor, 3; J. Gardner, 4; W. Fairclough, 5; E. Counce, 6; W. Bentham (conductor), 7; R. Park, 8. To ring in the New Year 840 Grandsire Triples in 25 mins. J. R. Park, 1; C. Sharples, 2; J. Taylor, 3; J. Gardner, 4; W. Fairclough, 5; E. Counce, 6; W. Bentham (conductor), 7; H. J. Morley, 8.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

BRIDGNORTH (Salop).—On Tuesday, January 7th, at the church of St. Leonard, a quarter-peal of Darlaston Bob Triples, 1260 changes, in 48 mins. J. E. Groves (conductor), 1; J. E. Overton, 2; H. Hammond, 3; W. Richards, 4; H. W. Overton, 5; J. Howard, 6; J. Overton, 7; H. Jones, 8. This is the first attempt in this method by all the band except the conductor.

COALBROOKDALE (Salop).—On Thursday, January 9th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 1260 changes, in 48 mins. J. O. Griffiths, 1; S. J. Hughes, 2; J. Day, 3; W. H. Hughes, 4; W. Price, 5; J. E. Groves (conductor), 6; W. Morgan, 7; W. H. Humphries, 8. On Friday, January 10th, 840 in the same method and by the same band.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

BASINGSTOKE (Hants).—On Christmas morning, for early service, 720 Bob Minor, with 7-8 covering. Alice White, 1; C. Holdaway, 2; F. Wilson, 3; H. Lawes, 4; C. Hansford, 5; H. White (conductor), 6; A. Knight, 7; W. Coldrey, 8. For evening service, 504 Stedman Triples. H. Lawes, 1; T. Curtis, 2; J. Ballard, 3; C. Hansford, 4; W. Bulpitt, 5; F. Bennett, 6; H. White (conductor), 7; W. Coldrey, 8. And a course of Bob Major. T. Curtis, 1; C. Holdaway, 2; H. Lawes, 3; C. Hansford, 4; W. Bulpitt, 5; J. R. Higgins, 6; F. Bennett, 7; H. White, 8.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BURTON LATIMER (Northants).—On a recent Saturday evening, the Finedon ringers visited this place and rang 720 Bob Doubles. T. Abbott, 1; L. Cooper, 2; W. Perkins, 3; P. J. Manning, 4; J. T. Tompkins (conductor), 5. And 240 in the same method. T. Abbott, 1; J. T. Tompkins, 2; W. Perkins, 3; P. J. Manning, 4; J. Meadows (conductor), 5. And 120 Grandsire Doubles. T. Abbott, 1; J. T. Tompkins (conductor), 2; J. Meadows, 3; P. J. Manning, 4; W. Perkins, 5. Tenor about 13 cwt. Meadows is a local ringer. The ringers visited the Church Institute and gave a selection on the hand-bells, having heartily thanked the Rector for the use of the bells.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

READING (Berks).—Recently a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins. G. Foxell, 1; H. Tucker, 2; F. Hopgood (conductor), 3; J. Potter, 4; J. E. Hern, 5; L. Rolfe, 6; W. Newell, 7; R. Sawyer, 8. Also 617 Stedman Caters. F. Hopgood (conductor), 1; J. Tucker, 2; F. Tubbs, 3; H. Tucker, 4; C. Giles, 5; G. Foxell, 6; J. E. Hern, 7; G. Stone, 8; A. Watmore, 9; R. Sawyer, 10.

THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

HENDON (Middlesex).—On Wednesday, December 18th, for practice at St. Mary's church, 240 Plain Bob. H. Martin, 1; C. H. Martin,

2; E. E. Pratchett (conductor), 3; J. Barrett, 4; F. Pratt, 5; C. Crampton, 6. And 240 Stedman Doubles. C. A. Martin, 1; H. J. Martin, 2; F. Pratt, 3; E. E. Pratchett, 4; C. Crampton, 5; F. Turvey, 6. And 720 Oxford Treble Bob. C. H. Martin (conductor), 1; E. E. Pratchett, 2; F. Pratt, 3; H. J. Martin, 4; F. Carroway, 5; C. Crampton, 6. On Christmas eve, at midnight, 360 Plain Bob. F. C. Jones, 1; C. H. Martin, 2; F. Pratt, 3; E. E. Pratchett, 4; F. Carroway, 5; C. Crampton, 6. On new year's eve, 720 Oxford Bob. J. Barrett, 1; C. Crampton, 2; F. Pratt, 3; H. J. Martin (conductor), 4; E. E. Pratchett, 5; C. H. Martin, 6. Also 360 Plain Bob, with F. Carroway, 4. Tenor 16½ cwt.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HEPTONSTALL (Yorks).—On Christmas Eve, 720 Oxford Treble Bob and 360 Woodbine. A. Burn (conductor), 1; F. Powell, 2; J. Armstrong, 3; F. Robertshaw, 4; J. Robertshaw, 5; J. Nowell, 6. On Christmas Day 360 Kent. T. Robertshaw (conductor), 1; F. Powell, 2; J. Armstrong, 3; W. Ingham, 4; J. Robertshaw, 5; J. Nowell, 6. On Sunday, December 29th, for Divine Service, 300 Oxford Bob and 720 New London Pleasure. W. Ingham, 1; F. Powell (conductor), 2; J. Armstrong, 3; F. Robertshaw, 4; J. Robertshaw, 5; J. Nowell, 6.

BOURNEMOUTH (Hants).—On Sunday morning, January 5th, for Divine Service at St. Peter's church, 504 Grandsire Triples. E. Colbourne, 1; C. W. Goodenough, 2; G. H. Plummer, 3; J. G. Bennett, 4; E. T. Green (conductor), 5; S. Morrett, 6; J. J. Bristow, 7; C. Jorffit, 8. And in the evening, 504 in the same method. G. Colbourne, 1; J. G. Bennett, 2; G. H. Plummer, 3; G. A. Martineau (Solihull), 4; E. T. Green (conductor), 5; C. W. Goodenough, 6; J. J. Bristow, 7; T. Belben, 8.

STANFORD-LE-HOPE (Essex).—On Saturday January 4th, 720 Bob Minor (nine bobs six singles). W. Ewe, 1; W. Wade, 2; A. Cowell, 3; W. Taylor, 4; W. Bedwell, 5; J. Smith (conductor), 6. This is the first 720 by all except Bedwell and Smith, who belong to the Prittlewell band. Also 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs two singles). W. Ewe, 1; W. Wade, 2; A. Cowell, 3; W. Taylor, 4; W. Bedwell, 5; W. Halls (conductor), 6. This is W. Halls' first 720.

TIPTON (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, January 26th, at the church of St. Martin, with the bells half-muffled in respectful memory of the late Prince Henry of Battenberg, various touches were rung. And after evening service, the usual whole pull and stand, with 630 Grandsire Triples. W. R. Small, 1; F. Bywater, 2; W. James, 3; R. Hall, 4; S. Jesson, 5; G. James, 6; A. H. Hill (conductor), 7; J. Bell, 8. On Monday, January 27th, 720 Plain Bob Minor, in 28 mins. W. R. Small (conductor), 1; R. Hall, 2; W. James, 3; G. James, 4; F. Bywater, 5; A. H. Hill, 6.

WILBURTON (Cambs.).—On Monday, December 9th, 720 Plain Bob Minor, in 24 mins. R. M. Croft, Esq., 1; H. Sharp, 2; H. Markwell, 3; A. Hazel, 4; A. Markwell (conductor), 5; J. Markwell, 6. This is the first 720 by R. M. Croft, who knew nothing about change-ringing till the end of October. Rung at the first attempt. On Tuesday, December 24th, 720 Plain Bob, in 25 mins. H. Green, 1; A. Markwell (conductor), 2; A. Hazel, 3; H. Markwell, 4; H. Sharp, 5; J. Markwell, 6. On December 31st, 720 Plain Bob Minor (twenty-one bobs and twelve singles). R. M. Croft, Esq., 1; A. Hazel, 2; A. Markwell (conductor), 3; H. Markwell, 4; H. Sharp, 5; J. Markwell, 6. The following is a list of 720s rung by the local band from December, 1894, to December, 1895: College Exercise, 11; Oxford Treble Bob, 5; Kent Treble Bob, 4; New London Pleasure, 8; Violet Treble Bob, 5; Woodbine Treble Bob, 5; Duke of York, 8; Plain Bob, 6. Total 52. Tenor 10½ cwt.

WINSHILL (Derbyshire).—On Christmas Day, at St. Mark's church, 720 Bob Minor in 27 mins. J. Plummer, 1; W. Sheppard, 2; F. Shepherd, 3; W. Wylde, 4; J. Morley, 5; C. Golder (conductor), 6. Rung on the occasion of the marriage of George Wright, a ringer of the above church, to Louisa Emily Jarvis, of Burton-on-Trent, the ringers wishing them every happiness. On Sunday, December 29th, a 720 of Bob Minor in 28 mins. J. Morley, 1; F. Shepherd, 2; J. Jagger, 3; G. Wright, 4; J. Woodward, 5; C. Golder (conductor), 6.

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The Yorkshire Association.—The next general meeting will be held at Rawmarsh to-day, Saturday, February 8th. Tea at 5 o'clock, business meeting at 6. The local hon. sec. is Mr. V. Hawkins, Chapel street, Rawmarsh.

B. T. COXLEY, Hon. Sec.

14, Hillside Terrace, Bradford.

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Chad's, Rochdale, to-day, Saturday, February 8th. Bells ready at 4.30 p.m., meeting at 6.0 p.m. Methods to be practised are Grandsire and Treble Bob.

EDWIN B. SHAW, Branch Sec.

14, Thomas Street, Lees.

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—Owing to the death of the late Prince Henry of Battenberg, the monthly meeting for February is postponed till to-day, Saturday, February 8th, at St. Luke's church, Liverpool. Members are requested to attend.

ALFRED G. NICHOLSON, Hon. Sec.

30, Upper Stanhope Street, Liverpool.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Members are requested to attend St. Paul's meeting on Tuesday, February 11th, when important business affecting rule 1, will be discussed. The sum of 1s. 8d. in lieu of book-fee is now due.

W. T. COCKERILL, Hon. Sec.

37, Tradescant Road, South Lambeth, S.W.

The Waterloo Society, London.—The 28th anniversary dinner of this society will take place at The York hotel, Waterloo road, on Saturday, February 15th. The tower of St. Margaret's, Westminster, will be open for ringing at 5.0 p.m. for members and friends. Tickets, 3s. each, to be had of the following dinner committee. H. N. Davis, 419, Old Kent road, S.E.; F. J. Pitts, 128, Leathwaite road, Clapham Junction, S.W.; H. Barton, 36, Havel street, Camberwell; W. Hasted, 37, Kita road, Vauxhall park; E. Fraser, 37, Vincent street, Westminster; and of

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Kent County Association.—Maidstone District.—The annual meeting will be held at Harrietsham, on February 15th. Tower (8 bells), open at 3. Short service and unveiling of peal-board by Rev. C. Marsham, at 5. Committee meeting at The Roebuck at 5.40. Tea at 6. Half fares paid up to 2s. Members wishing for tea tickets kindly apply not later than February 9th, to

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Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.—A meeting will be held at Chester-le-Street, on Saturday, February 15th. Committee meeting at 4 o'clock. Meat tea at 5 o'clock at The Lambton Arms. Members 1s., non-members 2s. The bells of the parish church will be at the disposal of members during the day. Those intending to be present please reply before February 13th, to

THOMAS HUDSON, Hon. Sec.

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N.B.—Subscriptions for 1895-6 are now due.

Winchester Diocesan Guild.—A meeting will be held at Winchester on Saturday, February 15th. Cathedral tower open from 12.0 to 3.30 and from 5.0 to 7.0 p.m. Romsey Abbey (8), Twyford (6), open during afternoon. Business meeting at Wolvesey Palace at 3.30. Election of representative on Central Council, Barnett memorial, etc. Arrangements will be made for tea after the meeting.

CHARLES E. MATTHEWS, Hon. Sec.

Peaslake, Shere, Guildford

Hertfordshire Association.—District meeting at Hertford on Saturday, February 15th, when the tower of St. Andrew's church will be available during the afternoon and evening. Tea at the Coffee Tavern at 5.30 p.m., business meeting to follow. Cheap tickets issued to members on the Great Northern Railway, provided a sufficient number guarantee to travel. Members and visitors intending to be present will kindly communicate not later than Wednesday, February 12th, with

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

Central Northamptonshire Association.—Quarterly meeting at Higham Ferrers on Saturday, February 15th. Ringing from 2 to 8 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock, followed by business meeting. The bells are a ring of eight, tenor 23 cwt.

E. J. DENNES, Hon. Sec.

Wellingborough.

The Kent County Association.—Ashford District.—A district meeting (without allowances), will be held at Mersham on Saturday afternoon, February 15th.

C. WILFRID BLAXLAND, District Hon. Sec.

St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.—The Johnson Commemoration will be combined this year with the Guild's Anniversary Dinner, and will be held at The Market hotel, Station Street, Birmingham, on Saturday, February 29th, at 6.0 p.m. sharp. Every full subscribing member of one year's standing is entitled to a dinner ticket free, and other members or friends can obtain tickets at 3s. each by application to the undersigned on or before Wednesday, the 26th inst.

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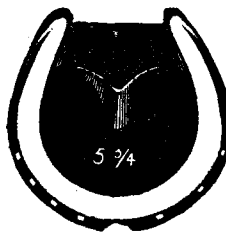
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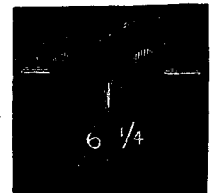


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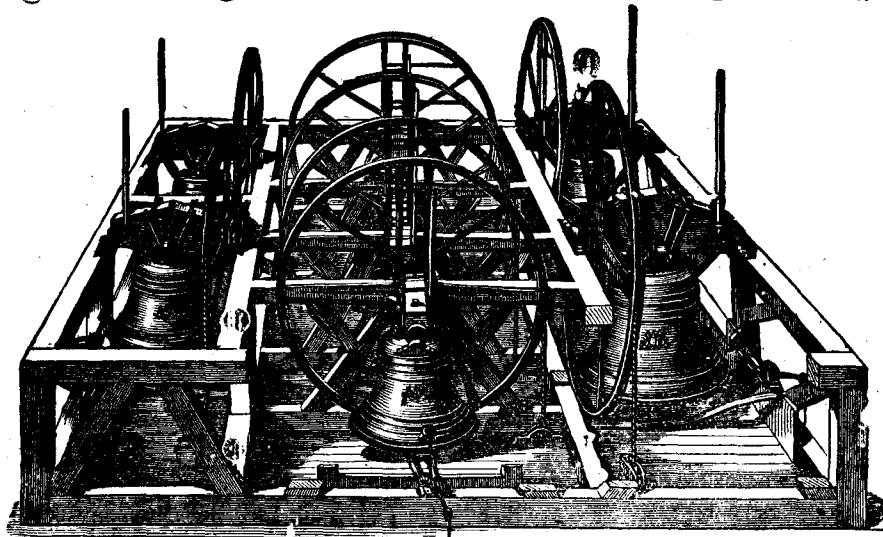
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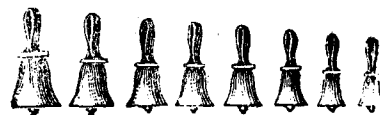
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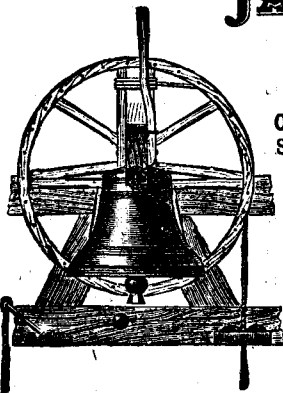
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THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday last, February 8th, the 70th General Meeting of this Association was held at Rawmarsh. First in order of procedure was the advantage freely taken of the privilege of having a pull on the handy and sweet-toned ring of eight at the Parish Church, from the tower of which, during the afternoon, came the sound of Kent Treble Bob, Stedman Triples, Bob Major, and other methods, skilfully rung and well struck. Members began to arrive in large contingents soon after noon, the local committee having a busy time of it, making the necessary arrangements for ringing, whilst in the school-room adjoining the church, ladies were none the less busily engaged preparing the welcome tea for the visitors, which invariably forms so important and pleasant an item of these Yorkshire gatherings. About four o'clock, the official committee met in the Dale Road School, when several new members were admitted, and other business of the Association transacted.

At five o'clock there was a general assembly for tea at the infants' school, where the kindly efforts of lady friends of Rawmarsh were substantially apparent in the well-laden tables and the urns of tea, which speedily made their appearance. The provision for tea was of a most substantial character, and through the journey thither, coupled with the bracing air on the hill top, it was evident the guests were not only quite ready for the refreshment, but relished it well, being as it was both plentiful in quantity and excellent in quality. On the "top table" at tea sat Mr. W. Snowdon, President, along with the Rev. T. P. Ring, Rector, and his good lady, as well as several of the officers. Creature wants having been adequately supplied, Mr. Snowdon briefly but cordially proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells and school-room, which was seconded by Mr. Farmery, and carried with acclamation. In responding, the Rector gave a most powerful and eloquent address, in which he referred to the antiquity of bells, and their prominent use alike in the Jewish dispensation, in heathen countries, and in the Christian Church. He spoke of the sound of the bells proclaiming the varied seasons and times of life; of the importance of the work of those to whom it was intrusted to send forth that sound as a mission of the Church telling of duties to be performed, of privileges to be obtained, of times of rejoicing and sorrow. He expressed his warm sympathy with the work of ringing as an important auxiliary of the Church, and concluded his remarks with a stirring appeal to all engaged in that work to be true to their principles, true to themselves and their own souls, so as not to be like the inanimate mile-post which directed others in a way which it did not go itself. The whole address was full of interest, and could not fail to produce lasting effect on the large auditory which not only listened but warmly applauded its delivery.

The business meeting commenced immediately after tea by the reading of minutes of previous meetings which were unanimously adopted.

Two invitations for the June meeting were given—Lightcliffe and Bolsterstone—the latter being accepted.

A motion—of which due notice had been given—for an alteration of the mode of selecting the place for the Annual Meeting, was proposed by B. T. Copley and seconded by Wm. Snowdon to the following effect:—

To alter Rule VII.—In Line 5, at the end of the first paragraph, to insert:—"To obtain priority, an invitation to this Meeting, signed by not less than two members of the Branch issuing the same, must be forwarded to the Hon. Sec. not later than May 1st. Should there be more than one inviting town, Voting Lists shall appear on the June circulars. The votes to be counted by the Committee and the result announced by the Chairman at the June Meeting."

This was agreed to unanimously. Another motion—of which notice had likewise been given—proposed by Tom Lockwood, seconded by Wm. Snowdon:—

To alter Rule VII. to make the Annual General Meeting fall on the third Saturday in January; and the other Meetings on the third Saturdays in May and September; and to further alter other Rules and Regulations to bring relative dates into order:

was the subject of some discussion—pro and con. Ultimately, on the motion of the Hon. Sec., on the ground that it involved an important constitutional change, it was agreed unanimously

that the same be decided by the votes of the whole association, papers for which will be issued with the circulars convening the June meeting.

The adjourned debate on the motion "That the Association withdraw from the Central Council for the present" was then resumed by Mr. George Bolland, but eventually the proposition was lost by a substantial majority.

On the motion of the President, seconded by the Hon. Sec., it was decided to authorise the Committee to revise the rules and bring the same for consideration at a subsequent meeting.

The President then announced, amid cheers, that His Grace the Archbishop of York had signified his desire to join the Association, and sent a cheque for one guinea as subscription. He then gave notice of motion, which was seconded by the Hon. Sec., "That the names of all subscribing clergy of the rank of Archdeacon and upwards be placed on a list of patrons of the Association."

Cordial votes of thanks were accorded to the Rawmarsh branch for their generous hospitality; to the ladies who had so efficiently prepared tea and attended the tables, and to the President, which concluded the business.

After this the bells of the Parish Church were soon again in motion, several touches in various methods being successfully brought round, which brought to a close the three-score and tenth gathering of the Association, one which for heartiness of welcome by the local branch and its rector, the enjoyment of the visitors, and the practical business done at the meeting, will well bear comparison with any of its predecessors.

In connection with this meeting, mention should not be omitted that the balance-sheet of the Howard presentation was presented and distributed, copies of which may be had by subscribers on application to the President or Hon. Sec.

Branches are also desired to take special notice of the alterations with reference to invitations for the Annual Meeting. These should now be sent in to the Hon. Sec., signed by two members of the inviting branch, on or before May 1st, so that should there be more than one town put in nomination, voting papers may be issued with the circulars for the June Meeting.

THE SOUTH AND WEST MIDDLESEX GUILD.

A District Meeting of this Guild was held on Saturday, January 25th, at the Parish Church, Twickenham. There was only a moderate attendance of members, and the following towers were represented, Ealing (2), Isleworth and Heston. Touches in Stedman and Grandsire methods were brought round, quickly disposing of the short time (2 hours) allowed for ringing. The business before the meeting should have included the election of a Hon. Sec., Mr. E. J. Walsom having notified his intention of resigning that position, but in his unavoidable absence, it was decided that Mr. H. Luck, of Ealing, should be Assist. Hon. Sec. until the Annual Meeting. The next meeting will take at Isleworth, notice of which will be found under usual heading. A vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and also to the Steeple-keeper for his attention brought the meeting to a close.

OPENING OF A CHURCH INSTITUTE AT CROSTON, LANCASHIRE.

On Saturday evening, January 25th, the above Institute was opened at five o'clock, by the Hon. J. Powys, eldest son of Lord Lilford, in the presence of a good gathering of members and friends. The occasion was marked by the ringing of a date touch of 1896 changes, on the Parish Church bells, at seven o'clock, by eight members of the Liverpool Diocesan Guild. The composition is one of Mr. Edward Cook's, of Cardiff, South Wales, published in "THE BELL NEWS" of December 14th, 1895, and conducted by W. Sumner. The bells were brought round in one hour and five minutes:—J. Pye, 1; John Hale, 2; Thos. Banister, 3; W. Sumner, 4; Ralph Hough, 5; John Ascroft, 6; W. Walton, 7; Thos. Dalton, 8.

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At the conclusion of an excellent repast, the loyal toasts were proposed by the chairman, who alluded in feeling terms to the bereavement which had come so suddenly upon the Royal Family.

Alderman Garland followed with "The Bishop and Clergy of the Diocese." In speaking of the magnificent service which took place in the Cathedral on the previous day, he said there appeared to be only one thing missing, and that was the voice of the dear old Bishop, whose silvery notes they loved to hear when pronouncing the blessing. Although they all mourned for their departed Diocesan, they had the satisfaction of knowing that one had been placed amongst them who had had valuable experience, and who was determined to carry out his duties as they should be carried out. As to the clergy, he could only say if they had throughout the Diocese such clergy as he saw sitting around him, they would scarcely need a bishop.

In responding to the toast, the Ven. Archdeacon Mount observed that the words spoken about the grand service of Tuesday echoed the feelings of very many. It was a service long to be remembered, and in which nothing was wanting except the presence of that Father in God who had been with them for twenty-five years. However, they must not look back on the past, for they had to deal with the present and the future. It was with great pleasure that he returned thanks for the new Bishop, who was already taking such interest in the diocese, and evincing such anxiety in regard to all matters pertaining to it that he thought there was every promise that his lordship would worthily and well fill the post so long occupied by Bishop Durnford. As to the clergy he hoped they would always deserve the high character Alderman Garland had given them.

Prebendary Bennett, in suitable terms, proposed "The Navy, Army, and Reserve Forces," for whom Mr. J. W. Moore, a veteran among local Volunteers, responded. He expressed an opinion that the Volunteer force of England compared favourably with any of the Continental Armies both in discipline, equipment, and physique. The Chichester Company stood high in shooting efficiency, but he should like to see young men of Chichester come forward in greater numbers to join.

The toast of the "The Visitors" was submitted by Mr. F. B. Tompkins, who said the large gathering that evening furnished good evidence of the interest taken in the work of the bell-ringers by the citizens of Chichester. The band had not rung a peal during the year, but had been steadily advancing in their work. The ringers at Chichester strove to live up to their title of "Church officials," and one might go a long way before finding such a steady set of men.

Canon Teulon briefly responded to the toast.

In proposing "The Chichester Cathedral Bell-ringers," the Chairman observed that, although there might be some present who like himself, knew nothing about bell-ringing, there was one thing which they could all do, and that was enjoy good ringing. He thought they must all feel that the Cathedral bells were at present very well rung. Having spoken of the importance of bell-ringing, which was in a measure a religious work, the Chairman said that the success of a band of ringers depended very much on the leader, and in Mr. Walter the ringers had one who had devoted himself to the work for some years, and who commanded the respect of all those around him. He trusted that he would long continue to hold the office, and that those who were associated with him in the ringing would continue to give him their hearty support.

The toast was drunk with musical honours.

Mr. Walter, in responding, spoke of the pleasure it gave him to lead such a band of ringers, amongst whom the greatest cordiality existed, and who worked together harmoniously. With regard to the statement made by a previous speaker that

the band had not rung any peals during the past year, he wished to say that they had not tried to ring one. They had only rung short touches, but he hoped before another year they would ring a peal or two. The ringers had spent some time lately in practising a new method called Stedman Triples, and by the time they had become proficient he hoped it would sound very sweetly.

Archdeacon Mount submitted "The Sussex County Association of Change-ringers," and in speaking of the improvement in bell-ringing, said that to hear the Chichester bells ringing now was a very different thing to what it was when he first came to the city. A great change for the better had also taken place in the belfries and bell-ringing arrangements all through the Western Archdeaconry, and he attributed a great deal of that to the County Association.

Mr. F. B. Tompkins responded to the toast, and mentioned that while the record for bell-ringing done by the County Association for the year was not quite completed, it was known that at the end of November Sussex stood seventh in England in the matter of peals, and fourth in respect of points.

After some remarks from Mr. J. Holder as to the long-delayed erection of a flagstaff on the tower, the toast list was brought to a close by Prebendary Codrington proposing "The health of the Chairman," who suitably returned thanks.

During the course of the evening songs were rendered by Messrs. F. M. Vick, jun., R. G. Wick, T. Butland, and W. A. Errington.

OPENING OF A PEAL-BOARD AT BLOXWICH.

On Saturday, January 18th, the ringers, with a few friends, the Vicar (the Rev. J. C. Hamilton), and Curate (the Rev. J. T. Bell), met in the tower to unveil a tablet, which has been put up, recording the first three peals rung by the All Saints' Society. The Vicar expressed his pleasure in being with them on such an occasion, and congratulated the ringers on the progress they had made. After prayers, the tablet was unveiled by Mrs. R. Thomas, of Field House. Mr. R. Frost, on behalf of the ringers, warmly thanked all present (especially Mrs. Thomas) for their presence on that occasion. Mrs. Thomas very suitably responded, saying she was always pleased to help anything in connection with the church, and generously offered to defray the cost of re-carpeting the belfry floor. After a few touches had been rung on the bells, the party adjourned to the house of Mr. F. Edwards, one of the ringers, where an ample supper had been provided. After supper, a programme of music, consisting of pianoforte solos, songs, and duets, was rendered by Miss D. Causer and Messrs. J. Hough, W. Wood, R. W. Frost, and T. J. Elton, while Mr. W. Owen ably accompanied on the pianoforte. After a hearty vote of thanks had been passed to the host and hostess, and all who had helped to make everything enjoyable, a very pleasant evening was concluded by singing the Doxology.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ROCHDALE BRANCH.—The monthly meeting of this branch was held at Rochdale parish church on Saturday, February 8th, by kind permission of Archdeacon Wilson, M.A. Ringers were present from Leesfield, Heywood, Shaw, Hamer, Manchester, and Rochdale. The meeting was held in the vestry, presided over by the Archdeacon, and ably assisted by the President of the Association, the Rev. H. J. Elsee. In a short address to the ringers, the President said he would like to see more of the surrounding ringers join the Association, and also to take more interest in the branch meetings. After the meeting the ringers retired to the belfry and rang touches of Grandsire Triples, Plain Bob Major, Treble Bob Major, and Treble Bob Minor. The ringers present take this opportunity of thanking the Archdeacon and wardens for the use of the bells, and also the local company for having everything in readiness.

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THE CROYDON SOCIETY.

The Annual Dinner in connection with this Society was held at The Rose and Crown, Church Street, on Wednesday, January 8th, under the genial chairmanship of Mr. Houlder (one of the churchwardens). Host Ellis had provided a capital repast, served up in excellent style, and with a good dinner, capital songs, and interesting speeches an enjoyable was spent. The company, which was a numerous one, included Dr. Carpenter, the Rev. T. G. Hill, the Rev. D. Evans, the Rev. C. Harris, and Mr. Pereira, jun., &c.

The loyal toast having been given on the invitation of the Chairman, Mr. Arnold proposed "The Ancient Society of Croydon Bellringers."

Mr. States, in reply, said the past year had been one of the most successful years that the Croydon Society had experienced, for they had, with the help of a friend from Beddington, rung a peal of Stedman Triples. The present year promised even greater things. The Prince of Wales was coming to open the new Town Hall, and he hoped they would be able to get two more bells placed in the tower. Their esteemed churchwarden, Mr. Houlder, had promised his assistance, and he should like to be able to get the bells before the Royal visit.

Dr. Carpenter proposed in fitting terms, "The Vicar, Churchwardens, and Assistant Clergy."

In returning thanks, the Chairman said he was sure they would all regret the cause of the Vicar's absence. He had been looking forward to the pleasure of meeting them that evening, but it had that afternoon been necessary for him to take to his bed. They hoped, however, to see him in his place again not later than Sunday. He also mentioned that a telegram had been received from Mr. Flint, who had been kept away by an engagement in London. The Chairman gave an amusing account of his early experiences in the belfry, and expressed his desire to renew the experiences of his youth and pay an occasional visit to the belfry of the Parish Church. The way in which the bells were rung in Croydon, he said, gave pleasure to thousands. Bells appealed to people, and he had often been struck with the robust manner in which bells were rung in England, compared with the manner in which they were rung on the Continent and all over the world. With reference to the visit of the Prince and Princess of Wales, to which they were all looking forward, he warmly approved of the proposal to give the Royal visitors a welcome with a merry peal of bells from the noble tower of the Parish Church. Speaking for himself, he thought it would add greatly to the charm of that peal if they could acquire the two additional bells. As churchwarden he would do all he could to further the scheme put forward by Mr. States. He thought all would feel that the ringers had set a most noble example in promising £20, and when this became known there should be little difficulty in getting the remaining amount.

The Rev. T. G. Hill, who also responded, reminded the company that at their last annual gathering they were on tip-toe with expectation as to what their new Vicar would turn out to be. He was glad to say the more they saw of him the more they liked him. When the chimes came from the Parish Church, so clear and beautiful, and were broken by the bells of Town Hall it was quite disturbing. He had lain in bed sometimes and heard 24 strikes instead of 12. One would think he had been out somewhere.

The Revs. D. Evans and C. Harris also responded.

Mr. Hills submitted the toast of "The Visitors," and Mr. Bance responded, and said the Beddington ringers were always very pleased to welcome others. Alluding to the proposed acquirement of the new bells, he said it seemed a shame that Croydon should be beaten by a village like Beddington in the matter of bells, for in the latter place they already had a peal of ten.

The Chairman proposed "The Host and Hostess," and warmly complimented Mr. Ellis upon his excellent catering. The toast was received with musical honours, and Mr. Ellis made a capital speech in acknowledgement, and promised a handsome subscription towards the new bells.

In the course of the evening capital songs were sung by Messrs. Groves, Dennis, Rumbold, Hill, Webb, Giles, Burt, and Bray, Mr. Arnold giving some very pleasing selections on the bells.

STOKE-ON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

UNVEILING OF A PEAL-BOARD AT NEWCASTLE, AND
PRESENTATION TO THE REV. J. W. ALSTON.

The usual monthly meeting of the above Association was held at the parish church, Newcastle-under-Lyme, on Saturday, February 1st, and was attended by the Ven. Archdeacon Lane (President), Rev. J. W. Alston (Hon. Clerical Secretary), Mr. C. H. Hardeman (Mayor of Newcastle), Mr. W. Twigg (Hon. Lay Secretary), Mr. F. Skerratt, Mr. L. Skerratt, Mr. J. Riley, and representatives from the following towers: Bucknall, Cheddleton, Hanley, Kids Grove, Leek, Newcastle, Norton, Stoke, Tunstall, and Wolstanton. Since the ringers of St. Giles parish church, Newcastle, joined the Association, the recently-restored tower has been the scene of several interesting gatherings, but that of Saturday was the most interesting yet held, when the members met in the comfortably fitted-up ringing-chamber; and its wall decoration was added to by the unveiling of a peal-board, to record the ringing of a peal of Grandsire Triples, 5040 changes, in three hours and five minutes, on the 29th of July last. The peal was conducted by Mr. H. Page, of Stoke, and six other ringers of Stoke took part in the peal; the tenor being rung by Mr. J. B. Beardmore, of Newcastle. This was the first peal supposed to have been rung on the bells, which have been up for upwards of 300 years. The peal-board was the gift of Mr. H. Cardley, of Newcastle. As the Archdeacon had not arrived at the opening of the meeting, Mr. F. Skerratt was elected to preside over the proceedings, and he, after a few remarks, called upon the Mayor to unveil the board.

His Worship, before complying, made an interesting speech, in which he congratulated the band of ringers who had achieved a feat which often attempted, was seldom performed. Alluding to the melodious tone of the bells of that church in common with other ancient bells, he suggested that it might be attributed to the fact that when bells were cast in the olden times it was customary for those attending the ceremony, which was of a religious character, to throw silver into the molten metal.

The Archdeacon, having arrived during the speech of the Mayor, proposed a vote of thanks to his worship, and in doing so, said it was very fitting that the first peal rung in that, one of the most ancient boroughs of England, should be rung by ringers from one of the youngest boroughs.

Mr. Page acknowledged the recognition which had been made of the successful ringing of the peal.

The Ven. Archdeacon then presented the Rev. J. W. Alston with a handsome marble timepiece, being a wedding gift from the members of the Association, and a mark of appreciation of his services as Clerical Secretary, and in his remarks spoke of the excellent services Mr. Alston, ably seconded by Mr. W. Twigg, Lay Secretary, had rendered to the Association.

Mr. Alston, in thanking the members for their very handsome present, thought what he had been able to do for the Society did not merit such a mark of appreciation, as the greater part of the work was done by Mr. Twigg. He, nevertheless, thanked them very earnestly, and should ever look upon it with pleasure.

The Mayor then proposed a vote of thanks to the Archdeacon, after which the members adjourned for tea. Returning to the tower, several touches of Grandsire Triples and Treble Bob Major were rung.

By special and general request a re-issue is now being made of the splendid Portfolio of Palestine Pictures, entitled "Earthly Footsteps of the Man of Galilee," of which over a Million copies were sold last year. Each of the 24 sixpenny weekly parts contains sixteen beautiful Photographic reproductions of views (taken in 1894) of scenes in the Holy Land, illustrating events in the life of our Lord and His Apostles. Such a book must be of real value to Sunday School Teachers and all interested in Christian work, and we wish it a wide sale. Copies can be had of any News-agent, price 6d. per part, or post free for 7½d. from CHRISTIAN GLOBE OFFICES, 185, FLEET STREET, LONDON.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

The usual quarterly meeting was held at Birmingham on Saturday, February 1st, when some 81 members and friends attended from all parts of the Association's district, including Derby, Burton, Duffield, Nottingham, Leicester, Nuneaton, &c. The Society was welcomed most heartily by Birmingham friends, numerous towers were open, and a large club-room at the Market Hotel set apart for the use of visitors. Special thanks are due to Mr. Godden and Mr. Carter for kind services, and to Mr. Griffin for arranging excursion trains.

The tea was held at Queen's College, and the meeting immediately followed, with the President (A. P. Heywood, Esq.), in the chair.

Letters of apology were presented by Mr. Carter from the Bishop of Coventry and Churchwarden of St. Philip's, expressing regret for non-attendance. The Hon. Secretary then read the minutes of the last meeting, as also the names of 11 intending members who were duly admitted.

The President, in addressing the meeting, thanked the Birmingham ringers for their cordiality towards the Society. With regard to the performances since last meeting, he stated that 15 peals had been rung, viz.: 2 of London Surprise at Burton, 1 each of Grandsire Triples at Long Eaton, Tamworth and Leicester, 1 of Bob Major and 1 of Canterbury Triples at Derby, 1 of Minor at Dunchurch, and 6 peals which Mr. Carter's band had scored, viz.: 1 of Forward Major, 1 of Bob Major, 1 of College Single, 1 of Grandsire Caters, and 2 of Stedman Caters. He thanked Mr. Carter and band for their support, but he regretted that the home districts allowed themselves to be thus outdone. Continuing, the President called attention to the few towers where peals were scored, and again urged upon the Association the necessity of training young ringers. With regard to composition, he said that 10 years ago there was very much to be learnt, but now most methods had been pretty thoroughly sifted. Let young composers make themselves acquainted with what had been achieved before attempting fresh compositions.

The President then proposed a vote of thanks to the clergy and churchwardens for the use of the bells, the motion being seconded by Mr. Taylor, and carried with applause.

The appointment of auditors being the next business, Mr. S. Cooper was proposed by Mr. W. Willson, and seconded by Mr. Draper, and Mr. G. Cleal was proposed by Mr. Aldham and seconded by Mr. Jaggard. The names were then put to the meeting and carried *nem. con.*

Mr. W. Willson then proposed that the following words be added to Rule 4, viz.:—"Any member owing 2 years subscription shall have their name erased from the books, after a month's notice in writing has been given by the Hon. Secretary." Mr. S. Cooper seconded and the motion was carried.

Mr. Cartwright then proposed a vote of thanks to the President, which was seconded by Mr. Hickman, and carried with applause.

Members then adjourned, some to ring further touches at different towers, others to the Market Hotel to spend the few remaining hours among congenial companions and listen to musical touches of Stedman Triples, Caters and Cinques on the handbells, which the Birmingham ringers so well know how to manipulate.

P.S.—The Hon. Secretary greatly regrets that through faulty memory and among press of business, a vote of thanks was not passed to Mr. Joseph Griffin for his kindness in arranging the special trains, which so greatly helped to make the meeting a successful one. It is another item added to the heavy debt of gratitude which our Association owes to its late Hon. Secretary.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A Quarterly Meeting was held at Loddon on Tuesday, February 4th, about fifty members and friends being present from Great Yarmouth, Norwich, Haddiscoe, Blofield, Beccles, Bungay, Bampton, Halesworth, St. Cross, Westhall, Alburgh, Norton, Subcourse, Raveningham, Loddon, etc. The dinner was served at 1.30 at The Swan hotel. The President of the Association, the Rev. Dr. Raven, occupied the chair, and was

supported by the Vicar of Loddon, Rev. C. B. Mayhew, and W. R. Riches, Esq., churchwarden, there being also present Rev. A. J. Thackeray, Vicar of Norton Subcourse, Rev. W. Morley Smith, Rector of St. Cross, E. T. Downson, Esq., of Geldeston, Dr. Riegen, from Germany, and the Hon. Secretary, with district Secretaries Mr. J. Larter and Mr. W. T. Blyth.

In proposing the usual toast the President gave an account of the history of the Loddon bells.

In replying, the Hon. Secretary expressed the thanks of the Association to the Vicar and churchwardens for the welcome that the Association had received from them, and the pleasure and encouragement it always was to them to have the presence of the church authorities at their gatherings, as was the case that day. He regretted, however, that, owing to the slowness of some of the local secretaries in sending in their returns for 1895, he was unable to give so full an account of the position of the Association at the end of the year as he should have wished. Several of last year's subscriptions were still unaccounted for, and the final audit had not taken place. So far as could be judged, however, there would be a fair balance on the right side. He congratulated the members on the fact of the Association having retained its place at the top of the list of Societies so far as number of performances was concerned; and he was glad to be able to say that the quality of those performances had, during the past year, manifestly improved. Recounting some of the trouble to be encountered by a Secretary, some amusement was caused by the exhibition of a post card received by him, properly stamped and addressed, but completely blank on the side on which the communication should have appeared. He then proceeded with the names of new members seeking election, comprising one non-resident life member, three honorary, and fourteen performing members. These having been unanimously elected,

The Vicar of Loddon acknowledged in a speech of much cordiality the thanks offered to himself and the churchwardens by the Honorary Secretary, recalling the visits for purposes of peal ringing paid to Loddon in the last few years by companies from Redenhall (in Captain Moore's time) and Norwich, and the pleasure that the ringing on those occasions gave, particularly the handbell ringing by the Norwich company on the vicarage lawn.

The Rev. A. J. Thackeray then cordially invited all who wished to do so to visit and make use of his bells at Norton Subcourse, an invitation which was afterwards availed of by the Norwich and Yarmouth contingents.

In spite of the time of the year, and the distance of Loddon from the railway, the meeting was certainly well-attended, and in every way a success.

MAIDENHEAD, BERKS.

On Saturday afternoon, January 18th, a few members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild met to celebrate the birthday of one of their number, Mr. George Bloomfield, at the parish church of All Saints, Boyne Hill, by attempting, with the ever ready permission of the Vicar, a peal of Stedman Triples, which collapsed after a few sixes over the half-way single was passed. J. C. Truss, 1; W. H. Fussell, 2; F. Bissley, 3; W. A. Garraway, 4; F. Boreham, 5; J. W. Wilkins, 6; W. E. Taylor (conductor), 7; G. Bloomfield, 8. Several other touches were rung and one of Bob Major, and the bells were lowered in peal previous to adjourning to Mr. Bloomfield's house, where Mrs. Bloomfield had in readiness a substantial tea, to which ringers' justice was done. Mr. Lawrence, of Bray, was present: and the absence of Mr. Evans and the Biggs', of Hughenden, regretted. The rest of the evening (to some of them the night), was spent in games of cards, and pianoforte and handbell music; Mrs. Bloomfield whanging in the tenor to some 6-scores. The bells are an excellent set of ten (recently bought by Mr. Bloomfield), by Messrs. Shaw, of Bradford, and were much admired, and a course of Grandsire Caters was well knocked off with them. A pleasant half-day was broken up by the passing round of the family loving cup.

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The Waterloo Society, London. — The 28th anniversary dinner of this society will take place at The York hotel, Waterloo road, to-day, Saturday, February 15th. The tower of St. Margaret's, Westminster, will be open for ringing at 5.0 p.m. for members and friends. Tickets, 3s. each, to be had of the following dinner committee. H. N. Davis, 419, Old Kent road, S.E.; F. J. Pitts, 128, Leathwaite road, Clapham Junction, S.W.; H. Barton, 36, Havel street, Camberwell; W. Hasted, 37, Rita road, Vauxhall park; E. Fraser, 37, Vincent street, Westminster; and of

F. G. PERRIN, Hon. Sec.
42, Aylesbury Street, Walworth, London, S.E.

Kent County Association. — Maidstone District. — The annual meeting will be held at Harrietham, to-day, February 15th. Tower (8 bells), open at 3. Short service and unveiling of peal-board by Rev. C. Marsham, at 5. Committee meeting at The Roebuck at 5.40. Tea at 6. Half fares paid up to 2s.

REV. A. L. BRINE, Hon. Dist. Sec.
Bearsted, near Maidstone.

Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association. — A meeting will be held at Chester-le-Street, to-day, Saturday, February 15th. Committee meeting at 4 o'clock. Meat tea at 5 o'clock at The Lambton Arms. Members 1s., non-members 2s. The bells of the parish church will be at the disposal of members during the day.

THOMAS HUDSON, Hon. Sec.
314, High Street West, Sunderland.
N.B. — Subscriptions for 1895-6 are now due.

Winchester Diocesan Guild. — A meeting will be held at Winchester to-day, Saturday, February 15th. Cathedral tower open from 12.0 to 3.30 and from 5.0 to 7.0 p.m. Romsey Abbey (8), Twyford (6), open during afternoon. Business meeting at Wolvesey Palace at 3.30. Election of representative on Central Council, Barnett memorial, etc. Arrangements will be made for tea after the meeting.

CHARLES E. MATTHEWS, Hon. Sec.
Peaslake, Shere, Guildford.

Hertfordshire Association. — District meeting at Hertford to-day, Saturday, February 15, when the tower of St. Andrew's church will be available during the afternoon and evening. Tea at the Coffee Tavern at 5.30 p.m., business meeting to follow. Cheap tickets issued to members on the Great Northern Railway, provided a sufficient number guarantee to travel.

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

Central Northamptonshire Association. — Quarterly meeting at Higham Ferrers to-day, Saturday, February 15th. Ringing from 2 to 8 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock, followed by business meeting. The bells are a ring of eight, tenor 23 cwt.

Wellingborough.

The Kent County Association. — Ashford District. — A district meeting (without allowances), will be held at Mersham this Saturday afternoon, February 15th.

C. WILFRID BLAXLAND, District Hon. Sec.

The Lancashire Association. — Rossendale Branch. — The next meeting of this

branch will be held at Helmsore on Saturday, February 22nd. Bells ready at 3.30 p.m. Meeting at 6.30. All members are earnestly invited.

J. B. TAYLOR, Sec.
Townsend Street, Waterfoot.

The Chester Diocesan Guild. — Wirral Branch. — The monthly meeting will be held in the schoolroom, Bebington, on Saturday, February 22nd. 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, February 17th, to

F. R. T. BOLTON, Hon. Sec.
Braeside, West Kirby.

St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham. — The Johnson Commemoration will be combined this year with the Guild's Anniversary Dinner, and will be held at The Market hotel, Station Street, Birmingham, on Saturday, February 29th, at 6.0 p.m. sharp. Chair will be taken by J. S. Pritchett, Esq., M.A. There will be ringing at St. Martin's tower, commencing at 3.30 p.m. Every full subscribing member of one year's standing is entitled to a dinner ticket free, and other members or friends can obtain tickets at 3s. each by application to the undersigned on or before Wednesday, the 26th inst.

W. H. GODDEN, Hon. Sec.
61, Roland Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

The Liverpool Diocesan Guild. — The next meeting of the Guild will be held at Crossens on Saturday, February 29th. Bells ready 3 p.m., meeting 6 p.m.

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

South and West Middlesex Guild. — The next monthly meeting of the above Guild will be held at Isleworth on Saturday, February 29th. Ringing at 5.30.

E. J. WALSOM, Hon. Sec.
1, Kerrison Villas, The Park, Ealing.

Kent County Association. — Rochester District. — The next meeting will be held at Northfleet on Saturday, March 7th. Tower open for ringing at 4. Committee meeting at 6. Members intending to be present should let me know not later than March 1st, so that I can make arrangements for cheap fares.

A. OSBORNE, Hon. Sec.
65, Clive Road, Rochester.

THE PEAL AT LOUGHBOROUGH. — This is the first peal in the method by all except the ringers of the treble and 5th, and the first peal on ten bells by all except the ringers of the treble, 5th, 6th, and 9th. The ringers wish to thank the vicar for granting permission for the use of the bells, and Mr. J. W. Taylor, jun., for making all arrangements. J. Garratt hails from Irthlingborough, Northants.; A. H. Martin from Higham Ferrers; Messrs. Barrett, Hinckley and Cartwright belong to Loughborough; the remainder are from Bedford.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 1896.

THE premier ringing Association has just held, so we are told on another page, its Seventieth General Meeting. Such a number of periodic assemblies, all of them of a successful nature, is a fact to be talked of, and redounds greatly to that cohesion and management which has always characterised the Yorkshire Association. While this must be gracefully admitted, no one can fail to observe that amid the proceedings at the meeting to which we are making allusion, there was one discordant sound. Many members of this Association have forcibly objected to one particular decision of the Central Council. We do not say they have not demurred to other decisions of this body, but what is known as "the six-bell question" has been a subject for warm protest and energetic if not philosophical argument, for some years. And the question has reached a point which is to be greatly regretted. Members of the Yorkshire Association are to be found who in consequence of the Central Council's decision upon this subject, openly advise the secession of the Association from the Central body. In the report

of the proceedings of this last meeting we read that an influential member actually proposed a resolution to this effect. We are glad to read that such a proposition was not carried.

We have no desire to say anything discourteous in commenting upon such a resolution. But we would like our Yorkshire friends to have the fact constantly before them that Yorkshire is not England exactly, and that there are members of other ringing Guilds and Associations whose opinions and judgment upon this and other questions are as valuable as theirs, and upon whom the Council's decisions bear as hard. But we have not read of any member of a Southern organization proposing to secede from the Council because his pet idea has been rejected. They are content to abide the time when the force of opinion on the Council will be in accord with them, or else gracefully submit to its dictum. And we cannot help saying that either of these resolves is a manly and generous mode of settling the matter.

The members of the Yorkshire Association, or many of them, no doubt honestly feel that the way in which this six-bell question has been settled inflicts some sort of injustice upon them. We are not prepared to deny the likelihood of an hardship existing. But let them in such case use all constitutional and proper means to reverse the present judgment, and courageously keep pegging away to this end. That will have a much better appearance than endeavouring to slink away altogether from the conflict.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A Quarterly Meeting of this Association was held at Frome on Saturday, February 1st. About 30 members were present, including representatives from Frome, Buckland Dinham, Wells, Bristol, Trowbridge, Norton-sub-Hamdon, Minehead, and Old Cleeve. At 2.30 a short touch of Grandsire Triples was rung on the bells of St. John's, Frome, after which the members attended a short service in the church, when the Rev. Hon. A. Hanbury-Tracy, Vicar, gave a most excellent address. Subsequently the members sat down to a capital knife and fork tea at the Union Jack refreshment rooms. Among those present and supporting the Master (Mr. C. E. D. Boutflower), were the Rev. Hon. A. Hanbury-Tracy, the Rev. A. G. Edwards (Norton-sub-Hamdon), F. N. Quantock-Shuldhams, Esq., (Norton Manor), the Rev. H. C. Courtney (Minehead), and the Hon. Sec. and Treasurer. A business meeting was afterwards held, the Master presiding. The Hon. Secretary (Mr. H. W. Tompkins, of Old Cleeve), produced the minutes of the last meeting, which were read and confirmed. Twenty-four honorary and performing members (which included the Lord Bishop of the Diocese) were elected. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Banwell. A vote of thanks to the Vicar and Churchwardens for the use of the church and bells, and to the Vicar for his address, concluded the business. The members then dispersed to ring at the various towers in the neighbourhood, Mells (8 bells) and Buckland Dinham (6 bells) being visited, whilst others stayed and rung at Frome. The meeting was of a highly successful character, thanks, in a great measure, to the very complete arrangements made by the Hon. Local Secretary, Mr. W. Bishop.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

By the kind permission of the authorities twelve members of this society will attempt a peal of Maximus on the bells at St. Paul's Cathedral this (Saturday) evening. Meeting time 5 p.m.

The Metropolis.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, February 8, 1896, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES-IN-THE-FIELDS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

WILLIAM J. NUDDS* Treble.	CHARLES WILKINS 5.
BENJAMIN FOSKETT 2.	ALBERT PITTAM 6.
GEORGE SMITH 3.	ARTHUR JACOB 7.
THOMAS TITCHENER 4.	GEORGE NEWSON Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS and Conducted by G. NEWSON.

*First peal in the method.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 8, 1896, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALFEGE, GREENWICH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; HOLT'S TEN-PART (REVERSED). Tenor 25 cwt.

WILLIAM BERRY Treble.	FREDERICK W. THORNTON .. 5.
WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE .. 2.	WILLIAM BEDWELL 6.
WILLIAM JOHN JEFFRIES .. 3.	HARRY WARNETT 7.
ISAAC GEORGE SHADE .. 4.	WILLIAM FOREMAN Tenor.

Conducted by FREDERICK WILLIAM THORNTON.

W. J. Jeffries belongs to St. John's, Deptford, and this is his first peal. It is also W. Berry's first peal away from the tenor.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Monday, February 10, 1896, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH, SOUTHGATE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 25 cwt.

GEORGE NEWSON Treble.	HERBERT NEWBY 5.
BENJAMIN FOSKETT 2.	ARTHUR JACOB 6.
JOHN MILLER* 3.	*ARTHUR MILLER 7.
GEORGE SMITH 4.	*CHARLES BALE Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE NEWSON.

*First peal, and are local men. Rung as a birthday compliment to John Miller.

The Provinces.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 29, 1896, in Three Hours and Thirty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; TAYLOR'S BOB-AND-SINGLE VARIATION. Tenor 20 cwt.

CHARLES H. HORTON .. Treble.	REV. H. C. COURTNEY .. 5.
HERBERT P. HARMAN .. 2.	FRANCIS PRICE 6.
CHARLES H. TOMKINS .. 3.	JOSEPH GOULD 7.
WILLIAM A. CAVE 4.	WILLIAM COLSTON Tenor.

Conducted by FRANCIS PRICE.

Rung with the bells muffled as a mark of respect to the late Prince Henry of Battenberg. H. P. Harman hails from Bromley, Kent, Rev. H. C. Courtney from Minehead; the rest belong to the St. Stephen's Guild.

SPELDHURST, KENT.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Wednesday, February 5, 1896, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES. Tenor 12½ cwt.

EDWARD MANKELOW .. Treble.	STEPHEN PERKINS 5.
JAMES BAKER 2.	*GEORGE SMITHERS 6.
THOMAS CARD 3.	JAMES MAYNARD 7.
WILLIAM H. CARD 4.	*WILLIAM LATTER Tenor.

Composed by CHARLES H. MARTIN and Conducted by W. LATTER.

*First peal of Major. †First peal of Major as conductor. This composition has the 5th and 6th only in 6th place at a course-end, and was rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to H.R.H. the late Prince Henry of Battenberg.

NEWPORT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 5, 1896, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qrs. 14 lbs.

H. A. RUSSELL Treble.	R. T. HIBBERT 5.
E. DAVIES 2.	J. BUTLER 6.
H. MILLARD 3.	J. TROWBRIDGE 7.
J. W. JONES 4.	R. FRY Tenor.

Conducted by R. T. HIBBERT.

Rung with the bells half-muffled on the occasion of the funeral of Prince Henry of Battenberg.

NORWICH.—THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 6, 1896, in Three Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER MANCROFT,

A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF ANNABLE'S.

Tenor 41 cwt. in B.

EDWARD WARD Treble.	CHARLES ED. BORRETT .. 5.
J. ARMIGER TROLLOP .. 2.	FREDERICK H. KNIGHTS .. 6.
GEORGE HOWCHIN 3.	FREDERICK KNIGHTS .. 7.
ALBERT G. WARNES 4.	FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN .. Tenor.

Conducted by J. ARMIGER TROLLOP.

This is the heaviest peal yet rung in the method, and the first on tower bells in Norfolk since 1715. It was rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. F. J. Howchin, and after meeting short for Treble Bob Royal. First peal in the method by all except the conductor.

DERBY.—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

(DERBY BRANCH.)

On Friday, February 7, 1896, in Two Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. C. E. HART, GRANGE STREET, DERBY,

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S BOB-AND-SINGLE VARIATION.

FRANK BRADLEY 1-2.	ALBERT H. WARD 5-6.
WALTER WALLACE 3-4.	SAMUEL MASKREY 7-8.

Conducted by ALBERT H. WARD.

Referees—Messrs. Hart and Thompson. This is the first peal on handbells by all, and is also the first double-handed peal ever rung in Derby. The ringers wish through the medium of this paper to thank Mr. C. E. Hart for so kindly making the necessary arrangements for the above peal at his residence.

ASHTEAD, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 8, 1896, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

JESSE BEAMS* Treble.	CHARLES E. READ 5.
ALFRED E. BASSETT .. 2.	†JOHN BEAMS 6.
WILLIAM CHANTLER .. 3.	GEORGE CHANTLER 7.
HARRY G. BEAMS 4.	FRANCIS GROVE Tenor.

Composed by W. J. PIPER and Conducted by JOHN BEAMS.

*First peal in the method. †First peal as conductor. This peal, which is now rung for the first time, is a six-part, and has the 6th always called before and the 5th never called before.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 8, 1896, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lbs.

HENRY STUBBS* Treble.	*ANDERSON TYLER 5.
CLIFTON NEWMAN 2.	†WILLIAM J. GILBERT .. 6.
FRED GILBERT 3.	JOHN B. MARTIN 7.
WILLIAM PETTITT 4.	†JAMES HOUGHTON Tenor.

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON and Conducted by JAMES HOUGHTON, JUN.

*First peal of Double Norwich. †First in the method with a bob bell. †First in the method as conductor. This peal has the 6th twenty-four times wrong and right.

BURNLEY, LANCASHIRE.—LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 8, 1896, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

HARTLEY HEYWORTH .. Treble.	*JAMES SMITH, SEN. .. 5.
NOAH TOWNEND 2.	JOHN WILLIAM STIRK .. 6.
JOHN ROWE WERRING .. 3.	THOMAS MOUNCEY .. 7.
RICHARD ASHWORTH .. 4.	TOM REDMAN Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN and Conducted by TOM REDMAN.

*First peal in the method. J. Smith, sen. hails from Blackburn, the rest belong to the local company. This peal has the 5th and 6th twenty times in 6ths place, and the 2nd never there.

MAIDENHEAD, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 8, 1896, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, BOYNE HILL,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR,

5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 17 cwt. in E.

WILLIAM E. TAYLOR* .. Treble.	RALPH H. BIGGS 5.
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL .. 2.	SIDNEY T. GOODCHILD .. 6.
JOHN C. TRUSS, JUN. .. 3.	FREDERICK G. BIGGS .. 7.
FRANK K. BIGGS 4.	JOHN EVANS Tenor.

Composed by JAMES W. WASHBROOK and Conducted by JOHN EVANS.

*First peal in the method. This is the first peal of London Surprise ever rung in Berkshire, and was rung as a birthday compliment to R. H. Biggs, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

On Saturday, February 8, 1896, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES.

Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

FRED BARRETT Treble.	HERBERT SHARP 6.
JAMES GARRATT 2.	ALFRED H. MARTIN .. 7.
CHARLES CHASTY 3.	ISAAC HILLS 8.
WILLIAM HICKLEY 4.	CHARLES WM. CLARKE .. 9.
ERNEST W. CARTWRIGHT 5.	FRANK HULL Tenor.

Composed by J. CARTER of Birmingham, and Conducted by CHARLES WM. CLARKE.

This peal has the 5th twenty-two times and the 6th twenty-three times behind the 9th. Further reference to this peal will be found on another page.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 8, 1896, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

EDWARD C. MERRITT .. Treble.	*FREDERICK DENCH 6.
JOHN JAY, JUN. 2.	*FREDERICK MORRIS .. 7.
GEORGE A. KING 3.	*FREDERICK W. RICE .. 8.
GEORGE F. ATTREE 4.	JAMES N. FROSSELL .. 9.
WILLIAM PALMER 5.	GEORGE WILLIAMS Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

*First peal of Royal. This is F. W. Rice's 100th peal.

TIPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD

AND THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 8, 1896, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM ROCK SMALL .. Treble.	REUBEN HALL 5.
FREDERICK BYWATER* .. 2.	WILLIAM JAMES 6.
WILLIAM MICKLEWRIGHT .. 3.	ADAM HICKMAN HILL .. 7.
GEORGE JAMES 4.	†JOHN BELL Tenor.

Conducted by A. H. HILL.

*First peal with a bob bell. †First peal. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the memory of H.R.H. Prince Henry of Battenberg.

QUEDGELEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 8, 1896, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF CANTERBURY PLEASURE MAJOR,
5040 CHANGES.

JOHN G. LUSHER Treble.	WILLIAM BROWN 5.
THOMAS MANSFIELD 2.	STEPHEN KNIGHT 6.
HARRY FORD 3.	FRANK KNIGHT 7.
CHARLES COX 4.	LIONEL LONGNEY Tenor.

Composed by C. H. MARTIN and Conducted by L. LONGNEY.
L. Longney hails from Croome, Worcestershire; the rest are local men.

DUNSTER, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(THE DUNSTER GUILD.)

On Tuesday, February 11, 1896, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' FIVE-PART. Tenor 21 cwt.

THOMAS A. ELLIOTT .. Treble.	REV. H. C. COURTNEY .. 5.
ALBERT J. CHILCOTT .. 2.	WILLIAM W. THURSH .. 6.
ROBERT HOLE 3.	JAMES GRABHAM 7.
JOHN PUGSLEY 4.	JOHN PAYNE Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES GRABHAM.

SHREWSBURY.—THE SALOP GUILD.
On Tuesday, February 11, 1896, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
TAYLOR'S BOB-AND-SINGLE VARIATION. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lbs.

ARTHUR BENNETT* .. Treble.	WILLIAM J. TAYLOR .. 5.
GEORGE J. TAYLOR .. 2.	ARTHUR H. ESPEY .. 6.
GEORGE BURROWS .. 3.	GEORGE BYOLIN .. 7.
THOMAS BURD 4.	*WALTER DAVIES .. Tenor.

Conducted by G. BYOLIN.

*First peal. First peal of Triples on the bells by the local band. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. T. Burd, on his 63rd birthday, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns, this being his first peal for 32 years. The peal was well-struck throughout. The ringers beg to thank Mr. Wall, through the medium of this paper, for the use of the bells and for having all in readiness. Rung on the front eight.

PEAL CORRECTION.—The peal of Stedman Triples rung at Crawley, and published in last week's "BELL NEWS," was conducted by James Parker.

Date Touches.

THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

CROSTON (Lancashire).—On Monday, December 23rd, for practice, a date touch, 1895 changes, in 1 hr. 5 mins. J. Pye, 1; J. Hale, 2; T. Banister, 3; W. Sumner, 4; R. Hough, 5; J. Ascroft, 6; W. Walton, 7; T. Dalton, 8. Composed by J. Sholicar, of Ormskirk, and conducted by W. Sumner. On Thursday, January 23rd, for practice, a date touch, 1896 changes, in 1 hr. 4 mins. J. Pye, 1; J. Hale, 2; T. Banister, 3; W. Sumner (composer and conductor), 4; R. Hough, 5; J. Ascroft, 6; W. Walton, 7; T. Dalton, 8.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

TONG (Yorkshire).—On Monday, January 13th, being the fiftieth anniversary of the Tong company winning the first prize at Ilkley at the opening of the peal of six bells, a date touch, 1896 changes, in 1 hr. 6 mins. in the following methods: Oxford, College Treble, Duke of York, and Violet. F. Hargreaves, 1; S. Oddy, 2; E. Oddy, 3; R. P. Farrow, 4; G. Bolland (conductor), 5; H. Oddy, 6.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

RAUNDS (Northants).—On Saturday, January 11th, at St. Peter's church, a date touch, 1896 changes, in 1 hr. 12 mins., in the following methods: 96 Bob Minor, 360 Kent Treble Bob, 360 Oxford Treble Bob, 360 Double Court, and 360 Oxford Single Bob. H. Stubbs, 1; F. Stubbs, 2; F. Kirk, 3; A. Willmott, 4; W. Gilbert, 5; F. Gilbert (conductor), 6. This is the longest length by Messrs. Stubbs, Kirk, Willmott, and W. Gilbert.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BRAINTREE (Essex).—On Saturday, January 25th, a date touch, 1896 changes, in 1 hr. 3 mins. in the following methods: 72 Bob Minor, 144 Oxford Treble Bob, 240 Kent, 360 each of New London Pleasure, Woodbine, College Exercise, and Cambridge Surprise. T. Watson, 1; F. Calthorpe, 2; F. Rudkin, 3; H. F. Hammond (conductor), 4; W. Hammond, 5; W. Grimwade, 6.

Miscellaneous.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

RODMERSHAM (Kent).—On Tuesday, December 31st, with the bells muffled, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). H. Coast, 1; G. Coast, 2; J. G. Grensted, 3; S. Beach, 4; J. Dixon, 5; H. Wood (conductor), 6. Another 720 (twenty-one bobs and twelve singles). *C. Sellen, 1; G. Coast, 2; S. Beach, 3; J. Dixon, 4; J. G. Grensted, 5; H. Wood (conductor), 6. *First 720. At twelve o'clock the bells were un-muffled, and another 720 of Plain Bob (eighteen bobs and two singles) was rung standing as before. On Sunday evening, January 12th, for Divine Service, 720 Kent Treble Bob (nine bobs). G. Coast, 1; S. Beach, 2; S. Hudson, 3; J. Dixon (conductor), 4; J. G. Grensted, 5; C. Millway, 6. On Sunday evening, January 12th, for evening service, 720 Plain Bob Minor (twenty-one bobs and twenty-two mins. H. Cross, 1; G. Coast, 2; J. Beach, 3; J. Dixon, 4; C. Millway, 5; W. Wood (conductor), 6. Hudson hails from Borden; the rest belong to the local company.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS (Kent).—On Thursday, January 16th, for practice, 504 Stedman Triples. A. Welsh, 1; H. Card, 2; G. Smithers, 3; W. Pollard, 4; P. Brooker, 5; W. Steed, 6; W. Latter (conductor), 7; H. Ford, 8. On Sunday, January 19th, 504 Grand-sire Triples. S. Perkins, 1; W. Latter (conductor), 2; W. Pollard, 3; G. Smithers, 4; J. Muggridge, 5; A. Welsh, 6; G. Edwards (Chiddingstone), 7; H. Wood, 8. Also 504 Stedman Triples. E. Mankelov, 1; W. Latter, 2; G. Smithers, 3; W. Pollard, 4; A. Welsh, 5; H. Porter, 6; S. Perkins (conductor), 7; H. Ford, 8. And 532 Bob Major. E. Mankelov, 1; K. Hart, 2; H. Porter, 3; S. Perkins, 4; Welsh, 5; G. Smithers, 6; J. Muggridge, 7; W. Latter (conductor), 8.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

LLANDAFF.—On Monday, January 6th, for practice at the cathedral, 335 Grandsire Triples. W. Lloyd, 1; J. Harris, 2; J. Pitcher, 3; J. W. Smythe, 4; J. Clutterbuck, 5; W. Coombes, 6; H. Roberts (conductor), 7; R. Brothwell, 8. And a 336. R. Hopkins, 1; C. Lloyd, 2; J. Harris, 3; W. Biss, 4; G. Watkins, 5; H. Snell, 6; W. Coombes (conductor), 7; R. Brothwell, 8. And 252 Bob Major. W. Coombes, 1; J. Harris, 2; J. W. Smythe, 3; W. Biss, 4; G. Watkins, 5; C. Lloyd (conductor), 6; J. Clutterbuck, 7; H. Roberts, 8. Also 336 Bob Major. W. Biss, 1; J. Harris, 2; J. W. Smythe, 3; G. Watkins, 4; C. Lloyd (conductor), 5; W. Coombes, 6; J. Clutterbuck, 7; H. Roberts, 8. On Monday, January 13th, 504 Grandsire Triples. R. Hopkins, 1; W. B. Biss, 2; J. W. Smythe, 3; D. Thomas, 4; C. Lloyd (conductor), 5; W. Coombes, 6; J. Watkins, 7; J. Clutterbuck, 8. And 504 Bob Triples. G. Watkins, 1; J. Harris, 2; D. Thomas, 3; W. B. Biss, 4; C. Lloyd (conductor), 5; W. Coombes, 6; J. Clutterbuck, 7; R. Brothwell, 8. On Monday, January 13th, with the bells half-muffled, 504 Grandsire Triples as a token of respect to the late Mr. H. F. Lynch-Blosse, solicitor, of Llandaff, son of the late Dean Blosse, of Llandaff. R. Hopkins, 1; W. Lloyd, 2; J. Pitcher, 3; C. Lloyd, 4; J. Harris, 5; H. Snell, 6; J. Clutterbuck (conductor), 7; R. Brothwell, 8. Also the last 700 of Holt's Original. W. Lloyd, 1; J. Harris, 2; J. Pitcher, 3; C. Lloyd, 4; W. B. Biss, 5; J. Clutterbuck, 6; H. Roberts (conductor), 7; R. Brothwell, 8.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NORWICH.—The following touches were rung at St. Peter Mancroft for the annual ringing on the Thursdays and Sundays during Advent. On December 5th and December 8th, 1056 Grandsire Cinques. And on December 12th a 701; and on December 15th a 660 in the same method. C. E. Borrett (conductor), 1; J. A. Trollop, 2; E. Ward, 3; F. Knights, 4; A. G. Warnes, 5; S. Smith, 6; G. Howchin, 7; E. Francis, 8; F. H. Knights, 9; F. J. Howchin, 10; G. Smith, 11; W. Bales, 10. On Christmas morning at 6 a.m., 748 Grandsire Cinques by the same band. On December 22nd, 1248 Kent Treble Bob Maximus in 1 hr. E. Ward, 1; C. E. Borrett (conductor), 2; W. Bales, 3; A. G. Warnes, 4; G. Sadler, 5; F. R. Borrett, 6; G. Howchin, 7; A. W. Brighton, 8; F. J. Howchin, 9; F. Knights, 10; G. Smith, 11; J. Souter, 12. F. R. Borrett hails from Pulham; Souter from Diss; A. W. Brighton, late of Norwich, now residing at Cambridge. Tenor 41 cwt.

OTLEY (Suffolk).—On Monday, December 23rd, 720 Bob Minor in 26 mins. P. P. W. Meadows, 1; W. W. Miller, 2; H. R. Mortimer, 3; S. M. W. Meadows, 4; W. Shipp, 5; F. E. W. Meadows (conductor), 6. On Christmas morning, 720 Bob Minor. P. P. W. Meadows, 1; W. W. Miller, 2; T. W. Miller, 3; F. E. W. Meadows, 4; H. R. Mortimer, 5; A. Hatcher (conductor), 6. On New Year's eve several short touches were rung before twelve o'clock with the bells half-muffled, as a token of respect to the old year. After twelve had been tolled the buffs were taken off and a 720 of Bob Minor was rung. P. P. W. Meadows, 1; S. Meadows, 2; W. Miller, 3; F. Meadows, 4; H. Mortimer, 5; A. Hatcher (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, January 7th, 720 Bob Minor. S. Meadows, 1; P. Meadows, 2; H. Mortimer, 3; F. Meadows (conductor), 4; W. Whiting, 5; A. Hatcher, 6. Also 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. H. Mortimer, 1; W. Miller, 2; T. Miller, 3; F. Meadows (conductor), 4; W. Whiting, 5; A. Hatcher, 6. On Tuesday, January 21st, two plain courses of Bob Doubles. Miss C. Meadows, 1; P. Meadows, 2; W. Whiting, 3; H. Mortimer, 4; A. Hatcher, 5. On Sunday, January 26th, 720 Bob Minor in 24 mins. P. Meadows, 1; W. Whiting, 2; T. Miller, 3; H. Mortimer, 4; W. Miller, 5; A. Hatcher (conductor), 6. Rung on the occasion of the fifteenth birthday of Miss Constance Meadows.

STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

CHECKLEY (Staffordshire).—On Saturday, January 11th, the Kingsley members of the above Association drove to this place, and on arrival at the belfry were pleased to find that the "go" of the bells had been considerably improved since their last visit. A 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor was rung. E. Bradshaw, 1; H. Carnwell, 2; J. Beresford, 3; A. Edwards, 4; I. Moreton, 5; H. Booth (conductor), 6. And 720 Woodbine Treble Bob Minor. E. Bradshaw, 1; A. Edwards, 2; J. Beresford, 3; J. Moreton, 4; H. Carnwell, 5; H. Booth (conductor), 6. These are believed to be the first 720s ever rung on the bells.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ANGMERING (Sussex).—On Thursday, January 2nd, 720 London Surprise. H. Finch, 1; C. Hills, 2; F. Finch, 3; T. Parsons, 4; T. Linfield, 5; J. Hills (conductor), 6. On Monday, January 6th, 720 Chichester Surprise. H. Finch, 1; A. Child, 2; C. Hills, 3; F. Finch, 4; T. Linfield, 5; J. Hills (conductor), 6. Also 720 College Exercise. J. Hills, 1; T. Linfield, 2; H. Finch (first in the method), 3; C. Hills, 4; F. Finch, 5; T. Parsons (conductor), 6. On Monday, January 13th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. J. Hills, 1; C. Hills, 2; G. Norris (first in the method), 3; H. Finch, 4; T. Parsons (conductor), 5; F. Finch, 6. Also 720 Oxford Treble Bob. G. Norris, 1; H. Evans, 2; C. Hills, 3; J. Hills, 4; T. Linfield (conductor), 5; H. Finch, 6. On Monday, January 20th, 720 London Surprise. F. Finch, 1; C. Hills, 2; A. Child (first in the method), 3; J. Hills, 4; T. Linfield, 5; T. Parsons (conductor), 6. And 720 Chichester Surprise. T. Parsons, 1; T. Linfield, 2; J. Hills, 3; A. Child, 4; F. Finch, 5; C. Hills (conductor), 6.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

GREAT DUNMOW (Essex).—On Saturday, November 30th, ringers from Braintree and Stebbing paid a visit to St. Mary's church, and rang 720 Oxford Treble Bob. W. Emery, 1; F. Calthorpe, 2; T. Barker, 3; E. Claydon, 4; F. Rudkin (conductor), 5; F. Slade, 6. Emery, Barker, and Claydon hail from Stebbing; the rest from Braintree. This is believed to be the first 720 of Treble Bob ever rung on these fine bells, which are the heaviest ring of six in the county. Tenor 22½ cwt.

BRAINTREE (Essex).—On New Year's Eve, at St. Michael's church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. T. Watson, 1; F. Calthorpe, 2; W. Grimwade, 3; C. H. Howard (conductor), 4; W. Hammond, 5; F. Slade, 6. On Sunday, January 5th, for morning service, 720 Cambridge Surprise. T. Watson, 1; F. Calthorpe, 2; F. Rudkin, 3; H. E. Hammond (conductor), 4; C. H. Howard, 5; W. Grimwade, 6. For evening service 720 Oxford Treble Bob. L. Watson, 1; F. Rudkin, 2; H. E. Hammond (conductor), 3; W. Grimwade, 4; W. Hammond, 5; F. Slade, 6. For practice, on Saturday, January 11th, 720 Cambridge Surprise. T. Watson, 1; W. Moore, 2; F. Calthorpe, 3; H. E. Hammond, 4; F. Rudkin (conductor), 5; W. Grimwade, 6. Also 720 Single Court Bob. T. Watson, 1; W. Moore, 2; H. E. Hammond, 3; W. Grimwade, 4; F. Rudkin (conductor), 5; F. Slade, 6. On Sunday, January 12th, for morning service, 720 Bocking Treble Bob. In the evening 720 Morning Exercise. F. Rudkin, 1; F. Calthorpe, 2; C. H. Howard, 3; H. E. Hammond (conductor), 4; W. Hammond, 5; W. Grimwade, 6. For practice, on Saturday, January 8th, 720 New London Pleasure. T. Watson, 1; W. Moore, 2; W. Hammond, 3; F. Calthorpe, 4; F. Rudkin (conductor), 5; W. Grimwade, 6. For morning service on Sunday, January 19th, 720 Cambridge Surprise. W. Hammond, 1; F. Calthorpe, 2; C. H. Howard,

3; H. E. Hammond, 4; F. Rudkin, 5; W. Grimwade, 6. The above was rung without any bobs being called or any intimation thereof given, not a word being spoken during the 720. For evening service 720 College Exercise. T. Watson, 1; F. Rudkin, 2; C. H. Howard, 3; H. E. Hammond (conductor), 4; W. Hammond, 5; W. Grimwade, 6. For morning service on Sunday, January 26th, 720 College Exercise. F. Calthorpe, 2; the rest as before. For evening service, 720 Cambridge Surprise. T. Watson, 1; F. Calthorpe, 2; F. Rudkin, 3; H. E. Hammond (conductor), 4; W. Hammond, 5; W. Grimwade, 6. Tenor 12½ cwt.

THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

ORMSKIRK (Lancashire).—On Wednesday, January 22nd, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 42 mins. S. Flint, 1; J. Watts, 2; J. Sholicar, 3; J. Pilkington, 4; A. Halton, 5; H. J. Ellis, 6; G. Prescott (conductor), 7; W. J. Taylor, 8. Rung on the occasion of the opening of the Ormskirk Cottage Hospital by the Countess of Derby.

AUGHTON (Lancashire).—On Thursday, January 23rd, at Christ Church, 720 Bob Minor in 27 mins. with the tenor covering. S. Flint, 1; J. Sholicar, 2; J. Taylor, 3; W. J. Taylor, 4; C. Sharples, 5; J. Watts (conductor), 6; G. Prescott, 8.

THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

BARNET (Herts.).—On Monday, January 6th, for practice at the parish church, 168 Bob Triples. C. H. Martin, 1; J. Stevens, 2; H. Newby, 3; A. Miller, 4; J. Sumpter, 5; E. E. Pratchett, 6; J. W. Ginns, 7; A. T. King, Esq., 8. And 336 Bob Major. R. Roffey, 1; J. Stevens, 2; H. Newby, 3; A. Belton, 4; A. Miller, 5; J. W. Ginns (conductor), 6; E. E. Pratchett, 7; C. H. Martin, 8. On Monday, January 13th, 168 Bob Triples. R. Roffey, 1; J. Stevens, 2; F. A. Milne, Esq., 3; J. Sumpter, 4; A. Belton, 5; C. H. Martin, 6; J. W. Ginns, 7; A. T. King, Esq., 8. And 336 Grandsire Triples. R. Roffey, 1; J. Stevens, 2; Rev. J. K. Wood, 3; J. Sumpter, 4; F. A. Milne, Esq., 5; C. H. Martin, 6; J. W. Ginns (conductor), 7; A. T. King, Esq., 8. Also 210 Grandsire Triples, conducted by F. T. Milne, Esq. Tenor 24 cwt. Messrs. A. Miller and H. Newby hail from Southgate; C. H. Martin from Hendon.

CHIPPING BARNET (Herts.).—On Sunday, January 19th, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor, 6-8 covering. R. Roffey, 1; J. Stevens, 2; F. A. Milne, Esq., 3; A. Belton, 4; J. Sumpter, 5; E. Dolton, 6; J. W. Ginns (conductor), 7; A. T. King, Esq., 8. On Sunday, January 26th, after morning service, 360 Grandsire Minor, 6-8 covering. R. Roffey, 1; A. E. Dolton, 2; F. A. Milne, Esq., 3; A. Belton, 4; J. Sumpter, 5; E. Dolton, 6; J. W. Ginns (conductor), 7; A. T. King, 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the memory of the late Prince Henry of Battenberg.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

KIDDERMINSTER.—On Sunday morning, January 19th, on handbells retained in hand, 720 Grandsire Minor in 21 mins. N. Davies, 1-2; J. Pagett (conductor), 3-4; H. Smith, 5-6.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HULL.—On Saturday, January 25th, Mr. C. R. Lilley, of Lincoln, paid a visit to this place for the purpose of attempting a peal of Grandsire Triples at Holy Trinity church, but unfortunately only seven men turned up, and the attempt had to be abandoned. The following took part in some Minor ringing: Messrs. Lilley, Marshall, Dale, Stickney, Jackson, Stockdale, and Dixey.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

FORNHAM ST. MARTIN'S (Suffolk).—On Tuesday, January 7th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. G. Molton, 1; A. Bridges, 2; A. Osborne, 3; H. Simpson, 4; H. Blake, 5; F. Watling (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, January 14th, 720 of Oxford, standing as before.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS (Suffolk).—On Thursday, January 16th, at the Norman Tower, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 50 mins. A. Osborne (conductor), 1; W. Salisbury, 2; R. Wilding, 3; H. Simpson, 4; A. Bridges, 5; H. Blake, 6; F. Watling, 7; R. Gooch, 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to R. Wilding, who has attained his sixty-seventh year. Longest touch of Grandsire by F. Watling, who hails from Saxmundham.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

WARMLEY.—On Saturday, November 30th, at the parish church, a 720 Plain Bob Minor was attempted, but came to grief just over half-way, owing to the 5th missing wheel. C. Horton, 1; W. Cave, 2; C. Gordon, 3; H. Howell, 4; F. Price, 5; C. Tomkins (conductor), 6. All hail from St. Stephen's, Bristol.

BRISTOL.—On Sunday, December 1st, at the church of St. Mary Redcliffe, 210 Grandsire Triples. J. Palser, 1; C. Horton, 2; H.

Howell, 3; P. Cames, 4; H. Pring, 5; W. Emery, 6; A. Goddard (conductor), 7; G. Stallard, 8. On Tuesday, December 3rd, at the church of St. Mary-le-Port, 168 and 153 Stedman Triples. W. Knight, 1; W. Cave, 2; C. Horton, 3; C. Millard, 4; H. Pring, 5; J. Hinton, 6; J. Gould, 7; E. Duckham, 8. And a course of Bob Major. J. Hinton, conductor. On Wednesday, November 27th, an attempt was made for a peal of Stedman Triples at the church of St. Stephen, but after ringing 2 hrs. and 32 mins., it was stopped, owing to illness near the tower. J. Hinton (conductor), 1; C. Gordon, 2; H. Pring, 3; A. Goddard (Salisbury), 4; C. Tomkins, 5; J. Gould, 6; F. Price, 7; W. Colston, 8. On Thursday, December 5th, at the church of All Saints, 504 Stedman Triples in 17 mins. J. Hinton, 1; C. Horton, 2; W. Cave, 3; H. Pring, 4; C. Tomkins, 5; G. Daltry, 6; W. Emery, 7; J. Viney, 8. Rung after an attempt for a quarter-peal, which came to grief, for the opening ceremony of a peal tablet presented by C. Horton to the church, recording a peal rung there on September 24th, 1895. On Friday, December 6th, at St. Stephen's, 240 Grandsire Doubles. C. Horton, 1; H. Pring, 2; F. Price, 3; E. Duckham, 4; W. Cave, 5; W. Colston, 6. Rung with the bells muffled as a token of respect to Mr. Trewyn, late Sexton, who was buried that day. On Sunday, December 8th, for evening service, 504 Stedman Triples in 20 mins. C. Millard, 1; C. Horton, 2; H. Howell, 3; H. Pring (conductor), 4; C. Tomkins, 5; W. Cave, 6; F. Price, 7; W. Knight, 8. On Saturday, December 7th, at St. Mary Redcliffe, 294 Grandsire Triples. J. Falser, 1; C. Horton, 2; J. Richmond, 3; P. Cames, 4; G. Colston, 5; W. Emery, 6; G. Daltry, 7; G. Stallard, 8. On Sunday, December 15th, for evening service at the church of St. Stephen, 252 Stedman Triples. J. Hinton, 1; C. Gordon, 2; C. Horton, 3; H. Howell, 4; H. Pring, 5; H. Jones, 6; F. Price, 7; C. Boutflower, 8. And two courses of Stedman Caters. J. Hinton (conductor), 1; W. Cave, 2; C. Gordon, 3; C. Horton, 4; H. Howell, 5; H. Pring, 6; C. Boutflower, 7; H. Jones, 8; F. Price, 9; W. Colston, 10. H. Jones hails from Almondsbury, and this is his first touch of Stedman Caters. On Tuesday, December 17th, for practice, 432 Stedman Caters. J. Hinton, 1; W. Cave, 2; C. Horton, 3; C. Millard, 4; H. Howell, 5; E. Duckham, 6; C. Tomkins, 7; J. Gould, 8; F. Price, 9; W. Colston, 10. And 413 Stedman Caters. H. Pring, 6; F. Gooding, 8; the rest as before. And 252 Stedman Triples. W. Knight, 1; C. Gordon, 2; H. Pring, 3; H. Howell, 4; F. Price, 5; J. Hinton, 6; F. Gooding, 7; W. Palmer, 8. On Saturday, December 21st, at the church of St. Thomas the Martyr, a peal of Grandsire Triples was attempted, but had to be abandoned after 420 changes had been rung, the tenor men giving out owing to the bad "go" of the bells. The ringers of the 3rd and 6th also complained. W. Cave, 1; C. Gordon, 2; H. Pring, 3; C. Boutflower, 4; C. Tomkins, 5; F. Price, 6; J. Gould, 7; W. Colston and W. Knight, 8. The previous longest length rung since the re-opening in March, 1895, was 168 changes. Tenor 28½ cwt. On Sunday, December 22nd, at the church of St. Stephen, 504 Stedman Triples. W. Cave, 1; C. Horton, 2; T. Blackburn, 3; S. Lawrence, 4; T. Groves, 5; C. Boutflower, 6; F. Ward (conductor), 7; W. Knight, 8. Ringers of 3, 4, and 5 hail from Salisbury; Ward from Cheltenham. At the opening of the bells of the church of St. John-on-the-Walls, which have been rehung by T. Blackburn, of Salisbury, 6-scores of Stedman, Grandsire, and Plain Bob Doubles, and 360 each of Kent Treble Bob, Plain Bob, and Grandsire Minor. J. Hinton (conductor), C. Gordon, C. Boutflower, F. Price, F. Ward, C. Horton, W. Cave, E. Duckham, F. Porch, S. Lawrence, T. Groves, G. Staddon, and G. Daltry. The "go" of the bells is excellent. At the church of St. Stephen, three courses of Stedman Triples. W. Cave, 1; C. Horton, 2; C. Gordon, 3; A. Bawn, 4; C. Tomkins, 5; J. Hinton, 6; F. Price, 7; W. Colston, 8. And a short touch, with W. Knight, 1; the rest as before. On Christmas morning, two 6-scores of Stedman Doubles and touches of Bob Minor. W. Knight, 1; J. Hinton, 2; C. Horton, 3; C. Millard, 4; J. York, 5; W. Cave, 6; W. Colston, 8. And at St. John-on-the-Walls, a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles and two of Stedman. W. Knight, C. Horton, C. Boutflower, J. Hinton, W. Cave, W. Colston. On Sunday, December 29th, at the church of St. Stephen, 360 Grandsire Minor, with the tenor covering. W. Knight, 1; C. Horton, 3; H. Howell, 4; W. Cave, 5; C. Boutflower, 6; F. Price, 7; W. Colston, 8. At the church of St. John-on-the-Walls, after evening service, 720 Grandsire Minor, in 27 mins. G. Jennings, 1; C. Horton, 2; C. Gordon, 3; H. Howell, 4; C. Boutflower, 5; F. Price (conductor), 6. First 720 on the bells since they were re-hung. G. Jennings hails from Stapleton, the rest belong to the St. Stephen's Guild.

BATTLE (Sussex).—On Sunday morning, January 5th, for Divine Service, 720 Grandsire Minor. W. Eastland, 1; J. Mathis, 2; W. Thomas, 3; H. Elliott, 4; J. Curtis, 5; W. Franks (conductor), 6; W. Eldridge, 7; C. Carter, 8. For afternoon service 350 Grandsire Triples. C. Carter, 1; J. Mathis, 2; W. Thomas, 3; F. Mathis, 4; H. Elliott, 5; W. Eastland, 6; W. Franks (conductor), 7; W. H. Eldridge, 8. On Tuesday, January 7th, for practice, 720 Grandsire

Minor on the back seven. W. Eastland, 2; H. Elliott, 3; J. Livermore, 4; J. Curtis, 5; W. Thomas, 6; W. Franks (conductor), 7; W. H. Eldridge, 8. On Tuesday evening, January 21st, for practice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 46 mins. W. Eastland, 1; J. Curtis, 2; F. Mathis, 3; W. Thomas, 4; J. Livermore, 5; W. Franks, 6; H. Elliott, 7; C. Carter, 8. Composed by H. Franks, of London.

BOLTON, BRADFORD (Yorks).—On Sunday evening, January 19th, for evening service, 1056 Bob Major. J. Palfreman (longest touch), 1; A. Benson, 2; A. Gill, 3; B. E. Howe, 4; H. Good, 5; B. T. Copley (conductor), 6; W. Joyce, 7; J. Joyce, 8.

CRAWLEY (Sussex).—On Saturday, January 25th, for practice, 168 Stedman Triples. J. R. Sharman, 1; J. Rice, 2; J. Parker, 3; G. Atfield, 4; I. G. Shade, 5; G. Paice, 6; F. Dench, 7; F. Merritt, 8. And 448 London Surprise. G. Paice, 1; F. Dench, 2; J. R. Sharman, 3; J. Rice, 4; I. G. Shade, 5; R. Jordan, 6; J. Parker, 7; F. Rice, 8. Also 448 Superlative Surprise. F. Rice, 1; J. Rice, 2; J. R. Sharman, 3; F. Dench, 4; I. G. Shade, 5; R. Jordan, 6; J. Parker, 7; G. Paice, 8.

CRETINGHAM (Suffolk).—Recently, on handbells, 720 Kent Treble Bob. G. Wightman (conductor), 1-2; S. Wightman, jun., 3-4; E. Wightman, 5-6. First of Kent on handbells by all. Also 720 Bob Minor. W. Wightman, 1; S. Wightman, jun., 2; G. Wightman, 3-4; E. Wightman (conductor), 5-6. Rung on the birthday of W. Wightman. On Saturday, January 11th, 720 Bob Minor. P. Ward, 1; W. Wightman, 2; G. Wightman (conductor), 3-4; E. Wightman, 5-6. On Monday, January 13th, 720 Bob Minor. E. Hicks, 1; E. Wightman, 2; S. Wightman, jun., 3-4; A. S. Wightman (conductor), 5-6. On Wednesday, January 15th, for practice at St. Peter's church, six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, being two each of April Day, Old Doubles and Plain Doubles. P. Ward, 1; W. Wightman, 2; E. Wightman (conductor), 3; J. Durrant, 4; S. Wightman, 5. First on tower bells by P. Ward.

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OSWESTRY (Salop).—At the parish church on Sunday, January 19th, for morning service, 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Hughes, 1; G. Whitfield, 2; G. Davies, 3; R. Martin, 4; E. Jones (conductor), 5; D. Davies, 6; R. Edwards, 7; W. Worton, 8. For evening service 518 Grandsire Triples. J. Hughes, 1; E. Jones (conductor), 2; G. Davies, 3; H. Jarman, 4; W. Morris, 5; D. Davies, 6; R. Edwards, 7; W. Worton, 8.

TITCHMARSH (Northants).—On Friday, January 17th, 546 Bob Triples. J. Jeffs, 1; F. Jeffs, 2; R. Billing, 3; G. Jeffs, 4; F. Gilbert (conductor), 5; F. Kirk, 6; W. J. Gilbert, 7; C. Faulkner, 8. And 504 Bob Triples. W. J. Gilbert, 1; F. Gilbert (conductor), 2; R. Billing, 3; G. Jeffs, 4; ———, 5; F. Kirk, 6; J. Jeffs, 7; C. Faulkner, 8. Also 336 Bob Major. W. J. Gilbert, 1; F. Jeffs, 2; R. Billing, 3; G. Jeffs, 4; ———, 5; F. Kirk, 6; J. Jeffs, 7; F. Gilbert (conductor), 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to Mr. W. Upchurch who was interred in the churchyard that afternoon. Deceased had been sexton for twenty-nine years, and a ringer for about sixty years, and died at the age of seventy-seven.

* * It is impossible to guarantee the appearance of touches in the current number. They will be taken in order of date as far as possible.

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. JONAS FRANCE.

SIR,—In your issue of the 8th inst., the question of my identity is raised by the above-named gentleman. I have never had the pleasure of meeting that gentleman, and twenty years ago I had not left school. I have never seen the name besides my own name in "THE BELL NEWS," and I hail from Essex.

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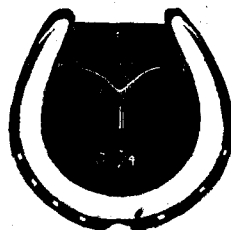
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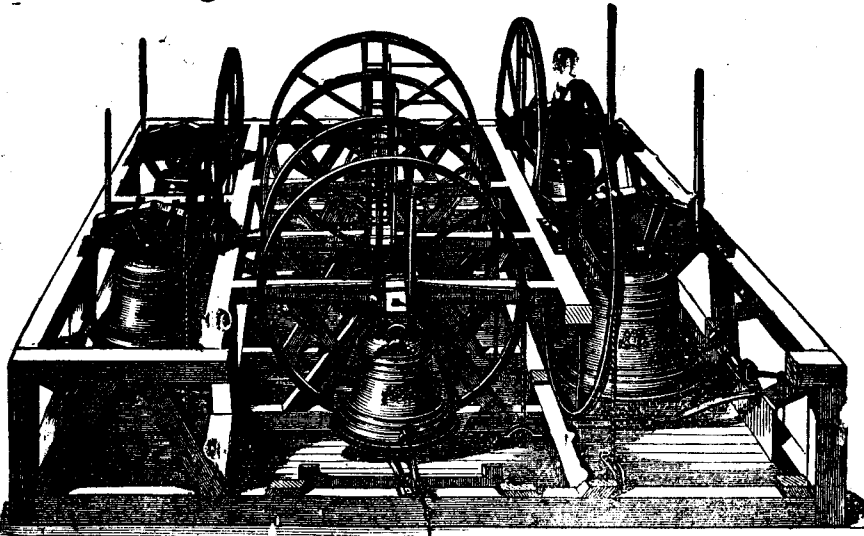
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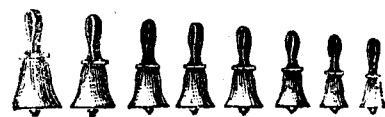
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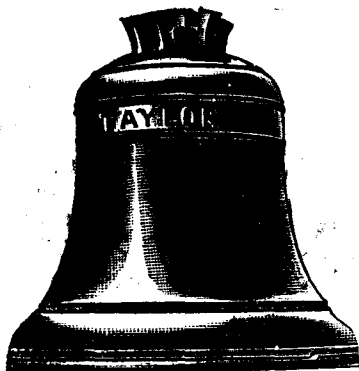
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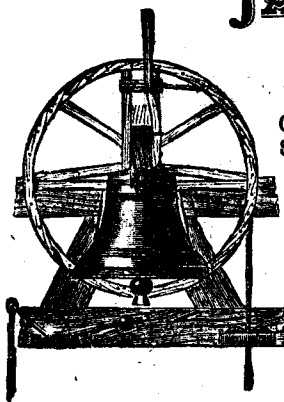
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THE ENTHRONEMENT OF THE LORD BISHOP OF NEWCASTLE.

On Tuesday, February 11th, the Right Reverend Edgar Jacob, lately Vicar of Portsea, was installed to the Bishopric of Newcastle.

At a quarter to eleven a procession left the Town Hall in the following order:—The Earl Percy (representing the Lord Lieutenant); the High Sheriff of Northumberland; Mayor and Corporation of Newcastle-on-Tyne; Mayor and Corporation of Berwick-on-Tweed; Mayor and Corporation of Tynemouth; Mayor and Corporation of Morpeth; the Master and Brethren of the Trinity House; the President and Professors of the College of Medicine; the Principal and Professor of the College of Science; and the Clergy of the Diocese.

These, preceded by the mace-bearer and the official sword-bearer, entered the Cathedral while the organ was playing the "National Anthem."

Another procession then entered the Cathedral by the south door. This was composed of the Choir, the Rural Deans, the vergers, the Hon. Canons, the Archdeacons, the Churchwardens, the Chancellor, Deputy-Registrar, Bishop's Secretary, and the Vicar.

The new Bishop then knocked at the west door and was admitted, accompanied by his Chaplain bearing the pastoral staff, and his other Chaplains. All having taken their places the Morning Service was commenced, and at the appointed time the enthronement took place.

The sermon was preached by the Bishop from the text "One Lord," Eph. iv. 5.

During the afternoon, eight members of the Diocesan Association attempted a peal of Stedman Triples on the heavy ring of eight at St. Matthew's, the Cathedral bells not being available on account of repairs to the tower. After ringing 4300 changes in 3 hours 5 minutes, a loud and continued knocking at the belfry door was heard, which caused some of the ringers to get confused. Someone had discovered a case of illness in the neighbourhood and thought it was his duty to stop the bells, and this he certainly succeeded in doing. The names of the ringers are as follows:—F. Lees, 1; R. C. Hudson, 2; R. S. Story, 3; W. Holmes, 4; E. Wallis, 5; A. F. Hillier, 6; F. J. Harrison (conductor), 7; W. Story, 8.

In the evening a reception was given to the Bishop in the Town Hall, under the auspices of the Church Institute. The reception was of the most cordial description possible, the hall being filled in every part by ladies and gentlemen, most of whom were in evening dress.

At eight o'clock, the Bishop of Newcastle came upon the platform, accompanied by Earl Percy, the Mayor of Newcastle (Mr. Riley Lord), the Sheriff (Mr. George Harkus), the Town Clerk (Mr. Hill Motum), the Mayor and Sheriff of Berwick, the Rev. Canon Gough (Vicar of Newcastle), the Ven. Archdeacon of Northumberland, the Ven. Archdeacon of Lindisfarne, and others. The little procession was headed by the mace-bearer and sword-bearer of the Newcastle Corporation, and, while they were coming upon the platform, the organist, Mr. Jeffries, played the "National Anthem."

Addresses of welcome were presented from the Corporation of Newcastle, the Master and Brethren of the Trinity House, the Corporation of Berwick, the Diocese, the Church Institute, and the Diocesan Association of Ringers.

After each address, his Lordship made a suitable reply.

Mr. R. S. Story (president) presented, and Mr. Thos. Hudson (secretary) read an address from the Durham and Newcastle Association of Ringers, as follows:—

To the Right Rev. Father in God, Edgar, by Divine permission Lord Bishop of Newcastle.

May it please your Lordship,—We, the undersigned, on behalf of the members of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association of Ringers, beg respectfully to tender to your Lordship our warmest welcome on your advent amongst us as Bishop of Newcastle. We sincerely hope that you may find a happy home in our midst, and that you may be greatly prospered in the duties of your Lordship's high and sacred office. As Church workers, we beg to assure your Lordship that we are anxious to do our part in an efficient and reverent manner, with due regard to those in authority, and you may always

rely upon our Association being ready and willing to afford your Lordship every assistance that may lie in our power.

Signed, on behalf of the Association,

R. S. STORY, *President.*

THOS. HUDSON, *Hon. Secretary and Treasurer.*

February 11, 1896.

The Bishop, in replying, said anything he could do, short of taking a bell, to promote that institution, he would most cheerfully do. When he went about the diocese of Newcastle, if there should be a parochial guild of bell ringers, or ringers connected with that Association, he hoped he should be brought to know them, and in every possible way to recognize their work. The more they recognized the necessity of all parts of the community taking their share in Church work the more efficient would that work be. If any class were omitted in Church work it was a loss to that class and a loss to the community. Therefore he realized the importance of such an organization as that, and he could only say it illustrated that which had always been almost a passion in his ministerial life, namely, that all classes of the community should be bound together in one common work, to work for the Master, realizing that all were needed for the prosperity of the body of Christ.

On the motion of Canon Gough, seconded by Sir Benjamin Browne, a vote of thanks was passed to the noble chairman.

Lord Percy returned thanks.

An enjoyable programme of music was rendered during the evening. Mr. John E. Jeffries played selections upon the organ; Mr. Fred Mace and Mr. W. Lyall contributed vocal music; and Herr Alfred Oppenheim gave violin selections.

THE ST. STEPHEN'S RINGING GUILD, BRISTOL.

The first Annual Dinner of the above Guild took place at the George Hotel, Narrow Wine Street, Bristol, on Tuesday, the 4th instant. A capital spread, provided by Host Ansell, was brought round in good style. The President (Rev. C. H. Joberns), was supported by the Rev. H. C. Courtney (Minister), Rev. W. Courtney, Mr. C. E. D. Boutflower (Master of the Gloucester and Bristol Association), Messrs. H. P. Harman (Bromley, Kent), C. Goodenough and Wake (Bath). Mr. C. Hill was in the vice-chair.

The first toast, "Church and Queen," was duly honoured. A short touch of Triples was rung on handbells by H. Harman, 1-2; J. Hinton, 3-4; F. Price, 5-6; C. Gordon, 7-8. The next toast on the list was "The Army and Navy," by the Rev. H. C. Courtney, coupling with it the names of Mr. C. Horton (Gloucester Artillery), and Mr. W. Cave (Bristol Engineers). He said that if we could not do as other nations in turning out a large army, both services would at all events do their best to defend their home and country, and that the Volunteer force would, if called upon, put their best foot forward to do likewise.

Messrs. Horton and Cave suitably replied, thanking the company for the way their names had been received.

The Rev. H. C. Courtney gave the toast, "The St. Stephen's Ringing Guild," to which Mr. C. Boutflower, Hon. Treasurer to the Guild, replied that it gave him great pleasure to see that the Guild, if nothing stronger numerically, was doing well in the financial and ringing way. He was always glad when the Hon. Sec. (Mr. H. King), came and told him he had some more cash for him. He was glad to see that the first peal by all guild members had been accomplished. Of course, it would have been better if it had been Stedman Caters instead of Grandsire, but he hoped that also would shortly come off.

Mr. H. King, in reply, said the Guild had started with 21 members, but had lost 3 and gained 1, Rev. H. E. Cockey, of Oldland. In financial matters, what with the knells and fines the Guild was showing up well, and that those who did not attend the annual outing lost something.

Mr. Boutflower, in proposing the toast, "The Visitors," said he was very glad to see them there enjoying themselves, and hoped that it would not be the last time.

The Rev. H. Courtney, in reply, said it gave him great pleasure to be among them that evening. He heartily thanked them for their kindness to him during his short stay in Bristol, and wished the Guild every prosperity.

Mr. Wake, steeplekeeper of Bath Abbey, said it was the first

of the dinners he had the pleasure of attending, and hoped it would not be the last. He regretted that he could not extend them an invitation to ring on that grand old peal of ten, owing to their being unsafe, through the tenor falling out in June last, and the cost of rehangings being so great, that he was afraid it would be some time before they would be done, but he cordially invited them to their dinner at Bath on the 18th inst.

The Rev. C. H. Joberns next proposed the toast of "The Vice-Chairman," Mr. C. Hill, senior warden of St. Stephen's.

Mr. Hill, who was received with loud applause, said it gave him great pleasure to be with them that evening. He had tried to do his duty, and could only do so again. If there was anything required with the belfry or bells, he would do his utmost to forward it.

The evening was enlivened with songs, recitations, etc., by Messrs. Tomkins, Cave, Sladen, Goodenough, Wake, Boufflower, Millard, and York; by handbells, Hinton, Ellis, and Pring; W. J. Hinton tapping a course of Grandsire Cinques in fine style on his peal. The evening terminated by singing the "National Anthem."

Previous to this, an interesting ceremony took place in the St. Stephen's belfry, which was the unveiling of a splendid peal-board, presented by Mr. C. Hill, recording the first peal of Grandsire Caters rung by the Guild in November, 1895. A touch of Stedman Caters was then rung on the bells as follows:—E. Duckham, 1; C. H. Gordon, 2; H. Howell, 3; C. H. Horton, 4; H. Pring, 5; C. Tomkins, 6; Rev. H. C. Courtney, 7; C. Boufflower, 8; F. Price, 9; W. Colston, 10.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.

On Wednesday, February 12th, the local ringers were invited to their annual supper, kindly provided by the Rev. Canon Utterton and A. T. Miller, Esq. Meeting in the tower, a few short touches were rung, after which all adjourned to the schools. Here a capital spread met their view, and as is the case in most meetings of this description, the course-ends came up in fine style, a contrast to the ringing previously, which was rather unfortunate in that respect. The cloth being removed, the chairman (Canon Utterton), in the course of a few remarks, made special mention of the loss sustained by the company and ringers individually, by the death of the late captain, Mr. Brooker, he feeling quite sure that though gone from amongst them, he would never be forgotten by any one who had known him. He was very pleased to meet his ringers on this as on previous occasions, and not only his own band, but also the visitors present from neighbouring parishes, who were always not only willing to assist in ringing at Leatherhead, but also to welcome any of the band who might visit them in their own towers. Alluding to the present condition of the bells, the rev. gentleman said that though the repairs recently carried out had not quite realised their expectations, still he hoped the bells would go sufficiently well for a peal to be rung during the present year. In conclusion he thanked Mr. Miller, who has generously defrayed the cost of the repairs, for all that he had done on this and previous occasions.

After the usual toasts had been proposed and duly honoured, various games were indulged in by many of the company, others being busily engaged with the handbells. In this way the time was passed, the hearty good-nights of the visitors bringing to a close a most pleasant and successful evening.

THE YORK MINSTER SOCIETY.

On Monday, February 10th, the members of this society celebrated their anniversary at the house of Mr. G. Breed, who provided a splendid spread of good things, of which a great advantage was taken. After the withdrawal of the cloth, the usual loyal toasts were proposed by the chairman, Mr. G. Worth, not omitting the mention of Princess Henry, the Archbishop and Clergy, and the donors to the feast, and not forgetting ourselves—"THE BELL NEWS." The after-meeting was interspersed with handbell ringing, and songs were given by Messrs. Haigh, Hodgson, Worth, and others to the accompanying by Mr. Turner on the piano. The enjoyment was suddenly interrupted by Mr. Bruce at 11 p.m.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of this Association was held at Chester-le-Street, on Saturday, February 15th, which was well attended by members from different parts of the two dioceses. The bells of the parish church are a grand ring of six, the tenor weighing about 21 cwt. Several 720s were rung during the day in various methods.

At 5 o'clock the members, to the number of thirty-five, sat down to an excellent meat tea at The Lambton Arms hotel. After the cloth had been removed, the President, Mr. R. S. Story, in addressing those present, referred to the change in the character of this meeting from those held before by this Association. Tea having been provided instead of the usual dinner, the ordinary toasts were dispensed with. He referred to the respectful and loyal feelings of all good ringers towards Her Majesty the Queen, and to the deep sympathy they all felt with the Royal Family in their recent bereavement. The President also alluded to the increased support that the ringers were receiving from the clergy of the two northern dioceses. As most of them were aware, he and their Secretary had presented in their name, an address of welcome to the new Bishop of Newcastle. The Bishop's reply to that address gave them every encouragement. In thanking the Rector of Chester-le-Street for the use of the bells, the president congratulated him on having such a well-ordered belfry and such an excellent band of ringers.

The Rector, the Rev. A. B. De Moleyns, in reply, said that if societies like this had come into existence sooner, the clergy would have had a warmer feeling towards bells and bellringing than they have. For his part he always liked to hear the bells well rung. He thanked the ringers for ringing them so well that day.

The Secretary referred to a proposal to erect a tablet in the chancel of St. Peter's church, Jarrow, to the memory of one of the ringers who met a very sad death. And it was resolved on the motion of Mr. G. J. Clarkson, of Stockton, that the different bands of ringers be appealed to for donations towards a fund for that purpose.

The election of members then took place, when seventeen performing and five honorary members were elected, including the Rector of Chester-le-Street.

The handbells were rung at intervals in the proceedings, and courses and touches were brought round in the methods of Grandsire Caters and Cinques, and Treble Bob Major and Royal. Some doubt had been expressed as to whether a Saturday afternoon was a convenient time for a meeting of the Association. Everyone went home fully satisfied that the change of day had been for the best as regards the February meeting.

The other meetings this year will be as usual on Whit-Monday, and on the last Monday in October.

WEST KIRBY, CHESHIRE.

During the past twelve months the ringers of the parish church have made great progress with the handbells, but as the present set of bells is getting "done for," it was suggested a few weeks ago that funds should be raised to purchase a new set. Through the kindness of one of the churchwardens several donations have been given, but it was felt by some of the ringers that they ought to take their share in raising funds to purchase new instruments, so having obtained permission from the Rector for the use of the schools, they set themselves to work with a will to get up a "Social Evening." Wednesday, February 5th, was the evening fixed upon for their entertainment, and at 8 p.m. a large party sat down to tea at which Canon Blencowe presided. Immediately after tea dancing began, and was carried on in a spirited way until the clock, striking the small hours, reminded them that it was time to depart homewards. In the interval between some of the dances several good songs were given, and also selections on the handbells. After paying expenses, £9 was placed to the fund for purchasing new bells. The ringers' "Social" was such a success in every way that it is hoped it may become an annual event in West Kirby.

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THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—WIRRAL BRANCH.

The Annual Meeting of the above branch was held at West Kirby, on Saturday, January 25th. The following honorary members were present:—The Revs. Canon Blencowe, W. Hollowell, J. Timbrell; Mr. H. Bell, and the Secretary; and about thirty-four ringing members, representing the following towers:—Bidston, Bebington, Birkenhead (St. Mary's), Bromborough, Eastham, Neston, Oxton (St. Saviour's), West Kirby, and Woodchurch. Before the meeting was held an excellent tea was provided by the Rector, who is also the Chairman of the branch, which was done full justice to by those present.

The Rev. Canon Blencowe occupied the chair at the meeting, and after reading several letters of apology from hon. members for non-attendance, &c., the Statement of Accounts for 1895 was read, which showed a balance in hand of £1 16s. 9d. after forwarding to the Diocesan Secretary £9, and paying £4 10s. for instruction to four towers in the branch, and other expenses.

The Secretary then read his Report for 1895, in which he stated that there was now 152 members in the branch, being an increase of 36 during the past year. He also announced that the monthly meetings continued to be well attended, 9 had been held in the various parishes during the year, with an average attendance of 24. The Tontine Society, which was started for the benefit of the members in this branch in July last, was also reported to be going on well; at the present time 24 members had joined. The subscription is 6d. a week, for which a member receives 5s. a week for the first 13 weeks of illness, and 2s. 6d. a week for the remaining time. In case of death the sum of £3 to be given for funeral expenses. At the end of each year the whole amount to be divided amongst the members after deducting the Sick and Funeral pay, and 2s. 6d. per member, which is taken to form a permanent fund.

It was also reported that three peals had been rung in the branch during the year, two at Bromborough and one at West Kirby.

The Rev. Canon Blencowe was re-elected Chairman of the branch for 1896. In thanking the members for their wish to retain him as their Chairman, he said "that he would be very glad to accept the post which they had kindly again offered him, conditionally, that the members would make another appointment next year; it was not account of lack of interest in the good work which they were doing that he wished to relinquish his post; but there might be some who would like to see their own clergyman occupying this position." Canon Blencowe went on to say "that he was sorry that the bells would be unable to ring out the joyful peals which they were accustomed to do when a ringers' meeting was held at West Kirby, as the bells were muffled on account of the sad news which had lately reached them of the death of Prince Henry of Battenberg."

Mr. F. R. T. Bolton was re-elected hon. secretary and treasurer.

The Secretary and Mr. W. Wilcox were appointed to serve as representatives on the Diocesan Committee.

A very cordial vote of thanks to Canon Blencowe for his hospitality brought a very successful meeting to a close.

Several touches were rung on the muffled bells during the evening.

EXTON, RUTLAND.

The six bells in this church have recently been rehung, and two of them recast by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough. They were re-opened on Wednesday, January 29th, by the Lord Bishop of Peterborough. The opening touches were rung by the St. Martin's Scholars, Stamford, Mr. Taylor also taking part in the ringing. On Saturday, February 15th, six members of the same society again visited Exton, and rang the first 5000 on the bells, being the first 5000 in six methods by the Association and by all the ringers except the conductor. The bells are a pretty little ring, hung on a new iron frame in perfect going order, with all the latest improvements, and reflect very great credit on the Loughborough foundry.

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 like to get particulars from any bell foundry about the bells at St. Mary's, Newington-next-Sittingbourne, Kent. the weight of the six bells, and the musical note. Inscription on tenor: "John Wilnar made me, 1622." Treble—"John Fowler and Richd. Sears, 1774." These bells have not been rehung. One bell is cracked, and they are in bad condition, and have not been rung for several years. Hoping the time will soon come when sufficient money can be obtained to put them in proper order.

Windmill Hill, Rainham, Kent.

W. T. HYLAND.

CHEAP RAILWAY FARES.

SIR,—I was requested by the committee of the Chester Diocesan Guild of church bell ringers about twelve months ago, to approach some of the large railway companies with respect to conveying parties of eight bellringers at a fare-and-a-quarter for a return ticket when travelling for ringing purposes, instead of the original required number of ten. But as I believe that it is not generally known by ringers or even by all railway station masters, that the above has been sanctioned by all the railway companies, it may be to the interest of some if you will kindly insert this letter in your paper. Of course it is necessary to give two or three days' notice at the station from which the "trip" is intended to be made. The Central Council, I believe, were trying to get some railway facilities, so whether this has been brought about by my intervention or theirs I know not, but that is immaterial so long as we have got the benefit.

F. R. T. BOLTON.

Braeside, West Kirby, Cheshire, February 18, 1896.

"PEALS" ON SIX BELLS.

SIR,—Your comment in last Saturday's issue with respect to the meeting of the Yorkshire Association is rather misleading to many of our members who were not present. The discordant sound you make use of with reference to the six-bell question is not so, but more in accord than probably some people think out of Yorkshire. I am aware there are good ringers outside of this large county who are able to judge what should constitute a 5000 on six bells, but I regret they are in a minority on the Central Council. It is not my desire to slink away from any conflict on six bells (either in the belfry or out), or induce any other person to do so, but I ask what encouragement is there to continue, when in the opinion of the Council a company that repeats one method six times, is equal or superior to another that can ring, say, twenty methods for the same number of changes, whilst there is as much difference in the abilities of the men, as exists between Bob Major and London Surprise?

(Signed) GEORGE ROLLAND.

Tong.

(Our advice still holds good on this matter, viz., not to secede from the Council, but try, and try with patience, to persuade it to agree with your view.—Ed.)

Obituary.

JOHN CLIFFORD.

It is with deep regret that we record the death of the above-named ringer at the age of forty-nine, a member of the Midland Counties' Association, who died on Friday, February 7th, after a short illness of two days, and was interred in Beeston cemetery on Tuesday, February 11th. At two o'clock the members of the Ancient Order of Buffaloes marched to the house of the deceased, and after a short delay the coffin was placed in the hearse, and the procession proceeded to the parish church, where the Rev. R. D. Harris, M.A., vicar, and the Rev. H. Ellershaw were waiting. The first portion of the Burial Service was taken at the church, after which the procession re-formed and marched to the cemetery in the following order: The members of the Ancient Order of Buffaloes, of which the deceased was a member, then the hearse, followed by the relatives and friends of the deceased. On arrival at the cemetery the remains were taken from the hearse and borne upon the shoulders of four of his brother-ringers, and the last portion of the service was gone through. In the evening a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung in 53 mins. with the bells half-muffled. J. Lowe, 1; W. Clifford, jun., 2; S. Wesley, 3; G. Oldham, 4; W. Holroyd, 5; E. Robinson, 6; J. Hutchby (conductor), 7; J. Lowe, 8.

CRADLEY (Herefordshire).—On Wednesday, January 22nd, for practice at the parish church, 720 Plain Bob Minor. J. Pritchard (first 720), 1; E. S. Kings, 2; C. Watkins (conductor), 3; F. Smith, 4; H. Pritchard, 5; C. Layton, 6.

THE TEWKESBURY ABBEY SOCIETY.

The Abbey ringers were entertained by his Worship the Mayor (Mr. Thos. Collins) at the "Hop Pole" royal hotel, on Thursday, when there were present:—The Mayor, Rev. Vernon Holt, Messrs. F. Moore, S. Bath, C. H. S. Moore, A. W. Allard, W. J. Gardner, F. Godfrey, jun., James Osborne, W. Pearce, C. Strawford, N. Townley, W. Davis, F. Neale, W. G. Bannister, C. A. Roberts, S. C. Mayall, J. Sprigg, G. Haines, W. Haines, jun., and Col.-Sergt. Moss. The ringers included Messrs. Josiah Wathen, C. Dyson, S. Cleal, W. Hampton, W. Haines, John Wathen, J. Hale, A. Bloxham, and T. Devereux.

In proposing the Royal toast, the Chairman said he was sure every right-minded Englishman would sympathise with Her Majesty and the rest of the Royal Family under the present trying circumstances. The Prince, who but the previous day had found his last resting place, was a very devoted son-in-law and the very sunshine of the Royal Family. He had not had the opportunity of showing the chivalry displayed by some young gentlemen of the Royal blood, yet he had shown grace, beauty, and loveliness in the family circle; qualities which must be the admiration of all English homes.

The singing of the "National Anthem" accompanied the drinking of the toast.

The toast of "The Bishop and Clergy and Ministers of all Denominations" was proposed by Mr. J. Osborne, in felicitous terms, and suitably responded to by the Rev. Vernon Holt, who stated that the Vicar was prevented by his duties from attending the gathering.

The toast of the "Army and Navy" was proposed by Mr. Clement Moore, who said that under existing circumstances it was a toast that he would rather be placed in his hands than any other, and the reasons would be readily understood. Since his recollection, he doubted whether any period than that of the last month or six weeks had been such as to excite the same patriotic feeling which had been aroused during that time. Englishmen had been taunted by foreign nations that they had been living in the lap of luxury regardless of their country. Whether under this misrepresentation or not, England had had, at any rate, two insults hurled at her within the past two weeks. The first the speaker did not think was intentional; moreover, he did not think Providence would permit anything so hideous as an internecine war between Englishmen and their American cousins. At any rate, the message of President Cleveland was delivered, and its effect upon the finances of the American nation was well known. He did not think that message expressed the feeling of that country, and referred to the speech of Senator Walcott—a speech Mr. Chamberlain had said every man who called himself an Englishman should re-echo. The insult levelled at the head of this country by the German Emperor could not, however, be forgotten, but he doubted whether that insult represented the feeling of the Emperor's subjects. The fact remained that a message antagonistic to the British Empire had been despatched by him to the governor of a foreign state, and the result was that the finest fleet, in the way of a flying squadron, England had ever produced, was in a short time ready to go anywhere and to do anything to protect the interests of the country in any part of the world. The position of nations, unfortunate as it was, rested on the strength of arms. He was proud to feel that, even in a small place like Tewkesbury, the Volunteers were ready to do their duty by finding, in an emergency, a larger percentage of men than had been found for the last quarter of a century. A great question was what would be England's position as opposed to a combination of the Powers. Supposing a foreign force reached England, we should be face to face with one of the most awful possibilities the mind of an Englishman could conceive. It was to be considered that our Colonies would need protection, they being incapable of protecting themselves against a substantial force. They would be the first point of attack, and it was a great gratification to know that, by having our citizen army to defend this country, the regular soldiers could be drafted for the protection of our foreign possessions. The Volunteer could hold his own with the best regular in the Army, and should such a time of war come the British nation would undoubtedly have more reason to be proud of its Volunteer Force than ever it thought possible. There was no other country in the world possessed an equivalent to our Volunteer Army, which was deserving of

its country's warmest praise. Mr. Moore referred to the offers of assistance from the Colonies during the recent crises, and believed that no foreign country, or diplomatic Minister of any foreign Power, disregarded the boundless strength which bound our Colonies to the mother Empire. Mr. Moore coupled with the toast the name of Colour-Sergt. Moss, and concluded in the words of Tennyson—

"Britons, myriad voices call.
Sons, be welded each and all
Into one Imperial whole.
One with Britain, heart and soul,
One Life, one Flag, one Fleet, one Throne,
Britons, hold your own."

The toast was followed by the singing of "Rule Britannia."

Colour-Sergt. Moss, in the course of a suitable response, stated that, after receiving the Mobilization Order, Capt. Banaster had enrolled 16 recruits in 10 days.

The toast of "Our Host the Mayor," was proposed by Mr. Frederick Moore, who said it was a toast requiring little comment, and he knew that his Worship considered too much flattery as a nauseous dose of physic. The Mayor was all in all to them, both as a townsman and as a public man. They had only to look around the town and the mark of Thomas Collins could be seen. At the Abbey, too, were to be found many marks bearing the name of Thomas Collins engrafted in the building. The speaker's first meeting with Mr. Thomas Collins in a public capacity was in that very room in connection with "Collins' Benefit Club" more than 30 years ago, when he had the pleasure of proposing his health. Since that time, Mr. Collins had obtained a seat in the Town Council, been Mayor four times, and become their leader. They all knew what good he had done, and trusted that he would live many years to continue it. They had heard a great deal that evening about the Army, but of what use was an army without a good general? What better general could the people of Tewkesbury have than Mr. Thomas Collins, a man bound to lead them right.

His Worship suitably responded, and the toast was received with musical honours.

The "Churchwardens and Officials of the Abbey" was proposed by Mr. Pearce, a letter of apology for absence from Mr. B. T. Moore being read.

Mr. Bannister, in response, spoke of the admiration of the Abbey expressed by both the late Lord Leighton and Sir Joseph Barnby.

The Chairman then proposed "The Abbey Bellringers." He considered all honour should be given to such well-conducted men. He thanked them for the cheering notes which came pealing from the Tower, and trusted God would bless them.

Mr. Josiah Wathen responded, and following this response Mr. Clement Moore said he would be pleased to give five guineas to a fund for the proper adjustment of the bells.

The toast of the "Host and Hostess," proposed by Mr. W. Davis and supported by the Mayor, was most heartily honoured and suitably responded to.

During the evening Messrs. Josiah Wathen, John Wathen, J. Hale, S. Cleal, and T. Devereux performed some handbell ringing, which was much appreciated, and songs were sung by Messrs. W. Haines, jun., S. Bath, and F. Godfrey, jun.

A very enjoyable evening was brought to a close by the singing of "God save the Queen" and "Auld Lang Syne."

THE HEAVY WOOLLEN DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

The last monthly meeting was held at Huddersfield on Saturday, February 15th. The meeting was held at The Swan-with-Two-Necks, and was well attended. Mr. Fred. Scholefield, President, occupied the chair, and after the minutes and correspondence had been read by the Secretary, no further business of any importance was done, except eight new members being made from Barnsley. The next meeting will be held at Lindley.

NOTICE.—The grand peal of eight bells of St. Mary Magdalene, Holloway Road, London, N., can be rung by competent ringers on the first Sunday in each month, from 10.15 a.m. until 11 o'clock. A few days' notice must be given to the churchwarden, Mr. Albert E. Harvey, 18, Highbury Grove.

Notices.

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The Lancashire Association.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting of this branch will be held at Helmsore to-day, Saturday, February 22nd. Bells ready at 3.30 p.m. Meeting at 6.30. All members are earnestly invited.
J. B. TAYLOR, Sec.
Townsend Street, Waterfoot.

The Chester Diocesan Guild.—Wirral Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held in the schoolroom, Bebington, to-day, Saturday, February 22nd. Tea at 6 p.m. (free). Tower open from 3 p.m.

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

Braeside, West Kirby.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.—President, the Archbishop of Canterbury.—The next meeting will be held after ringing at St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on Tuesday, February 25th. Tower open at 8 p.m. The sum of 1s. 8d. in lieu of booking fees is now due.
W. T. COCKERILL, Hon. Sec.
37, Tradescant Road, South Lambeth, S.W.

The Surrey Association.—A monthly ringing meeting will be held at Mitcham church on Wednesday, February 26th, at 7.0 p.m. Method for practice.—Double Norwich.
R. B. BLANCHARD, Hon. Sec.

St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.—The Johnson Commemoration will be combined this year with the Guild's Anniversary Dinner, and will be held at The Market hotel, Station Street, Birmingham, on Saturday, February 29th, at 6.0 p.m. sharp. Chair will be taken by J. S. Pritchett, Esq., M.A. There will be ringing at St. Martin's tower, commencing at 3.30 p.m. Every full subscribing member of one year's standing is entitled to a dinner ticket free, and other members or friends can obtain tickets at 3s. each by application to the undersigned on or before Wednesday, the 26th inst.
W. H. GODDEN, Hon. Sec.
61, Roland Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

The Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—The next meeting of the Guild will be held at Crossens on Saturday, February 29th. Bells ready 3 p.m., meeting 6 p.m.
REV. W. T. BULPIT, } Hon. Secs.
W. BENTHAM, }

South and West Middlesex Guild.—The next monthly meeting of the above Guild will be held at Isleworth on Saturday, February 29th. Ringing at 5.30.

E. J. WALSON, Hon. Sec.

1, Kerrison Villas, The Park, Ealing.

Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at the church of St. Philip, Hulme, Manchester, on Saturday, February 29th. Bells ready at 3.0 p.m., business meeting at 7.0 p.m. And by kind permission of the Rev. R. Brayshaw, M.A., the bells of Holy Trinity church, Stretford Road, will be open for ringing from 4.0 till 6.0 p.m. All ringers, whether members or non-members, are welcome at these meetings.
WALTER BROWN, Branch Sec.
54, Wenlock Street, Hulme, Manchester.

Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The next monthly ringing meeting of this society will be held at St. Francis' (A.C.)

church, Manor road, Holbeck (8 bells), on Saturday, February 29th. Ringing from 2.0 p.m. Business meeting at 6.0 p.m. at The Belmont inn. Nominations for the various officers for 1896-7.
R. BINNS.

3, Dame Street, Hogg's Field, Holbeck.

Kent County Association.—Rochester District.—The next meeting will be held at Northfleet on Saturday, March 7th. Tower open for ringing at 4. Committee meeting at 6. Members intending to be present should let me know not later than March 1st, so that I can make arrangements for cheap fares.

A. OSBORNE, Hon. Sec.

65, Clive Road, Rochester.

THE SILENT PEAL OF STEDMAN ON HANDBELLS AT LEICESTER.—Among the many attempts for this peal, different lengths were rung, varying from about a quarter-peal up to 3950 changes on February 8th, and 4900 changes on January 31st last. Special thanks are due to Messrs. J. Marlow and W. Willson for their untiring services as referees, through continued disappointments, and to Mr. S. Cooper for giving up so much of his valuable time. The ringers would be pleased to learn whether any other silent peal of Stedman on handbells has been rung, besides the one rung in London some fifty years ago.

Handbells for Sale.

FOR SALE.—Set of 103 handbells. Low C. In good condition. For price and particulars apply to Mrs. Wilson, Dusty Miller, Mirfield.

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Compositions.

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A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

By ARTHUR CRAVEN, Lincoln.

5024.

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

Contains the 6th her extent wrong, and the 4th, 5th, and 6th their extent in 6ths place, and the 6th at five course-ends in the minimum number of courses and changes, being the first peal composed with these qualities. First rung on February 15th, 1896, at Lincoln Cathedral, conducted by its author.

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR.

By THE REV. H. LAW JAMES.

5088.

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

First rung at Gloucester Cathedral on Tuesday, January 21st, 1896, conducted by John Austin.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

T. W. CHAPMAN.—Next week.

HISTORICUS.—Sir William Harcourt was Professor of History, and the late Professor Fawcett was Professor of Political Economy.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 1896.

THE peal records of this issue, though not many in number, have one or two features worthy of special notice. First of all may be mentioned—as arriving first to hand—the peal of Grandsire Triples rang at the town of Basingstoke, in the county of Hants., in which the treble was rung by a young lady fifteen years old—Miss ALICE WHITE—the daughter of the conductor of the peal. This is the first time on record in which one of the gentler sex has taken part in a peal upon church bells, and the young lady herself, as well as her father and friends, are to be heartily congratulated upon its successful achievement. By our touch reports, we find that Miss ALICE WHITE had previously rung the treble in a quarter-peal of the same method. When we read so much foolishness about what is termed the "new woman" and her athletic (?) pursuits, it is more than refreshing to read of a daughter of the Exercise like ALICE WHITE, who by her ingenuity and application to a scientific and health-giving practice,

has put to shame and rebuke those females who, being on what is considered as the wrong side of middle life, have the effrontery to advocate occupations and pastimes for their sex which are repulsive to all true womanly feeling. The name of ALICE WHITE will long be remembered and treasured by the Exercise. If other young ladies can be induced to enter into the practice under similar conditions, it will be a good thing for them.

Another performance is a peal of Stedman Triples in hand, without any indication of the calls being made to or by any of the performers; what is, in fact, termed "A Silent Peal." This has been done by four gentlemen of Leicester—Members of the Midland Counties' Association. This is an excellent performance, and places those who accomplished it at the top of the tree as practical ringers. They have already met with the hearty congratulations of their local colleagues, and will eventually receive those of their co-members of the Association; to which we may add ours. There is no likelihood of the decadence of ringing while such men as Messrs. COTTON, CLEAL, LANCASHIRE, and BUTTERY are found among its ranks—men who are determined to excel in the highest and most complex branches of the Art.

We think we shall be doing wisely in publishing for the satisfaction of our readers, and for the benefit of the Exercise, the portraits of these gentlemen in group, and also that of the talented young lady above mentioned, at the earliest opportunity.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

MAIDSTONE DISTRICT.—On Saturday, February 15th, there was a well-attended meeting at Harrietsham (eight bells). Fifty-four members arrived from Maidstone, Malling, Harrietsham, Leeds, Bearsted, Boxley, and Aylesford, in the district; and from Ashford, Willesboro', Staplehurst, and Seal Chart, outside the district. There was some good ringing in the four standard methods before and after tea, which was served in capital style at The Roebuck inn by host Dodswell. The principal touches were a 504 Stedman Triples. A. West, 1; W. Mannering, 2; W. Pope, 3; T. Mannering (conductor), 4; A. Tawney, 5; L. Bullock, 6; E. Pope, 7; W. Hadlow, 8. Also 576 Kent Treble Bob Major, 504 Bob Triples, and 448 Bob Major. At the committee meeting seven full members and four probationers were elected. Much regret was expressed at the absence of the rector (Rev. C. Marsham) through illness, and that the peal-board commemorating the first peal of Stedman Triples on the bells arrived too late to be put up before the meeting.

The Metropolis.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Tuesday, February 18, 1896, in Three Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES, CRIPPLEGATE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5009 CHANGES.

JAMES PETTIT	Treble.	*THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ..	7.
CHALLIS F. WINNEY ..	2.	JOHN N. OXBORROW ..	8.
WILLIAM BURKIN	3.	*THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE ..	9.
HENRY SPRINGALL	4.	WILLIAM T. COCKERILL ..	10.
FRANK M. BUTLER	5.	WALTER PRIME	11.
FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ..	6.	*EDWARD P. O'MEARA ..	Tenor.

Composed by the late H. W. HALEY and Conducted by J. PETTIT.

*First peal of Stedman Cinques.

The Provinces.

BASINGSTOKE, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, February 12, 1896, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

ALICE WHITE†	Treble.	FREDERICK G. WILSON ..	5.
JOHN E. BALLARD	2.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD ..	6.
HARRY LAWES*	3.	HENRY WHITE	7.
THOMAS BLACKBOURN ..	4.	WILLIAM COLDREY ..	Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY WHITE.

†First peal. *First peal with a bob bell. This peal was arranged for the ringer of the treble, Miss Alice White, aged 15, eldest daughter of the conductor, and is the first peal on church bells in which a lady has taken part. Messrs. Blackburn and Gifford hail from Salisbury; the rest belong to the local band.

LEICESTER.—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION. (THE LEICESTER BRANCH.)

On Thursday, February 13, 1896, in Two Hours and Twenty-five 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 VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

SAMUEL COTTON	1-2.	JOHN O. LANCASHIRE ..	5-6.
GEORGE CLEAL	3-4.	JOHN BUTTERY	7-8.

This peal was strictly a non-conducted peal, no word being spoken or any other intimation of the calling being given. It is the first silent peal by all, and the first on handbells by the Association. Referees—Messrs. J. F. Marlow and W. Willson, who saw all bobs made and examined the truth of the slow and quick course-ends throughout. Witness—Mr. S. Cooper.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION AND THE ST. PAUL'S SOCIETY, BURTON-ON-TRENT.

On Thursday, February 13, 1896, in Three Hours and Thirty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

JOHN BENSTEAD	Treble.	GEORGE ROBINSON	5.
GEORGE PESTELL BURTON	2.	ARTHUR WAKLEY	6.
JOHN JAGGAR	3.	HARRY WAKLEY	7.
WILLIAM J. SMITH	4.	WILLIAM WAKLEY	Tenor.

Composed by the Rev. H. EARLE BULWER and
Conducted by WILLIAM WAKLEY.

WRITTLE, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 15, 1896, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF COURT BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES. Tenor 18½ cwt.

HENRY LINCOLN*	Treble.	GEORGE WALTER SORRELL	5.
ERNEST WILLIAM DAVIS ..	2.	THOMAS LINCOLN	6.
ARTHUR HENRY HEAD	3.	WILLIAM LINCOLN	7.
FREDK. GEORGE RADLEY ..	4.	FREDERICK EDWARDS ..	Tenor.

Composed by J. J. PARKER and Conducted by WILLIAM LINCOLN.

*First peal. First peal in the method by all and by the Essex Association, and supposed to be the first peal in the method rung in the county. Rung at the first attempt. All the above are residents in the parish.

SPELDHURST, KENT.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, February 15, 1896, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES. Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM H. CARD	Treble.	ALBERT E. EDWARDS ..	5.
RICHARD PELLING	2.	EDWARD MANKLOW ..	6.
JAMES BAKER	3.	*JAMES MAYNARD	7.
STEPHEN PERKINS	4.	GEORGE A. CARD	Tenor.

Composed by FRANK HOPGOOD and Conducted by JAMES MAYNARD.

*First peal as conductor and first attempt.

HARLOW, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 15, 1896, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HALEY'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

Tenor 21½ cwt.

WILLIAM LEBBON Treble.	JAMES RANN 5.
ALBERT DEARDS 2.	GEORGE CARTER 6.
EDWARD BACON 3.	WILLIAM PYE 7.
WILLIAM DORAN 4.	WALTER CLARK Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM LEBBON.

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

LINCOLN.—THE NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 15, 1896, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

ARTHUR CRAVEN Treble.	COOK WELLS 5.
JOSEPH B. FENTON 2.	ISAAC VICKERS 6.
GEORGE CHESTER 3.	CHARLES W. P. CLIFTON .. 7.
WILLIAM WILLSON 4.	GABRIEL LINDOFF Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR CRAVEN.

W. Willson, for whom this peal was arranged, hails from Leicester. This composition, which is now rung for the first time, contains the 6th the extent wrong, and the 4th, 5th, and 6th the extent in 6th place, the 6th being five course-ends at home, and is obtained in the minimum number of changes, being the first peal yet obtained with these qualities.

DERBY.—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

(DERBY BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 15, 1896, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S FIVE-PART No. 2.

Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

E. DOWELL Treble.	W. H. FOUND 5.
C. F. DOWELL 2.	S. MASKREY 6.
C. E. HART 3.	A. E. THOMPSON 7.
C. DRAPER 4.	E. WILLIS Tenor.

Conducted by A. E. THOMPSON.

HENFIELD, SUSSEX.—SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(HENFIELD BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, February 18, 1896, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

HENRY STRINGER Treble.	WILLIAM JOHN ALLISS .. 5.
WILLIAM HILLMAN 2.	*HERBERT MARKWELL .. 6.
LAZARUS PAYNE 3.	ALFRED WILLIAM GROVES 7.
GEORGE PAYNE 4.	CHARLES TYLER Tenor.

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW and Conducted by CHARLES TYLER.

*First peal. First peal in the method on the bells, and first peal in the method by all except the conductor. The above peal has the 5th and 6th their extent wrong and right.

DERBY.—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

(DERBY BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, February 19, 1896, in Two Hours and Thirty-six Minutes,

AT THE HOUSE OF MR. C. E. HART, GRANGE STREET,

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PENNING'S FIVE-PART.

FRANK BRADLEY 1-2.	ALBERT H. WARD 5-6.
WALTER WALLACE 3-4.	SAMUEL MASKREY 7-8.

Conducted by FRANK BRADLEY.

Referees—Messrs. H. C. Woodward and C. Draper.

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KELVEDON, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 10, 1896, in Three Hours and Twenty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

SEVEN 720s OF BOB MINOR (all called differently.)

Tenor 21 cwt.

WILLIAM KEEBLE Treble.	JOHN FROST 4.
HENRY ELLIOTT 2.	HENRY EVERS 5.
HERBERT PYE 3.	WILLIAM ELLIOTT Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM ELLIOTT.

This is the first 5040 by all except Wm. Elliott, and his first 5040 as conductor. It is also the first 5040 on the bells, and was rung before the bells had been augmented a year.

EXTON, RUTLAND.

THE SOUTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE ST. MARTIN'S SCHOLARS, STAMFORD.

On Saturday, February 15, 1896, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

SEVEN 720s OF MINOR, as follows;

One each of Yorkshire Court, Court Bob, Grandsire, Canterbury; two of Oxford Bob (called differently), and one of Plain Bob.

Tenor 13 cwt.

R. S. COX Treble.	C. HARPER 4.
E. POPPLE 2.	F. DENNISON 5.
W. TURNER 3.	REV. H. LAW JAMES Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. H. LAW JAMES.

A note to this 5040 will be found elsewhere.

FRIEZLAND, YORKSHIRE.

On Saturday, February 15, 1896, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

SEVEN 720s OF MINOR, as follows:

Duke of York, Yorkshire Delight, Kent, Merchants' Return, New London, Oxford and Violet. Tenor 15 cwt.

JOSEPH W. SHAW Treble.	JOSEPH WOOD 4.
GEORGE T. SHAW 2.	JOHN D. SHAW 5.
JAMES DICKEN 3.	JOHN T. DICKEN Tenor.

Conducted by JOSEPH W. SHAW.

Joseph Wood hails from Saddleworth, the rest belong to the local company.

ANSTON, YORKS.

THE NORTH NOTTS. AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.

On Tuesday, February 18, 1896, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

SEVEN 720s OF MINOR, as follows:

City Delight, Killamarsh, Merchant's Return, Violet, Duke of York, Kent, and Oxford.

HERBERT TURNER Treble.	JOHN MARSHALL 4.
ROBERT SMITH 2.	SAMUEL SMITH 5.
HENRY STENTON 3.	CHARLES FOWLER Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES FOWLER.

First 5040 by all; also the first by a local company.

GORING, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

Recently (no date mentioned), in Two Hours and Thirty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS A'BECKET,

SEVEN 720s OF MINOR, as follows:

One each of Woodbine, Kent, and Oxford Treble Bob, College Single and Oxford Bob, and two 720s of Bob Minor, each called differently. Tenor 7½ cwt.

JOHN CARTER Treble.	JOHN BOWES 4.
CHARLES TIDBURY* 2.	*JOHN ALEXANDER 5.
WALTER ALDRIDGE* 3.	*GEORGE WILSON Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WILSON.

*First 5040. First by all on six bells, and is the first 5040 ever rung in the village.

Date Touches.

THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

ANSTON (Yorks).—On Tuesday, January 28th, a date touch of 1896 changes was rung in the following methods: 360 each of City Delight, Killamarsh and Merchant's Return, 240 each of Duke of York, Kent and Oxford, and 960 Violet, in 1 hr. 3 mins. R. Smith, 1; H. Turner, 2; H. Stenton, 3; C. Fowler (conductor), 4; S. Smith, 5; J. E. Marshall, 6. Rung in honour of C. P. Stringer's 38th birthday.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

CUCKFIELD (Sussex).—On Saturday, January 26th, at the church of the Holy Trinity, a date touch of Grandsire Triples in 1 hr. 9 mins. L. Attwater, 1; L. Asken, 2; F. Bennett, 3; W. Gibson, 4; P. Morfee, 5; F. Parsons, 6; F. Hounsell (conductor), 7; F. R. Hounsell, 8. Composed by F. S. W. Butler, of Gainsborough, and published in "THE BELL NEWS" of December 14th, 1895. Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

BATTLE (Sussex).—Recently at St. Mary's church, in honour of the enthronement of the Right Rev. Ernest Roland Wilberforce, D.D. as Lord Bishop of Chichester, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1896 changes, in 1 hr. 7 mins. C. Carter (longest length), 1; C. J. Hyland, 2; F. J. Mathis (longest length with a bob bell), 3; W. Franks (conductor), 4; J. Curtis, 5; W. Thomas, 6; H. Elliott, 7; W. H. Eldridge, 8. Composed by E. Cook, of Cardiff, and published in "THE BELL NEWS" of December 14th, 1895.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

ARMLEY (Yorks).—On Thursday evening, January 30th, for practice, a date touch, 1896 changes, in 1 hr. 12 mins., in the following methods: 456 Merchants' Delight, and 240 each City Delight, Arnold's Victory, College Pleasure, Duke of York, Violet, and Kent. F. Blackith, 1; J. Thackray (conductor), 2; H. Gaythorpe (Bramley), 3; W. Howgate (Bramley), 4; J. Heckingbottom, 5; G. Barraclough (Leeds), 6.

THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

BRAMLEY (Yorks).—On Tuesday, January 25th, at the parish church, a date touch (1896 changes), in 1 hr. 11 mins., consisting of 216 Kent, 240 Violet, and 360 each of Merchants' Delight, Duke of York, Woodbine, and New London Pleasure. J. Thackray, 1; B. Cowling, 2; R. Thomas (conductor), 3; H. Gaythorpe, 4; W. Holgate, 5; E. Redshaw, 6. Tenor 12 cwt.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BOCKING (Essex).—On Tuesday, January 28th, for practice at St. Mary's church, a date touch, 1896 changes, in 1 hr. 8 mins., being 720 each of Kent and Oxford, and 456 New London Pleasure. W. G. Milbourne (longest length), 1; S. Sargent, 2; F. Warren, 3; C. Bearman, 4; W. G. Grimwade, 5; C. H. Howard (conductor), 6. Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

GRAPPENHALL (Cheshire).—On Tuesday, January 28th, a date touch, 1896 changes, in 1 hr. 1 min., being 720 Woodbine, 720 Kent, and 456 New London Pleasure. J. Mainwaring, 1; H. Moston, 2; S. Horsfall, 3; F. T. Spence, 4; R. G. Lewis (conductor), 5; J. W. Booth, 6. The above was rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor, his brother-strings wishing him many happy returns. Longest length as conductor. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qrs.

Miscellaneous.

STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

STOKE-UPON-TRENT.—On Sunday evening, January 26th, for Divine Service at St. Peter's church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 45 mins. A. Clewes, 1; S. Churton, 2; A. Brindley, 3; J. Austin, 4; T. Mountford, 5; H. Page (conductor), 6; W. Davies, 7; T. Rose, 8. This is the first quarter-peal in the method by the local band.

BUCKNALL.—On Sunday, January 5th, at the parish church, 720 Durham Surprise. G. Hobbs, 1; J. E. Wheeldon, 2; C. Preston, 3; W. Wheeldon, 4; D. Preston (conductor), 5; W. Twigg, 6. Also on the same date for evening service 720 Oxford Treble Bob. G. Clarkson, 1; J. E. Wheeldon, 2; D. Preston, 3; C. Preston, 4; G. Hobbs, 5; W. Hobbs (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, January 7th, 720 Tulip Treble Bob. G. Hobbs, 1; J. E. Wheeldon, 2; C. Preston, 3; W. Wheeldon, 4; D. Preston (conductor), 5; W. Twigg, 6. And 720

City Delight, standing as before. On Sunday morning, January 12th, Imperial Treble Bob. Also 720 Killamarsh Treble Bob, and 720 for Divine Service, 720 York Surprise standing as before. For evening service 720 Bob Minor. G. Clarkson, 1; D. Preston, 2; C. Preston, 3; W. Wheeldon, 4; G. Hobbs, 5; W. Twigg (conductor), 6. On Sunday morning, January 19th, for Divine Service, 720 Grandsire Minor. G. Hobbs, 1; C. Preston, 2; W. Wheeldon, 3; D. Preston, 4; J. E. Wheeldon, 5; W. Twigg (conductor), 6. For evening service 720 Superlative Surprise. D. Preston, 2; C. Preston, 4; the rest as before. On Tuesday, January 21st, 720 Chester Surprise standing as before. First 720 in the method by all.

HANLEY.—On Saturday, January 25th, at the parish church, 180 Grandsire Caters. J. Beardmore (Newcastle), 1; T. Miller (Wolstanton), 2; F. Grocott (Wolstanton), 3; S. Churton (Stoke), 4; J. E. Wheeldon (Bucknall), 5; J. Mountford (Stoke), 6; W. Twigg (Bucknall), 7; G. Woods (Longton), 8; A. Clews (Stoke), 9; —. Bowkitt (Hanley), 10. First touch of Caters by a local band.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

GUILDFORD (Surrey).—On Sunday evening, January 26th, for Divine Service at the church of St. Nicolas, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 50 mins. J. Puttock, 1; A. Brown, 2; G. Redding, 3; W. W. Thorne (conductor), 4; J. J. Jones, 5; A. Adsett, 6; F. Blondell, 7; F. Wood, 8. Composed by H. J. Tucker. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Prince Henry of Battenberg.

PORTSEA (Hants).—On Sunday evening, January 7th, for Divine Service at St. Mary's church, 630 Grandsire Triples. E. Drinkwater, 1; E. Newman (longest touch with a bob bell), 2; C. Groves, 3; J. Symons (conductor), 4; J. Gould, 5; J. T. Matthews, 6; J. Harper, 7; J. R. Webb (longest touch), 8. On Tuesday, January 7th, 336 Grandsire Triples. J. Harper, 1; J. Symons (conductor), 2; E. Newman, 3; J. Harris, 4; J. T. Matthews, 5; E. Drinkwater, 6; J. Gould, 7; J. R. Webb, 8. A farewell sermon was preached by the Rev. Canon Jacob, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples being rung. C. Groves, 1; E. Newman, 2; J. Harper, 3; J. Symons (conductor), 4; C. Stubbington, 5; R. Harman, 6; J. Gould, 7; J. T. Matthews, 8. On Sunday evening, January 19th, for Divine Service, 504 Grandsire Triples. C. Groves, 1; E. Newman, 2; J. Harper, 3; J. Symons (conductor), 4; J. T. Matthews, 5; J. Gould, 6; E. A. Tomline, 7; E. Drinkwater, 8. On Sunday morning, January 26th, for Divine Service, 336 Grandsire Triples. E. Newman, 1; J. T. Matthews, 2; C. Groves, 3; E. A. Tomline, 4; E. A. Gregory, 5; R. Harman, 6; J. Symons (conductor), 7; J. Dover, 8. On Sunday evening, January 26th, for Divine Service, 504 Grandsire Triples. P. Hadam (first touch), 1; E. Newman, 2; C. Groves, 3; J. Symons (conductor), 4; J. T. Matthews, 5; E. Drinkwater, 6; J. Harper, 7; J. Dover, 8.

BASINGSTOKE (Hants).—On Thursday, January 23rd, with the bells half-muffled, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 44 mins. Miss A. White, 1; C. Holdaway, 2; H. Lawes, 3; T. Curtis, 4; J. E. Ballard, 5; J. R. Higgins, 6; H. White (conductor), 7; W. Coldrey, 8. On Sunday afternoon, January 26th, for Divine Service, 420 Stedman Triples. C. Holdaway, 1; H. Lawes, 2; T. Curtis, 3; C. F. Hansford, 4; F. Wilson, 5; J. E. Ballard, 6; H. White (conductor), 7; A. Knight, 8. For evening service 420 in the same method standing as before with the exception of Messrs. Ballard and Knight, whose places were filled by Messrs. Higgins and Coldrey. On Wednesday, January 22nd, for practice, 504 Stedman Triples. T. Curtis, 1; H. Lawes, 2; C. Holdaway, 3; C. Hansford, 4; F. Wilson, 5; J. Ballard, 6; H. White, 7; W. Coldrey, 8.

RYDE (Isle of Wight).—On Sunday, January 26th, for Divine Service, 308 Grandsire Triples. S. V. Salisbury, 1; J. Cantlow, 2; H. Coombes, 3; J. Norris, 4; S. Cantlow, 5; P. Long, 6; H. Jennings (conductor), 7; E. Brett, 8. On Tuesday, January 28th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 54 mins. S. V. Salisbury, 1; J. Cantlow, 2; H. Coombes, 3; J. Norris, 4; S. Cantlow, 5; P. Long, 6; H. Jennings (conductor), 7; E. Brett, 8. These touches were rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to H.R.H. Prince Henry of Battenberg.

HAWLEY (Hants).—On Saturday, February 1st, at Holy Trinity church, for combined practice, 336 Grandsire Triples. M. Steer, 1; T. Attwell, 2; G. Hawkins, 3; J. J. Jones, 4; Armr.-Sergt. Taylor, 5; F. Blondell, 6; W. W. Thorne (conductor), 7; Rev. C. E. Matthews, 8. Tenor 16½ cwt.

THE WATERLOO SOCIETY, LONDON.

WALWORTH (Surrey).—On Sunday, February 2nd, for Divine Service at St. Peter's church, 1008 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. W. Truss, 1; F. J. Pitts, 2; F. G. Perrin, 3; A. R. Davis, 4; H. Barton, 5; V. W. West, 6; W. C. Hasted, 7; H. N. Davis (conductor), 8.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BRISTOL.—On Thursday, January 2nd, at the church of St. John-on-the-Walls, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. W. Cave (first 720), 1; J. Hinton (conductor), 2; C. Boutflower (first 720), 3; T. Blackburn, 4; S. Lawrence, 5; F. Price, 6. Afterwards, touches of Plain Bob Grandsire, and Stedman, C. Horton, Mr. Rowe (Huntspill), and E. Duckham taking part. On handbells, the same evening, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 37 mins. S. Lawrence, 1-2; T. Blackburn, 3-4; J. Hinton (conductor), 5-6; F. Price, 7-8. On Friday an attempt was made for a peal on handbells, but came to grief; after, wards 504 as before. Rung in the belfry of the church of St. John. On Sunday evening, January 5th, at the church of St. Stephen, 504 Stedman Triples. J. W. Hinton (conductor), 1; C. Horton, 2; C. Millard, 3; S. Lawrence, 4; J. York, 5; H. Brown, 6; F. Price, 7; W. Colston, 8. Brown hails from Twerton-on-Avon. On Tuesday, January 14th, 324 Stedman Caters. W. Cave, 1; E. Duckham, 2; C. Horton (conductor), 3; C. Millard, 4; G. Daltry, 5; A. Bawn, 6; C. Tomkins, 7; J. Gould, 8; F. Price, 9; W. Colston, 10. (C. Horton's first touch as conductor). And a course of Treble Bob Royal: H. Harman, 2; C. Gordon, 3; H. Pring, 4; J. Hinton, 10; the rest as before. And 432 Stedman Caters. J. Hinton, 1; H. Harman, 2; C. Horton, 3; C. Millard, 4; H. Pring (conductor), 5; A. Bawn, 6; C. Tomkins, 7; E. Duckham, 8; F. Price, 9; W. Colston, 10. H. Harman hails from Bromley, Kent. On Sunday, January 19th, six courses of Stedman Triples; W. Knight, C. Horton, W. Cave, J. Hinton, F. Price, H. Harman, W. Colston, F. Howell, and H. Howell taking part. At The George hotel, the same evening, in 37 mins., a quarter-peal on handbells. H. Harman, 1-2; J. Hinton (conductor), 3-4; F. Price, 5-6; F. Howell (Thornbury), 7-8. H. Harman's first quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. On Monday, January 20th, at the Temple church, 504 Stedman Triples. H. Howell, 1; C. Horton, 2; T. Radford, 3; C. Tomkins, 4; F. Price, 5; Rev. H. Courtney (Dunster), 6; Rev. H. Law James (Gloucester, conductor), 7; J. Hinton, 8. Rung after the annual meeting of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association. On Wednesday, January 22nd, at the church of St. Stephen, 504 Stedman Triples. C. Horton, 1; C. Hounslow, 2; H. Harman, 3; Rev. H. Courtney, 4; C. H. Tomkins, 5; E. Duckham, 6; J. W. Hinton (conductor), 7; F. Gooding, 8. Mr. Hounslow, for whom the band was made up, hails from Oxford. Rung with the bells muffled in consequence of the death of Prince Henry of Battenberg. On Sunday, January 26th, 336 Bob Major. W. Knight, 1; C. Horton, 2; H. Pring, 3; W. Cave, 4; Rev. H. Courtney, 5; C. Boutflower, 6; J. Gould, 7; J. Hinton, 8. And in the evening, 432 Stedman Caters. J. Hinton, 1; W. Cave, 2; C. Horton, 3; F. Porch, 4; H. Pring, 5; C. Tomkins, 6; Rev. H. Courtney, 7; C. Boutflower, 8; F. Price, 9; W. Colston, 10. Also 324, with W. Cave, 1; H. Harman, 2; J. Hinton, 10; the rest as before. And after evening service at St. John-on-the-Walls, a 720 Bob Minor. W. Cave, 1; C. Horton (first 720 with a bob bell), 2; C. Tomkins, 3; Rev. H. Courtney, 4; F. Price, 5; C. Boutflower (conductor), 6. And three courses of Kent Treble Bob Minor. C. Horton, 1; W. Cave, 2; H. Harman, 3; C. Boutflower, 4; F. Price, 5; J. Hinton (conductor), 6. Afterwards, the whole pull and stand as a token of respect to the late Prince Henry of Battenberg.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

PORTISHEAD (Somerset).—On Wednesday, January 29th, 720 Grandsire Minor, in 25 mins. H. West, 1; R. Cottle, 2; A. Gale, 3; L. Moore, 4; J. Nisbett, 5; *W. Gillingham (conductor), 6. †First 720 with a bob bell; *first 720 as conductor. Tenor 17 cwt. First 720 on these bells by a local band.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS (Kent).—On Thursday, January 23rd, at St. Peter's church, 288 Treble Bob Major. A. Welsh, 1; W. Latter, 2; G. Smithers, 3; H. Porter, 4; E. Mankelov, 5; S. Perkins, 6; C. Chapman, 7; H. Card (conductor), 8. And 504 Grandsire Triples. H. Wood, 1; W. Latter, 2; W. Pollard, 3; H. Card, 4; J. Muggridge, 5; A. Welsh (conductor), 6; H. Ford, 7; G. Kimber, 8. And 224 Bob Major. E. Mankelov, 1; P. Brooker, 2; S. Perkins, 3; G. Smithers, 4; H. Porter, 5; C. Chapman, 6; J. Muggridge, 7; W. Latter (conductor), 8. On Sunday, January 26th, 350 Grandsire Triples. W. Pollard, 1; H. Card, 2; J. Muggridge, 3; H. Porter, 4; S. Perkins, 5; W. Latter (conductor), 6; G. Edwards, 7; H. Ford, 8. And 168 Stedman Triples. E. Mankelov, 1; H. Card, 2; H. Porter, 3; W. Pollard, 4; S. Perkins, 5; A. Welsh, 6; W. Latter (conductor), 7; J. Muggridge, 8.

EDENBRIDGE (Kent).—On Friday, January 10th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. First in the method by all. On Monday, January 13th, 720 Kent Treble Bob, and 360 Oxford Bob. On Sunday, February 2nd, 720 Plain Bob. On Monday, February 3rd, 720 Double Bob, which is the first in the method by all. The ringers in all, with one exception, stood as follows. R. Jenner, 1; J. Wallis, 2; J. Steddy,

3; T. Wallis, 4; J. Heasman, 5; J. Preston (conductor), 6. The 720 of Plain Bob, on February 2nd, was rung by the following. J. Naylor, 1; J. Wallis, 2; J. Steddy, 3; J. Heasman, 4; T. Wallis, 5; J. Preston (conductor), 6.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—ROSSENDALE BRANCH.

BACUP.—On New Year's morning, at Christ Church, 720 College Treble Bob. Z. Lord, 1; J. Smith, 2; G. Shottin, 3; J. H. Smith, 4; J. S. Lomas, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. On Sunday, January 5th, for morning service, 720 Cambridge Surprise. Z. Lord, 1; J. Smith, 2; E. J. Cockroft, 3; J. H. Smith, 4; J. S. Lomas, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. For evening service, 720 Imperial, standing and conducted as before. On Sunday, January 12th, 720 Symphony. Z. Lord, 1; E. J. Cockroft, 2; G. Shottin, 3; J. H. Smith, 4; F. S. Lomas, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. For evening service 720 College Treble Bob, standing and conducted as in the morning. On Sunday, January 19th, 720 Arnold's Victory. Z. Lord, 1; J. Smith, 2; G. Shottin, 3; J. H. Smith, 4; E. J. Cockroft, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. On Sunday, January 26th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. L. Holt, 1; Z. Lord, 2; A. L. Hardman, 3; E. J. Cockroft, 4; J. S. Lomas, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. For evening service, 720 City Delight. L. Holt, 1; J. Smith, 2; Z. Lord, 3; E. J. Cockroft, 4; J. S. Lomas, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

COLWALL (Herefordshire).—On Monday, January 27th, at St. James's church, 720 Grandsire Minor, in 26 mins. E. J. Beattley (conductor), 1; W. J. Evans (first 720 of Minor with a bob bell), 2; G. Peacey, 3; H. W. Allen, 4; J. Field, 5; C. Layton, 6. Also another 720 of Grandsire Minor, in 26 mins. J. Field, 1; H. W. Allen, 2; Rev. G. M. Cnstance, 3; G. Peacey, 4; E. J. Beattley, 5; C. Layton (conductor), 6.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

LONDON.—On Sunday evening, November 24th, for Divine Service at St. Stephen's, Westminster, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich, 1280 changes, in 54 mins. G. Langford, 1; C. P. T. Brice, 2; *H. Taffender, 3; W. Sorrell, 4; H. S. Ellis, 5; S. Andrews, 6; *C. Charge, 7; J. N. Oxborrow (composer and conductor), 8. *First quarter-peal in the method.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

PENARTH.—On Sunday, January 5th, for morning service, 720 Plain Bob. J. Jones, 1; W. B. Biss, 2; J. Vinnicombe, 3; F. Bartlett, 4; D. Thomas (conductor), 5; T. Northey, 6. For evening service 720 Kent (nine bobs). H. Roberts (Cheltenham), 1; F. Bartlett, 2; W. B. Biss, 3; D. Thomas (conductor), 4; T. Northey, 5; J. Vinnicombe, 6. On Sunday, January 12th, for evening service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. D. Thomas (conductor), 1; W. B. Biss, 2; C. Lloyd, 3; F. Bartlett, 4; T. Northey, 5; J. Vinnicombe, 6. On Tuesday, January 14th, for practice, 720 Kent. T. Northey, 1; F. Bartlett, 2; J. Jones, 3; W. B. Biss, 4; D. Thomas (conductor), 5; J. Vinnicombe, 6. On Sunday, January 19th, for evening service, 720 Violet (nine bobs). J. Vinnicombe, 1; W. B. Biss, 2; D. Thomas (conductor), 3; C. Lloyd, 4; T. Northey, 5; H. Roberts, 6. First in the method by C. Lloyd and H. Roberts. On Tuesday, January 21st, for practice, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. J. Jones, 1; F. Bartlett, 2; J. Vinnicombe, 3; W. B. Biss, 4; D. Thomas (conductor), 5; T. Northey, 6. And 720 Plain Bob (fourteen bobs and two singles). J. Jones, 1; W. B. Biss, 2; D. Thomas (conductor), 3; F. Bartlett, 4; J. Vinnicombe, 5; T. Northey, 6. On Tuesday, January 28th, for practice, 720 Kent. J. Jones, 1; D. Thomas (conductor), 2; F. Bartlett, 3; W. B. Biss, 4; T. Northey, 5; J. Vinnicombe, 6. Also 720 Plain Bob. J. Jones, 1; F. Bartlett, 2; A. Rowley, 3; W. B. Biss, 4; D. Thomas (conductor), 5; T. Northey, 6. And 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-eight bobs and twenty-two singles). J. Jones, 1; W. B. Biss, 2; D. Thomas (conductor), 3; A. Rowley, 4; T. Northey, 5; J. Vinnicombe, 6.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

BURGHFIELD (Berks).—On January 28th, at St. Mary's church, 720 Grandsire Minor. H. Stevens, 1; W. Clark, 2; J. Aberly (conductor), 3; W. Horne, 4; T. Herridge, 5; F. Clark, 6. Also six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. H. Stevens, 1; J. Aberly, 2; W. Horne, 3; F. Clark, 4; W. Clark (conductor), 5; W. Aberly, 6. J. Aberly belongs to the Englefield band; W. Horne to Beenham; the rest to Theale.

OLD WINDSOR (Berks).—On Thursday, January 16th, for practice at St. Peter's church, 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Guttridge, 1; T. E. Harwood, 2; S. Smith (first with a bob bell), 3; W. Ware (first 500 as conductor), 4; W. Ralph, 5; R. Flaxman, 6; T. W. Cosling, 7; F. Guttridge, 8.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

ATTLEBOROUGH (Norfolk).—On Sunday, January 26th, 720 Can-

terbury Pleasure Minor, with the bells half-muffled. E. Ettridge, 1; A. Howes (conductor), 2; J. Warren, 3; R. Ettridge, 4; S. Daniels, 5; J. Laurence, 6. Tenor 16 cwt. This is the first 720 in the method on the bells.

LEISTON (Suffolk).—On Saturday, February 1st, an attempt for a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major came to grief after ringing 4600 changes in 2 hrs. 40 mins. owing to a mis-call. F. Wilson (conductor), 1; W. Taylor, 2; S. Wolfe, 3; R. Wells, 4; W. Drew, 5; F. Watling, 6; J. Button, 7; G. Hardy, 8. Tenor 20 cwt. in E. The peal was arranged on the occasion of the birthday of S. Wolfe, who attained his majority on the above date. Messrs. Hardy and Drew hail from Kelsale; Wells from Benhall; Watling from Saxmundham; the rest belong to Leiston.

EAST DEREHAM (Norfolk).—On a recent Tuesday evening, eight members of the above Association attempted a peal of 5056 Bob Major, but after ringing 3120 in 2 hrs. a change-course occurred. S. Bach (longest length), 1; F. Adcock, 2; A. Crispe, 3; F. G. Burleigh (conductor), 4; J. W. Morgan, 5; J. Wells, 6; W. Leggatt, 7; S. F. Burleigh, 8. Tenor 22 cwt.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BOCKING (Essex).—On Tuesday, December 10th, for practice at St. Mary's church, 720 Bocking Treble Bob. W. G. Melbourne, 1; W. Moore, 2; S. Sargent, 3; F. Warren, 4; W. Grimwade, 5; C. H. Howard (conductor), 6. For afternoon service on Sunday, December 15th, 720 College Exercise. W. G. Melbourne, 1; W. Moore, 2; S. Sargent, 3; F. Warren, 4; M. Grimwade, 5; C. H. Howard (conductor), 6. For afternoon service on Sunday, January 5th, 720 Bob Minor. W. G. Melbourne, 1; F. Radley, 2; W. Grimwade, 3; F. Warren, 4; S. Sargent, 5; C. Bearman (conductor), 6. For practice on Tuesday, January 7th, 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob in 50 mins. W. G. Melbourne, 1; W. Moore, 2; S. Sargent, 3; F. Warren, 4; W. Grimwade, 5; C. H. Howard (conductor), 6. For morning service, on Sunday, January 12th, 720 Court Single. W. G. Melbourne, 1; F. Radley, 2; W. Moore, 3; F. Warren, 4; S. Sargent, 5; C. H. Howard (conductor), 6. Tenor 18½ cwt. in F.

COGGESHALL (Essex).—On Monday, January 27th, at the parish church, with the bells half-muffled, 288 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Major, and 112 Double Norwich 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. Elliot, jun. (conductor), 8. Tenor 22 cwt.

WRITTLE (Essex).—On Wednesday, January 22nd, for practice at the parish church, 720 Bob Major. W. Emery, 1; E. Davis, 2; G. Sorrell, 3; A. Head, 4; T. Lincoln, 5; R. Wood, 6; F. Radley, 7; W. Lincoln, 8. On Sunday, February 2nd, for evening service, 980 Court Bob Triples. H. Lincoln, 1; E. Davis, 2; G. Sorrell, 3; A. Head, 4; G. Head, 5; T. Lincoln, 6; W. Lincoln (conductor), 7; W. Emery, 8.

SAWBRIDGEWORTH (Herts).—On Tuesday, February 4th, for practice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. N. W. Tarling (conductor), 1; A. Brown, 2; T. Saban, 3; T. Morris, 4; F. Smith, 5; W. Tarling, 6; F. W. Tarling, 7; H. Saban, 8. The above are all members of the local society, and this is the longest touch by the ringers of the 4th, 5th and 6th.

WOODFORD (Essex).—On Saturday, January 25th, at the church of Mary, on the occasion of the district meeting of the above association, held at Loughton, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. G. Gray, 1; J. Luckey, 2; F. Andrews, 3; J. W. Nevard, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. And 720 Cambridge Surprise. T. Jordan, 1; G. Jordan, 2; T. J. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; J. Luckey, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. This is the first Surprise method ever rung on these bells. Tenor 13 cwt.

WANSTEAD (Essex).—On Saturday, January 25th, at Christ Church, on the occasion of the district meeting of the Essex Association, held at Loughton, 360 Kent Treble Bob. G. Jordan, 1; F. Andrews, 2; T. Watts, 3; J. Luckey, 4; W. Watts, 5; J. W. Nevard (conductor), 6. Also 720 Cambridge Surprise, in 23½ mins. T. Jordan, 1; G. Jordan, 2; T. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; J. Luckey, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. This is the first Surprise method ever rung on the bells. Tenor 9 cwt.

THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

SHIREOAKS (Notts).—On Sunday morning, January 26th, for Divine Service at the church of St. Luke, 720 New London Pleasure. E. Russon, 1; D. Russon, 2; J. Fitzjohn, 3; B. Hall, 4; W. Hargreaves (conductor), 5; F. Hargreaves, 6. For evening service 360 Violet, standing as above.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LITTLE MUNDEN (Herts).—On Wednesday, January 27th, at All

Saints' church, two 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles and two 6-score of Bob Doubles. H. Carter, 1; G. Carter, 2; J. Heady, 3; J. Phillips, 4; W. H. Lawrence (conductor), 5; A. Smith, 6. And three courses of Grandsire Minor. H. Carter, 1; G. Carter, 2; J. Heady, 3; A. Phillips, 4; A. Smith, 5; W. H. Lawrence, 6. First 720 of Minor by a local band.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

GRAPPENHALL (Cheshire).—On Wednesday, January 1st, 720 Bob Minor (eight bobs and six singles). J. Mainwaring, 1; R. G. Lewis, 2; T. Burrows, 3; S. Horsfall, 4; F. T. Spence (conductor), 5; J. W. Booth, 6. On Sunday, January 5, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob. J. Mainwaring, 1; R. G. Lewis, 2; T. Burrows, 3; S. Horsfall, 4; C. R. Greenall, 5; F. T. Spence (conductor), 6. Also 720 Duke of York. F. T. Spence, 5; C. R. Greenall (conductor), 6. On Friday, January 7th, 720 Merchants' Return. J. Mainwaring, 1; H. Moston, 2; S. Horsfall, 3; R. G. Lewis, 4; F. T. Spence (conductor), 5; J. W. Booth, 6. Also 720 Bob Minor (nine bobs and six singles). J. E. Ashcroft, 2; H. Moston, 3; S. Horsfall, 4; R. G. Lewis (conductor), 6. On Thursday, January 9th, 720 New London Pleasure. H. Moston, 1; S. Horsfall, 2; R. G. Lewis, 3; T. Burrows, 4; F. T. Spence (conductor), 5; J. W. Booth, 6. On Sunday, January 12th, 750 Oxford Treble Bob (twelve bobs). J. Mainwaring, 1; R. G. Lewis, 2; T. Burrows, 3; S. Horsfall, 4; C. R. Greenall, 5; F. T. Spence (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, January 14th, 720 Braintree Treble Bob. F. T. Spence, 2; R. G. Lewis, 5; C. R. Greenall (conductor), 6. On Sunday, January 19th, 720 New London Pleasure. J. Mainwaring, 1; R. G. Lewis, 2; T. Burrows, 3; S. Horsfall, 4; F. T. Spence (conductor), 5; J. W. Booth, 6. Also 720 College Single (eighteen bobs and twenty-two singles). C. R. Greenall, 6. On Saturday, January 25th, 720 City Delight (first in the method by all), and 720 Canterbury Pleasure (forty singles and twenty bobs). J. Mainwaring, 1; R. G. Lewis, 2; T. Burrows, 3; S. Horsfall, 4; F. T. Spence (conductor), 5; J. W. Booth, 6. On Sunday, January 26th, 720 Violet Treble Bob with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late Prince Henry of Battenberg. On Thursday, January 30th, 720 College Single and 720 Bob Minor. J. E. Ashcroft, 1; S. Horsfall, 2; H. Moston, 3; R. G. Lewis, 4; F. T. Spence (conductor), 5; J. W. Booth (200th 720), 6.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

WEST TARRING (Sussex).—On Saturday, February 1st, at the parish church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor in 24 mins. G. Norris, 1; *F. Bennett, 2; A. Child, 3; *E. C. Merritt, 4; G. Williams (conductor), 5; J. N. Frossell, 6. *First 720 of Oxford. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qrs. 26 lbs. in A. G. Norris belongs to the local band; A. Child to Angmering; the remainder from St. Peter's, Brighton.

THE SOUTH AND WEST MIDDLESEX GUILD.

ISLEWORTH (Middlesex).—On Sunday afternoon, February 2nd, for Men's Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins. W. Foster, 1; E. J. Walsom, 2; W. Meaton, 3; W. Aldridge, 4; J. Ramsom, 5; F. Goddard, 6; A. H. Taber (conductor), 7; T. Waterman, 8.

HORNSEY (Middlesex).—On Sunday, February 9th, after evening service, 720 Kent Treble Bob (nine bobs), in 27 mins. W. Dixon, 1; G. Griffin, 2; J. Waghorn, sen., 3; J. Waghorn, jun., 4; A. Miller (first in the method), 5; A. Jacob (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, February 18th, 720 Bob Minor (fourteen singles four bobs), in 25 mins. J. Hannington, 1; G. Griffin, 2; W. Dixon, 3; J. Miller, 4; A. Miller, 5; A. Jacob (conductor), 6. This was rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. E. King, one of the oldest ringers in Hornsey, who attained the age of 63 on the above date, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH (Northants).—On New Year's Eve 720 Double Oxford Bob Minor. J. Houghton, sen., 1; A. Perkins, 2; W. Pettitt, 3; J. Garratt, 4; A. Tyler, 5; J. Houghton, jun. (conductor), 6. On January 18th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. A. Perkins, 1; J. Houghton, sen., 2; C. Newman, 3; J. Houghton, jun., 4; J. Seamark, 5; A. Tyler, 6; A. H. Martin (conductor), 7; W. Perkins, 8. On January 25th, 640 Kent Treble Bob Major. A. Perkins, 1; W. J. Gilbert, 2; W. Pettitt, 3; F. Gilbert, 4; J. Garratt, 5; A. Tyler (conductor), 6; J. Houghton, sen., 7; C. Newman, 8. On January 27th, 336 Double Norwich. J. Houghton, sen., 1; A. Tyler, 2; F. Gilbert, 3; A. Perkins, 4; W. J. Gilbert, 5; W. Pettitt, 6; H. Stubbs (first touch and first attempt), 7; J. Houghton, jun. (conductor), 8. And 224 Superlative Surprise Major. J. Houghton, sen., 1; A. Tyler, 2; W. Pettitt, 3; A. Perkins, 4; J. Garratt, 5; F. Gilbert, 6; W. J. Gilbert, 7; J. Houghton, jun., 8. This is the first course in the method ever rung in Northamptonshire, and the first course by all.

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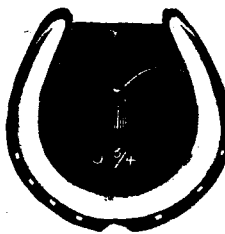
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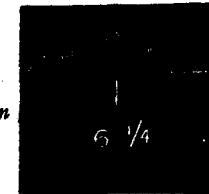
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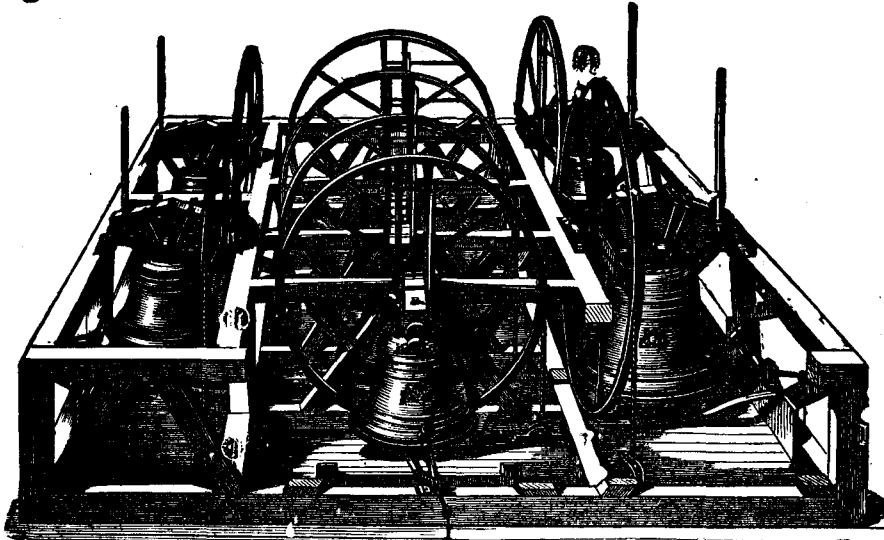
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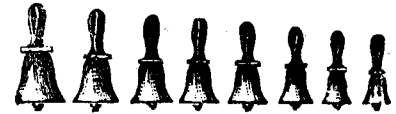
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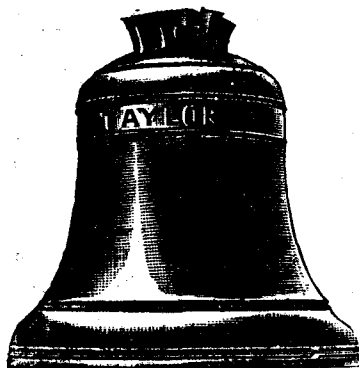
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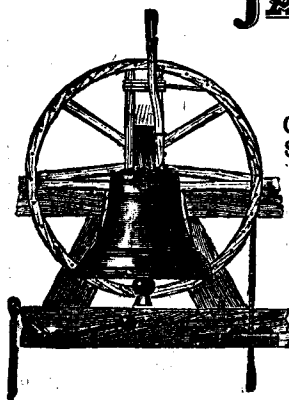
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THE EAST LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

Merry chimes pealing forth from the tower of the parish church, Horncastle, on Thursday, February 13th, caused the generality of townspeople who heard them to wonder what was going forward. Very few seemed to know, however, and the enquiries made only elicited information which was of a vague character. As a matter of fact, the ringing of the church bells announced the visit to the town of members of the above Association on the occasion of the quarterly meeting. Affiliated with the Association are the bellringers of Spilsby, South and West Keal, Kirton, Freston, Croft, Burgh, Sutterton, Swineshead, Heckington, Butterwick, Fishtoft, Bennington, Leake, Wrangle, and Friskney. The meeting at Horncastle was disappointing so far as the members attending was concerned, but the dozen members who did attend appeared to make the most of their visit. Following the course of procedure adopted at all other meetings of the Association, several of the members, by permission, went up into the church tower and rang the peals of bells as previously alluded to. Later they adjourned to the dining-room of The Rodney hotel, where Host Bowers and his genial wife set before them an admirable repast, to which the company, each one of whom had come from a distance, did full justice. When the cloths had been removed the usual business meeting was held, Mr. Arthur Sellers (Kirton) presiding. The Chairman, in his opening remarks, regretted that the attendance was so small at their meeting that day.

The Secretary (Mr. Clayton) read the minutes of the annual meeting, held at Kirton three months ago, and these were adopted. Mr. E. Rawlinson (Butterwick) was accepted as a skilled member of the association, and Mr. George Fredk. Woodthorpe (Boston) as a probationer. Croft, where there are six bells, was decided upon as the next place of meeting. When the meeting was thrown open for the consideration of matters of general interest, the Chairman expressed regret that none of the clergy or churchwardens in Horncastle had joined them at the dinner or the meeting. Mr. Clayton said that when he acquainted the Vicar of Horncastle of the intention of the members of the Association to hold their quarterly meeting in the town, the rev. gentleman replied to him intimating his his pleasure on learning of the proposal of the Association, and he offered not the slightest objection to them performing some change ringing on the bells.

Mr. Woodthorpe remarked that though the clergy and church officers were eager enough in pressing them to join the Bell-ringers Association, yet these gentlemen, so far as his experience of the association meetings went, rarely, if ever, favoured them with their presence and support. This was very disappointing, and not at all calculated to encourage the ringers.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rev. Canon Quarrington for his kindness in allowing the ringers the use of the bells. Mr. and Mrs. Bowers, the host and hostess of the Rodney, were also warmly complimented on the very excellent dinner they had provided. To each one attending there was supplied a printed copy of the balance-sheet of the Association for 1894-5. This document, under the head of "Receipts," showed that there was a balance in hand on October 31st, 1894, of £18 14s. 1d. Subscriptions from honorary members were: one at £1 1s.; two at 10s., £1; nine at 5s., £2 5s.; thirty-three at 2s. 6d., £4 2s. 6d.; and six at 1s. 6d. A sum of 6s. 9d. for bank interest brought the total receipts to £27 15s. 4d. On the expenditure side there appeared the following items: Annual meeting at Spilsby, November 3rd, 1894, £2 12s.; quarterly meeting at Friskney, January 26th, 1895, £2 12s. 6d.; quarterly meeting at Swineshead, April 20th, 1895, £2 8s. 6d.; quarterly meeting at Butterwick, July 27th, 1895, £1 13s. 6d.; printing account, 150 annual reports, £1 8s., and 300 notices of meeting, 7s. 6d.; stationery and postage, per secretary, 8s. 6d.; ditto for treasurer, 2s. 6d.; leaving a balance in hand on October 31st, 1895, of £16 2s. 4d.

When the meeting had concluded, the ringers went to the Parish Church and there rang the bells in such a manner as skilled ringers only can. Those who heard the bells freely

admitted that they had not heard them rung so well, nor had they enjoyed their music so much for many years past. The ringers had set themselves to ring 720 changes on the bells, and only two treble leads were needed to complete this when a little mishap occurred and prevented it being finished.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

By consent of the Rev. J. Dun, a quarterly meeting of the above Association took place at Higham Ferrers, on Saturday, February 15th. The bells of St. Mary's church are a ring of eight. When a portion of the tower fell in the year 1632 several of the old bells were cracked. They were re-cast and rehung the following year, Watts, of Leicester, being the founder, and a man named Cheese the maker of the oak frame. Three years ago the bells were entirely re-hung in new iron frames by Taylor, of Loughborough. At the same time two trebles (both maiden bells) were added and the present 4th and 6th re-cast. The new treble was the gift of J. Crew, Esq. A new clock with Cambridge quarters has been placed in the tower during the past year. The spire windows have also been wired over and a new floor put in the clock-room and under the bells. The bells are well cared for, ring easily, and are wonderfully even in tone.

There was tea at the Bede House at 5 o'clock, at which the Vicar and his curate, the Rev. H. Colworth, were present. The Rector of Rushden, the Rev. W. R. Morse, was, much to his regret, unable to attend. At the business meeting after tea, the Rev. J. Dun, rural dean, and Treasurer of the Association, presided. The Secretary, Mr. E. J. Dennes, reported that the Rev. W. S. Parker, Vicar of Rothwell, was, with his ringers, desirous of joining the Association; also the Rev. A. J. Miller, Rector of Wootton, and his ringers. A suitable card to hang in all Association belfries signifying its objects and purpose, was laid before the meeting and approved. The Rev. E. P. B. Weber, of St. Barnabas, Wellingborough, was elected an honorary member; and Mr. C. T. P. Brice, of London, and Mr. J. R. Sharman, of Crawley, Sussex, "out of county" ringing members. The Rev. J. Dun was heartily thanked for the use of the bells, also the local ringers and their foreman, Mr. Parker, for making the visitors so welcome.

About forty members were present during the afternoon and evening from Raunds, Higham Ferrers, Kettering, Wilby, Wellingborough, Rushden, Earls Barton, Finedon, and St. Peter's, Northampton. Plain Bob, Stedman, Grandsire (Triples, Minor and Doubles), Treble Bob and Double Norwich were the methods practised on Saturday, and the striking was much better than usual at mixed gatherings.

Owing to the capital arrangements made by the senior ringers, Messrs. Parker and the brothers Martin, all present were enabled to get a turn at the ropes. A pleasant feature of the day was the good attendance of junior ringers (probationers) from Raunds and Wellingborough. At the conclusion of the ringing at the belfry, two peals of handbells belonging to the Higham Ferrers and Finedon men, afforded considerable enjoyment to a large number. The tune-playing of the Finedon company was much appreciated.

A BI-CENTENARY MEETING.

On Tuesday, February 18th, a gathering took place at St. Mary's, Whitechapel, to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of the first peal in which Messrs. Comb, Cooter, Pye, and M. A. Wood took part. Probably it is unique in the annals of campanology, for four out of eight to be alive at the end of five decades. A peal, which was not completed, was attempted on the 8th inst. to celebrate the 71st birthday of W. Cooter, in which the veteran took part.

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THE WATERLOO SOCIETY, LONDON.

On Saturday, February 15th, the twenty-eighth anniversary dinner was held at The York hotel, Waterloo Road, which was attended by about forty members and friends. Previous to the dinner the fine ring of ten at St. Margaret's, Westminster, was placed at the disposal of the society, where a good muster of members assembled, including several prominent ringers from the country, viz., Messrs. Truss (2), Boreham, Biggs, Goodchild, and A. W. Truss (Great Marlow); A. W. Brighton (Cambridge); H. Wood (Rodmersham, Kent). A touch of Stedman Caters and a course of Treble Bob Royal was rung. The company then adjourned to The York hotel, where a splendid repast had been provided by the manageress. After doing justice to the good things provided, harmony commenced, Mr. H. N. Davis, late Master, being in the chair.

The chairman proposed "The Health of The Royal Family," which was duly honoured.

Mr. G. Wild in a few well-chosen words gave "The Waterloo Society," explaining the objects of the formation of the society. He spoke of the good work the society had done, and strongly impressed upon all young ringers, and particularly upon the young members of the society, the splendid opportunity they had of learning to become proficient change-ringers, for he was sure it would not be for the want of encouragement by the officers and members attending there, if they did not very soon make rapid progress.

The chairman in responding gave a short account of what the society had done during the past year. He felt that they were in a better position now than for many years, having first of all added a good sum to the funds, and having rang the same number of peals as in 1894, but greatly improved in quality, the number of peals in 1894 being 162, whilst in the past year it amounted to 304. Thirteen members had joined in 1895, and he was sure that if all members would join in hearts and hands in assisting the officers in their duties, and in lending a helping hand to one another, and to those members who were trying to master the first stages of the Art, the Waterloo Society would not only maintain the reputation it held, but would yield even better results in the future.

Mr. F. J. Pitts gave "The Visitors," and Mr. A. W. Truss responded, saying that nothing would give him greater pleasure than to welcome the Waterloo Society at Great Marlow, and he wished the society the prosperity it so richly deserved.

Mr. W. C. Hasted gave "The Clergy and Church Officials," and in the course of his remarks complimented Mr. Waite, the steeple-keeper, for the manner in which he has always endeavoured to make the meetings and the ringing at St. John's a pleasure to those who attended.

Mr. W. Baron then rose and addressed the chairman, and said what pleasure it gave him to be present, as he thought that the necessary arrangements for such an occasion had been most ably carried out by those members who were on the committee for the purpose, and he proposed a vote of thanks to those gentlemen. He added that he was afraid his ringing career was drawing to a close, but his utmost wish was gratified when he sat at home and heard the bells ring as they were rang now, and thought that the Waterloo Society as it now stood was the outcome of his and others efforts in years gone by, he being one of its founders, but he had not quite given up yet, and was always willing to lend a hand whenever required, as he was always treated with the greatest respect whenever he met the society.

Altogether the gathering was a most successful one in every way, being brought to a close by the singing of "Auld Lang Syne." The company separated about midnight, each one having thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

STOKE-ON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 22nd, six members of this Association paid a visit to the pretty little village of Horton, and were successful in ringing a date touch in the four following Treble Bob Minor methods: A 720 each of Woodbine and Oxford, 240 Duke of York, and 216 Kent. H. Shuker, 1; G. Sheldon, 2; J. L. Berrisford, 3; I. Moreton, 4; H. Cornwell, 5; J. E.

Wheeldon (conductor), 6. The village of Horton is situated about fifteen or twenty minutes' walk from Rudyard, the Switzerland of Staffordshire. It is often visited for a view of its old church, and the monuments in the churchyard. Horton was anciently one of the chapelries attached to Leek. In 1288 the vicar of Leek paid a stipend of seven marks a year to the curate of Horton. In 1450 these chapelries were placed under the Abbey of Dieulacres, and so continued until the Reformation. On approaching the church the visitor's attention will be attracted by the north aisle with its battlemented roof and square-headed windows—the oldest part of the building. The tower and chancel are evidently of more recent date—the former has been assigned to about the year 1500; its masonry of large stones and the carved gargoyles at the top are specially worthy of notice. One of its incised crosses is well preserved. The belfry screen of Jacobæan work is dated 1618. Returning to the churchyard the visitor will notice a memorial cross to the memory of George Heath, the Staffordshire Moorland poet. The cross is of a beautiful Runic design, and on it is the following inscription: "Erected in memory of George Heath, of Gratton, who, with few aids, developed in these moorlands, poetic powers of great promise, but who, stricken by consumption after five years' suffering, fell a victim to that disease, May 5th, 1869, aged 25 years." Although dying at so early an age, his poems number between sixty or seventy, and are published in a book of 350 pages, which has already run through two editions. After leaving the tower the visitors made their way to the town of Leek, where they regaled themselves with refreshments, and after satisfying the inner man they caught the train for their respective destinations, one and all agreeing that it was one of the most enjoyable times that they had ever had together. This date touch was rung in honour of the 24th birthday of J. Berrisford, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns. Messrs. Cornwell, Moreton, and Berrisford hail from Kingsley; Shuker and Sheldon from Leek; Wheeldon from Bucknall. The ringers wish to take this opportunity of thanking the Rev. B. Blakeway for his kindness in allowing them the use of the kells.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 15th, a meeting was held at Monks Eleigh, Suffolk, for the ringers of six-bell towers. Several members attended from Bildeston, Hitcham, Lavenham, and Preston, and other ringing friends from Hadleigh, Kersey, Edwardstone, and Great Waldingfield were present. The fine ring of six bells were placed at the disposal of the visitors at 3.30 p.m., and a 720 of Bob Minor was rung. At 6 p.m. seventeen sat down to a substantial knife and fork tea, provided by host Stow at The Swan inn, which was greatly appreciated, and justice was done to the good things provided. The chair was taken by Mr. Sewell (Hiteham), and the vice-chair by Mr. R. Bedingfield (Bildeston). After the cloth was removed, the chairman gave the loyal and patriotic toasts, which were duly responded to. The chairman proposed the next toast, which he said was the toast of the evening—"Success to the Ely Diocesan Association," and in a few appropriate words wishing those who were not, to become members, and try and make a further progress in the Art. The rest of the evening was spent ringing the handbells, Bob Minor, New London Pleasure, and Kent Treble Bob Major. A vote of thanks to the host and hostess, and a response from the latter, brought a successful meeting to a close.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

Hon. Secretaries of Societies whose subscription for the current year has not yet been paid, are earnestly requested to forward the same to the Hon. Secretary of the Council without further delay.

Notices of motion to be brought before the Council (in writing signed by two members of Council) should be in the hands of the Hon. Secretary by Saturday, March 7th.

H. EARLE BULWER, Hon. Sec.

Stanhoe Rectory, King's Lynn, February 25th, 1896.

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 Johnson Commemoration will be combined this year with the Guild's Anniversary Dinner, and will be held at The Market hotel, Station Street, Birmingham, to-day, Saturday, February 29th, at 6.0 p.m. sharp. Chair will be taken by J. S. Pritchett, Esq., M.A. There will be ringing at St. Martin's tower, commencing at 3.30 p.m. Every full subscribing member of one year's standing is entitled to a dinner ticket free, and other members or friends can obtain tickets at 3s. each by application to W. H. GODDEN, Hon. Sec.

61, Roland Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

The Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—The next meeting of the Guild will be held at Crossens to-day, Saturday, February 29th. Bells ready 3 p.m., meeting 6 p.m.

Rev. W. T. BULPIT, } Hon. Secs.
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South and West Middlesex Guild.—The next monthly meeting of the above Guild will be held at Isleworth to-day, Saturday, February 29th. Ringing at 5.30.

E. J. WALSON, Hon. Sec.
1, Kerrison Villas, The Park, Ealing.

Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at the church of St. Philip, Hulme, Manchester, to-day, Saturday, February 29th. Bells ready at 3.0 p.m., business meeting at 7.0 p.m. And by kind permission of the Rev. R. Brayshaw, M.A., the bells of Holy Trinity church, Stretford Road, will be open for ringing from 4.0 till 6.0 p.m. All ringers, whether members or non-members, are welcome at these meetings. WALTER BROWN, Branch Sec.

54, Wenlock Street, Hulme, Manchester.

Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The next monthly ringing meeting of this society will be held at St. Francis' (R.C.) church, Manor road, Holbeck (8 bells), to-day, Saturday, February 29th. Ringing from 2.0 p.m. Business meeting at 6.0 p.m. at The Belmont inn. Nominations for the various officers for 1896-7. R. BINNS.

3, Dame Street, Hogg's Field, Holbeck.

Kent County Association.—Rochester District.—The next meeting will be held at Northfleet on Saturday, March 7th. Tower open for ringing at 4. Committee meeting at 6. Members intending to be present should let me know not later than March 1st, so that I can make arrangements for cheap fares.

A. OSBORNE, Hon. Sec.

65, Clive Road, Rochester.

Sussex County Association (Central).—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Cuckfield (Hayward's Heath station), on Saturday, March 7th. Tower open 3 p.m., tea at 5.30. GEO. WILLIAMS, Hon. Div. Sec.

49, Clifton Street, Brighton.

N.B.—The Hon. Sec. is unable to obtain cheap fares.

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next monthly meeting of this Association will be held at Bucknall on Saturday next, March 7th. Members intending to be present are

requested to give notice to Mr. W. Twigg, 97, High street, Bucknall, not later than Wednesday, March 4th.

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

Heavy Woollen Districts Association, Yorkshire.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Lindley on Saturday, March 21st, at 5 p.m. Meeting house Globe inn. Members will kindly note that should they wish to compete this year at contests, subscriptions should be paid on or before March 1st.

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

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS

A. G.—So far as we have heard there is not the remotest possibility.

TUE BROOK.—1.—The book, *Nelson's Festivals and Fasts*, is a work of sound piety and great historical interest. 2.—*Pearson on the Creed*. 3.—The late Dr. Hook was Dean of Chichester. While holding this deanery, he was offered that of St. Paul's, and afterwards that of Westminster; both of which he declined on account of age. He was nephew of the great wit, Theodore Hook. See the life of the great Dean, by his son-in-law, the present Dean of Winchester.

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1896.

Odd changes.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

2 1 3 5 4 7 6 8

2 3 1 5 7 4 8 6

3 2 5 1 4 7 6 8

3 5 2 1 7 4 8 6

5 3 1 2 4 7 6 8

5 1 3 2 7 4 8 6

1 5 3 7 2 8 4 6

1 5 7 3 8 2 6 4 W B M H

2 3 5 6 4 7 8 I I

5 2 3 6 4 I I

4 3 2 6 5 I I

2 4 3 6 5 I I

2 3 4 6 5 S

4 2 3 6 5 I

3 4 2 6 5 I

3 2 4 6 5 S

5 4 3 2 6 I I I

3 2 5 4 6 I I

5 3 2 4 6 I

5 2 3 4 6 S

3 5 2 4 6 I

2 3 5 4 6 I

2 5 3 4 6 S

3 4 2 5 6 I

2 3 4 5 6 I

BANGOR (North Wales).—On Tuesday, January 28th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, containing the twenty-four 6-7s, in 46 mins. J. M. Rowlands (longest touch), 1; Rev. T. Lewis Jones, 2; R. Hughes (longest touch with a bob bell), 3; M. J. Morris (composer), 4; S. Taylor, 5; P. Davies (conductor), 6; J. Gayton, 7; W. Crane, 8. And several touches of Grandsire and Bob Major. On Thursday, January 20th, 630 Grandsire Triples, 360 Grandsire Minor, and several touches of Canterbury Pleasure Triples. On Tuesday, February 4th, the first part of Pritchard's ten-part peal of Canterbury Pleasure Triples.

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Compositions.

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A PEAL OF CANTERBURY PLEASURE MAJOR.By HERBERT E. HOUGH, *Bebington.*

5040.

2 3 4 5 6 W M H

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

Four times repeated.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR.By FREDERICK DENCH, *Crawley, Sussex.*

5088.

2 3 4 5 6 I 4 5 6

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

Twice repeated.

This peal contains the 6th eighteen times wrong and right, with the 2nd never in 5-6.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR.By FREDERICK DENCH, *Crawley, Sussex.*

5152.

2 3 4 5 6 M B W H

3 2 6 5 4	2	2
5 3 6 2 4	I	2
3 4 6 2 5	I	2
3 6 2 4 5	I	2
3 2 4 6 5	I	2
2 5 4 6 3	I	2

Repeated produces—

2 6 4 3 5 M B W H

6 2 5 3 4	2	2
3 6 5 2 4	I	2
6 2 4 5 3	I	2
2 3 4 5 6	I	2

This peal has the 4th, 5th, and 6th their extent in 6ths place, with 2nd never there, and the 3rd only twice.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR.By THE REV. J. HOLME PILKINGTON, *Framlingham.*

5344.

2 3 4 5 6 W B M H

5 3 2 6 4	s	I	-
2 3 4 6 5	-	-	-
4 2 5 3 6	-	-	-
6 5 2 3 4	-	-	-
6 3 2 4 5	I	-	-
5 2 3 4 6	-	-	-
3 5 6 2 4	-	-	-
3 4 2 6 5	-	2	-
4 5 3 2 6	-	2	-
3 2 5 6 4	-	I	-
3 2 6 4 5	-	I	-
4 3 2 5 6	-	I	-
6 2 5 3 4	-	3	-
4 3 6 2 5	-	-	-
2 4 3 5 6	-	I	-
5 2 6 3 4	-	2	-
6 4 2 3 5	-	s	-
3 4 5 2 6	-	2	s
2 5 3 6 4	s	I	s
2 6 3 4 5	I	-	-
3 2 4 5 6	I	-	-

Repeated.

By calling the 2nd course—

W B M

- I -

in either part, the 5th course-end is brought up, and the peal reduced to 5008. This peal had the 4th, 5th, and 6th bells in constant orderly succession in 6ths place at the course-ends, and is believed to be the first peal composed and rung on this plan. First rung as a 5008 at Framlingham, Dec. 14th, 1895, conducted by its composer.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR.By CORNELIUS CHARGE, *London.*

5056.

2 3 4 5 6 W 5 4 M H

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

Repeated.

This composition has the 4th and 5th fourteen times each in 6ths place, and the 6th twenty times at home, and contains the full combinations of 4-5-6.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR.By ARTHUR CRAVEN, *Lincoln.*

5024.

2 3 4 5 6 M B W H

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

Has the 6th the extent wrong, and the 4th, 5th, and 6th, the extent in 6ths place with the 6ths five course-ends home, which properties are obtained in the minimum number of courses.

TWO PEALS OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR.By H. HOWLETT, *Framlingham.*

5024.

I 4 5 6

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

Repeated.

5040.

I 4 6

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

Twice repeated.

This peal has the 4th, 5th and 6th their extent in 6ths place at the course-ends.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH
COURT BOB MAJOR.

By H. HOWLETT, Framlingham.

5088.

2 3 4 5 6 I 4 5 6

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

Repeated.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS.

By R. HASTED, Winchester.

5079.

2 3 1 4 5 6

1 3 6 4 5 2 I 5
 6 3 1 2 5 4 - 16
 5 3 1 4 6 2 4 5 16
 1 3 2 5 6 5 - - -
 2 3 5 4 6 1 - - -
 5 3 2 1 6 4 - - -
 2 3 4 1 6 5 - - -
 4 3 5 1 6 2 - - -
 5 3 4 2 6 1 - - -
 4 3 1 2 6 5 - - -
 1 3 4 5 6 2 - - -
 4 5 1 3 6 2 - 15 -
 1 5 2 3 6 4 - - -
 2 5 4 3 6 1 - - -
 4 5 2 1 6 3 - - -
 2 5 3 1 6 4 - - -
 3 5 4 1 6 2 - - -
 4 5 3 2 6 1 - - -
 3 5 1 2 6 4 - - -
 1 5 3 4 6 2 - - -
 3 4 1 5 6 2 - - -
 1 4 2 5 6 3 - - -
 2 4 3 5 6 1 - - -
 3 4 2 1 6 5 - - -
 2 4 5 1 6 3 - - -
 5 4 2 3 6 1 - - -
 2 4 1 3 6 5 - - -
 1 4 5 3 6 2 - - -
 5 4 1 2 6 3 - - -
 1 2 5 4 6 3 - - -
 5 2 3 4 6 1 - - -
 3 2 1 4 6 5 - - -
 1 2 3 5 6 4 - - -
 3 2 4 5 6 1 - - -
 4 2 1 5 6 3 - - -
 1 2 4 3 6 5 - - -
 4 2 5 3 6 1 - - -
 5 2 4 1 6 3 - - -

continued—

5 15 16

4 1 5 2 6 3 - - -
 5 1 3 2 6 4 - - -
 3 1 4 2 6 5 - - -
 4 1 3 5 6 2 - - -
 3 1 2 5 6 4 - - -
 2 1 4 5 6 3 - - -
 4 1 2 3 6 5 - - -
 2 1 5 3 6 4 - - -
 1 2 3 4 5 6 s s 12 & B 19

This peal has the 6th forty-four times
 behind the 9th, and the 1st eight times.
 and the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th each nine
 times in 2nds place with the 6th in that
 position.

TWO PEALS OF SUPERLATIVE
SURPRISE MAJOR.

By G. LINDOFF, Lincoln.

5152.

2 3 4 5 6 M W H

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

Repeated.

Calling in lieu of the last three courses
 thus:—

2 4 5 3 6 W H

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

For 5056 call B H H H W H in lieu of three
 courses braced.

5088.

2 3 4 5 6 B M W H

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

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE.

By FREDERICK DENCH, Crawley, Sussex.

5184.

2 3 4 5 6 M B W H

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

This peal contains the 4th and 6th the
 extent in 5-6.

A DATE TOUCH OF GRANDSIRE
TRIPLES.

By EDWARD COOK, Cardiff.

2 4 3 5 7 6

4 2 3 5 6 7

2 4 5 3 6 7

2 5 4 3 6 7

5 2 4 3 6 7

2 5 3 4 7 6

4 6 2 3 7 5

5 3 4 7 6 2

6 2 5 4 7 3

5 7 6 2 3 4

4 2 5 3 7 6

7 6 4 5 3 2

6 4 7 5 3 2

7 3 6 4 2 5

6 2 7 3 5 4

5 4 6 7 3 2

6 3 5 4 2 7

5 2 6 3 7 4

4 3 5 7 2 6

2 6 4 5 7 3

4 7 2 6 3 5

5 6 4 3 7 2

7 2 5 4 3 6

4 2 7 6 5 3

3 6 4 5 2 7

Twice repeated.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

By ARTHUR CRAVEN, Lincoln.

5024.

2 3 4 5 6 M B W H

2 5 3 4 6

5 4 3 2 6 I - 2

2 5 4 6 3 - 2

5 2 3 6 4 2 2

6 3 2 5 4 2 2

6 2 5 3 4 I 2

6 5 3 2 4 I - 2

2 4 5 3 6 2 2

2 3 4 5 6 -

continued:—

2 5 3 4 6

3 4 2 5 6 I - 2

5 3 4 6 2 2 2

3 2 4 6 5 I 2

3 4 6 2 5 I 2

3 6 2 4 5 I - 2

4 2 6 3 5 I - 2

2 3 4 5 6 -

This peal, in 15 courses, contains the 4th, 5th, and 6th
 the extent in 6ths place, the 6th being five course-ends at
 home, and her extent wrong.

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 1896.

A complaint reaches us from East Lincolnshire, with regard to the want of interest shewn by the local clergy, as exemplified by their total absence at the quarterly meeting of the Association for that part of the county, held at Horncastle. One of those present remarked "that though the clergy and church officers were eager enough in pressing them to join the Association, yet these gentlemen, so far as his experience of the Association meetings went, rarely, if ever, favoured them with their presence and support. This was very disappointing, and not at all calculated to encourage the ringers."

This want of interest on the part of those whose countenance is most desirable, is certainly not encouraging, but we are afraid our friends of Lincolnshire are not singular in this respect. But we ask them to bear in mind the old saying "that everything comes to those who know how to wait." The tide is going in the right direction, and the day is not very far off when clerical apathy in ringing concerns will be unknown. Meanwhile we will endeavour to move onwards, and patiently await the better time that is assuredly coming.

The Metropolis.**WEST HAM, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, February 22, 1896, in Three Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES.

Tenor 28 cwt.

CHARLES DEMPSEY* Treble.	*WILLIAM H. DALLIMORE.. 6.
ALBERT DEARDS 2.	WILLIAM H. DORAN 7.
GEORGE F. PEARL 3.	*WILLIAM PYE 8.
GEORGE R. PYE* 4.	†HARRY RANDALL 9.
ERNEST PYE* 5.	GEORGE HAYDEN Tenor.

Composed by JOHN ROGERS and Conducted by HARRY RANDALL.

*First peal of Caters. †First peal as conductor. This composition, which is now rung for the first time, has the 5th and 6th equally behind the 9th, and least calls any peal in the method ever will contain, viz., 49. First peal by the Association on the bells, also the first ten-bell peal by all resident members, and rang at the first attempt.

The Provinces.**ASTON-JUXTA-BIRMINGHAM.****THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.**

(BIRMINGHAM AMALGAMATED SOCIETY BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, February 12, 1896, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT MR. JOHN CARTER'S HOUSE, FORWARD VILLA, PARK ROAD,

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES.

JOHN CARTER 1-2.	GEORGE PESTELL BURTON 5-6.
WILLIAM KENT 3-4.	THOMAS RUSSAM 7-8.
JAMES JONES 9-10.	

Composed and Conducted by JOHN CARTER.

This peal contains the 6th twenty-four times behind the 8th and 9th and was rung with a twofold object, viz., the fulfilment of a promise to Mr. G. P. Burton, late of Norwich, also as a 39th birthday peal for Mr. T. Russam, to whom the ringers wish many happy returns of the day. Referees—Messrs. Charles Sparkes, Thomas Collinson, and Henry W. Hire.

PENKRIDGE, STAFFORDSHIRE.**SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.***On Saturday, February 15, 1896, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 20 cwt.

HENRY A. HALL Treble.	WILLIAM H. GODDEN .. 5.
SAMUEL REEVES 2.	REUBEN HALL 6.
THOMAS HORTON 3.	JAMES GEORGE 7.
WILLIAM MICKLEWRIGHT 4.	WILLIAM PAINTER Tenor.

Conducted by SAMUEL REEVES.

†The ringers of the 2nd, 3rd, and 6th bells came from West Bromwich, H. A. Hall from Wolverhampton, Micklewright from Dudley, Godden from Handsworth, George from Rugby, and Painter from Birmingham. This is the second peal rung on the bells, the first being one of Grandsire Major, which was rung in the year 1832. The ringers take this opportunity of thanking the Vicar of Penkridge for the very hospitable way in which he entertained them after finishing the peal.

ORMSKIRK, LANCASHIRE.**THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Tuesday, February 18, 1896, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 25½ cwt.

SIDNEY FLINT Treble.	JOHN WATTS 5.
RICHARD COOMBS 2.	GEORGE PRESCOTT 6.
JAMES SHOLICAR 3.	WILLIAM J. TAYLOR 7.
WILLIAM BENTHAM 4.	JAMES R. PARK Tenor.

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD, of Liverpool, and Conducted by JAMES SHOLICAR.

A COMPLETE SET OF 49 HANDBELLS FOR
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EAST DEREHAM, NORFOLK.**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Thursday, February 20, 1896, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 24 cwt. in E.

STEPHEN BACK* Treble.	JOHN W. MARJORAM .. 5.
FREDERICK W. ADCKOCK .. 2.	JAMES WELLS 6.
DENNIS TYE* 3.	WILLIAM LEGGATT 7.
FRANK G. BURLEIGH .. 4.	SAMUEL F. BURLEIGH .. Tenor.

Composed by F. BENNETT and Conducted by FRANK G. BURLEIGH.

*First peal, and first in the method by all except the tenor ringer. Rung as a birthday compliment to J. W. Marjoram, on the 25th anniversary of the first peal of Treble Bob upon the bells, and is the first peal of Bob Major for over fifty-four years. For calling, see Association Report for 1895, No. 494.

WORCESTER.—THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(THE WORCESTER CATHEDRAL GUILD.)

On Friday, February 21, 1896, in Two Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. C. SOUGH, LOWESMOOR,

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

WILLIAM COTTON 1-2.	WILLIAM PAGE 5-6.
WILLIAM POWELL 3-4.	WILLIAM H. JOHNSON .. 7-8.

Conducted by WILLIAM PAGE.

William Bradford acted as referee, and checked off the bobs and singles as they were called. Rung in honor of the birthday of the Hon. Sec., W. H. Johnson, with best wishes from the members.

ASHSTEAD, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.*On Saturday, February 22, 1896, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S SIX-PART NO. II.

HARRY CORBETT Treble.	GEORGE CHANTLER 5.
WILLIAM COOK* 2.	EDWARD HULL 6.
ALFRED E. BASSETT .. 3.	*ERNEST C. BONIFACE .. 7.
HENRY WILKINSON .. 4.	DAVID ANSCOMB Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE CHANTLER.

*First peal in the method.

BIRMINGHAM.—MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

(BIRMINGHAM AMALGAMATED SOCIETY BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 22, 1896, in Three Hours and Thirty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 29 cwt.

JOHN CARTER Treble.	*GEORGE WALKER 6.
THOMAS RUSSAM 2.	*JOHN JENNINGS 7.
JAMES JONES* 3.	*JAMES GEORGE 8.
CHARLES SPARKES* .. 4.	*GEORGE HITCHMAN .. 9.
THOMAS COLLINSON* .. 5.	WILLIAM KENT Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JOHN CARTER.

This peal has the 6th twenty-four times right, and was rung on special occasion of the marriage of Henry Webley, Esq., of the firm of P. Webley and Sons, Birmingham, gun and revolver manufacturers, and Miss F. Macdonald, the daughter of Colonel Macdonald. The conductor is an employee of the above-named firm. It is upwards of 30 years since a peal of Bob Royal was rung upon the bells. *First peal of Bob Royal.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.*On Saturday, February 22, 1896, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

SIDNEY T. GOODCHILD .. Treble.	FREDERICK G. BIGGS .. 5.
HARRY STRATFORD 2.	RALPH H. BIGGS 6.
JOHN C. TRUSS, JUN. .. 3.	FRANK BOREHAM 7.
FRANK K. BIGGS 4.	JOHN EVANS Tenor.

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW and Conducted by JOHN EVANS

This, the first peal of Superlative ever rung in Bucks, is the first in the method by all the band, and was rung at the second attempt.

PUDSEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND
THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

On Saturday, February 22, 1896, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt.

FRED HARGREAVES Treble.	EDWARD WHEATER 5.
GEORGE BOLLAND 2.	FRANK BIRKS 6.
ROBERT BINNS 3.	*JOHN SMITH 7.
JOHN THACKRAY 4.	FRANCIS WOODHEAD Tenor.

Composed by the late HENRY JOHNSON and
Conducted by FRED HARGREAVES.

*First peal. Bolland and Hargreaves hail from Tong; Woodhead and Binns from Leeds; J. Thackray from Armley; Wheeler from Bradford; Birks and Smith belong to the local company.

WEST BROMWICH STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, February 22, 1896, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES.

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qrs. 12 lbs.

HENRY HIPKISS Treble.	JAMES E. GROVES 6.
WILLIAM H. GODDEN 2.	THOMAS HORTON 7.
SAMUEL REEVES 3.	THOMAS W. CHAPMAN 8.
HERBERT KNIGHT 4.	REUBEN HALL 9.
HENRY A. HALL 5.	WILLIAM PAINTER Tenor.

Composed by WILLIAM KENT, of Aston, and
Conducted by SAMUEL REEVES.

This peal, which is now rung for the first time, has the 5th and 6th each twenty-four courses behind the 9th, and the 6th six courses behind the 8th. Messrs. Hipkiss, Reeves, Horton, and R. Hall are local men, Knight, H. Hall, and Groves from Wolverhampton, Godden from Handsworth, Chapman from Nuneaton, and Painter from Birmingham.

MIDDLESBROUGH, YORKSHIRE.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 24, 1896, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. HILDA,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 12 cwt.

FRED P. HOWCROFT* .. Treble.	RICHARD FENWICK 5.
GEORGE J. CLARKSON 2.	WILLIAM NEWTON 6.
JOHN H. JONES* 3.	JOHN H. BLAKISTON 7.
JOHN W. PASSMAN* 4.	*THOMAS STEPHENSON .. Tenor.

Composed by O. LANG and Conducted by J. H. BLAKISTON.

*First peal of Oxford. Messrs. Clarkson, Newton, and Stephenson hail from Stockton-on-Tees.

HENFIELD, SUSSEX.—SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(HENFIELD BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, February 25, 1896, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' ORIGINAL. Tenor 15½ cwt.

WILLIAM HILLMAN Treble.	WILLIAM JOHN ALLISS 5.
HENRY STRINGER 2.	LAZARUS PAYNE 6.
JOHN BONIFACE* 3.	GEORGE PAYNE 7.
CHARLES TYLER 4.	ARTHUR HODGES Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES TYLER.

*First peal. This peal was rung as a farewell to J. Boniface, who is leaving the neighbourhood for Guildford.

HULL, YORKSHIRE.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 25, 1896, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 25 cwt.

G. T. MILLER Treble.	F. OSGERBY 5.
G. T. MARSHALL 2.	C. JACKSON 6.
J. YOUNEY 3.	J. DIXEY 7.
F. MERRISON 4.	J. W. DALE Tenor.

Composed by J. J. PARKER and Conducted by C. JACKSON.

Messrs. Youney and Osgerby hail from Beverley.

RAMSBOTTOM, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROSSENDALE BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, February 25, 1896, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLLIS' FIVE-PART. Tenor 9½ cwt.

ROBERT LEACH Treble.	JAS. B. TAYLOR 5.
JOHN H. HAYDOCK 2.	JAS. SHAW TAYLOR 6.
JOHNATHAN WOLSTENHOLME .. 3.	GEO. APPLEBY 7.
H. H. NUTTER 4.	JOHN BOOTH Tenor.

(No Conductor mentioned.)

Rung as a compliment to J. Wolstenholme, who attained his 42nd birthday on the 24th instant.

Performances on Five and Six Bells.

ALDRINGTON-ON-SEA, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(THE ST. PETER'S SOCIETY, BRIGHTON.)

On Sunday, February 23, 1896, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

SEVEN 720S OF MINOR, as follows:

Double Oxford, Double Court, Oxford Single, Plain Bob,
Woodbine, Oxford, and Kent. Tenor 10½ cwt.

ROBERT S. CHERRIMAN* .. Treble.	GEORGE BAKER 4.
FRANK BENNETT† 2.	JAMES N. FROSSELL 5.
GEORGE SMART 3.	GEORGE WILLIAMS Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

*First 5040. †First 5040 on six bells. This is the first 5040 on the bells.

PEAL CORRECTION.—The date of the peal rung at Goring was February 13th.

Date Touches.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LIGHTCLIFFE (Yorks).—On Saturday, February 1st, at St. Matthew's church, a date touch of 1896 Kent Treble Bob, in 1 hr. 13 mins. W. Reed, 1; F. Bradley, 2; J. Lawson, 3; J. Rushworth, 4; H. Kershaw, 5; F. Whiteley, 6; W. Sherwood, 7; E. Williamson, 8. Composed by A. Sykes, of Huddersfield, and conducted by J. Lawson.

THE ELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

HITCHAM (Suffolk).—On Monday, January 20th, a date touch of 1896 changes, being two 720s and 456 Bob Minor. J. Snell, 1; T. Levett, 2; C. W. R. Grimwood, 3; H. C. Sewell, 4; F. Cook, 5; W. Stiff (conductor), 6. Tenor 13 cwt.

LAVENHAM (Suffolk).—On Monday evening, February 10th, a date touch of 1896 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 20 mins. W. Boby, 1; A. Symonds, 2; C. Jarvis, 3; J. Moore, 4; H. Smith, 5; W. Snell, 6; T. King, 7; C. Fisk, 8. Composed by C. Smart, of Steyning, Sussex, and conducted by T. King.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

HORLEY (Surrey).—On Sunday, February 9th, for evening service at St. Bartholomew's church, a date touch of 1896 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 4 mins. F. Voice, 1; A. Songhurst, 2; G. Staplehurst, 3; S. Kenward (conductor), 4; W. Edwards, 5; P. Etheridge, 6; G. Apps, 7; T. Post, 8.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

KETTERING (Northants).—On Saturday, February 8th, after an unsuccessful attempt to ring Holt's ten-part peal, a date touch of 1896 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 6 mins. G. Joseland, 1; W. Hensher, 2; J. Julian, 3; J. Matthews, 4; E. Underwood, 5; G. Lewis, 6; T. Hensher (conductor), 7; J. Spence, 8. Composed by James George, of Rugby, and supposed to be now rung for the first time. Longest touch by all except the ringers of the 4th and 7th, and first date touch by all the band.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

WRITTLE (Essex).—On Wednesday, February 5th, the day of the

funeral of the late Prince Henry of Battenberg, a date touch of 1896 Grandsire Triples. H. Lincoln, 1; G. W. Sorrell, 2; E. W. Davis, 3; A. Head, 4; T. Lincoln, 5; F. G. Radley, 6; W. Lincoln (conductor), 7; F. Edwards, 8.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.-BLACKBURN BRANCH.

BURNLEY (Lancashire).—On Tuesday, February 4th, at Holy Trinity church, a date touch of Oxford Treble Bob Major, 1896 changes, in 1 hr. 8 mins. N. Townend, 1; D. Heys, 2; T. Redman, 3; J. R. Werring, 4; R. Ashworth, 5; J. W. Stirk, 6; T. Mouncey, 7; H. Heyworth (conductor), 8. Composed by A. Sykes, of Huddersfield. Longest touch in the method by all the band.

FARNWORTH, WIDNES (Lancashire).—On Monday, February 3rd, at St. Luke's church, a date touch of Grandsire Doubles, 1896 changes, in 1 hr. 5 mins. R. Johnson (conductor), 1; J. T. Lowe, 2; J. Wilde, 3; T. Peattie, 4; J. Witter, 5; A. Carter, 6. This is the first date touch rung by a local company. Tenor 12 cwt.

SWINESHEAD (Lincolnshire).—On Thursday, January 31st, at the parish church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1896 changes, in 1 hr. 8 mins. F. Warrington, 1; S. C. Skinner, 2; J. Hilton, 3; T. Bedford, 4; T. H. Clark (conductor), 5; J. T. Holmes, 6; E. Houlden, 7; W. Dickinson (composer), 8. Rang after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal.

Miscellaneous.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

NUNEATON (Warwickshire).—On Sunday evening, February 8th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 352 Bob Major and 288 Treble Bob Major. G. Warren, 1; A. Howes, 2; H. Argyle, 3; G. Winter, 4; W. Davey, 5; W. Stone, 6; T. W. Chapman, 7; J. Clarke, 8. And on Sunday, February 15th, 336 Grandsire Triples. W. Johnson, 1; W. Stone, 2; T. W. Chapman, 3; G. Winter, 4; W. Davey, 5; H. Argyle, 6; H. Horwood, 7; J. Warren, 8. Also three courses of Stedman Triples, 352 Bob Major, and 168 Grandsire Triples. W. Johnson, 1; A. Howes, 2; J. Clarke, 3; G. Winter, 4; W. Davey, 5; T. W. Chapman, 6; H. Argyle, 7; H. Horwood, 8. On Tuesday, February 17th, on handbells, 504 Grandsire Triples (non-conducted). T. Clarke, 1-2; T. W. Chapman, 3-4; H. Argyle, 5-6; W. Stone, 7-8. Also a course each of Stedman Triples and Grandsire Caters. A. Howes, 1-2; W. Stone, 3-4; T. W. Chapman, 5-6; H. Argyle, 7-8; J. Clarke, 9-10. And 252 Bob Major. T. W. Chapman, 1-2; A. Howes, 3-4; H. Argyle, 5-6; J. Clarke, 7-8. A. Howes hails from Attleborough, Norfolk; Davey from Wombourn, Staffordshire.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

NETHERTON (Worcestershire).—On Thursday, February 13th, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob in 25 mins. J. Smith, 1; S. Spittle, 2; W. Talbot, 3; J. W. Smith, 4; W. Micklewright (conductor), 5; A. E. Parsons, 6. First 720 in the method on the bells, and first by all except A. E. Parsons.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BEXHILL (Sussex).—On January 10th, 910 Grandsire Triples. J. Page, 1; N. Cruttenden, 2; H. Cruttenden, 3; T. Stephens, 4; T. Clarke, 5; G. Marchant, 6; T. Hunnisett (conductor), 7; W. Sharp, 8. On Sunday evening, January 12th, 546 Grandsire Triples. J. Page, 1; T. Clarke, 2; H. Cruttenden, 3; T. Hunnisett (conductor), 4; T. Stephens, 5; G. Marchant, 6; N. Cruttenden, 7; W. Burt, 8. On January 21st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. J. Page, 1; N. Cruttenden, 2; H. Cruttenden, 3; T. Stephens, 4; G. Marchant, 5; T. Clarke, 6; T. Hunnisett (conductor), 7; W. Burt, 8. On January 28th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. J. Page, 1; N. Cruttenden, 2; H. Cruttenden, 3; T. Stephens, 4; G. Marchant, 5; T. Clarke, 6; T. Hunnisett (conductor), 7; W. Sharpe, 8.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

STANSTED (Essex).—On Sunday, January 5th, at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, for Divine Service in the afternoon, 720 Violet Treble Bob. T. Jordan, 1; G. Jordan, 2; T. J. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; J. Luckey, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. On Thursday, January 9th, for practice, 720 Wells Surprise. J. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; T. J. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; W. Watts, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. And 720 London Treble Bob. T. Jordan, 1; I. Hammond, 2; G. Gray, 3; G. Jordan, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. On Sunday, January 12th, for morning service, 720 Cambridge Surprise. J. Cavill,

1; G. Jordan, 2; I. Hammond, 3; G. Gray, 4; J. Luckey, 5; T. J. Watts (conductor), 6. And for afternoon service, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob. T. Jordan, 1; I. Hammond, 2; T. J. Watts, 3; G. Jordan, 4; G. Gray, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. On Thursday, January 16th, for practice, 720 Litchfield Surprise (3rd the observation), in 24 mins. J. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. Also 720 Oxford Treble Bob (6th the observation). J. Luckey (conductor), 1; G. Gray, 2; T. J. Watts, 3; G. Jordan, 4; W. Watts, 5; T. Jordan, 6. On Sunday, January 19th, for morning service, 720 London Surprise. J. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; T. Watts, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. And for afternoon service, 720 Durham Surprise. T. Jordan, 1; I. Hammond, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; W. Watts, 5; T. Watts (conductor), 6. On Thursday, January 23rd, for practice, 720 Bristol Surprise (4th the observation), in 24 mins. J. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; T. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; J. Luckey, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. Also 720 Duke of York. T. Jordan, 1; W. Watts, 2; G. Gray, 3; I. Hammond, 4; T. Watts, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. And 720 Oxford Treble Bob. T. Watts (conductor), 1; T. Jordan, 2; G. Gray, 3; J. Luckey, 4; W. Watts, 5; G. Jordan, 6. On Thursday, January 30th, for practice, 720 Litchfield Surprise (4th the observation). J. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; T. Watts, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. Tenor 13 cwt.

COGGESHALL (Essex).—On Saturday, February 1st, at the parish church, 576 Oxford Treble Bob. R. Potter, 1; E. Beckwith, 2; W. Dyer, 3; D. Elliott, jun., 4; J. Sadler, 5; D. Elliott, sen., 6; W. Ladhams, 7; E. Ladhams, 8. Also 768 Kent. J. Frost, 1; E. Beckwith, 2; W. Dyer, 3; W. Elliott, 4; J. Sadler, 5; D. Elliott, jun., 6; W. Ladhams, 7; E. Ladhams, 8. And a course of Double Norwich Court Bob Major. On February 3rd, 336 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. R. Potter, 1; C. Norfolk, 2; W. Dyer, 3; J. Nicholls, 4; J. Sadler, 5; D. Elliott, sen., 6; E. Beckwith, 7; D. Elliott, jun. (conductor), 8. Tenor 22 cwt. Messrs. Ladhams (2) hail from Great Tey; W. Elliott and J. Frost from Kelvedon.

LOUGHTON (Essex).—On Tuesday, January 28th, at St. John's church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 46 mins. W. Doran, 1; G. Pearl, 2; E. Bacon, 3; G. Carter, 4; J. Rann, 5; W. Lebbon (conductor), 6; W. Clark, 7; J. Trapp, 8. Composed by John Carter.

WEST HAM (Essex).—On Monday, February 3rd, for practice at All Saints' church, 503 Grandsire Caters, four courses of Stedman Caters and one course of Kent Treble Bob Royal. The following ringers were present: the brothers Pye, A. Deards, T. Faulkner, A. Hardy, E. Clayton, G. Cornell, J. B. Bradley, W. Doran, C. Dempsey, G. Pearl, G. Haydon, W. Lebbon and F. Searl.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

PULHAM (Norfolk).—On Wednesday, January 29th, for practice at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, 960 Oxford Treble Bob Major. J. Tann (conductor), 1; R. Whiting, 2; F. Surridge, 3; D. Ruth, 4; A. Wier, 5; C. Baker, 6; C. Tann, 7; F. Borrett, 8. Also a touch of Double Norwich Court Bob Major. J. Tann, 1; R. Whiting, 2; W. Culham, 3; D. Ruth, 4; F. Surridge, 5; C. Baker, 6; C. Tann, 7; F. Borrett, 8. First course by Messrs. Surridge, Baker, and C. Tann. And a course of Oxford Treble Bob Major. J. Tann, 1; H. Matthews, 2; W. Culham, 3; F. Borrett, 4; F. Roope, 5; C. Baker, 6; F. Surridge, 7; W. Roope, 8. First course on eight bells by F. Roope. On Sunday, February 2nd, for Divine Service at the church of St. Mary Magdalene, 360 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. W. Culham (conductor), 1; F. Borrett, 2; F. Roope, 3; D. Ruth, 4; C. Baker, 5; W. Roope, 6.

REDENHALL (Norfolk).—On Saturday, February 1st, for practice, 704 Oxford Treble Bob Major. E. Smith (conductor), 1; J. Betts, 2; C. Baker, 3; F. Borrett, 4; C. Clarke, 5; F. Fairhead, 6; E. Poppy, 7; J. Souter, 8. Also two 360s of Double Norwich. E. Smith, 1; J. Betts, 2; C. Baker, 3; F. Borrett, 4; E. Poppy, 5; C. Clarke, 6; F. Smith, 7; J. Souter, 8. And a course of Bob Major. E. Smith, 1; J. Betts, 2; C. Baker, 3; F. Smith, 4; C. Clarke, 5; J. Botwright, 6; F. Borrett, 7; E. Poppy, 8. First course on eight bells by J. Botwright. Also two courses of Grandsire. E. Smith, 1; J. Betts, 2; C. Baker, 3; F. Smith, 4; E. Poppy, 5; C. Clarke, 6; F. Borrett, 7; J. Botwright, 8.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

DARLINGTON.—On New year's day, at Holy Trinity church, 720 Bob Minor (nine bobs six singles). G. Tait, 1; C. Moncaster, 2; W. Patton, 3; W. Lister, 4; R. Moncaster, 5; J. Baxter (conductor), 6. This is the first 720 rung by this band on these easy-going bells. On Sunday, January 5th, for evening service at St. John's church, 672 Grandsire Triples. G. Tait, 1; C. Moncaster, 2; W. Patton, 3; W. Lister, 4; H. Taylor, 5; R. Moncaster, 6; J. Baxter (conductor), 7; T. Scollick, 8. On Sunday, January 19th, for Matins, 560 Bob Major.

G. Tait (1st in the method), 1; C. Moncaster, 2; W. Patton, 3; W. Lister, 4; H. Taylor, 5; R. Moncaster, 6; J. Baxter, 7; W. Porter (conductor), 8. Also for evensong, 576 Kent Treble Bob Major. C. Moncaster, 1; R. Moncaster, 2; W. Patton, 3; W. Lister, 4; H. Taylor, 5; W. Porter, 6; F. Teasdale, 7; J. Baxter (conductor), 8. On Sunday, January 26th, for evensong, 640 Kent Treble Bob Major. C. Moncaster, 1; W. Lister, 2; W. Patton, 3; R. Moncaster, 4; H. Taylor, 5; W. Porter, 6; F. Teasdale, 7; J. Baxter (conductor), 8. On Monday evening, February 3rd, an attempt was made for a peal of Grandsire Triples, but which unfortunately came to an untimely end by the 6th rope breaking, after ringing 2820 changes, in 1 hr. 34 mins. R. Moncaster, 1; C. Moncaster, 2; W. Patton, 3; W. Lister, 4; H. Taylor, 5; J. Baxter, 6; W. Porter, 7; J. Bolton, 8. Tenor 10 cwt.

GLOUCESTER ATD BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SWINDON.—On Sunday, February 2nd, for morning service, 560 Bob Major. C. Gardner, 1; G. S. Brown, 2; A. Lawrence, 3; O. W. Layng, 4; J. H. Shepherd, 5; T. Ricketts, 6; R. Richards, 7; E. Bishop (conductor), 8. For evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 43 mins. T. Ricketts, 1; G. S. Brown, 2; A. Lawrence, 3; T. Robinson, 4; J. H. Shepherd, 5; A. Richards, 6; E. Bishop (conductor), 7; W. Ball, 8.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

BIRMINGHAM.—During the time of the funeral of the late Prince Henry of Battenberg, twelve members of the above Guild rang with the bells half-muffled, several courses of Stedman Cinques. T. Russam, 1; W. Short, 2; W. S. Pritchett, 3; T. Miller, 4; J. S. Pritchett, 5; S. Reeves, 6; A. Pritchett, 7; T. Westwood, 8; W. H. Barber, 9; F. Clayton, 10; T. Reynolds, 11; W. Painter, 12. Also before and after evening service, several courses of Stedman Cinques. T. Russam, 1; W. H. Barber, 2; W. S. Pritchett, 3; J. Day, 4; T. Reynolds, 5; S. Reynolds, 6; W. Short, 7; T. Westwood, 8; W. Kent, 9; C. Stanbridge, 10; T. Miller, 11; W. Painter, 12. Tenor 35 cwt. in C.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

CAVERSHAM (Oxon).—On Sunday morning, January 26th, for Divine Service, 504 Stedman Triples was rung with the bells half-muffled, as a tribute of respect to H.R.H. Prince Henry of Battenberg. A. Cullum, 1; E. Menday, 2; J. Hands, 3; H. Smith, 4; E. W. Menday, 5; G. Essex, 6; T. Newman (conductor), 7; H. Simmonds, 8. This is the first time the bells have been rung since Christmas morning, when they were only rung before the morning service, owing to the serious illness of Mr. H. J. Simonds, at the rectory, who passed away peacefully in his 68th year. On Wednesday afternoon, January 29th, the funeral took place in the parish church, where he is buried with his first wife. After the funeral a muffled touch was rung, consisting of the usual whole pull and stand, and 504 Stedman Triples. T. Newman, 1; E. Menday, 2; J. F. Tarrant, 3; H. Smith, 4; E. Menday, 5; G. Essex, 6; J. Hands, 7; H. Simmonds, 8. Tenor 14 cwt.

BOYNE HILL.—On Sunday, January 26th, at All Saints' church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 42 mins. J. Eldridge (first quarter-peal and first attempt), 1; W. Ayres, 2; F. Bissley, 3; W. Brown, 4; W. Walker, 5; F. Dentry, 6; G. Martin (conductor), 7; T. Price, 8.

THE ELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

HITCHAM (Suffolk).—On January 6th, 720 Bob Minor. J. Snell, 1; T. Lovett, 2; C. W. R. Grimwood, 3; H. C. Sewell, 4; F. Cook, 5; W. Stiff (conductor), 6. On Monday, January 13th, 720 in the same method. H. C. Sewell, 1; W. Stiff, 2; J. Snell, 3; T. Levett, 4; F. Cook, 5; C. W. R. Grimwood (first 720 as conductor), 6. On January 27th, 720 in the same method. C. W. R. Grimwood, 1; T. Levett, 2; H. C. Sewell, 3; C. W. Grimwood, 4; F. Cook, 5; W. Stiff (conductor), 6.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HIGHAM FERRERS (Northants).—On Tuesday, December 31st, 360 Oxford Bob. A. Everitt, 1; W. Pettit, 2; W. Parker, 3; G. Brown, 4; A. H. Martin, 5; J. B. Martin (conductor), 6. For midnight service 360 Bob Minor. G. Warner, 1; A. H. Martin (conductor), 2; G. Brown, 3; W. Pettit, 4; W. Parker, 5; J. B. Martin, 6. On Tuesday, January 7th, 668 Bob Major. A. Everitt, 1; G. Warner, 2; W. Pettit, 3; H. Sharp (conductor), 4; G. Brown, 5; A. H. Martin, 6; W. Parker, 7; J. B. Martin, 8. Also 504 Grandsire Triples. A. Everitt, 1; G. Warner, 2; W. Pettit, 3; W. Parker, 4; H. Sharp (conductor), 5; J. B. Martin, 6; A. H. Martin, 7; G. Brown, 8. On Tuesday, January 14th, 384 Bob Major. A. Everitt, 1; G. Warner, 2; C. West, 3; W. Pettit, 4; G. Brown, 5; A. H. Martin, 6; W. Parker, 7; J. B. Martin (conductor), 8. On Tuesday, January

21st, 576 Kent Treble Bob. G. Warner, 1; J. Houghton, jun., 2; W. Pettit, 3; G. Brown, 4; H. Sharp (conductor), 5; A. Tyler, 6; W. Parker, 7; J. B. Martin, 8. On Tuesday, January 28th, 688 Bob Major. A. Everitt, 1; J. Garratt, 2; J. Houghton, jun., 3; W. Pettit, 4; G. Brown, 5; J. Seemark, 6; W. Parker, 7; A. H. Martin (conductor), 8. On Tuesday, February 4th, 352 Bob Major. A. Everitt, 1; A. H. Martin, 2; G. Warner, 3; G. Brown, 4; H. Sharp (conductor), 5; W. Hall, 6; J. B. Martin, 7; W. Parker, 8. Also 704 Kent Treble Bob Major. G. Warner, 1; A. Tyler, 2; W. Pettit, 3; G. Brown, 4; W. Hall, 5; J. B. Martin, 6; W. Parker, 7; H. Sharp (conductor), 8.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BOXLEY (Kent).—On Saturday, February 8th, three members of the Bearsted band visited this tower and rung with the local band 192 of Grandsire Minor. W. Hope, 1; A. Arnold, 2; Rev. A. L. Brine, 3; J. Shorter, 4; W. Kilpatrick, 5; G. Pound (conductor), 6. And 240 Grandsire Doubles. G. Pound (conductor), 1; A. Arnold, 2; W. Cheeseman, 3; W. Hope, 4; J. Shorter, 5; W. Kilpatrick, 6. Also a 6-score of Bob Doubles. *S. Jeffery, 1; W. Cheeseman, 2; Rev. A. Brine, 3; G. Pound, 4; J. Shorter (conductor), 5; W. Kilpatrick, 6. Another 6-score of Bob Doubles. *A. Arnold, 2; J. Boorman, 6; the rest as before. *First attempt at Bob Doubles. Rev. A. L. Brine, J. Shorter and W. Cheeseman hail from Bearsted. On Sunday, February 9th, for morning service, 216 Grandsire Minor. J. Watt, 1; A. Arnold, 2; S. Jeffery, 3; W. Hope, 4; G. Pound (conductor), 5; W. Kilpatrick, 6.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

GREENWICH (Kent).—On Wednesday morning, February 5th, at St. Alfege church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 50 mins. I. G. Shade (conductor), 1; E. E. Richards, 2; J. J. Lamb, 3; W. Foreman, 4; W. Weatherstone, 5; H. Hoskins, 6; F. W. Thornton, 7; W. G. Davis, 8. In the evening 517 Grandsire Triples (Whittingtons, Queens and Titmums at handstroke), in 21 mins. I. G. Shade (conductor), 1; H. Hoskins, 2; J. J. Lamb, 3; W. Foreman, 4; W. Weatherstone, 5; E. E. Richards, 6; F. W. Thornton, 7; W. G. Davis, 8. And 476 changes in the same method (same features at backstroke), conducted by F. W. Thornton. Rang with the bells half-muffled, as a token of sympathy with the royal family on the death of H.R.H. Prince Henry of Battenberg.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

GOSPORT (Hants).—On Saturday, January 11th, for practice at Holy Trinity church, 360 Kent Treble Bob Minor. A. Peckham, 1; J. Hewitt, 2; H. Westbrook, 3; R. Fuge, 4; E. Reynolds, 5; A. E. Tomlins (conductor), 6. On Sunday morning, January 12th, for Divine Service, 360 Kent Treble Bob Minor. R. Gardner, 1; E. Reynolds, 2; R. Fuge, 3; *H. Reynolds, 4; A. Peckham, 5; A. E. Tomlins (conductor), 6. On Saturday, January 25th, for practice, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. J. Hewitt, 1; R. Fuge, 2; E. Reynolds, 3; A. Peckham, 4; R. Gardner, 5; A. E. Tomlins (conductor), 6. On Sunday evening, January 26th, for Divine Service, 576 Kent Treble Bob Major. R. Gardner, 1; J. Hewitt, 2; R. Fuge, 3; F. Burnett, 4; H. Reynolds, 5; A. Peckham, 6; E. Reynolds, 7; A. E. Tomlins (conductor), 8. Longest touch by all except Messrs. Hewitt and Tomlins. This is believed to be the first touch of Treble Bob Major rung by a local band in Hampshire. On Saturday, February 1st, for practice, 560 Plain Bob Major. R. Gardner, 1; J. Hewitt, 2; A. Peckham, 3; E. Reynolds, 4; H. Westbrook, 5; F. Burnett, 6; R. Fuge, 7; A. E. Tomlins (conductor), 8. Longest by all except Messrs. Hewitt, Reynolds, and Tomlins. On Sunday evening, February 2nd, for Divine Service, 504 Grandsire Triples. H. Westbrook, 1; A. Peckham, 2; H. Reynolds, 3; R. Gardner, 4; R. Fuge, 5; F. Burnett (conductor), 6; A. E. Tomlins, 7; E. Reynolds, 8. Also 504 of Stedman Triples, conducted by A. E. Tomlins. This is the first local band in Hampshire to ring the standard methods.

ALDEBURGH-ON-SEA (Suffolk).—On Christmas Eve 600 Bob Doubles, On Christmas morning, for early service, 720 in the same method. E. Cooper, 1; H. Girling, 2; C. Smith, 3; A. Wilson, 4; G. Churchyard, 5; J. Lovett, 6. For the eleven o'clock service 540 Bob Minor. At one o'clock, in honour of the wedding of Mr. H. W. Smith, one of the ringers, and Miss Florrie Jane Smith, 720 of Minor. On Sunday, December 29th, for morning and evening service, 720 of Minor was rung, each with eighteen bobs and two singles. C. Smith (conductor), 1; H. Girling, 2; G. Churchyard, 3; A. Wilson, 4; W. Perriton, 5; E. Cooper, 6. On New Year's Eve 360 of Minor, the bells being brought round in time to hear the old clock strike twelve, and 360 more was rung. F. Fry, 3; G. Churchyard, 5; the rest as before.

LONDON.—On Sunday, January 12th, for morning service at St. Paul's, Homerton, 720 Plain Bob Minor, in 24 mins. H. Spencer, 1; F. Webb, 2; G. Long, 3; A. Fisher, 4; W. G. Beam, 5; H. Stubbs (conductor), 6. On Sunday, February 2nd, 720 Grandsire Doubles, in 23 mins. (each called differently). W. Lewin, 1; F. Webb, 2; H. Stubbs, 3; A. Fisher, 4; W. G. Beam, 5; H. Spencer, 6. On Sunday morning, February 16th, 720 Plain Bob Minor (two bobs and twenty-two singles). H. Spencer, 1; F. Webb, 2; G. Long, 3; A. Fisher, 4; W. G. Beam, 5; H. Stubbs, 6. In the evening 720 in the same method (sixteen bobs and two singles), all standing the same except the treble, which was rung by W. Lewin (first 720 in the method). And 360 in the same method (ten singles), with H. Spencer on the treble. On Tuesday, February 18th, for practice, 720 in the same method (twelve singles and four bobs). H. Spencer, 1; F. Webb, 2; G. Long, 3; A. Fisher, 4; W. G. Beam, 5; H. Stubbs, 6. On Monday, February 17th, at St. Mary's Stoke Newington, 720 Plain Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles), in 25 mins. H. Spencer, 1; G. Gains, 2; W. G. Beam, 3; A. Fisher, 4; W. C. Waterman, 5; H. Stubbs (conductor), 6. And two plain courses of Kent Treble Bob. W. C. Waterman, 1; G. Gains, 2; G. Long, 3; A. Fisher, 4; W. G. Beam, 5; H. Stubbs, 6.

OSWESTRY (Salop).—On Sunday, February 9th, for morning service at the parish church, 588 Grandsire Triples. J. Hughes, 1; E. Jones (conductor), 2; G. Davies, 3; W. Morris, 4; G. Whitfield, 5; D. Davies, 6; R. Edwards, 7; W. Worton, 8. For afternoon service, 420 Grandsire Triples. G. Davies, 1; W. Morris, 2; H. Jarman, 3; R. Martin, 4; G. Whitfield, 5; D. Davies (conductor), 6; R. Edwards, 7; W. Worton, 8. And for evening service, 518 Grandsire Triples. G. Davies, 1; E. Jones (conductor), 2; H. Jarman, 3; W. Morris, 4; R. Martin, 5; D. Davies, 6; R. Edwards, 7; W. Worton, 8.

PEVENSEY (Sussex).—On Monday, February 3rd, for practice, 720 Grandsire Minor, in 26 mins. H. Colbran, 1; E. Brant, 2; J. Bray, 3; T. Beal, 4; E. Beal, 5; G. Penfold (first 720 as conductor), 6. Also three 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, each called differently. †S. Cosstick, 1; E. Brant, 2; G. Penfold (conductor), 3; *H. Colbran, 5; J. Bray, 6. *Longest length. †Longest length away from the tenor. And 240 Grandsire Minor. H. Colbran, 1; G. Penfold, 2; S. Miller, 3; T. Beal, 4; J. Bray, 5; E. Brant (conductor), 6.

QUIDENHAM (Norfolk).—On Saturday, February 1st, at St. Andrew's church, 720 Bob Minor. J. Woods, 1; J. Tite, 2; J. Saunders, 3; W. Nudds, 4; R. Patrick, 5; J. Woods (conductor), 6. And 720 in the same method. J. Woods, jun., 1; J. Saunders, 2; G. Haylett, 3; R. Haylett, 4; R. Patrick, 5; J. Woods (conductor), 6. First 720 by J. Tite and G. and R. Haylett. J. Wood, jun., Tite, Patrick, Nudds and Saunders hail from Banham; the rest belong to the local company.

RAINHAM (Kent).—On January 27th, for practice on handbells, at St. Margaret's church, a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles. A. Vaughan, 1; F. Ockwell, 2; E. Dunster (conductor), 3-4; J. Champion, 5-6. On February 1st, two 6-scores of Bob Doubles. A. Champion, 1; F. Ockwell, 2; W. Walker, 3; E. Dunster (conductor), 4; J. Champion, 5; H. Clout, 6. And two of Grandsire Doubles. A. Vaughan, 1; F. Ockwell, 2; E. Dunster (conductor), 3; H. Clout, 4; J. Champion, 5; W. Walker, 6. And a touch of Plain Bob. A. Vaughan, 1; F. Ockwell, 2; W. Walker, 3; H. Clout, 4; J. Champion, 5; E. Dunster (conductor), 6. On February 2nd, for service, a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles. A. Vaughan, 1; H. Clout, 2; F. Ockwell, 3; E. Dunster, 4; J. Champion (conductor), 5; C. Croucher, 6. Also two 6-scores in the same method, conducted by E. Dunster, and standing as before. And for evening service, two of Grandsire and a 6-score of Bob Doubles (each called differently), standing and conducted as before. And on February 3rd, on handbells, a 6-score of Bob Minor. A. Samson (first 120 in the method), 1; F. Ockwell, 2; A. Vaughan (first 120 with a bob bell), 3; H. Clout, 4; J. Champion, 5; E. Dunster (conductor), 6.

STEYNING (Sussex).—On Tuesday, January 21st, for practice at the parish church, 504 Court Bob Triples. J. Matthews, 1; J. Woolgar, 2; E. Rapley, 3; J. Smart, 4; C. Smart (conductor), 5; G. Gatland, 6; W. Woolgar, 7; E. Turrell, 8. First in the method by all. On Sunday, January 26th, for Divine Service, 432 Stedman Triples. E. Rapley, 1; J. Woolgar, 2; C. Smart, 3; W. Woolgar, 4; J. Smart, 5; A. Gatland, 6; G. Smart (conductor), 7; E. Turrell, 8. And 504 Court Bob Triples. *G. Sturt, 1; J. Woolgar, 2; E. Rapley, 3; C. Smart (conductor), 4; J. Smart, 5; G. Gatland, 6; *G. Smart, 7; A. Gatland, 8. *First in the method. And for evening service, 576 Kent Treble Bob Major. J. Matthews, 1; J. Woolgar, 2; G. Smart, 3; J. Smart, 4; E. Rapley, 5; G. Gatland, 6; W. Woolgar, 7; C. Smart (conductor), 8. And 350 Grandsire Triples. T. Sturt, 1; E. Rapley, 2; H. Green, 3; W. Woolgar (conductor), 4; J. Smart, 5; J. Woolgar, 6; G. Smart, 7; A. Gatland, 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late Prince Henry of Battenberg. On Sunday, February 2nd, 910 Court Bob Triples. H. Green, 1; J. Woolgar, 2;

E. Rapley, 3; W. Pelling, 4; C. Smart (conductor), 5; G. Gatland, 6; J. Smart, 7; J. Matthews, 8. And for evening service, 1088 Kent Treble Bob Major. C. Smith, 1; J. Woolgar, 2; E. Rapley, 3; W. Pelling, 4; J. Smart, 5; G. Gatland, 6; W. Woolgar, 7; C. T. Brice (conductor), 8. Pelling hails from Warnham; Brice from London.

TURVEY (Beds).—On Thursday evening, February 6th, five of the Olney ringers, with the assistance of W. Freeman, rang at the parish church 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). T. Wright, 1; R. Perkins, 2; W. Wright, 3; W. Freeman, 4; W. Jones, 5; R. Raban (conductor), 6. And 720 in the same method. R. Raban, 4; W. Freeman (conductor), 6; the rest as before.

* * It is impossible to guarantee the appearance of touches in the current number. They will be taken in order of date as far as possible.

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 720 OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE AT WOODFORD, ESSEX.

SIR,—May I be allowed to say a word or two concerning the above. I wish to inform our Stansted friends that it was not the first Surprise ringing on the Woodford bells, as stated in last week's "BELL NEWS." I was once a member of the Woodford company for seven or eight years; and during that time the ringers of Woodford, Essex, accepted an invitation from us, and came to Woodford for a day's ringing. To the best of my recollection it must have been about the year 1882. They rang 720 Cambridge Surprise to start with, the band standing as follows: W. Harvey, 1; J. Dains, 2; W. Rowland, 3; W. Hawkes, 4; T. Drake (conductor), 5; M. Rolfe, 6. Afterwards 720 Oxford Treble Bob was brought round, in which the late H. Nunn, jun. rang the treble. Also 120 Superlative, myself ringing the treble. I simply mention this in order to give honour to whom it is due.

Hartford.

MATTHEW ELLSMORE.

THE NON-CONDUCTED PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES AT LEICESTER.

SIR,—I was very pleased to see the account of the above performance in your last issue, and also the congratulations and encouraging remarks of your leader. I quite concur with you that these sort of performances are worthy of note, and that our Leicester brethren should appear in group in our paper. I should also very much like to see our Birmingham brother-strings who rang the noble peal of Stedman Cinqs double-handed appear in group in our paper.

LOOKER-ON.

(We shall be very glad to fall in with the suggestion of our correspondent, if our Birmingham friends will send us a photograph.—Ed.)

THE SIX-BELL PEAL QUESTION.

SIR,—MR. Bolland misrepresents the object and meaning of the Council's decision, as these have been persistently misrepresented all through by those who desired a different pronouncement from that actually made. It never was the object of the Council to define or appraise degrees of excellence in the performances of ringers of six or any other number of bells; and the Council's decision has nothing whatever to do with this question. If I were to be asked to name a standard of excellence for a six-bell ringer, I should be inclined to say "Ability to ring an inside bell through from 42 to 84 plain courses of an equal number of distinct plain or Treble Bob methods, without stopping, in any order in which they might be called up," but I should not call such a performance a peal. The inevitable result of the theory [that fourteen or more scraps of different Minor methods, totalling 5040 changes, ought to be admitted as a peal, would be to make a high standard of performance the test of the legitimacy of a peal, and, according to it, nothing should be called a peal in Major, save performances in the more elaborate methods. The majority of the Council have, as I think rightly, held throughout that for the purposes of the decision the Council was asked to pronounce, this principle was a false one to introduce into the discussion of the matter, and that the question of excellence of performance ought to be kept, and must be kept, distinct from legitimacy of peal.

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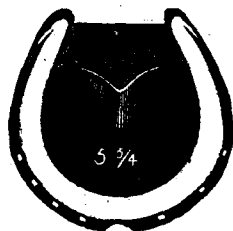
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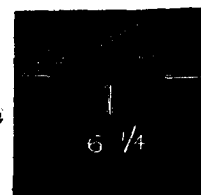
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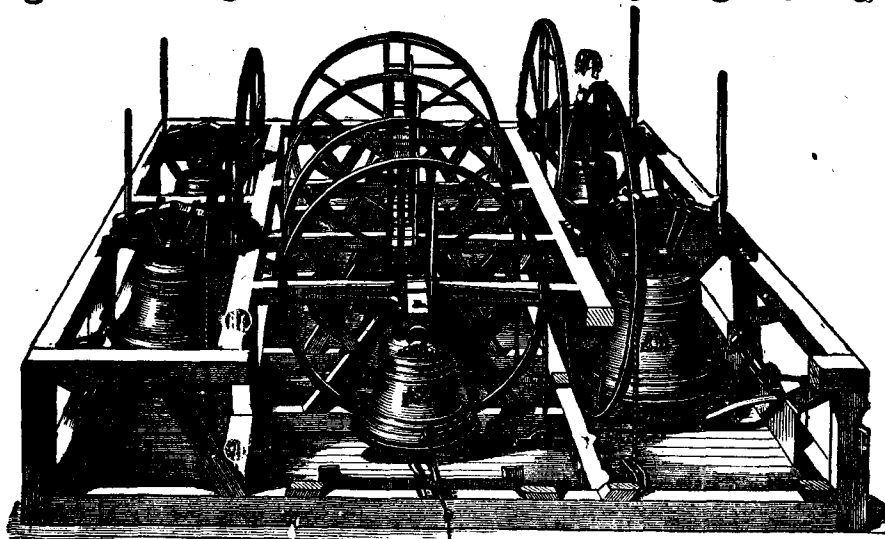
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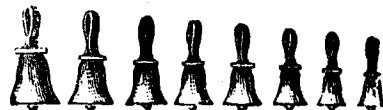
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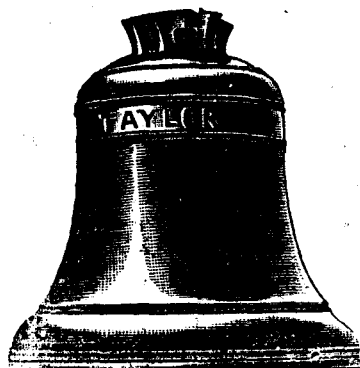
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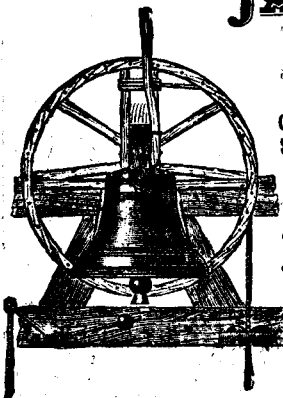
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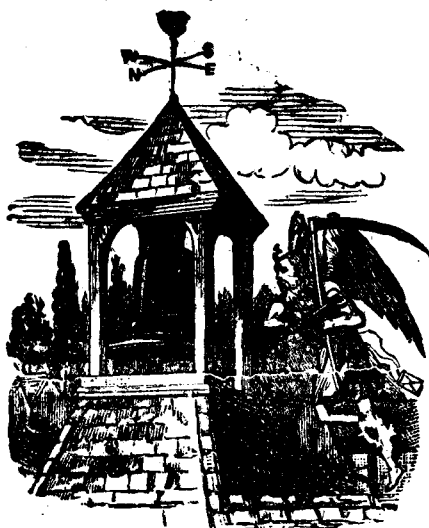
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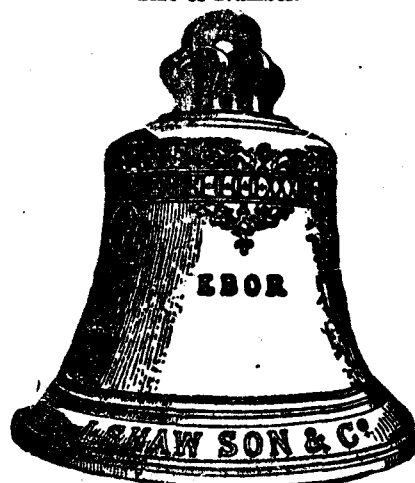
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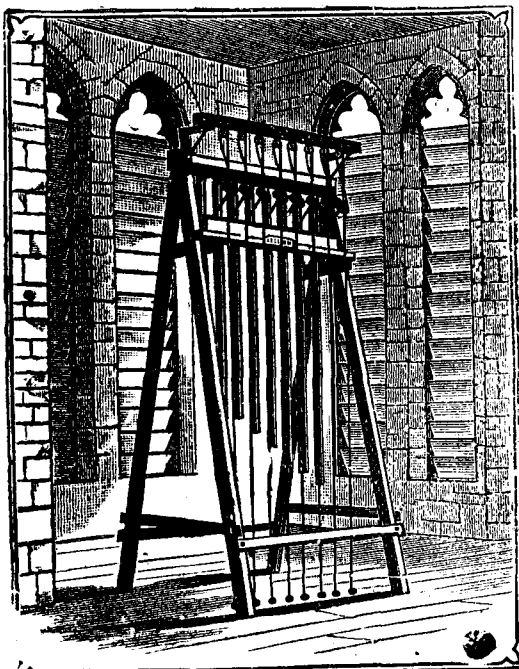
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The members of this Guild having decided that this commemoration shall for the future take the place of the Guild's annual dinner, thus in a still greater measure identifying the name of the late Henry Johnson with the Guild, the wisdom of such step was fully borne out by the success of the meeting which took place on Saturday last, the 29th ult. In point of numbers the present gathering was even a greater success than the majority of former ones, and some sixty members and friends sat down to the excellent dinner provided at The Market inn, Station Street.

The after dinner proceedings were presided over by the Guild's vice-president—J. S. Pritchett, Esq., M.A., supported by the presiding ringing master—Mr. John Day, and were of a very hearty and interesting character. Besides the more prominent ringing members of the Guild we were pleased to notice among those present Messrs. John Carter, John Perks, F. E. Ward and W. T. Pates (Cheltenham), George (Rugby), Chapman (Nuneaton), Reeves, Horton and Cashmore (West Bromwich), etc.

The Hon. Secretary (Mr. Godden) having referred to the various letters of apology which he had received from the Rev. C. E. E. Bulwer, E. Banks James, Esq., the churchwardens of St. Martin's and Aston, and others,

The Chairman then proposed the usual toast of "Queen, Church and State." In a very felicitous manner he drew attention to the many excellent qualities characteristic of our Lady Sovereign, and which had so endeared her to her subjects, and then pointed out the reason why this toast was usually so heartily honoured by ringers. This was duly responded to, and during the intervals following this and the various toasts and speeches of the evening, the proceedings were enlivened by songs and handbell ringing.

In proposing "The Memory of the late Henry Johnson," the chairman referred to the commencement of his own ringing career some twenty-five years ago, when the great composer was in the full possession of his powers, when, too, he had the honour of being personally acquainted not only with Mr. Johnson, but with his other old friends then present—Messrs. John Day and John Perks. By the way he felt that the present company could not be too thankful for having these two gentlemen in their midst, still spared to them in the full possession of their faculties. Eulogising the genial and sterling qualities he had known in the late Henry Johnson, he impressed on his hearers the fact that truly good work by any man was never thrown away, but lived for the benefit of future ages, long after the personality of the man himself had been entirely forgotten. So too it would doubtless be with the late Henry Johnson, and while his genially social and amiable qualities, which had so endeared him to the ringers of his day, would be long remembered, a more lasting monument would remain in the variety and beauty of his compositions, which had stamped him as the greatest composer of his time. Here he was reminded that in conversation with their Secretary, who had charged himself with the preparation of Mr. Johnson's ms. compositions for the press, he was informed that there were already 320 peals ready for publication, and a still unnumbered quantity to be dealt with. The speaker concluded a most impressive address by asking his audience to rise and honour the toast in silence.

"Continued prosperity to the St. Martin's Guild" was given in a very happy and hearty manner by Mr. F. E. Ward, of Cheltenham, who spoke of the honour in which the members of the Guild were held by other ringers outside Birmingham, not only for the many peals they rang, but for the general excellence of their compositions, and accuracy in striking. Speaking from his own personal experience at Cheltenham, he mentioned that he had always been taught to look upon Birmingham as a home of the Stedman method, and had always looked forward to and been correspondingly gratified by the honour of ringing Stedman on the ring of St. Martin's, Birmingham. The speaker caused some amusement in his audience by stating that whatever sentiments might attach to the name of "Brummagem" manufactures, he had always

been taught to look upon "Brummagem" ringing as typical of excellence. With his toast he had much pleasure in coupling "The Health of Mr. John Day."

Mr. Day, in responding, thanked his audience for the manner in which this toast had been received. Speaking from his own experience, he was pleased to say that the reputation to which Mr. Ward had referred was still being maintained, and as testimony he could instance the ringing in the last Stedman Cinques and Treble Bob Maximus he had heard at St. Martin's. He explained to his hearers the reason he considered the probable one why Birmingham had not taken up the more intricate and cramp methods, in which Burton-on-Trent, Gloucester, and the county of Sussex, had made themselves so celebrated of late, but was pleased to observe that their chairman was identifying himself with an effort in that direction in his immediate neighbourhood. Speaking of himself personally, he was pleased to say that he still took a very lively interest in ringing, and although he had not so long ago completed his 70th year, the memory of his first peal in 1844 was still very fresh, and that he yet hoped to score another.

The toast of "Kindred Ringing Societies," coupled with the health of Mr. W. T. Pates, of Cheltenham, was given by Mr. G. A. Martineau (secretary of the Solihull Guild), and most heartily responded to; Mr. Pates suitably replying.

In proposing "Success to the Ringing Papers—'BELL NEWS' and *Church Bells*," the Secretary (Mr. Godden) appears to have felt somewhat of a grievance, complaining that there were two classes of ringers present there that evening, from either of whom might with more appropriateness have been selected the proposer of that toast: the one, which might be looking forward to favours to come in the shape of a first peal in the peal column, and the other for the insertion of some of those formidable rows of figures in the composition column. [Alas! does he so soon forget carrying about that particular copy of "THE BELL NEWS" in which his own name appeared in the peal column for the first time? to say nothing of matter—not in the composition column—interpreted from his own crooked ms.—ED.]

At this stage, the chairman being about to leave the meeting, Mr. Day proposed a vote of thanks to that gentleman, coupled with his health—a toast which was most enthusiastically received.

The chairman, in responding referred to the remarks that had been made by Mr. Day as to the cultivation of ringing in the Surprise methods, and held out a hearty welcome to King's Norton to any members of the Guild who would work up such methods and desired to ring peals in them.

For the remainder of the proceedings Mr. Day presided, and votes of thanks were passed to Mr. and Mrs. Painter; to the former for his valuable assistance towards rendering that gathering a success; and to the latter for so kindly presiding at the piano; also to the various friends who had contributed to singing during the evening. These were formally acknowledged by Mr. Painter and Mr. H. Manton.

Messrs. Maylott, Manton, and Doody were responsible for some capitally-rendered songs of a more serious character, while Messrs. Shenton and R. Bradshaw, jun. contributed to the lighter and comic side; the rendering of "The Alabama Coon" and "'E dunno where 'e are" by the latter being so bright as to make these somewhat hackneyed ditties go down with as much favour as though heard for the first time.

At the close it was very generally felt that a most enjoyable time had been passed, and that the meeting just ended would compare favourably with any of its predecessors.

During the evening there were two excellent courses rung on the handbells, one of Stedman Caters by H. Bastable, 1-2: W. Kent, 3-4; T. Miller, 5-6; T. Russam, 7-8; F. Clayton, 9-10. And one of Stedman Cinques by J. Carter, 1-2; W. Kent, 3-4; T. Miller, 5-6; H. Bastable, 7-8; T. Russam, 9-10; F. Clayton, 11-12.

DONCASTER, YORKSHIRE.

The two tenor bells of this parish church have lately been rehung with new improved steel gudgeons, and hard bell-metal bearings. All the ringers and the churchwardens are well pleased to say the work, which has been entrusted to Mr. J. F. Mallaby, of Barnby Don, has been carried out in a most satisfactory style, leaving nothing to be desired.

BLESSING OF BELLS IN CAMBRIDGE.

Nine bells are now hung in one of the towers of the church of Our Lady and the English Martyrs, Hills Road, Cambridge. The bells are part of the gift of the church by the benefactress, Mrs. Lynne Stephens, and have been cast by Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough. They are used as chimes for the new clock, which chime every fifteen minutes. They can also be rung by ringers, or may be chimed by one person. The large bell weighs 1 ton 12 cwt., is 174 inches in circumference, and bears the following inscription: "Johannes Taylor, fecit." The date 1895 is also inscribed in large Roman letters. Each of the other bells also bears an inscription, the eight being as follows: "B. Johannes Fisher O.P.N.;" "S. Christophore O.P.N.;" "S. Felix O.P.N.;" "S. Thoma Cantuariensis O.P.N.;" "S. Gregori O.P.N.;" "S. Andrea O.P.N.;" "S. Petre O.P.N.;" "S. Joseph O.P.N.;" and "Maria Immaculata Regina Angelorum O.P.N." The first of these eight inscriptions refers to the Chancellor of the University in the time of Henry VIII., the third and fourth to patron saints of the Northampton diocese, and the fifth to the Pope, who sent Augustine to England. The letters "O.P.N." signify *ora pro nobis* (pray for us).

In the presence of a large congregation, the blessing of the bells according to the rite of the Roman Pontifical took place on Tuesday afternoon, the rite being performed by the Bishop of Northampton (the Right Rev. Arthur Riddell). After the Bishop had vested in the sacristy, a procession was formed and went slowly down the Fisher aisle to the ante-chapel, where the Bishop's throne had been erected. The procession was headed by a cross bearer and two acolytes. Next came the surpliced choir of the church, and behind them were the priests, canons, and, lastly, the Bishop, having on a white cope and mitre, and carrying his pastoral staff, attended by a deacon and sub-deacon. At the throne the Bishop was attended by the Very Rev. Canon Duckett, D.D. (deacon), and the Very Rev. Canon Pate (sub-deacon). For the blessing of the bells the master of ceremonies was the Rev. J. H. Ashmole. The rite was begun by the recitation of Psalms l, liii., lvi., lxvi., lxix., lxxxv., and cxxix., after which the Bishop blessed salt and water, used for washing the bells. The following is a translation of the words spoken at this point:—"I exorcise thee, creature of salt, by the living God, by the true God, by the holy God, by God who by Eliseus the prophet bade thee be cast into the water that the barrenness of the water might be healed; that thou mayest be made exorcised salt unto the salvation of them that believe, and mayest be unto all that take of thee health of soul and body; and that from the place where thou shalt be sprinkled, may fly away and depart every fantasy, and wickedness, and deceit of diabolical fraud, and every unclean spirit, being adjudged by Him who shall come to judge the living and the dead and the world by fire."

The ceremony of blessing over, the Bishop washed each bell, beginning with the smallest and going on to the largest. Afterwards nine of the priests each washed and dried a bell inside and out, the Bishop and his attendants meanwhile reciting Psalms cxlv., cxlvi., cxlvii., cxlviii., cxlix., and cl. When the washing was completed, the Bishop made with the thumb of his right hand the sign of the cross on the outside of each bell with the holy oil for the sick, and after this anointing he recited a prayer asking "that this vessel prepared for Thy Holy Church may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit, that by its striking the faithful may be invited to receive their prize. And when its melody sounds upon the ears of the people, may the devotion of faith grow up in them; may all the snares of the enemy be driven far away, the crashing of hail, the storm of whirlwinds, and the rush of tempests; may fatal thunderbolts be averted; the gushing of the winds be softened down healthily and gently; may the right hand of Thy power subdue the powers of the air, that when they hear this bell they may tremble and fly before the Holy Cross of Thy Son which is marked upon it."

Immediately after this prayer the Bishop took a clean cloth and wiped off the bells the crosses he had made, and then commenced, and the choir continued, the antiphon, *Vox Domini super aquas multas*. While the choir was singing Psalm xxviii. the Bishop made with the holy oil for the sick seven crosses at equal distances outside each bell, and four with chrism inside.

Another prayer having been said, a thurible was presented by a priest, who knelt at the feet of the Bishop, while he put into it incense composed of thyme, frankincense, and myrrh. The thurible was then placed underneath each bell, so that the smoke might ascend into the bell. The choir meanwhile chanted another antiphon, *Deus in sancto via tua*. Psalm lxxvi. and a prayer by the Bishop followed, the deacon, vested in white dalmatic, sang a portion of St. Luke x., the bells were struck for the first time by priests, and afterwards chimed by the workmen engaged in putting them up.

The procession was then re-formed, and went along the nave of the church to the sanctuary, where his lordship gave solemn Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. The hymn, *O Salutaris hostia*, was sung while the Blessed Sacrament was being taken from the tabernacle and placed on the throne. The "Litany of Our Lady" was also sung, being followed by the *Tantum Ergo*, and at the elevation of the Blessed Sacrament the large bell was tolled. The Benediction was then given. When the Blessed Sacrament had been replaced in the tabernacle, the *Adoremus* was sung, and the procession re-formed and retired to the sacristy.

This concluded the proceedings, but a considerable number of persons stayed to inspect the bells, which they did not hesitate to toll occasionally.

J. R. Rigg.

OPENING OF A NEW PEAL OF BELLS AT HOLBECK, LEEDS.

On Thursday, February 13th, a new church (r.c.) dedicated to St. Francis of Assisi, was solemnly opened by the Bishop of Leeds, the Very Rev. Dr. Gordon, assisted by a very large number of other clergy from various parts of the diocese. Pontifical High Mass was sung by the Bishop to a crowded congregation.

The church is of brick, and is built from plans prepared by Mr. Kelly, of Leeds and London, and is in every way a suitable recognition of the untiring efforts of the resident priest—the Rev. Father McAuliffe. The tower is an ornament in such a manufacturing district, and stands notably in contrast to the many towering chimney factories and warehouses in the locality, and contains a ring of eight bells, tenor 13½ cwt. A peal of Kent Treble Bob was arranged to be rung, but an objection from the contractor caused it to be postponed. However ringing commenced by 8 a.m. with various touches of Treble Bob, Grandsire Triples, Bob Major, and other Minor methods. The striking of the touches by the opening band, was of the highest order, which was composed of ringers from Headingley, Armley, Calverley, Leeds, Bramley, Burley, Northallerton, and Shipley. The whole of the ringing was under the able management of Mr. Binns, of Leeds, who has undertaken the instructorship of the amateur band, who are almost efficient on handbells with Bob Major, and tower ringing has been taken up in earnest. The bells have been rung for special services and Sunday by this promising society, and reflects the highest praise both to instructor and pupils.

On Monday, February 17th, to commemorate the above event, a sumptuous repast was served at the house of Mr. J. Paton, host of The Belmont inn. About thirty ringers and friends partook of the good things provided, and these reflect the highest credit on the above-named gentleman and his good lady. The usual toasts followed. Songs were ably rendered by Messrs. W. Bolland, J. Watson, D. York, A. Haiste, B. Parker, G. Speight, and a most amusing recitation by P. Moran. All concerned beg to tender through these columns their sincere thanks to the Rev. Father McAuliffe and the bell founders for their kind generosity, and with the assistance of "THE BELL NEWS" (twelve in number) which are anxiously awaited for week after week, they hope soon to record their little successes in this valuable journal.

CENTRAL COUNCIL.—PEAL COLLECTION.—APPENDIX 1895 is now ready, containing 100 pages of peals in various methods; uniform with Report on Calls, with which it will be forwarded post free on receipt of sevenpence-halfpenny in stamps by Rev. H. EARLE BULWER, Stanhoe Rectory, King's Lynn.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

The monthly ringing meeting of this society was held on Saturday, February 29th, at the church of St. Francis (R.C.), Holbeck. The new peal of bells recently erected was an attraction to members, and brought together over fifty ringers and friends representing the following places: Armley, Bramley, Burley, Birmingham, Bradford, Calverley, Guiseley, Holbeck, Headingley, Harrogate, Leeds, Pudsey, Pontefract, Rothwell, Tong, Wakefield, and the local company. Ringing started about 3.30 with Bob Major, followed by Kent Treble Bob and Grandsire Triples. The business meeting was held at The Belmont inn, the President, Mr. C. Pratt, presiding. The minutes of the last meeting was read and confirmed, which was proposed by Mr. W. H. H. Gaythorpe (Bramley), seconded by Mr. W. Abbshaw (Rothwell). A vote of sympathy was passed in silence with Mr. R. Thomas in his sad bereavement; proposed by Mr. R. Binns and seconded by Mr. J. W. T. Holgate. A re-arrangement of the order of meetings at churches in the allotted radius was proposed by Mr. T. Lockwood and carried. The expenses of the representative on the Central Council was then decided, followed by the nominations for the various officers to serve during the coming year. The auditors were next chosen, when Mr. A. Naylor, of Headingley, and Mr. F. Woodhead, of Leeds, were selected. The usual vote of thanks were passed to the Rev. Father McAuliffe, and the local society for the use of the bells and other arrangements, which was proposed by T. Lockwood and seconded by F. Woodhead. Several new members were elected, and a vote of thanks to the chairman concluded the meeting. Tower ringing was again commenced, some well-struck touches of Minor and Major being rung. Everyone who had the pleasure of a pull agreed that the "go" and tone of the bells are all that can be desired. Handbell ringing was then indulged in, when, much to be regretted, an incident occurred, which was caused by the rowdiness and violence of three members of the Leeds section of the society, and which brought an abrupt termination to a meeting which promised to have been one of the most successful gatherings of this society.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.—The members and friends of the Nuneaton Society held their annual supper at The Heart-in-Hand inn, on Thursday, February 13th, when host Woodcock placed a very substantial repast on the table. Full justice having been done to the good things provided, Mr. T. W. Chapman took the chair, and after the loyal toasts had been given the remainder of the evening was devoted to harmony. The handbells were in frequent request, courses and touches in various methods being rung. Time having been called, the company dispersed, each one expressing the wish that the time may be far distant when such gatherings shall cease.

ALDEBURGH-ON-SEA, SUFFOLK.

On Thursday, January 9th, by the kindness of the Vicar (Rev. H. Thompson) and Mrs. Thompson, the ringers of the above parish church were entertained to a substantial supper at the old parish room. After supper the handbells were brought out and after they had been indulged in, the Vicar said it gave him pleasure to meet the ringers on this occasion, and he thanked them for their past services, and hoped they would do the same in the future. Mr. C. Smith responded on behalf of the company, thanking the Vicar and his wife for providing the supper, and also for presiding, which brought a very pleasant evening to a close.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

Hon. Secretaries of Societies whose subscription for the current year has not yet been paid, are earnestly requested to forward the same to the Hon. Secretary of the Council without further delay.

Notices of motion to be brought before the Council (in writing signed by two members of Council) should be in the hands of the Hon. Secretary by to-day, Saturday, March 7th.

H. EARLE BULWER, Hon. Sec.

Stanhoe Rectory, King's Lynn, February 25th, 1896.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, January 17th, the Stowmarket company had their Annual Dinner at The Rose inn, which has been given two years in succession by Mr. Samuel Turner, Auctioneer, of this town. The ringers and friends sat down at 7.15 p.m., which was well arranged by host and hostess Dawers. After the cloth was removed, a most enjoyable evening was spent, the first toast of the evening being that of "Her Majesty the Queen," followed by "The Prince and Princess of Wales and all the Royal Family." Other toasts followed, among them being that of Mr. Samuel Turner, and of the host and hostess, which was drunk with musical honours. Handbell ringing, songs, and recitations followed. Before dinner, 672 Bob Major was rung. W. Welham, 1; C. Souter, 2; W. Souter (conductor), 3; E. Buckle, 4; H. Gedney, 5; E. Diaper, 6; J. G. Wade, 7; W. P. Rouse, 8.

CHARLWOOD, SURREY.

On Tuesday, February 18th, the local ringers were invited to their annual supper at the Rectory, kindly provided by the Rector, the Rev. E. M. Gibson. Here a capital spread met their view, and ample justice was done to the good things provided. The cloth being removed, the Rector made a few well-chosen remarks to the members in respect of the ringing for the Sunday Services, and said although he was aroused so early on Christmas day in the morning by the bells, he could not let this meeting pass without kindly thanking the ringers for the capital peal rung on that morning, and most heartily congratulated them on their success in the achievement of the first 5040 of Treble Bob ever rung on the bells, and moreover it was the first 5040 ever rung by a Charlwood band. After thanking the Rector for his kindness to the ringers, the remainder of the evening was spent with a drop of good ale, tobacco, cigars, fruit, etc., and a few touches on the handbells, which brought a most enjoyable evening to a close.

Obituary.

BENJAMIN SMITH, OF NORFOLK.

Ringers in general, and especially those whose recollections carry them back two or three decades, will hear with regret of the decease of the above once prominent member of the Exercise, which occurred on Friday, February 21st, in his 77th year. Deceased was born at Alburgh, and was for many years the respected conductor of the Redenhall company, being mainly responsible for the high state of efficiency to which that band attained. His first peal (Bob Royal), was rung at Beccles upon the birthday of the then Princess Victoria, May 24th, 1837, and was followed by others at his native place and at Redenhall. His first great performance, and one which placed him at once in the front rank of East Anglian ringers, was the conducting on March 23rd, 1860, of the late W. Eversfield's 10,080 Treble Bob Major, in 6 hrs. 25 mins., at Redenhall. As is well-known, the tenor of this ring weighs 24 cwt., and makes this, even in these days of "long lengths," a very fine performance. Of the band who rang it, only the tenor man, Elijah Harber, now survives. With the advent of the late Captain Moore and Gervas Holmes, Esq., to the locality, the band went in for method ringing, and in 1873 scored their first peal of Stedman. In 1876 Double Norwich was added to the list, the first peal rung in the method for twenty-five years, and of which the late Jasper Snowdon specially mentions in his book on the method. Superlative Surprise followed in 1877, the late Rev. N. Bolingbroke taking part. This was the first peal rung under the auspices of the Norwich Diocesan Association, and also the first in the method by the Royal Cumberland Society. All of these Mr. Smith conducted. Shortly after he removed to Plumstead, near Norwich, and, with the exception of occasional ringing at St. Peter Mancroft, his practical acquaintance with the Art nearly ceased. His last peal was rung at Tunstead in 1882, with the late Rev. G. H. Harris, the founder of the Norwich Diocesan Association. For the past three years Mr. Smith had resided in Norwich, where he was universally esteemed, especially by the younger members, who have many grateful recollections of his kindly hints and advice. He was interred at Plumstead on February 27th, Messrs. F. and F. H. Knights, George Smith, and E. Francis, of the St. Peter Mancroft Society, acting as bearers. In the evening, the following rang muffled touches at St. Peter Mancroft as a last token of respect. C. E. Borrett, 1; J. E. Burton, 2; E. Ward, 3; J. A. Trollop, 4; A. G. Warnes, 5; F. J. Howchin, 6; G. Howchin, 7; E. Francis, 8; F. H. Knights, 9; F. Knights, 10; G. Smith, 11; W. Bales, 12. Thus another of the links of the past is snapped. Would that he had remained with us for many years more.

C. E. B.

BOB TRIPLES.—SIX PART COMPOSITIONS.

By J. ARMIGER TROLLOP, *Norwich.*

The following compositions are similar in construction to, and are numbered consecutively to those published in "THE BELL NEWS" for April 13th, 1895:—

Section B.				Section C.			
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
R	SR	R	R	R	R	R	SR
SM	M	R	R	R	R	SM	M
M	M	W	W	W	W	M	M
R	M	R	R	M	M	R	M
W	W	M	M	W	R	W	W
R	R	W	W	W	W	M	M
M	M	R	R	W	SW	R	R
W	W	M	M	SR	R	R	R
R	R	R	W	R	R	R	R
M	M	W	W	M	M	M	M
R	R	SW	W	M	M	M	M
R	R	R	SR	W	W	W	W
R	R	R	R	W	W	W	W
M	M	M	M	R	R	R	R
R	R	R	R				
W	W	W	W				
R	R	R	R				

Section D.							
19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M
R	W	M	W	M	R	W	W
R	R	R	R	W	W	R	R
W	R	W	R	W	W	R	R
R	R	R	R	W	W	W	W
R	W	R	W	R	W	W	W
R	R	R	R	R	R	W	W
W	R	W	R	W	W	R	R
R	R	R	R	R	R	W	W
R	W	R	W	R	R	W	W
R	R	R	M	R	R	R	M
W	R	W	R	W	W	R	R
R	R	SR	SR	SR	R	R	SR
SM	SM	M	M	M	SM	SM	M

Section E.			
27	28	29	30
M	M	M	M
W	W	W	W
W	W	W	W
W	W	W	W
R	M	M	R
R	R	R	R
R	SR	W	W
SM	M	M	M
W	W	M	M
M	M	M	M
M	M	W	W
M	M	W	W
W	W	SH	R
W	W	M	SM

The compositions in Sections B and C have the fourth and sixth home at the part end (which is *odd*), an extra bob must therefore be called on 2-3-5 in the second, fourth, and sixth parts. The best place for this "extra" is the M of the first course.

The compositions in Sections D and E have the 5th and 6th at home at the part ends, an extra must therefore be called on 2-3-4 in every alternate part, preferably the R at the part-end.

Section B.—These peals have the twenty-four 4-6s, 7-4s, and 6-7s at backstroke, they do not, however, contain the qualities of the compositions in Section A ("BELL NEWS," April 13th, 1895), viz.: all the musical combinations at backstroke in the interior as well as at the lead end. No. 11 will be found on page 263,

Vol. XII. It was rung on handbells at Armley, on October 29th, 1894, conducted by Harry Williams, the first peal rung with all the musical combinations at backstroke.

Section C.—These compositions have the 6-7s and 7-4s the right way whenever they come behind.

Section D.—These compositions have the twenty-four 6-7s at backstroke, and three 5-7s in each part. If Nos. 19, 21, 23 and 24 be varied so as to have the fourth and sixth at home at the part-end, they will then contain the twenty-four 4-6s and 6-7s at backstroke. No. 20 belongs to C. Ravenscroft, see "BELL NEWS," Vol. VI., p. 461. I have given it to complete the series.

No. 12.						No. 15.					
2	3	4	5	6	M W R	2	3	4	5	6	M W R
2	4	3	5	6	S	4	2	3	5	6	-
5	2	3	4	6	-	3	4	2	5	6	-
4	5	3	2	6	-	2	4	6	5	3	-
6	3	4	5	2	- - -	6	2	3	4	5	- -
2	4	6	3	5	- - -	3	2	5	4	6	-
6	3	2	4	5	- -	5	6	2	4	3	- S
2	6	3	4	5	-	2	5	6	4	3	-
3	2	6	4	5	-	4	2	6	5	3	-
6	4	3	2	5	- -	6	4	3	2	5	- -
5	3	4	2	6	- -	5	3	4	2	6	- -

No. 19.						No. 24.					
2	3	4	5	6	M W R	2	3	4	5	6	M W R
4	5	2	3	6	- -	4	5	2	3	6	- -
2	4	5	3	6	-	2	5	6	3	4	-
6	5	4	3	2	- -	6	5	4	3	2	-
4	6	5	3	2	-	2	4	5	3	6	- -
5	4	6	3	2	-	5	2	6	4	3	- -
2	6	4	3	5	- -	3	6	2	4	5	- -
4	2	6	3	5	-	2	3	6	4	5	-
6	4	2	3	5	-	6	2	3	4	5	-
5	2	4	3	6	- -	5	3	2	4	6	- -
3	2	4	5	6	S	Twice repeated, omitting first bob, gives—					
						5	2	4	3	6	M R
						4	3	2	5	6	S -
						2	4	3	5	6	-
						3	2	4	5	6	-

Repeat the whole.

Section E.—In these compositions the sixth falls into seconds, fourths, and sixths, only at a course-end. Mr. John Carter was the first to produce a peal on this plan. No 28 belongs to him. He has also published a similar peal with calls at o, but in working out the extent of the peals on the above plan, I have confined myself to calls at M. W. and R. Anyone of the above compositions can be varied so as to contain two singles only, similarly to the example (No. 24) I give.

(To be continued.)

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ROSSENDALE BRANCH.—A meeting of this branch was held at Helmshore, on Saturday, February 22nd, and was well attended by members from Bacup, Bury, Newchurch, Ramsbottom, Rawtenstall, Waterfoot and the local company. In the absence of the Vicar the chair was occupied by Mr. H. H. Nutter. The minutes being passed it was decided that the next meeting be held at Christ Church, Bacup. It was also decided to have a annual dinner of the branch, and all members of the Association who wish to attend can do so by applying to the branch secretary. This brought the business to a close, and the bells were set going to touches of Bob Major, Grandsire Triples and Kent Treble Bob Major, which was kept up till 8 o'clock, thus ending a very pleasant meeting.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

DICKENS.—Please be patient. We cannot get information so rapidly as you think. Mr. Dickens, Q.C., who appeared in the trial you mention, is the second son of the late Mr. Charles Dickens, the novelist. His address in full would be Henry Fielding Dickens, Esq., Q.C. Our answer to your second question is in the negative.

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SATURDAY, MARCH 7, 1896.

THE six-bell peal question is coming to the fore, and if we can judge by the heroic correspondence in this number, it will occupy again the time of the Central Council at its next meeting. We suppose no one can complain of this. It is certainly a matter which ought to be settled, if not to the gratification of all, at least to the satisfaction of the greatest number. But if the Council should decide upon the *status quo* position, or determine the matter contrary to the expectations of others, we hope no expression will be again made use of which indicates secession from the Council. Such an attitude is unmanly in the extreme. We may as reasonably expect a member of the House to ask his constituents to refrain in the future from sending a representative to Parliament because any particular measure in which they have an interest is defeated or withdrawn. This is the only objection we had to the terms of Mr. BOLLAND'S proposal. The Council is composed of many gentlemen of reason, open to conviction or argument, and able to determine any question upon its own merits.

The Provinces.**SHIPTON-UNDER-WYCHWOOD, OXFORDSHIRE.****THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Saturday, February 15, 1896, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

VICARS'S SIX-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt.

WALTER SMITH† Treble.	HORATIO HARRIS 5.
JOHN LONGSHAW 2.	*GEORGE BARTLETT 6.
SAMUEL FERRIMAN 3.	ALBERT TURNER 7.
WALTER LONGSHAW 4.	JAMES LONGSHAW Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE BARTLETT.

†First peal. *First peal as conductor.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.**

(THE NUNEATON SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, February 25, 1896, in Two Hours and Thirty-one Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. J. F. CLARKE, ATTLEBORO,

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

JAMES F. CLARKE* .. 1-2.	HARRY ARGYLE 5-6.
THOMAS W. CHAPMAN .. 3-4.	WALTER STONE* 7-8.

Conducted by THOMAS W. CHAPMAN.

*First peal in the method on handbells. Referee, Mr. John Warren.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.**

(THE NUNEATON SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, February 27, 1896, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt. in E.

WILLIAM JOHNSON Treble.	WILLIAM DEVEY 5.
WALTER STONE* 2.	THOMAS W. CHAPMAN .. 6.
HARRY ARGYLE 3.	JAMES F. CLARKE 7.
GLADSTONE J. WINTER .. 4.	JOHN WARREN Tenor.

Conducted by WALTER STONE.

*First peal as conductor.

BATTLE, SUSSEX.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(BATTLE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 29, 1896, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REEVES' VARIATION OF HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 23 cwt.

C. CARTER* Treble.	J. CURTIS 5.
W. FRANKS 2.	W. THOMAS 6.
C. HYLAND 3.	H. ELLIOTT 7.
S. SAKER* 4.	W. ELDRIDGE Tenor.

Conducted by W. FRANKS.

*First peal. Mr. Saker is an hon. member of the above branch, and also hon. sec. of the eastern division of the Sussex County Association, and hails from Hastings. It was for him this peal was arranged.

SPELDHURST, KENT.**THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.***On Saturday, February 29, 1896, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12½ cwt.

JAMES BAKER Treble.	GEORGE A. CARD 5.
THOMAS CARD 2.	JAMES MAYNARD 6.
ALBERT E. EDWARDS .. 3.	WILLIAM H. CARD 7.
RICHARD PELLING 4.	GEORGE TURLEY Tenor.

Composed by TOM LOCKWOOD and Conducted by GEORGE TURLEY.

Rung as a birthday compliment to George Turley, his brother-strings wishing him many happy returns. It is also his first peal in the method as conductor.

TILEHURST, BERKS.—OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.*On Saturday, February 29, 1896, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

HARRY GOODGER Treble.	FRANK HOPGOOD 5.
JOHN TUCKER* 2.	ALFRED WATMORE 6.
CHARLES GILES 3.	CHARLES CHAPMAN 7.
HARRY TUCKER 4.	AMBROSE OSBORNE Tenor.

Conducted by FRANK HOPGOOD.

*First peal with a bob bell.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, February 29, 1896, in Three Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 30 cwt. in D.

EDWARD WALLIS Treble.	*THOMAS HAIGH 5.
JOHN W. PASSMAN 2.	ALFRED F. HILLIER 6.
ROBERT S. STORY 3.	FREDK. J. HARRISON 7.
THOMAS NEILL* 4.	WILLIAM STORY Tenor.

Conducted by FREDERICK J. HARRISON.

*First peal of Stedman, and hails from York, Passman from Middlesbrough. It was rung as a birthday compliment to E. Wallis.

ERITH, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.*On Saturday, February 29, 1896, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 18 cwt.

ERNEST HOLT NIXON .. Treble.	ARTHUR C. BEDWELL .. 5.
WILLIAM BEDWELL 2.	GEORGE H. DAYNES .. 6.
HERBERT SKELT 3.	HARRY WARNETT 7.
JOHN HACK 4.	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES .. Tenor.

Composed by JOSEPH J. PARKER and

Conducted by WILLIAM BEDWELL.

Rung on the occasion of the birthdays of J. Hack and A. C. Bedwell, their brother-ringers wishing them many happy returns. The ringers wish through "The Bell News" to thank the vicar and churchwarden for the use of the bells, also the respected steeplekeeper, Mr. J. Garard, for getting the bells ready.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.**THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, February 29, 1896, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lbs.

JAMES HOUGHTON, JUN. .. Treble.	WILLIAM PETTITT 5.
JOHN B. MARTIN 2.	ALFRED H. MARTIN .. 6.
JAMES GARRATT 3.	FRED GILBERT 7.
WILLIAM J. GILBERT .. 4.	*ANDERSON TYLER Tenor.

Composed by JOHN COX and Conducted by ANDERSON TYLER.

*First peal in the method as conductor. This peal has the 4th and 5th their extent in 6th's place, and the 6th its extent wrong and right.

ASHTED, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.*On Saturday, February 29, 1896, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

ALFRED E. BASSETT .. Treble.	WILLIAM CHANTLER .. 5.
FRANCIS GROVE 2.	HENRY WILKINSON .. 6.
STEPHEN WILSON 3.	GEORGE CHANTLER .. 7.
HENRY FEDERICK 4.	ERNEST C. BONIFACE .. Tenor.

Composed by the late Wm. SOTTANSTALL and

Conducted by ERNEST C. BONIFACE.

This is the first peal in the method by all, and first peal of Major by all except the ringer of the tenor, this being his first peal as conductor. It is also A. E. Bassett's 25th peal.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 29, 1896, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION.

Tenor 19 cwt.

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

Composed by J. REEVES and Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

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

SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, March 3, 1896, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

GEORGE A. KING Treble.	GEORGE BAKER 5.
GEORGE WILLIAMS 2.	JAMES N. FROSSELL.. .. 6.
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH.. .. 3.	ALFRED J. TURNER 7.
FRANK BENNETT 4.	JOHN F. STEADMAN Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

Messrs. Goldsmith, Turner, and Steadman are local men, the rest belong to the St. Peter's Society, Brighton.

Performances on Five and Six Bells.

BENGEO, HERTS.—THE BENGEO SOCIETY.

On Saturday, February 29, 1896, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

SEVEN 720s OF MINOR, as follows:

Three of Grandsire, two of Oxford Bob, and two of Plain Bob.

JOHN H. SUTHERLAND* .. Treble.	JOSEPH POMFRET 4.
THOMAS BARKER 2.	*WILLIAM PARCELS 5.
DANIEL BENNETT* 3.	HENRY G. ROWE Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY GEORGE ROWE.

*First 5040, and rung at the first attempt. H. G. Rowe belongs to Hertford.

WICKHAM SKEITH, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 29, 1896, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

SEVEN 720s OF MINOR, as follows:

Two of Kent Treble Bob, two of Oxford Treble Bob, and three of Plain Bob.

F. POTTER* Treble.	T. DAVY 4.
G. KEMP 2.	*C. NUNN 5.
W. RUMSEY 3.	G. CATTERMOLLE.. .. Tenor.

Conducted by G. CATTERMOLLE.

*First 5040, and first 5040 on the bells in three methods. W. Rumsey hails from Debenham, the rest belong to the local company.

FOXEARH, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, March 1, 1896, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

SEVEN 720s OF BOB MINOR, each called differently.

JESSE TAYLOR* Treble.	*FREDERICK INCH 4.
WALTER GRIDLEY 2.	†SAMUEL EVANS 5.
ROBERT INCH 3.	ROBERT MINGAY Tenor.

Conducted by SAMUEL EVANS.

*First 5040. †First 5040 as conductor.

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Date Touches.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HEPTONSTALL (Yorks.)—On Saturday, February 8th, in 1 hr. 7 mins., a date touch (1896 changes), in the following five Minor methods: 36 Bob Minor, 60 Canterbury Pleasure, 360 College Single, 720 Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. T. Robertshaw (conductor), 1; W. Ingham, 2; J. Armstrong, 3; F. Robertshaw, 4; R. Nowell, 5; F. P. Powell, 6. Tenor 12 cwt.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

AUGHTON ((Lancashire).—Recently at Christ Church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples in 1 hr. 7 mins. L. Gardner, 1; H. G. Cooke, 2; C. Sharples, 3; T. Jenkinson, 4; E. Counce, 5; R. Foster, 6; J. Gardner (conductor), 7; H. J. Morley, 8. Composed by J. Aspinwall, of Liverpool.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BRIGHTON (Sussex).—On Wednesday, February 5th, at St. Nicolas' church, with the bells half-muffled, as a mark of respect to the late Prince Henry of Battenburg, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1896 changes, in 1 hr. 10 mins. J. Neves, 1; J. Jay, sen., 2; E. Randall, 3; H. Rann (conductor), 4; J. Fox, 5; F. Morris, 6; W. Palmer, 7; W. Davey, 8. Composed by C. Smart, of Steyning.

Miscellaneous.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

GREENSTEAD GREEN (Essex).—On Thursday, January 23rd, at St. James' church, 720 Canterbury Pleasure in 28 mins. E. Ridgwell, 1; — Saunders, 2; W. Burst, 3; G. Arnold, 4; W. Wiffen, 5; D. Claydon (conductor), 6. On Thursday, January 30th, 720 Kent in 27 mins. D. Claydon, 1; H. Wiffen, 2; W. Burst, 3; G. Arnold, 4; W. Wiffen, 5; W. Root (first as conductor), 6. On Monday, February 3rd, 720 Oxford in 28 mins. E. Ridgwell, 1; — Saunders, 2; W. Burst, 3; H. Wiffen, 4; W. Wiffen, 5; W. Root (conductor), 6. And a 720 Court Single in 27 mins. — Saunders, 1; D. Claydon, 2; W. Burst, 3; G. Arnold, 4; W. Wiffen (first as conductor), 5; W. Root, 6. On Wednesday, February 5th, at St. Andrew's church, 360 Bob Minor with the bells deeply muffled. T. Goodey, 1; W. Cooper, 2; A. Porter, 3; T. Salmons, 4; W. Root, 5; H. Wiffen (conductor), 6. On Sunday morning, February 9th, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor with the bells muffled in 27 mins. T. Goodey, 1; W. Cooper, 2; A. Porter, 3; W. Ward, 4; W. Root, 5; H. Wiffen (conductor), 6. For Divine Service in the evening 720 Bob Minor. T. Goodey, 1; W. Wiffen, 2; W. Cooper, 3; W. Ward, 4; W. Root, 5; H. Wiffen (conductor), 6.

KELVEDON (Essex).—On Thursday, December 26th, at the residence of Mr. J. Elliott, a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles. J. Elliott, 1; H. Evers, 2; J. Frost, 3; W. Keeble, 4; H. Elliott (conductor), 5-6. And 120 St. Simon's Doubles. W. Keeble, 1; H. Elliott, 2; J. Frost, 3; H. Evers, 4; W. Elliott (conductor), 5. On Sunday, December 29th, for Divine Service at St. Mary's church, 720 Bob Minor. W. Keeble, 1; H. Elliott, 2; J. Elliott, 3; J. Frost, 4; H. Evers, 5; W. Elliott (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, December 31st, to ring the old year out, 180 Bob Minor, with the whole pull and stand, with the bells half-muffled. And 360 Bob Minor to ring in the new year, standing as before. On Wednesday, January 1st, 360 Plain Bob. H. Gazzard, 1; H. Elliott, 2; W. Keeble, 3; J. Frost, 4; H. Evers, 5; W. Elliott (conductor), 6. And another 360. C. Mills, 1; the rest as before. On Sunday, January 5th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. R. Potter, 1; W. Dyer, 2; C. Norfolk, 3; J. Frost, 4; H. Evers, 5; W. Elliott (conductor), 6. On Wednesday, January 8th, 720 Bob Minor. H. Gazzard, 1; †W. Keeble, 2; H. Pye, 3; J. Frost, 4; H. Evers, 5; W. Elliott (conductor), 6. †First 720. On Sunday evening, January 12th, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor standing as before. On Monday, January 13th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor. C. Mills (first 720), 1; W. Keeble, 2; H. Pye, 3; J. Frost, 4; H. Evers, 5; W. Elliott (conductor), 6. On Wednesday, January 15th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. H. Pye, 1; H. Elliott, 2; W. Elliott, 3; J. Frost, 4; H. Evers, 5; D. Elliott (conductor), 6. On Wednesday, January 22nd, 720 Bob Minor. W. Keeble, 1; H. Evers, 2; J. Newman, 3; H. Pye, 4; J. Frost, 5; W. Elliott (conductor), 6. On Sunday, January 19th, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor. W. Keeble, 1; H. Evers, 2; J. Elliott, 3; H. Elliott, 4; J. Frost, 5; W. Elliott (conductor), 6.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

EWELL (Surrey).—On Sunday morning, February 9th, for Divine Service, 672 Oxford Bob Triples. J. Ayling, 1; W. Worsfold, 2; A.

E. Bassett, 3; J. Beams (conductor), 4; H. Beams, 5; S. Wilson, 6; G. Chantler, 7; J. Reid, 8. And for afternoon service, 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Ayling, 1; G. Chantler, 2; W. Worsfold, 3; S. Wilson, 4; C. Read, 5; H. Beams, 6; J. Beams (composer and conductor), 7; J. Reid, 8.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.-BLACKBURN BRANCH.

BURNLEY (Lancashire).—On Sunday morning, January 19th, for Divine Service at Holy Trinity church, 576 Oxford Treble Bob Major. N. Townend, 1; R. Ashworth, 2; D. Heys, 3; J. R. Werring, 4; F. Towns, 5; J. W. Stirk, 6; T. Mouncey, 7; H. Heyworth (conductor), 8. For evening service 576 in the same method. N. Townend, 1; D. Campbell, 2; R. Ashworth, 3; T. Redman, 4; J. R. Werring, 5; H. Heyworth, 6; T. Mouncey, 7; D. Heys (conductor), 8. On Tuesday, January 21st, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. N. Townend, 1; H. Heyworth (conductor), 2; D. Heys, 3; J. R. Werring, 4; W. Wormwell, 5; T. Redman, 6. Also 720 Violet. N. Townend, 1; T. Redman, 2; J. W. Stirk, 3; R. Ashworth, 4; D. Heys, 5; H. Heyworth (conductor), 6. On Sunday evening, January 26th, for Divine Service, 640 Kent Treble Bob Major. H. Heyworth, 1; D. Campbell, 2; T. Mouncey, 3; D. Heys, 4; N. Townend, 5; R. Ashworth, 6; T. Redman (conductor), 7; J. W. Stirk, 8. On Sunday morning, February 2nd, for Divine Service, 576 Kent Treble Bob Major. D. Heys, 1; J. R. Werring, 2; J. W. Stirk, 3; H. Heyworth, 4; F. Towns, 5; R. Ashworth, 6; T. Mouncey, 7; T. Redman (conductor), 8. For evening service 360 Bob Minor. J. W. Stirk, 1; J. R. Werring, 2; D. Heys, 3; H. Heyworth, 4; T. Mouncey, 5; T. Redman (conductor), 6.

BLACKBURN (Lancashire).—On Saturday, January 25th, at Holy Trinity church, 720 Bob Minor. M. Kearney (Blackburn), 1; J. R. Werring (Burnley), 2; H. Heyworth (Burnley), 3; T. Duxbury (Padiham), 4; J. Brown (Blackburn), 5; J. Smith, sen. (Blackburn, conductor), 6.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

WICKHAM (Hants).—On Sunday, December 16th, for evening service, 360 Grandsire Minor. W. Singleton, 1; G. Downes, 2; W. Langford, 3; W. Churcher, 4; G. Carpenter, 5; G. Chappell (conductor), 6. On Sunday, January 19th, 240 Grandsire Doubles. E. Knight (first away from tenor), 1; W. Singleton, 2; G. Carpenter, 3; W. Churcher, 4; G. Chappell (conductor), 5; G. Knight (first 6-scores), 6. And 240 with H. Conway ringing the tenor, it being his first attempt. On Wednesday, January 22nd, 720 Grandsire Minor. W. Singleton, 1; G. Downes, 2; S. Cummins, 3; W. Churcher, 4; G. Chappell (conductor), 5; G. Carpenter, 6. On Saturday, February 8th, 720 Plain Bob. W. Churcher, 1; A. Tomlins (Portsea), 2; G. Grafham (Fareham), 3; A. Millard (Swanmore), 4; G. Chappell, 5; J. Whiting (Fareham, conductor), 6. And 720 Kent Treble Bob. W. Churcher (first in the method), 1; G. Chappell, 2; A. Tomlins, 3; A. Millard, 4; G. Grafham, 5; J. Whiting (conductor), 6. Also 720 Oxford Treble Bob, the band standing as above. This is the first 720 of Oxford Treble Bob on the bells.

ROMSEY (Hants).—On Saturday, February 1st, an attempt was made at the Abbey for a peal of Grandsire Triples, which came to grief after ringing over 4000 changes, in 2 hrs. 45 mins., through a change-course. A. Newman, 1; W. J. Sevier, 2; J. Elcombe, 3; C. J. Choquet, 4; T. Cole, 5; W. H. George (conductor), 6; Rev. R. C. M. Harvey, 7; J. Walker, 8. Tenor 25 cwt.

WINCHESTER.—On Wednesday, February 5th, the bells of the Cathedral were rung deeply muffled for the late Prince Henry of Battenberg. The ringing consisted of the usual whole pull and stand, and 462 Grandsire Triples, with 6-8-10 covering. A. E. Macey, 1; W. J. Sevier, 2; G. Smith, 3; C. J. Choquet, 4; R. White, 5; F. Smith, 6; R. Hasted, 7; W. S. Lampard, 8; W. H. George (conductor), 9; D. Froome, 10. Tenor 32 cwt.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BORDEN (Kent).—On Monday, February 3rd, at the parish church, an attempt was made for a peal of Stedman Triples, but unfortunately came to grief after 1 hr. 3 mins. excellent striking. S. Hutson, 1; E. Allen, 2; W. Hobbs, 3; C. Millway, 4; H. Wood, 5; C. Willshire (conductor), 6; W. Tassell, 7; R. Weller, 8. Afterwards, a quarter-peal in the same method in 43 mins. S. Hutson, 1; C. Willshire, 2; W. Hobbs, 3; C. Millway, 4; E. Allen, 5; W. Tassell, 6; H. Wood (conductor), 7; R. Weller, 8. The above was rung as a birthday compliment to C. Millway, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns. The above are all members of the Borden Society.

AYLESFORD (Kent).—On Saturday, February 1st, an attempt was made for a peal of Stedman Triples, but unfortunately came to grief after ringing 2 hrs. 30 mins. G. Pawley, 1; W. Mannering, 2; E.

Dunk, 3; G. Steer, 4; A. Tawney, 5; T. Mannering (conductor), 6; L. Bullock, 7; W. Harris, 8. This is G. Steer's longest length in the method, and with E. Dunk hails from Westerham; W. Harris belongs to the local band; the rest to Maidstone.

FOLKESTONE (Kent).—On Wednesday, February 5th, with the bells muffled in consequence of Prince Henry of Battenberg, 518 Grandsire Triples. A. Pilcher, 1; E. Potter, 2; S. Binfield (conductor), 3; H. Petts, 4; H. Croucher, 5; S. Gower, 6; F. Finn, 7; G. Miller, 8. And 336, standing as before. Tenor 25 cwt. And 168 Grandsire Triples. A. Pilcher, 1; E. Potter, 2; S. Binfield, 3; H. Petts, 4; H. Croucher, 5; G. Holdom, 6; F. Finn, sen., 7; G. Miller, 8. Potter hails from Dover; Gower from Hythe; F. Finn, sen., from Mersham. On Sunday morning, February 9th, for Divine Service, 210 and 168 Grandsire Triples. A. Pilcher, 1; S. Binfield (conductor), 2; J. Fisher, 3; H. Petts, 4; H. Croucher, 5; G. Holdom, 6; F. Finn, 7; G. Miller, 8.

GILLINGHAM (Kent).—On Saturday, February 1st, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor with the bells half-muffled, as a mark of respect to the late Dr. H. Weeks, late Medical Officer for the parish of Gillingham; Alderman of the County Council, and J.P. for the county of Kent, who was highly respected. J. Shed, 1; W. Kings, 2; C. Waterman, 3; W. Easter, 4; W. Baker, 5; W. Haigh (conductor), 6. On Saturday, February 8th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. C. Waterman, 1; J. Baker, 2; W. Kings, 3; W. Easter, 5; J. Shed, 5; W. Haigh (conductor), 6.

BOUGHTON-UNDER-BLEAN (Kent).—On Sunday, February 9th, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor (twenty bobs ten singles). A. Smith, 1; H. Foreman, 2; R. Staines, 3; A. Clarke, 4; J. Chambers, 5; E. Foreman (conductor), 6; W. Foreman, 8.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BRAMPTON (Suffolk).—On Monday, February 3rd, for practice, two 6-scores each of Grandsire and Canterbury Doubles. W. Myall, 1; J. Larter (conductor), 2; J. Self, 3; J. Howlett, 4; John Self, 5. And a 6-score each of Grandsire and Plain Bob. Rev. H. Earle Bulwer, 3; the rest as before. Also two 6-scores each of St. Simon's and Grandsire. E. Larter, 2; J. Larter, 3; the rest as before. On Sunday, February 9th, for Divine Service, two 6-scores of Grandsire. W. Myall, 1; E. Larter, 2; J. Self, 3; J. Woolnough, 4; John Self (conductor), 5. Also two 6-scores of St. Simon's and Grandsire. W. Myall, 1; J. Howlett, 2; J. Woolnough, 3; J. Larter, 4; John Self, 5. And after service, two 6-scores each of Stedman and Grandsire. J. Woolnough, 1; J. Cole, 2; J. Howlett, 3; J. Larter (conductor), 4; John Self, 5.

WENHASTON (Suffolk).—On Saturday, February 8th, for practice, 360 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and Plain Bob. C. List, 1; A. Miles, 2; J. Farrington, 3; J. Youngs, 4; G. Eastaugh, 5; J. Larter (conductor), 6.

STOWMARKET.—On Sunday evening, February 2nd, for Divine Service, 1400 Bob Major. W. Welham, 1; C. Souter, 2; C. Alderton, 3; E. Buckle, 4; E. Diaper, 5; W. Souter (conductor), 6; J. G. Wade, 7; W. Rouse, 8. On Monday, February 3rd, 720 Oxford Treble Bob, in 32 mins. W. Welham, 1; E. Diaper, 2; W. Souter (conductor), 3; C. Souter, 4; W. Rouse, 5; J. Wade, 6. First 720 of Treble Bob by Messrs. Welham and Diaper, and first by a local band for upwards of forty years. On Wednesday, February 5th, 1008 Bob Major, with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to the late Prince Henry of Battenberg. W. Welham, 1; C. Souter, 2; C. Alderton, 3; E. Buckle, 4; E. Diaper, 5; W. Souter (conductor), 6; J. Wade, 7; W. Rouse, 8.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

READING (Berks).—On Sunday evening, February 2nd, for Divine Service at St. Giles' church, 504 Stedman Triples. G. Boddington, 1; H. Coffee, 2; A. E. Reeves, jun., 3; A. H. Evans, 4; A. W. Reeves, 5; F. Sweetzer, 6; A. E. Reeves (conductor), 7; H. Smart, 8. On Wednesday, February 5th, 546 Grandsire Triples. J. Tucker, 1; H. Coffee, 2; A. E. Reeves, jun., 3; A. H. Evans, 4; A. W. Reeves, 5; H. Dibley, 6; A. E. Reeves (conductor), 7; H. Smart, 8.

HUGHENDEN (Bucks).—On December 26th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 24 mins. W. Truss, 1; J. C. Truss, jun., 2; F. K. Biggs (first 720 of Minor), 3; R. Biggs, 4; W. H. Fussell (conductor), 5; F. G. Biggs, 6.

SOUTH AND WEST MIDDLESEX GUILD.

EALING (Middlesex).—On Sunday, evening, February 9th, for Divine Service at St. Mary's church, 1016 Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins. H. F. G. Luck, 1; E. J. Walsom, 2; E. Harris, 3; J. Basden, 4; W. Foster, 5; A. H. Taber (conductor), 6; A. Fryer, 7; W. W. Ward, 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Prince Henry of Battenberg.

THE NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LEA (Lincolnshire).—On Saturday, February 8th, at St. Helen's church, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). A. H. Wheeler, 1; G. Wilson, 2; W. W. Bust, 3; J. T. Ladd, 4; H. W. Kirton, 5; F. T. W. Butler (conductor), 6. Also 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-eight bobs and twenty-two singles), the ringers standing as above, conducted by F. T. W. Butler.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HEPTONSTALL (Yorks).—On Sunday, January 26th, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor. A. Burn (conductor), 1; W. Ingham, 2; J. Armstrong, 3; F. Robertshaw, 4; R. Nowell, 5; F. P. Powell, 6. On Sunday, February 2nd, 720 College Single. A. Burn (conductor), 1; T. Robertshaw, 2; J. Armstrong, 3; F. Robertshaw, 4; J. Nowell, 5; F. P. Powell, 6. For afternoon service 360 Kent and 120 Oxford Treble Bob. T. Robertshaw (conductor), 1; J. Robertshaw, 2; W. Ingham, 3; F. Robertshaw, 4; J. Nowell, 5; F. P. Powell, 6. On Sunday, February 9th, 720 Grandsire Minor. A. Burn (conductor), 1; F. P. Powell, 2; J. Armstrong, 3; F. Robertshaw, 4; J. Robertshaw, 5; J. Nowell, 6. And 600 in the same method.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

NETHERTON (Worcestershire).—On Thursday, February 6th, 720 Kent Treble Bob, in 27 mins., with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Prince Henry of Battenberg. H. Hill, 1; G. Pearsal (first 720 in the method), 2; J. Smith, 3; J. W. Smith, 4; W. Talbot, 5; A. E. Parsons (conductor), 6.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

WELSHPOOL.—On Tuesday, January 24th, for practice at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 44 mins. A. Grice, 1; T. J. Bratton, 2; D. Williams, 3; J. Lloyd, 4; W. Jones, 5; T. Barnes, 6; W. Maddox (conductor), 7; F. S. Jones, 8. Also several touches of Stedman Triples by the same band. On Tuesday, January 31st, the above band made their first attempt for a peal of Stedman Triples, J. Carter's No. 9, which came to grief owing to a change-course after ringing 1 hr. 30 mins. On Sunday, February 9th, 224 Grandsire Triples, two 168s, and 84 Stedman Triples. J. Lloyd, 1; W. Maddox, 2; D. Williams, 3; A. Grice, 4; W. Jones, 5; T. J. Bratton, 6; J. George (conductor), 7; A. Poulson, 8.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

LONDON.—On Sunday evening, February 2nd, for Divine Service at St. Mary-atte-Bow, 1040 Bob Major. *S. Parmenter, 1; E. Lucas, 2; Y. Green, 3; S. Hayes, 4; *J. Scholes, 5; W. Dallimore, 6; E. Hall, 7; H. Springall (conductor), 8. *Longest length in the method. On Sunday evening, February 9th, for Divine Service at the church of Allhallows, Barking, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 46 mins. J. Scholes, 1; A. Barkus, 2; E. Wallage, 3; E. O'Meara, 4; S. Parmenter, 5; H. Springall (conductor), 6; E. Hall, 7; C. Kenned, 8. Composed by J. Barrett, of Stepney. Rung as a compliment to Mr. W. Mole, the respected steeplekeeper at this church, who that day attained his 72nd birthday, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns of the day.

THE SALOP GUILD.

SHREWSBURY.—On Thursday, January 16th, at the church of St. Alkmund, owing to the death of the late Prebendary Wightman, late vicar of St. Alkmund for 53 years, with the bells half-muffled, 420 Grandsire Triples. T. Price, 1; G. Taylor, 2; A. Espley, 3; F. Taylor, 4; W. Taylor, 5; G. Burrows, 6; G. Byolin (conductor), 7; W. Owen, 8. On Sunday, January 19th, 420 Bob Triples, with the bells half-muffled. R. Dolman, 1; G. Taylor, 2; J. Groves, 3; W. Taylor, 4; A. Espley, 5; F. Taylor, 6; G. Byolin (conductor), 7; G. Burrows, 8. On Tuesday, January 21st, with the bells half-muffled, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. R. Dolman, 1; G. Taylor, 2; W. Owen, 3; W. Taylor, 4; G. Burrows, 5; A. Espley, 6; G. Byolin (conductor), 7; J. Burrows, 8. And 420, standing and conducted as before. Also 210 Grandsire Triples. R. Dolman, 1; A. Bennett, 2; G. Taylor, 3; W. Taylor, 4; G. Burrows, 5; F. Taylor, 6; G. Byolin (conductor), 7; — Bickerstaff, 8. On Sunday, January 26th, 320 Grandsire Major. A. Bennett, 1; T. Burd, 2; G. Taylor, 3; F. Taylor, 4; W. Taylor, 5; A. Espley, 6; G. Burrows, 7; G. Byolin (conductor), 8. On Thursday, January 30th, for practice at the church of St. Chad, 504 Grandsire Triples. A. Bennett, 1; H. Gardner, 2; G. Taylor, 3; T. Burd, 4; W. Taylor, 5; A. Fullock, 6; G. Burrows, 7; W. Davies, 8. Conducted by H. Gardner, who hails from Gloucester. On Friday, January 31st, for practice at the church of St. Alkmund, 256 of Grandsire Major. A. Bennett, 1; R. Dolman, 2; G. Taylor, 3; G. Burrows, 4; W. Taylor, 5; A. Espley, 6; F. Taylor, 7; G. Byolin (conductor), 8. On Thursday, February 6th, at the church of S.

Michael, 720 Grandsire Minor, in 18 mins. F. Hannett (first 720), 1; G. Taylor, 2; A. Espley, 3; W. Taylor, 4; G. Burrows, 5; J. Groves (conductor), 6.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

WELLINGBOROUGH (Northants).—On a recent Monday evening, at the parish church, on handbells, the first two parts of Holt's ten-part peal, in 37 mins. E. J. Dennes, 1; T. Hensher (conductor), 2; W. Wood, 3; F. Underwood, 4; F. Wood, 5; E. West, 6; W. H. Ette, 7; T. Craddock, 8. Longest touch by all except T. Hensher.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

MIDHURST (Sussex).—On Sunday, February 2nd, 360 Bob Minor. G. Best, 1; T. Stroud (first 360 of Bob Minor), 2; T. E. Ellis (conductor), 3; F. Trussler, 4; A. B. Bennett, 5; J. Lee, 6. On Wednesday, February 5th, 720 Oxford Single Bob. G. Boswell, 1; F. Trussler, 2; T. E. Ellis, 3; C. Tribe, 4; A. B. Bennett (conductor), 5; J. Lee, 6. Also 360 Bob Minor. G. Best, 1; T. Stroud, 2; T. E. Ellis (conductor), 3; F. Trussler, 4; A. B. Bennett, 5; J. Lee, 6. Rung with the bells half-muffled to the memory of the late Prince Henry of Battenberg.

MATHON (Worcestershire).—On Saturday, December 28th, 720 of College Single, in 25 mins. W. Powell, 1; A. Layton, 2; C. Layton, 3; F. Smith, 4; H. Pritchett, 5; C. Watkins (conductor), 6. And five 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. E. Griffin, 1; W. Powell, 2; E. Layton (conductor), 3; F. Smith, 4; Rev. W. A. K. Douglass, 5; C. Powell, 6. On Wednesday, February 5th, 720 Grandsire Minor, in 26 mins. G. Jordan, 1; Rev. W. A. K. Douglas, 2; C. Layton, 3; W. Powell, 4; C. Thomas, 5; A. Layton (conductor), 6. Also four 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, with the bells deeply muffled as a mark of respect to H.R.H. Prince Henry of Battenberg.

PORTSMOUTH (Hants).—On February 4th, a muffled touch of 630 Grandsire Triples was rung while the body of H.R.H. Prince Henry of Battenberg was being landed at Portsmouth harbour. — Harris, 1; C. Grooves, 2; E. Newman, 3; J. Symons (conductor), 4; J. T. Matthews, 5; E. A. Gregory, 6; J. Harper, 7; J. Dover, 8. And 630 in the same method. J. Harris, 1; C. Grooves, 2; E. Newman, 3; J. Symons (conductor), 4; J. T. Matthews, 5; E. Drinkwater, 6; E. A. Gregory, 7; J. Dover, 8.

PENGE (Surrey).—On Thursday, January 2nd, at the church of St. John the Evangelist, 720 Plain Bob Minor. G. Conn, 1; W. J. Battson, 2; T. P. Richards, 3; J. Marshall, 4; T. Chandler, 5; G. Wickens (conductor), 6. On Wednesday, January 29th, for Divine Service, 720 Plain Bob. G. Conn, 1; T. P. Richards, 2; J. Town, 3; J. Marshall, 4; W. J. Battson, 5; W. South (conductor), 6.

SAXMUNDHAM (Suffolk).—On Sunday evening, February 9th, for Divine Service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob (fifteen bobs). W. Watling, 1; W. Drew, 2; F. Page, 3; R. Wells, 4; W. Eastaugh, 5; F. Watling (conductor), 6. W. Eastaugh hails from Wenhamston, Suffolk.

WOBURN (Beds).—On Saturday, December 21st, being the birthday of the young Marquis of Tavistock, 464 Bob Major. Cyril Herbert, 1; E. Herbert, 2; Chas. Herbert, 3; A. Morrison, 4; H. D. Harris, 5; M. Lane, 6; Rev. W. W. C. Baker, 7; W. Chibnall, 8. And a 336 Bob Triples. Cyril Herbert, 1; Rev. W. W. C. Baker, 2; E. Herbert, 3; Chas. Herbert, 4; H. D. Harris, 5; M. Lane, 6; W. Chibnall, 7; S. A. Avis, 8. Also 560 Bob Major. Cyril Herbert, 1; W. Chibnall, 2; Chas. Herbert, 3; E. Herbert, 4; H. D. Harris, 5; A. Morrison, 6; Rev. W. W. C. Baker, 7; M. Lane, 8. And 224 Bob Major. Cyril Herbert, 1; A. Morrison, 2; Chas. Herbert, 3; E. Herbert, 4; H. D. Harris, 5; M. Lane, 6; Rev. W. W. C. Baker, 7; W. Chibnall, 8. On handbells a 476 and 504 Bob Triples. Chas. Herbert, 1-2; E. Herbert, 3-4; Cyril Herbert, 5-6; S. A. Avis, 7-8. On Thursday, January 16th, a quarter-peal of Bob Major, 1264 changes. H. D. Harris, 1-2; E. Herbert, 3-4; Cyril Herbert, 5-6; Chas. Herbert, 7-8. On Saturday, January 25th, at St. Mary's church, 252 Bob Triples. S. A. Avis, 1; Cyril Herbert, 2; E. Herbert, 3; Chas. Herbert, 4; H. D. Harris, 5; M. Lane, 6; W. Chibnall, 7; Rev. W. W. C. Baker, 8. And 336 Bob Major. S. A. Avis, 1; Cyril Herbert, 2; E. Herbert, 3; Chas. Herbert, 4; H. D. Harris, 5; M. Lane, 6; Rev. W. W. C. Baker, 7; W. Chibnall, 8. Also 420 Bob Triples. Cyril Herbert, 1; M. Lane, 2; E. Herbert, 3; C. Herbert, 4; H. D. Harris, 5; W. Chibnall, 6; Rev. W. W. C. Baker, 7; S. A. Avis, 8. On handbells 288 Kent Treble Bob Major. E. Herbert, 1-2; C. Herbert, 3; M. Lane, 4; Rev. W. W. C. Baker, 5; W. Chibnall, 6; Cyril Herbert, 7-8. And a course of Bob Royal. On Saturday, February 1st, an attempt for a peal of Bob Major came to grief after ringing 3254 changes. Chas. Herbert, 1-2; E. Herbert, 3-4; Cyril Herbert, 5-6; H. D. Harris, 7-8. All the above were conducted by Cyril Herbert.

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 SIX-BELL PEAL QUESTION.

SIR,—To judge from the tone of the Rev. H. Earle Bulwer's letter one would think that he was defending a perfectly sound principle, whereas the decision of the Council is only an arbitrary makeshift. 5000 changes, which has always been accepted as a peal, except in the case of Triples, can never be rung on six bells, the extent being 720, and all along it has only been by license that any performance on six bells has been allowed to rank as a peal. It therefore appears very absurd to find the side which, in partly endorsing the ancient custom of the Exercise, is compelled to allow so vital and serious a transgression against the most important canon of the Art, namely, repetition, become most righteously exacting as to the completion of 720s. After having condoned repetition and admitted such performances as seven 720s in as low as one of the plainest methods, a performance of 5000 in more than seven methods has to be debarred, for what reason I cannot understand. If it be because some of the changes may be omitted, then I contend that, having agreed to allow repetition, the right is logically forfeited to insist even on every change. Though I agree that the mere fact of the excellence of a performance does not constitute its right to be classed as a peal, still when it is, as I have mentioned before, a matter of license, it is only reasonable and fair that when principle is abandoned, and a faulty standard established, it should at least be such as will not debar excellence of performance. Having committed the first offence, I think we are guilty of all, or at any rate the offence would not be aggravated by the extension asked for. Possibly it might have been more correct for the Council to have debarred six-bell peals altogether. I should certainly have preferred to have seen that proposal adopted than the establishment of the present, as I think, stupid rule, which debars the high-class performance of fourteen methods, and admits the very inferior seven 720s in one single method. I cannot see that Mr. Bulwer's use of the term "scraps of peals" is fairly applied. They are complete touches properly brought round by regular calls, and should be as admissible for peal-ringing purposes on six, as a 5040 of Bob Major, which strictly speaking is only part of the complete peal on eight. I suggest that Mr. Bulwer is faulty in his argument in his "scraps" sentence. The inevitable result would not be to fix a high standard for six-bell peals, but while those with whom I side have not a word to say against the inferior performances, as peals, they claim that while they are admitted under a rule which is not founded on the purest or most accurate basis, their high-class performance should reasonably be admitted. As to the term "legitimacy of peals," that is the very question in dispute, the present rule carries its own condemnation with it, when it stands in the way of such performances. Mr. Bulwer's remarks tend to lower the position of fourteen method peals because of their merit, which is strange, but putting aside their merit, they are logically and reasonably entitled to a place in the ringing world, and I have every hope that the Council will ultimately be brought to look at the matter in a fair light.

R. S. STORY.

SIR,—With regard to the six-bell question and the Central Council's decision I should like to say that, although Mr. Bolland may have mistaken the exact wording of the Central Council's resolution, he has not mistaken the spirit of it, which seems to imply a decided disregard of superior merit in six-bell peals. I think that Mr. Bulwer puts the standard for a six-bell ringer very high, a standard to which only men of the talent and experience of Mr. Bolland can have attained. I should consider a peal of 5040 changes rung on six bells in forty-two different methods, an immeasurably superior feat to any performance I have yet seen recorded on eight, ten, or even twelve bells, not excluding peals of such lengths as 10,000 or 15,000 changes, which are marked by superior physical strength more than by scientific merit. Mr. Bulwer objects to honour a collection of "scraps" with the name of a "peal." What does he consider a "peal" on six bells? Any 5000 rung on six bells must be composed of 720s rung seven times over at the least, and what is the difference between a 5000 rung in seven methods and the same number of changes rung in twice or three times the number of methods, except a difference of merit? For my part as a six-bell ringer, when I see a six-bell peal recorded, I invariably look at the names of the methods in which the peal has been rung, and according as they are difficult or easy, or more or less in number, so does the performance rise or fall in my estimation as a peal. Although Yorkshire is not the whole of England, it is a large piece of it, and I consider Yorkshire and Lancashire to be the home of six-bell ringing. I only hope to see more six-bell ringers take up this question in support

of Mr. Bolland, whom I regard as the champion of six-bell ringing in this matter, although he is equally distinguished as an eight-bell ringer. Whether or no 6000 changes rung on six bells in twenty-five different methods of 240 changes each, such as was rung at Tong some dozen years ago, is a more meritorious performance and more worthy to be called a "peal," than, say, 5040 changes rung on the same number of bells in one method repeated seven times, or in seven different methods. I for my part, and I think all other six-bell ringers besides, would prefer to have had a share in the former performance once, even though it were unfortunate enough not to be recognised as a "peal" by the Central Council, than to have rung a dozen or more "peals" of the latter description. I only regret that I was unable to attend the Yorkshire Association meeting in order to record my vote in favour of Mr. Bolland's motion against this unnecessary attack upon six-bell ringing. I should very much like to know what Mr. Bulwer does consider a "peal" on six bells. Does a collection of scraps mean a collection of anything short of 720's? If seven 720's form a peal, why not also fourteen 360's, or twenty-five 240's, or even forty-two plain courses, seeing that to obtain a 5000 on six bells the changes must inevitably be constantly repeated, as there are only 720 which are different?

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THE CLERGY AND OUR RINGING ASSOCIATIONS.

SIR,—Referring to your leader on the above subject in last issue, it seems to me that if the clergy are somewhat backward in supporting Association meetings it is because, from the clerical and church officials' point of view, bellringing associations (although they have certainly done much to encourage change-ringing, and create an ambition amongst campanologists to become great peal-ringers) have assisted the clergy very little indeed. It is no particular comfort, satisfaction, or encouragement to a clergyman to know that his ringers are the best change-ringers in the town and district, if the said talented campanologists are lax in attending to chime or ring punctually and well for Divine Service on regular and special occasions, and are, as is often the case, churchmen and churchworkers in name only. More thought and consideration for clergy and parishioners will, naturally, give rise to clergy and laity taking greater interest in bells, ringing and ringers. If this idea is not soon grasped and grappled with by our various Associations, we are in danger of a great reaction and turn in public opinion with regard to belfry matters, similar to that which took place in the early part of this century, due mainly to an unreasonable amount of peal-ringing and the selfish and inconsiderate behaviour of ringers generally. Ringers must learn to see that it is their duty to give as well as to receive; then this may be prevented, and the cause of belfry reform and scientific change-ringing go on with greater results even than during the past twenty years.

CHURCHMAN.

A PROTEST.

SIR,—In your issue of February 29th I see a so-called peal of Canterbury Major, over which is the name of H. E. Hough, and which I think is about the most deliberate attempt at fraud on the Exercise which it has been my lot to witness. In the first place it is Hubbard's 5-part peal of Bob Major; in the second place the so-called composer knew all about it, and has had a conversation with the writer on the subject; and although having had it pointed out to him has still (what I call) the audacity to claim it as his own composition. Comment is needless.

JAMES DILLON.

A WISH.

SIR,—I was very pleased to see the account of the performances in your last week's issue of the Leicester brethren who rang the non-conducted peal of Stedman, and the Birmingham brethren who rang the noble peal of Stedman Cinques. I should also very much like to see our Norwich brethren appear in group in our paper who rang the 16,608 of Oxford Treble Bob Major at Debenham, Suffolk, on Whit-Monday, June 6th, 1852, in 10 hrs. 32 mins., tenor 20 cwt. This is the longest length ever rang on so heavy a peal of bells, and I think it is worthy of publishing.

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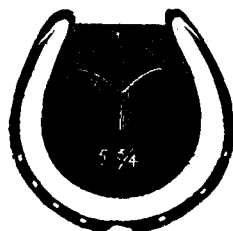
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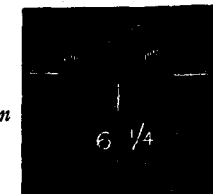
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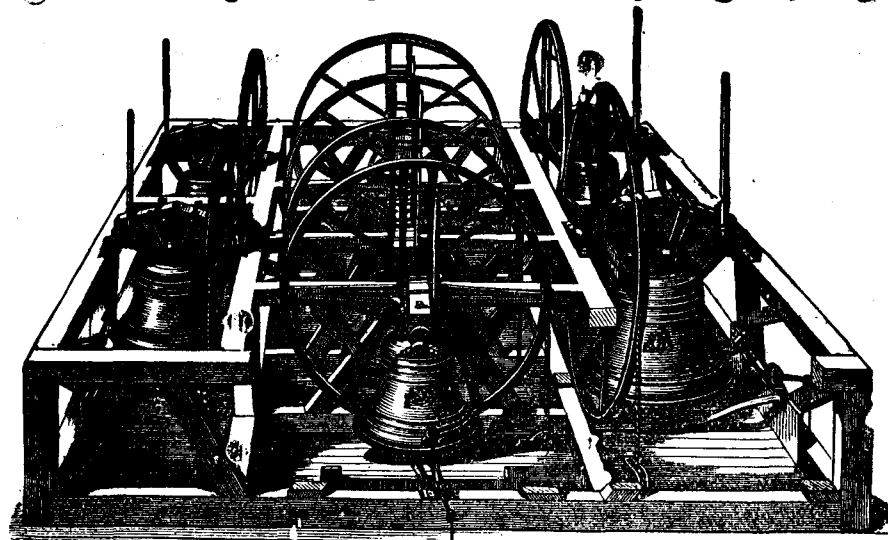
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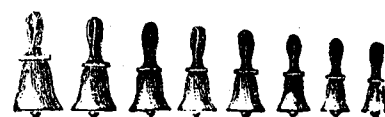
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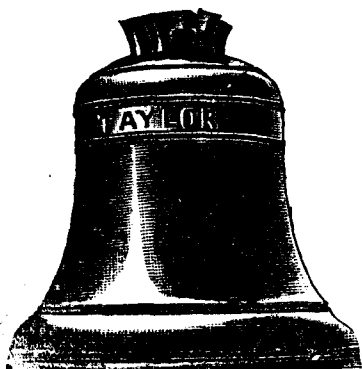
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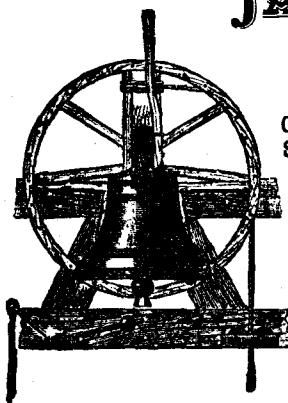
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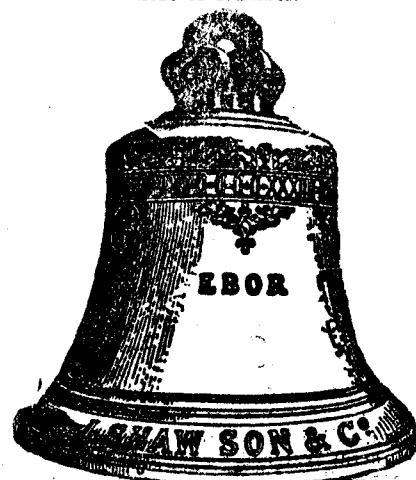
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In the presence of a goodly number of ringers, including the representatives of Milton, Northfleet, Swanscombe, and Thorne, on Friday evening last, March 6th, a very interesting ceremony was witnessed in the above-named ancient tower, to wit, the unveiling of a peal board. The board is unique, inasmuch as it is the first record at Milton of a peal of 5040 by a band of essentially local ringers. The tablet is of pitch pine with black panel and white letters. A red Maltese cross figures in the upper part of the panel. The shape is Gothic, with trefoil head, supported by small columns on either side, and is affixed to the wall by pitch pine corbels. It bears the following inscription:—"Kent County Association, Milton-next-Gravesend Band. On January 6th, 1896, a peal of 5040 changes, consisting of one 720 Kent Treble Bob, and two 720s of Plain Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, and Grandsire Minor, respectively, was rung here in three hours, this being the first peal on these bells by a local band. J. Avis, 1; J. Smith, 2; R. Munn, 3; B. Spinner, 4; H. Dixon-Davis, 5; F. Hayes, 6. Conducted by F. Hayes. Rev. R. S. Jukes, Rector; G. Sharland and J. Brownlee, Churchwardens." Much regret was expressed at the enforced absence, through illness, of the Rector (Rev. R. S. Jukes), and in his stead the Rev. F. W. Cogswell (Curate), performed the unveiling ceremony. Among the visitors present were Mr. G. Sharland and Mr. J. Brownlee (Churchwardens), Lieut. W. C. Mason, R.A. (Sidesman), Mr. H. Jukes (son of the Rector), and Mr. C. Burrows Moss, A.R.C.O. (organist). It should be mentioned that the board was designed, made, and inscribed by the Secretary of the Milton Band (Mr. H. Dixon-Davis), whilst the decorative portion was done by Mr. G. Butler, another member of the same band of ringers. A smoking concert took place later in the evening, at the Prince of Wales Hotel, Milton. Mr. H. Jukes occupied the chair, and Mr. Hayes the vice-chair. Among the toasts submitted were "The health of the Rector and Churchwardens," and "Success to the Kent County Association," the latter toast being proposed by the Chairman in felicitous terms. Mr. W. Henderson presided at the piano, and a very pleasant time was spent.

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ODD FELLOWS' GATHERING AT UPPERMILL.

PRESENTATION TO A RINGER AND HIS WIFE.

The quarterly conference in connection with the Lancashire and adjacent districts I.O.O.F., M.U., was held in the Odd-fellows' Hall, Uppermill, on Saturday, February 15th, being attended by about 300 delegates from the whole of the principal lodges in the district. The proceedings commenced at four o'clock, when Bro. Rushton, of Accrington, took the chair, and Bro. T. J. Wild, the Chairman of the Uppermill District Council, delivered an address of welcome, in which he referred to the importance of gatherings of that description.

D.G.M. Bro. Turner thanked Bro. Wild for the cordial welcome he had given them, and remarked that the welcome they received was one of the agreeable features of those conferences. He thought this ought to be an incentive to all engaged in the work. At one time they had not such advantages.

P.P.G.M. Ingham, of Junction, the oldest Grandmaster in the Saddleworth district, presented to Bro. John Holden, Prov. C.S., a P.G.M.'s Jewel in recognition of his services during the past twenty years. These services he spoke of in the warmest manner, and he thought the present very well deserved. On the Jewel was the inscription "Presented to Bro. John Holden by the Saddleworth district, for the services extending upwards of twenty years as Prov. C.S., February 14th, 1895." To Mrs. Holden was presented a handsome shawl, specially woven at the Slackcote Mill, Delph.

Bro. Holden, in acknowledging the gifts, gave an interesting resume of the progress made by Odd Fellowship during the time he had been connected with the order. When he took the office of Prov. C.S. twenty years ago, a burning question was occupying the attention of the members of the lodges in relation to the sliding scale of payment, and the feeling brought about resulted in two of the lodges severing their connection with the Manchester Unity. He himself remained a "Unity" man, and as such was elected to the position of Prov. C.S. When the split occurred they were left with a funeral fund amounting to about £368. At the present time they were worth £1408, and they had built up a district which had increased its membership by 500, and had more than trebled its capital. The Friendship Lodge, of which he was secretary, was one of the oldest lodges in the Unity. During the twenty-three years he had been secretary the membership had increased by 150, and the sick and funeral fund had doubled. Of this lodge his grandfather was one of the founders, and his father was one of the active members.

During the evening songs were given by Miss Holden, Miss Gardner, Mr. H. Wood, Mr. C. Dyson, Mr. G. Taylor, Mr. F. Clayton, Mr. C. Taylor, and Mr. Addy, of Huddersfield, and the Church Choir gave glees. Mr. F. Mills accompanied.

We may add that Mr. John Holden is the Vicar's Warden at Saddleworth Church.

THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 29th, a meeting of this Guild was held at Crossens, and a good muster of members turned up notwithstanding the wretched weather that prevailed. Several touches of Bob and Grandsire Minor were rung on the bells, while some of the members, accompanied by the genial Vicar, visited several places of local interest, etc. An adjournment was afterwards made to the schools, where an excellent repast was provided, and presided over by Mrs. and Misses Bulpit, and to which ample justice was done. At the business meeting the Vicar presided, and gave the visitors a hearty welcome to Crossens. Several items of interest were discussed. A discussion ensued concerning the Benevolent Grants, and it was decided that these should be fully considered at the annual meeting. Among those that took part in the discussion were Messrs. J. W. Kummer, Watts, Fairclough, and Ball. The Crossens handbell ringers interspersed the proceedings with some excellent music, which it was declared could not be excelled by any belfry in the diocese. At the conclusion, Mr. J. Martin, of Bootle, proposed a vote of thanks to Mrs. Bulpit and the Misses Bulpit for the homely way they had entertained the Guild. This was carried unanimously, and terminated a very pleasant evening.

ST. MICHAEL'S JUNIORS, GLOUCESTER.

On Thursday, February 15th, the annual dinner was held at The Gresham Restaurant, Westgate Street. Previous to the dinner touches of Stedman, Double Norwich, and Superlative were rung on the bells of St. Michael. The President, the Rev. G. James, was supported by Mr. Councillor Stafford (vice-president), Mr. F. E. Ward (hon. treasurer to the Gloucester and Bristol Association), and Mr. D. Davis (Prestbury).

The Rev. G. James in proposing "The Queen," made a very touching reference to the loss sustained by the Queen and Royal Family.

This toast having been most loyally honoured, Mr. W. T. Bennett in a very happy and felicitous manner proposed "The Health of the President."

This toast having been drunk with great enthusiasm, the Rev. G. James in reply said it gave him great pleasure to be present among them that evening. He always took a great interest in the society, and so long as they performed in a legitimate manner as they did then, that interest would be always maintained. He then proposed that the health of the vice-presidents, coupled with the name of Mr. W. Stafford, be drunk.

This toast having been drunk with musical honours, Councillor Stafford, J.P., in reply said how pleased he was to meet them and spend a social hour with them. They could not expect him at his age (87) to come and take an active part in their ringing, although he felt tempted when he heard of some of their doings. It always gave great pleasure to him when he saw they had scored a peal in one of the higher methods. It was his sincere wish that they would always maintain a high standard.

Mr. Ward next proposed "Success to the St. Michael's Juniors."

The Master (Mr. E. Bankes James) having suitably replied, next proposed "The Visitors," coupled with the names of Mr. F. E. Ward and Mr. D. Davis. These gentlemen having replied, the evening was devoted to harmony, songs, and recitations, and handbell ringing all too soon bringing the time for adjournment, "Auld lang Syne" and the National Anthem being rung before dispersing.

CHEPSTOW, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

On Saturday, March 7th, as recorded in the peal column, the fine old ring of bells in the tower of the parish church were successfully piloted through a peal of Grandsire Triples, the first peal in the method on them for a period of 59 years. The Newport men have on two previous occasions attempted a peal, the first time a change-course, after two and a half hours' good ringing, sent us home disappointed; the second time the tenor turned "nasty" at the halfway, and caused us another fruitless journey. Not to be beaten, however, another visit was arranged for the 7th inst., which resulted in a well-struck peal throughout. The Newport men wish to offer their hearty thanks to the Chepstow band for giving up their tower and practice to us, and also to Messrs. Morley and Prickett for making up our band on the two first visits, and to Mr. Morley especially for getting all things in readiness and ringing the tenor for us on Saturday, which he did like a 16-stone man, rather a light weight, he only scaling 8 stone. The band were very pleased to wish Mr. H. A. Russell "Many happy returns of the day." the peal coming off on his birthday. The following is a copy of the peal board recording the previous peal of Grandsire Triples: "Society of Union Youths, Bristol. On Monday, January 9th, 1837. Nine of the above Society, desirous of bequeathing some memento of their labours, which may excite posterity to emulate them in the science of ringing, caused this tablet to be erected to record an excellent peal of Grandsire Triples rung on these bells, consisting of 5040 changes in 2 hours 52 minutes. The above peal contains 194 bob and 46 singles, 6th observation, performed by W. Earl, 1; J. Brain, 2; J. Wilkey, 3; T. Humphreys, 4; W. Huish, 5; E. Andrew, 6; W. Ayres, 7; G. Nichols and S. Jones, tenor. Composed and conducted by W. Ayres. Weight of tenor, 21 cwt. R. T. H.

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NEWSPAPER READERS AND RINGING.

The following has recently appeared in an Essex county paper. The correspondent who sends it pertinently observes that if the subject dealt with instead of ringing had been horse-racing, or that lunatic pursuit yclept "football," the technical phrases would be understood of by the people. No doubt he is right in this assertion, but it cannot be too often impressed upon us, who are concerned, that the popularity, so called, enjoyed by the horse-racing and betting fraternity, would be a great curse to the Art of Ringing. Ringing is fortunately carried on under conditions which preclude the interference—some would say patronage—of the mob, betting or otherwise. And therefore we must fain be content with the public ignorance in all that concerns ringing, holding ourselves ready, however, to meet with vigour any attack which may be made upon its exercise. If the art of change-ringing is only looked upon as a pastime or recreation, we all know perfectly well that there is nothing under the sun which can compare with it when intellectual attainments are considered. But we claim a much higher position for ringing than we could if it was a mere amusement only. Its connection brings us into a position which nothing else can possibly reach, and we are therefore satisfied with the popularity which it enjoys. This popularity, if limited, is genuine. Here follows the newspaper extract:—

"Readers of country newspapers are often amazed by the particulars that are given of church bell-ringing. They are told what ringer stood 1, 2, 3, 4, and so on, what the tenor bell weighed, how many changes were rung, whether they were Bob Major or Bob Minor, and how long it took to knock them off—which, by the way, is not proper campanological jargon, although it may pass muster here. We have rubbed our eyes and sighed over these paragraphs in the hopeless attempt to fathom what they mean. Bellringers understand them and rejoice over them, of course, but to us they are as Greek, or as caviare, or as the cabalistic letters appended to the names of members of the Royal Antediluvian Order of Buffaloes. Inorance in company, like company in distress, makes the trouble less, and we are delighted to find that so well-informed and ingenious a writer as Mark Downe, of Colchester, is as shamefully ignorant of campanology as we are. Here is what he says on the subject:—

"A tablet has just been unveiled in St. Peter's church tower to commemorate the circumstance that on June 3rd last eight members of the Essex Association rang a true peal of 5088 changes of Kent Treble Bob Major, in 3 hrs. and 10 mins. It seems a pity they couldn't have made it an even 5090 or 5100 while they were about it, even if it had taken them another minute or two, but the fact is there is no comprehending the mysteries of campanology. The scrupulous care with which bellringers measure and record the number of changes, and the hours and minutes occupied in ringing them is one of those things which no fellow can understand. Determined the other day to get an explanation of the science of campanology, I called on an enthusiastic bell-ringer and asked him to give me an exact explanation and definition of such extraordinary terms as Grandsire Triples and Kent Treble Bob Major. "Well, sir," he said, "first of all there's Plain Bob, then there's Bob Triple, Bob Major, and Bob Major reversed." "Exactly," I said, "but what's the difference?" "Difference!" he exclaimed in surprise, "why all the difference, same as there is between dodging, snapping, and place-making." We kept up this sort of conversation for some time. It was like the game of cross questions and crooked answers. He didn't seem to be able to understand my difficulties, and I certainly couldn't understand his explanations."

"1582.—About this time certain lusty young fellows began to set up ringing again, which for some time had been disused; divers of the Aldermen meaning to silence them, occasioned a great disturbance, which turned to the Mayor's disadvantage, and was the cause of spending a great deal of money." Mackarell's *History of Lynn*, p. 229.

THE CHURCH BENEFICES BILL.

The Benefices Bill, which was read a second time on Wednesday, by a majority of one hundred and seventy-eight deals, says *The Standard*, with the sale and transfer of patronage, the institution of presentees, and the removal of incumbents, with regard to the sale of next presentations and advowsons. The Bill contains little or nothing in advance of general opinion, although, as was pointed out, no arrangements are made for compensation; but in the matter of institution a considerable concession has been made to the opponents of "an irresponsible oligarchy," as the Bench of Bishops has been sometimes designated. The right of the parishioners to make known to the Bishop of the diocese any objections they may entertain to the person selected by the patron has been already recognised; but in the Clause dealing with this claim it is now prescribed, in addition, that "the Bishop shall consider such representation, and give his decision in writing." If he is not satisfied that the grounds of objection are valid, the parishioners will have no further remedy. But if he is, then, by the Eighth Clause, the presentee, or any person whom he may select as an adviser, may require of him "a reasonable opportunity of being heard"—another concession to the malcontents, which some of them, however, think wholly inadequate. A much more important one contained within the same Clause relates to the patron's or presentee's appeal from the Bishop to the Archbishop. This is now to be heard, if the appellant requires it, in open Court; and the Archbishop is to be assisted by an assessor, who may, also at the request of the appellant, be "a Judge of the High Court or of the Court of Appeal;" though a somewhat unaccountable proviso is annexed—namely, that the Judge, at the request of the Lord Chancellor, shall be willing to act. If it is right and proper that the assistance of a lay Judge should be invoked at all in such cases, it ought hardly to be at his own discretion to give or to withhold his services. Yet it is certain that even his compulsory attendance would not satisfy one class of objectors, who demand that an appeal shall lie, whether from the Bishop or the Archbishop, to a Temporal Court. Nothing less than this will content them. It is true that by the Clergy Discipline Act of 1892 an appeal is given from the Consistory Court to the Queen in Council; and that under the present Bill the appeal is made to the Archbishop, with a temporal Judge for his assessor. But in all measures of this kind it is important to cheapen and shorten as much as possible the process necessary for bringing an offender to justice.

It is contended by one class of objectors that Church patronage being a right of property, questions affecting it ought not to be decided by clergymen. The landed proprietor who has a family living in his gift regards it as a certain provision for a younger son as much as if it were settled money. He has always calculated on this, and he may feel that he should not be interfered with in this disposition of his property without very grave and urgent reason. He may possibly imagine that what might seem so to a Bishop would not seem so to a Judge. And though, from one point of view, it might be for the public good that the stricter interpretation of conduct and capacity should prevail, there is another form which it appears hardly less important that vested interests and proprietary rights should be respected. We are not sure, after all, whether the stir which has been made about Episcopal despotism and the claims of patrons is not a storm in a teacup. How often are we to suppose that those great landowners who have numerous livings in their gift, bestow them, even in their own families, without due regard to the character and previous life of their nominees? Colleges are not to likely to present a Fellow who is notoriously unfit for such a charge. Where are we to look for the class of patrons who may be expected to suffer wrong unless their rights are protected by a lay Judge? Is it among the Lord Chancellor's nominees that we should look for persons of doubtful character? The appeal granted by the Clergy Discipline Bill relates only to incumbents sentenced to suspension or deprivation. It says nothing about presentees. And we take it that the cases to which Section Eight of the Benefices Bill is applicable are, as Lord Cranborne himself anticipates, likely to be few and far between. There is a Party in the

Church, we know, who have Ritualism on the brain, and believe that the Bishops would use the power entrusted to them to promote Ritualism. They think that the misconduct or neglect of duty referred to in Clause Eight might be held to include neglect of daily service, or the celebration of evening communion, or other failures to conform to the High Church standard. All we can say is that men of plain common sense need not trouble to consider such fanciful contingencies.

The provisions relating to incapacitated incumbents differs, perhaps, more from those in previous Bills than those dealing with institution. According to the present measure, when it is reported to the Bishop that an incumbent is disabled from the proper performance of his duties, he may inhibit him from the exercise of his office, with the power of terminating the restriction at his own discretion. Thus the clergyman affected still remains the rector or vicar of the parish, as the case may be; and his freehold tenure is not in theory violated. In Mr. Hayes Fisher's Bill it was proposed that the Bishop should have the power to compel an incapacitated incumbent to resign his benefice; in other words, to forcibly deprive him of it. We certainly think that the better way is the one now recommended. It respects a principle which, for many reasons, deserves to be respected, while it is equally effective in attaining the desired object. Another difference in favour of Lord Cranbourne's measure is that it confers no right on the parishioners to take the initiative in calling the Bishop's attention to the incumbent's incapacity. Of course, nothing can prevent any one of them from communicating privately with the Bishop. But it would make a clergyman's position extremely uncomfortable if the parishioners, or some section of them, were permitted at any moment to draw up a formal representation of his incapacity addressed to the Diocesan. It might produce no effect, but the clergyman's relations with those about him might suffer none the less, and there are always busybodies in every parish to set things afloat, if there is only the slightest shadow of an excuse for them. It remains for the friends of the Church to lay aside sectional jealousies and unite in a cause they all have at heart.

FOLKESTONE, KENT.

On Wednesday, February 5th, the local ringers held their fifteenth annual supper at The George inn. Among those who sat down were Lieut. Colonel Penfold, C.C., who presided; Mr. Churchwarden Knight, Mr. C. W. Bloxland, Hon. Secretary for the Ashford District, and ringers from Dover, Elham, Mersham, and Hythe, making a goodly total thirty-four to partake of the good things provided. The cloth being cleared, and the glasses charged, the chairman gave the toast of "The Queen," remarking upon the death of Prince Henry of Battenberg, in honour of whom a muffled peal had been rung that afternoon. The toast was drunk with musical honours, and then followed the harmony of the evening, capital songs being well sung, interspersed with touches on the handbells, made the time pass only too quick. There was little speech-making, but Mr. Finn in proposing the health of "The Chairman" said they had a good peal of bells, the "go" of them being second to none in the county, but it was without a question that they also had the worst conditioned belfry as well.

Councillor Penfold in reply, said he would do all in his power to remedy this state of things.

Mr. Knight spoke to the same effect, and the toast of "The host and hostess" and the singing of "Auld lang Syne" brought a most happy and enjoyable evening to a close.

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PORTRAIT NUMBER.—Next week we shall issue the portrait of Miss ALICE WHITE, of Basingstoke, who recently rang the treble in a peal of Grandsire Triples on church bells.

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STEDMAN TRIPLES.

By JOHN CARTER, Birmingham.

No. 10. 5040.

231456 R S H L Q

346125 s

216435 - -

546213 - -

326541 - -

156324 - -

436152 - -

These five courses repeated, adding a single at M after Q in the last course, produce—

3467251

246351 - - -

432561 - - -

361524 - - -

631542 - - -

342516 - - -

These five courses nine times repeated, adding bobs at Q in the fourth course of the third and eighth parts.

No 13. 5040.

231456 R S H L Q M

516342 s - -

236514 - - -

421536 - - -

651423 - - -

362451 - - -

142365 - - -

532146 - - -

612534 - - -

352164 - - -

412356 - - -

632415 - - -

542631 - - -

162543 - - -

452613 - - -

341652 - - -

261345 - - -

531264 - - -

456231 - - -

126453 - - -

546213 - - -

351246 - - -

621354 - - -

431625 - - -

561432 - - -

241563 - - -

326541 - - -

156324 - - -

436152 - - -

216435 - - -

2317564 - - - s

356412 - - -

512463 - - -

613452 - - -

152436 - - -

536421 - - -

321465 - - -

265413 - - -

163425 - - -

Continued:—

625431 - - -
246351 - - -
451362 - - -
562314 - - -
164352 - - -
631542 - - -
342516 - - -
416523 - - -
213546 - - -
146532 - - -
432561 - - -
361524 - - -
624513 - - -
123564 - - -
264531 - - -
652341 - - -
541326 - - -
426315 - - -
215364 - - -
614325 - - -
125346 - - -
231456 - - -

This is a one-part peal in two halves.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL.

By JOHN CARTER, Birmingham.

5000.

2 3 4 5 6 M W H

2 3 5 6 4 2 2 1

3 2 4 6 5 2 2 2

5 4 2 6 3 1 1 1

2 3 6 4 5 1 1 2

3 2 5 4 6 2 2 2

5 4 3 2 6 1 1 1

3 5 4 2 6 1 1 1

2 4 5 3 6 2 2 2

2 5 3 4 6 1 2 2

2 3 4 5 6 1 2 2

Rung at St. Philip's, Birmingham, on March 7th, conducted by its composer.

A DATE TOUCH OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

By J. W. MOORHOUSE, Wakefield.

1 3 2 5 4 6 7

3 1 2 4 5 7 6

3 2 1 5 4 6 7

2 3 1 4 5 7 6

2 1 3 5 4 6 7

1 2 3 4 5 7 6

1 3 2 5 4 7 6

6 4 3 7 2 5 1

2 5 6 3 7 4 2

5 6 2 3 7 4 4

6 2 5 3 7 4 4

7 4 6 5 3 2 2

2 5 7 3 4 6 1

5 1 7 2 3 4 6 4

7 2 5 3 4 6 4

4 6 7 5 3 2 2

2 5 4 3 6 7 1

5 4 2 3 6 7 4

4 2 5 3 6 7 4

7 3 4 6 2 5 1

2 5 7 4 6 3 2

4 5 2 3 7 6 5

7 6 4 2 3 5 2

5 2 7 3 6 4 1

5 3 2 4 7 6 P.L.

Twice repeated. Contains the twelve 7-4s, 4-6s, 6-7s, and nine 6-7s at hand.

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR.

By FREDERICK DENCH, Crawley, Sussex.

5632.

2 3 4 5 6 B M W H

4 5 2 3 6 - - -

6 2 5 3 4 - - -

5 6 2 3 4 - - -

4 2 6 3 5 - - -

6 4 2 3 5 - - -

2 6 4 3 5 - - -

6 3 2 5 4 - - -

2 5 6 3 4 - - -

6 5 4 3 2 - - -

2 4 5 3 6 - - -

5 3 2 4 6 - - -

2 5 3 4 6 - - -

3 2 5 4 6 - - -

Repeated.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS.

By J. W. MOORHOUSE, Wakefield, Yorks.

5255.

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Contains the 5th and 6th their extent behind the 9th.

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 SIX-BELL PEAL QUESTION.

SIR,—I find that the words "persistently misrepresented" in my last letter have been understood by some as conveying a charge of wilful misrepresentation. I hasten, therefore, to assure all whom it may concern (though I should hardly have thought it necessary) that that is not the meaning I attached to the phrase at the time of writing, or since. My meaning was simply this (and the words impugned convey no more) that in the published letters of those opposed to the Council's definition of a peal on six bells, the decision of the majority has been repeatedly presented under an aspect it was never intended to wear, viz., as a preference for a performance of inferior excellence. That this has proceeded solely from a mistaken idea of the point the Council had really to decide, I have never doubted. The remainder of my letter was sufficient, I should have thought, to make this clear. Mr. Story's argument is familiar to us under another form—that "a man may as well hang for an ox as a sheep"—but I cannot endorse it; though I will ask him to believe that if there were not, at least, the semblance of a principle to defend, I should hardly have written at all. His letter, however, seems to me to point to a solution of the present difficulty more hopeful than any that have been proposed hitherto. We should all desire to find some "Eirenicon" that would satisfy everyone, and so end a contest which appears to become more bitter as time goes on. You, Sir, have already shown us the way by distinguishing, in your records, between performances on six and five bells, and peals on the higher numbers. Any attempt to frame a definition of a peal on five or six bells, which would satisfy everyone, is quite hopeless. Why not, therefore, excise the present definitions for those numbers, and provide no substitute? Six and five-bell ringers would then have a free hand; their performances would appear as 5040 changes of Minor, or Doubles, and would rank technically as performances, and not as peals, involving accurate composition; the respective values to be attached to such performances to be settled by the Committee on "points." If any one will have the presence of mind to propose this to the new Council in 1897, without expressing an opinion as to the probability or otherwise of its being carried, I will venture to say that its chances of acceptance will be better than those of any of the amendments hitherto proposed.

H. EARLE BULWER.

SIR,—I am very pleased to see in your latest issue that some six-bell ringers are at last taking up this question, because it would be, I think, very unfair to Mr. Bolland, to stand aside and let him have the brunt of a somewhat mistaken and hasty action. Being a six-bell ringer myself I quite see what his feelings are on the subject, and consider that an alteration is very much needed. I cannot but feel that if the Rev. H. Earle Bulwer's letter is to be taken as the law of the Council, we are very much ignored. I fail to see why the six-bell question is not thought worthy of more consideration, as most people will allow that a peal in seven broken lead methods is harder to ring than the commoner methods on a greater number of bells. I believe most six-bell ringers will agree with me when I say that if there is an energetic young band who are anxious to get on in the Exercise, it would be very disheartening to them to always have the fear that their performances were illegitimate. I do not think we ought to allow this question to be shelved, as it pleases those who care nothing about six-bell ringing.

Keble College, Oxford.

CHARLES R. GREENALL.

SIR,—Being a bit of a six-bell ringer myself, I have always taken a keen interest in any question concerning six-bell work. I was pleased to see the two letters which appeared in your last issue by R. S. Story and R. P. Farrow, and the thanks of six-bell ringers are due to these gentlemen for two such sensible letters. And I also hope that more six-bell ringers will take the matter up, and support friend Bolland, and thus shew that they do not agree with the Central Council, whose decision in this matter is anything but satisfactory, and which seems to me to consist of two extremes. They disallow a peal made up by a variety of different methods, if not complete 720s, while they almost allow that the same 720 may be rung seven times in the same method. How you, Sir, or the Central Council can expect six-bell ringers to respect such a decision, I cannot for the life of me conceive. It occurred to me from the first, that this was about the last question the Central Council should have ventured upon. Now at the time the Central Council was about to be formed, we were led to believe that the bell-ringers of this country, and especially those in towns, were threatened by the outside public with all sorts of dreadful things, and

that the time had arrived for the formation of some such body as the Central Council for their protection. And here we find them dabbling with such a question as this. Then again, it seems to me to be preposterous that such a body as the Central Council, the majority of them perhaps never ringing anything but Stedman, Double Norwich, or Surprise methods on eight bells, and many of them have perhaps never rung a modest 720 upon six bells in their lives, should have the deciding of what six-bell ringers shall call a peal, and above all to decide for such Associations as the Yorkshire and Lancashire, and to tell such an enthusiast as our friend George Bolland, the king of six-bell ringers, that 6000 made up in twenty-five different methods cannot be called a peal in future. Some argue that Yorkshire is not the whole of England, and that there are people in other parts of the country quite as capable of deciding this question as our Yorkshire friends. This may be quite true, but what we really appear to want is more toleration all round. If a band in one part of the country wish to ring a peal in one method on six bells, let them do so if they like; but if an eight-bell band are allowed to ring a touch of 5000 on eight bells, then why should six-bell ringers be compelled to ring 10,080 if they wish to have fourteen different methods.

J. J. PARKER.

A PROTEST.

SIR,—In reply to a letter in your last issue under the above heading, and the name of James Dillon attached to it, I regret that the peal of Canterbury Pleasure Major I sent to you for publication did not suit my sarcastic rival. He states that it is Hubbard's five-part peal of Bob Major. I fail to see it. The peals in question are very near relations I admit. But I hold that they are separate compositions, seeing that Hubbard's, he (the well-known J. D. as he is termed in your columns of some time back) refers, contains sixty-five calls, and my peal has seventy. I state that he knows very little of Hubbard's peals, as I will point out to you, and that bears out my foregoing statement. In Bromborough belfry there is a peal-board representing a peal of Bob Triples conducted by himself, and bearing for the author's name "Fisher's ten-part." Some months after he seeing *Rope-Sight*, contradicts it, and says that it was Hubbard's. I wonder whether he has discovered anything wrong with the supposed "Fisher's," or how it was he came about such a misrepresentation. Furthermore, I must ask him what about his 720 of Canterbury Minor, s w, s w, v h that he lays claim to; is not that in *Rope-Sight*? In conclusion I must also ask him why he does not publish his peal of Bob Major, composed and conducted by himself sometime in September last.

H. E. H.

INFORMATION WANTED.

SIR,—Through this column I beg leave to ask the following question. Why do ringers on six bells throughout what Mr. Farrow calls the home of six-bell ringing, ignore the open lead at handstroke completely? All ringers know what a grand effect the open lead has on ringing; and there is another point which I think ought to be taken into consideration, which I will try to explain—

Back-stroke change—6 5 1 2 3 4

Handstroke change—5 6 2 1 4 3

When the above two changes follow one another, and there is no open lead to distinguish the handstroke from the backstroke, any one listening outside the tower cannot tell whether the bells have run round and gone off into changes again in the usual way.

E. ANDREWS.

P.S.—I think there is some further explanation required with Mr. Cook's date touch of Grandsire Triples, as I fail to see how he obtains his first bob-lead.

AN EXPLANATION.

SIR,—Permit me to state, through the medium of your paper, that the cause of the whole rupture which took place on the occasion of the recent visit of the Glanadda ringers to Llandudno was entirely due to a misunderstanding, and the ringers here now fully believe that the former band came over in a perfectly straightforward manner and without any wrong intentions whatever on their part, this place being chosen as the most convenient for them to meet their Rhyl friends. At the same time the men here wish it to be understood that they did not partake in any attempt to break the peal by knocking at the door, but it has since come to the knowledge of the writer of this that a visitor in the town did try the door two or three times, not knowing at the time that a peal was being attempted. Trusting this will prove a satisfactory conclusion to the whole matter, and I may add that the members here will at times give a hearty welcome to any visitor or visitors to this tower. Signed on behalf of the Llandudno ringers,

S. A. CULLINGTON.]

READING (Berks).—Recently at St. Laurence's church, 1373 Stedman Caters. F. Hopgood (conductor), 1; J. Tucker, 2; G. Foxell, 3; H. Tucker, 4; J. Potter, 5; J. Hearn, 6; A. Watmore, 7; W. Newell, 8; C. Chapman, 9; R. Sawyer, 10.

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SATURDAY, MARCH 14, 1896.

THERE was a curious debate in the House of Commons on Wednesday last in connection with what is known as "The Benefices Bill." This is a measure brought in by Viscount CRANBORNE to effect certain reforms, or it had better be said, changes in Church government. Not even the most bigoted or illogical supporter of the Church establishment will venture to deny that great reason exists for ultra reforms in Church administration, and therefore those who wish to relieve, in however small a degree, the present position, under which she is so heavily burdened, must look with great interest upon any measure which is intended to relieve her of any incongruities. Among such we believe Church-Bell Ringers are to be found in no contemptible quantity. Whether the Bill now before Parliament will or not effect the benefits desired, is, we think, hardly a matter of conjecture. If our readers feel with us that the Church, to be strong and permanent, requires reforms more drastic; to be brought more in conformity with the precepts of the founder of Christianity

and his Apostles; then such measures as the one under review are mild, nay, valueless. In fact there remains not the slightest doubt in our mind that the effect of the debate on the Bill is that of harm. One speaker, who at the outset of his remarks admitted that there was plenty of room for reform in the Church, sapiently added that the effect of the proposed Bill must, if carried, be to diminish the market value of advowsons! Who cares for advowsons now? Whatever may be said of the system from a commercial point of view, an advowson cannot but be regarded as a most questionable possession, unless it is in safe hands, such as those of the Bishop of the Diocese. The commercial spirit is doing the utmost harm to the Church. What is the remedy? Not to disendow the Church; that would be robbery and sacrilege of the most heinous character; an act of spoliation which ought to be hounded down by every honest thinking person. But if the Church could divest itself of Parliamentary interference; in other words, if it could arrange and govern its own concerns, by representative synod or other means, then Church Reform would become a great and fixed reality.

The Metropolis.

THE ST. JOHN-AT-HACKNEY SOCIETY.

On Saturday, March 7, 1896, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST, HACKNEY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOK'S VARIATION. Tenor 24 cwt.

FREDERICK RUMENS Treble.	*ALBERT COLES 5.
GEORGE J. GAINS* 2.	†WILLIAM B. MANNING .. 6.
WILLIAM BURKIN 3.	WILLIAM D. SMITH 7.
GEORGE J. SMITH 4.	WALTER PRIME Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM B. MANNING.

*First peal of Stedman. †First peal as conductor.

WESTMINSTER.—THE ST. MARGARET'S SOCIETY.

On Saturday, March 7, 1896, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES.

Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

CHARLES W. WARD a .. Treble.	ARTHUR R. DAVIS 6.
WILLIAM TRUSS 2.	†HARRY BARTON 7.
HENRY S. REEVES b 3.	VICTOR W. WEST 8.
ARTHUR HARDY† 4.	HAROLD N. DAVIS 9.
FREDERICK G. PERRIN .. 5.	*GEORGE W. BISHOP .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN ROGERS and Conducted by HARRY BARTON.

a First peal away from tenor. b First peal in the method and hails from Hillingdon, Uxbridge. †First peal of Caters with a bob bell. †First peal as conductor. *First peal.

THE ALL SAINTS SOCIETY, FULHAM.

On Saturday, March 7, 1896, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, FULHAM,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 21 cwt.

JOHN G. GREEN Treble.	†HORACE ADAMS 5.
NORMAN E. SNOW 2.	JAMES W. DRIVER 6.
CHARLES HARWOOD* 3.	CORNELIUS CHARGE 7.
EDWARD H. ADAMS 4.	SAMUEL HOW Tenor.

Conducted by NORMAN E. SNOW.

Messrs. Snow and Harwood hail from Sleaford, Lincolnshire. *First peal. †First peal with a bob bell.

The Provinces.

GLOUCESTER.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(THE ST. MICHAEL'S JUNIOR SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, March 3, 1896, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A. P. HEYWOOD'S No. 1. Tenor 20 cwt. 48 lbs. in E.

ARTHUR L. PREECE Treble.	ADOLPHUS ROBERTS 5.
WALTER T. BENNETT 2.	JOHN AUSTIN 6.
WILLIAM T. PEGLER 3.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER 7.
FRANCIS E. HART 4.	ERNEST E. DAVIS Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

This peal was rung on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. William Dawe, a member of this society, to Miss Sarah Emily Tucker. A. L. Preece's first peal of Stedman.

APPLETON, BERKS.—THE APPLETON SOCIETY.

On Wednesday, March 4, 1896, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

A. W. HUMPHRIS Treble.	WM. DYER 6.
RICHARD WHITE 2.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
F. MUSTY 3.	G. H. PHILLOTT 8.
WM. BENNETT 4.	FREDK. WHITE 9.
W. T. PATES 5.	RICHARD BENNETT Tenor.

Composed by the late HENRY JOHNSON and

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

Rung on the 80th anniversary of the Society. Nos. 1, 3, 5, 6 and 8 hail from Cheltenham.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.—SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 5, 1896, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt.

ARTHUR CHARMAN Treble.	JAMES GARMAN 5.
GEORGE COX 2.	JOHN COOK 6.
BENJAMIN BASSETT 3.	WALTER CHARMAN 7.
WILLIAM PELLING 4.	ALFRED COX Tenor.

Conducted by WALTER CHARMAN.

HEENE, WORTHING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 5, 1896, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

HARRY EVANS† Treble.	FRANK BENNETT 5.
HARRY MEETENS† 2.	CHARLES HILLS 6.
EDMUND LINDUP† 3.	GEORGE WILLIAMS 7.
GEORGE NORRIS* 4.	CHARLES P. BRICE Tenor.

Composed by FRANK BENNETT and Conducted by G. WILLIAMS.

*First peal. †First peal of Major. This composition has the full combination of 4-5-6 in 5-6.

WOMBOURN, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Friday, March 6, 1896, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

A PEAL OF DARLSTON BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

WALTER SMITH* Treble.	JAMES E. GROVES 5.
JAMES BATE* 2.	†GEORGE ASHLEY 6.
PERCY SADLER* 3.	†ROWLAND CARTWRIGHT .. 7.
HORACE SADLER* 4.	*JOSEPH CLIFF Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER and Conducted by ROWLAND CARTWRIGHT.

*First peal. †First peal in the method. First in the method on the bells. Rung half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Mrs. J. Hill. J. E. Groves hails from Wolverhampton, the rest are local men.

WOOBURN, BUCKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 7, 1896, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 19 cwt. in F.

SIDNEY T. GOODCHILD .. Treble.	JOHN C. TRUSS, JUN. .. 5.
JOHN EVANS 2.	FREDERICK G. BIGGS .. 6.
FRANK K. BIGGS* 3.	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL .. 7.
FRANK BOREHAM 4.	RALPH H. BIGGS .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS and Conducted by JOHN C. TRUSS, jun.

*First peal in the method with a bob bell. This is the first peal of Treble Bob on the bells.

NEWCHURCH, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROSSENDALE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 7, 1896, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

JAMES ASHWORTH .. Treble.	WALTER TAYLOR .. 5.
SAMUEL LORD 2.	J. B. TAYLOR .. 6.
H. H. NUTTER 3.	J. T. WRIGHT .. 7.
J. H. HAYDOCK 4.	J. WM. ORMEROD .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN SHEPHERD and Conducted by WALTER TAYLOR.

BIRMINGHAM.—MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.
(BIRMINGHAM AMALGAMATED SOCIETY BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 7, 1896, in Three Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 29 cwt.

JAMES JONES Treble.	JOHN CARTER 6.
THOMAS COLLINSON* .. 2.	*JOHN JENNINGS 7.
WILLIAM S. PRITCHETT .. 3.	†REUBEN HALL 8.
CHARLES SPARKES* 4.	*GEORGE HITCHMAN 9.
GEORGE WALKER 5.	JAMES GEORGE Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JOHN CARTER.

It is a great many years since a peal of Treble Bob was rung upon these bells. It was rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. G. Walker, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns of the day, *First peal in the method. †First peal of Royal in the method.

CHEPSTOW, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 7, 1896, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 21 cwt.

H. A. RUSSELL Treble.	J. W. JONES 5.
H. MILLARD 2.	J. BUTLER 6.
E. DAVIES 3.	J. H. TROWBRIDGE .. 7.
R. T. HIBBERT 4.	J. MORLEY Tenor.

Conducted by R. T. HIBBERT.

Mr. Morley is a member of the local band; the others hail from Newport.

ORMSKIRK, LANCASHIRE.

THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 7, 1896, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 25½ cwt.

SIDNEY FLINT Treble.	JAMES SHOLICAR 5.
WILLIAM FAIRCLOUGH .. 2.	WILLIAM BENTHAM 6.
JAMES PILKINGTON 3.	CHARLES SHARPLES 7.
JOHN TAYLOR 4.	WILLIAM J. TAYLOR .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM FAIRCLOUGH.

The above peal was the first half of Holt's ten-part peal, and the second half of Reeves' variation.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 9, 1896, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' COMPOSITION.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

FREDK. J. HARRISON .. Treble.	WILLIAM STORY 5.
FRANCIS LEES 2.	ALFRED F. HILLIER 6.
JOSEPH E. R. KEEN 3.	ROBERT S. STORY 7.
WILLIAM HOLMES 4.	GEORGE DIXON Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM HOLMES.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

(THE DUFFIELD BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, March 10, 1896, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DUFFIELD MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 17 cwt.

JOHN HOWE Treble.	ALBERT E. THOMPSON .. 5.
GEORGE DAWSON 2.	BENJAMIN SUGDEN 6.
WILLIAM HICKLING 3.	JOHN FLOWER 7.
JOHN PATCHETT 4.	A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD.

Performances on Five and Six Bells.

BOBBING, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 29, 1896, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

SEVEN 720s OF MINOR, as follows:

Two of Grandsire, two of Canterbury Pleasure, and three of Plain Bob.

A. J. DAY* Treble.	*W. H. B. WILKINS 4.
A. T. HYLAND* 2.	*H. SHIPP 5.
W. T. HYLAND 3.	†W. SEAMER Tenor.

Conducted by W. SEAMER.

Messrs. Day and Wilkins are local ringers, the rest hail from Upchurch. *First 5040. †First 5040 as conductor. This is the first 5040 on the bells. A. T. Hyland is only 15 years of age. The ringers return many thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells.

GRAPPENHALL, CHESHIRE.—CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 7, 1896, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,

SEVEN 720s OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, as follows:

City Delight, Killamarsh, Woodbine, Duke of York, Violet, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qrs.

JAMES MAINWARING .. Treble.	SAMUEL HORSFALL 4.
ROBERT GEORGE LEWIS .. 2.	FREDERICK THOS. SPENCE .. 5.
THOMAS BURROWS 3.	JOHN W. BOOTH Tenor.

Conducted by FREDERICK THOMAS SPENCE.

Date Touches.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—BOLTON BRANCH.

BOLTON (Lancashire).—On Friday, January 24th, at St. George's church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1896 changes, in 1 hr. 9 mins. J: Pennington, 1; W. Rushton, 2; W. Tebay, 3; H. Moss (conductor), 4; W. Sykes, 5; G. Moss, 6; A. Rushton, 7; J. Makin, 8. Composed by E. Cook, of Cardiff. Rung to commemorate the marriage of W. Rushton and Margaret Wilson, both of Bolton, his brother-ringers wishing them much happiness.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

COLWALL (Herefordshire).—On Saturday, February 8th, at the church of St. James the Great, a date touch, 1896 changes, being 1176 Grandsire Minor, and 720 Grandsire Doubles, in 1 hr. 6 mins. W.

S. Evans, 1; C. Greening, 2; G. Peacey, 3; H. W. Allen, 4; J. Field, 5; C. Layton (conductor), 6.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—WIRRAL BRANCH.

BEBINGTON (Cheshire).—Recently at the parish church, a date touch, 1896 changes, in 1 hr. 2 mins., being 720 College Single, and 360 each of Oxford Single, Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob, and 96 of Grandsire. J. Millington, 1; E. Breeze, 2; J. Wood, 3; J. Cliffe, 4; E. Spencer, 5; H. E. Hough (conductor), 6. Longest length by Messrs. Millington and Spencer. J. Wood hails from Eastham; the rest are local men.

BANHAM (Norfolk).—On Saturday, February 8th, at St. Mary's church, a date touch of 1896 changes, in 1 hr. 10 mins., being two 720s 420 and 36 changes, each called differently. J. Woods, jun., 1; J. Tite, 2; R. Patrick, 3; J. Saunders, 4; J. Woods (conductor), 5; W. Nudds, 6. J. Woods, sen. hails from Quidenham.

BOLNEY (Sussex).—On Monday, February 3rd, in 1 hr. 8 mins., at the parish church, for practice, a date touch of Grandsire Triples. J. King, 1; G. Walder, sen., 2; J. Newman, 3; W. Walder, 4; F. Scutt, 5; H. Chapman, 6; G. Walder, jun. (conductor), 7; J. Osborne, 8. Composed by C. Smart, of Steyning.

CLENT (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, January 19th, a date touch, 1896 changes, in the following methods: 456 Kent Treble Bob, 720 Oxford Treble Bob, and 720 Plain Bob. G. Workman, 1; T. Barber, 2; W. Shilvock, 3; W. Short, 4; W. H. Barber, 5; J. Barber (conductor), 6.

Miscellaneous.

SOUTH AND WEST MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

EALING (Middlesex).—On Sunday evening, February 16th, for Divine Service at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 41 mins. H. F. G. Luck, 1; E. J. Walsom, 2; F. Goddard, 3; J. Basden, 4; E. Harris, 5; H. Ransome (conductor), 6; A. H. Taber, 7; T. Beadle, 8.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

STREATHAM (Surrey).—On Sunday evening, January 26th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor in 26 mins. C. Barrington, 1; S. Greenwood, 2; H. Pates, 3; D. Springall, 4; G. Pell, 5; R. B. Blanchard (conductor), 6. Rung as a compliment to the Rev. G. M. Drought, who preached his farewell sermon on that day. On Tuesday, January 28th, for practice, 720 in the same method. G. Barrington, 1; S. Greenwood (conductor), 2; H. Pates, 3; D. Springall, 4; R. B. Blanchard, 5; G. Pell, 6. On Wednesday, February 5th, 720 Grandsire Minor with the bells muffled as a mark of respect to the late Prince Henry of Battenberg. G. Barrington, 1; D. Springall, 2; H. Pates, 3; S. Greenwood, 4; G. Pell, 5; R. B. Blanchard (conductor), 6.

CROYDON (Surrey).—On Monday evening, February 10th, at St. Peter's church, for practice, 504 Oxford Bob Triples. P. Larbey, 1; H. Brooker (conductor), 2; W. Gammon, 3; W. Dolton (first 500 in the method), 4; H. Lover, 5; F. G. Hermon, 7; H. Smith, 8. And 504 Grandsire Triples. T. Hayward (first 500), 1; H. Brooker (conductor), 2; P. Larbey, 3; W. Dolton, 4; G. M. Burt, 5; A. Lover, 6; P. G. Hermon, 7; H. Smith, 8.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

UPCHURCH (Kent).—On Tuesday, January 7th, at St. Mary's church, 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-eight bobs twenty-two singles). H. Witherden, 1; W. Hyland, 2; W. Walker (first 720), 3; H. Shipp, 4; G. Dennis, 5; W. Seamer (conductor), 6. Composed by the late Henry Johnson. On Tuesday, January 14th, 720 Grandsire Minor (twenty-six bobs thirty-four singles). H. Witherden, 1; A. Hyland, 2; W. Walker, 3; H. Shipp, 4; G. Dennis, 5; W. Hyland (conductor), 6. Composed by N. Spindlow. On Sunday, February 2nd, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs two singles). W. Walker, 1; H. Witherden, 2; A. Hyland, 3; W. Hyland, 4; G. Dennis, 5; W. Seamer (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, February 11th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor (twenty-two singles). W. Walker, 1; H. Witherden, 2; A. Hyland, 3; H. Shipp, 4; G. Dennis, 5; W. Hyland (conductor), 6. On Friday, February 14th, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). A. T. Hyland, 1; H. Witherden, 2; W. J. Walker (first 720 with a bob bell), 3; W. T. Hyland, 4; G. Dennis, 5; W. Seamer (conductor), 6. Also 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs). W. J. Walker (first 720), 1; A. T. Hyland (first 720 with a bob bell), 2; W.

T. Hyland, 3; H. Shipp, 4; G. Dennis, 5; W. Seamer (conductor), 6. On Sunday, February 23rd, 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). W. J. Walker, 1; H. Witherden, 2; W. T. Hyland, 3; A. T. Hyland, 4; G. Dennis, 5; W. Seamer (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, February 25th, 720 Grandsire Minor (twenty-six bobs and thirty-four singles). A. Day, 1; H. Shipp, 2; W. J. Walker, 3; W. Wilkins, 4; G. Dennis, 5; W. T. Hyland (conductor), 6. Messrs. Day and Wilkins hail from Bobbing, Kent.

WESTERHAM (Kent).—On Sunday, February 16th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, with the tenor covering. R. Stone, 2; G. Steer, 3; G. B. Selby, 4; H. J. Selby, 5; J. Neath, 6; E. R. J. Dunk (conductor), 7; A. H. Collins, 8. On Thursday, February 20th, 720 in the same method with the tenor covering. M. Whatley, 1; (2nd not rung), G. G. B. Selby, 3; A. W. Selby, 4; G. Steer, 5; J. Heath, 6; H. J. Selby (conductor), 7; A. H. Collins, 8. First 720 in the method as conductor. On Saturday, February 15th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins. R. Stone, 1; H. Selby, 2; E. Dunk (conductor), 3; J. Wallis, 4; J. Steddy, 5; J. Heath, 6; G. Steer, 7; A. Collins, 8. Messrs. Wallis and Steddy hail from Edenbridge, and this is the longest touch with a bob bell by J. Wallis and J. Steddy.

EDENBRIDGE (Kent).—On Wednesday, February 5th, 720 Double Bob. R. Jenner, 1; J. Wallis, 2; J. Steddy, 3; T. Wallis, 4; J. Heasman, 5; J. Preston (conductor), 6. On Sunday, February 9th, 720 Grandsire Minor. And on Tuesday, February 11th, 720 Plain Bob. J. Mayton, 1; T. Wallis, 2; J. Heasman, 3; J. Wallis, 4; R. Jenner, 5; J. Preston (conductor), 6.

RODMERSHAM (Kent).—On February 4th, for practice, 720 Canterbury Pleasure (eighteen bobs two singles). G. Coast, 1; S. Beach, 2; E. Day, 3; J. Dixon, 4; C. Millway, 5; H. Wood (conductor), 6. Also 216 Oxford Treble Bob and 360 Superlative Surprise. This was C. Millway's first touch of Superlative and first attempt. On February 9th, for evening service, 720 Superlative Surprise (nine bobs). G. Coast, 1; S. Beach, 2; J. Grensted, 3; J. Dixon, 4; E. Day, 5; H. Wood (conductor), 6. On February 16th, for evening service, 720 Plain Bob (eighteen bobs two singles). W. Hollands (first 720), 1; G. Coast, 2; S. Beach, 3; J. Dixon (conductor), 4; C. Millway, 5; E. Day, 6.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

TAUNTON (Somerset).—On February 15th, at the church of St. Mary, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1264 changes), composed by the late Henry Johnson. Tenor 30 cwt. A. Walker, 1; S. Wyatt, 2; J. Joyce, 3; A. Evans, 4; G. Harbour, 5; S. Radford, 6; J. Burge, 7; T. Radford (conductor), 8. And 210 Grandsire Triples. J. Jones, 1; A. Walker, 2; S. Wyatt, 3; T. Radford, 4; S. Radford (conductor), 5; G. Harbour, 6; J. Burge, 7; A. Evans, 8. On Sunday, February 23rd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. J. Fowler, 1; A. Walker (first quarter-peal with a bob bell), 2; J. Joyce, 3; T. Radford, 4; S. Wyatt, 5; S. Radford (first quarter-peal as conductor), 6; J. Burge, 7; A. Evans, 8.

WRAXALL (Somersetshire).—On Sunday evening, February 9th, for Divine Service at the parish church, the local ringers, assisted by Mr. Waters, of Barrow Gurney, rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins. H. Chard (first quarter-peal), 1; C. Winstone, 2; J. Yonde, 3; J. Harvey, 4; W. Cully (first quarter-peal), 5; A. Waters (conductor), 6; J. Winsor, 7; W. Clark, 8.

BARROW GURNEY.—On Wednesday evening, February 12th, an attempt was made for a peal of Grandsire Triples, which unfortunately came to grief. J. Young, 1; G. Clements, 2; C. H. Horton, 3; J. Harvey, 4; C. E. D. Boutflower, 5; A. Waters (conductor), 6; J. Winsor, 7; A. Brown, 8. Afterwards a well-struck quarter-peal, in 45 mins. G. Clements, 1; J. Young (first quarter-peal), 2; C. H. Horton, 3; J. Harvey, 4; C. E. D. Boutflower, 5; A. Waters (conductor), 6; ———, 7; A. Brown, 8. And another quarter-peal, in 47 mins. G. Clements, 1; J. Young, 2; C. H. Horton, 3; J. Harvey, 4; C. E. D. Boutflower (conductor), 5; J. Winsor, 6; A. Waiters, 7; A. Brown, 8. *First quarter-peal as conductor. Messrs. Harvey and Winsor hail from Wraxall; Boutflower and Horton from Bristol; the rest are local men.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

DITCHINGHAM (Norfolk).—On Monday, February 3rd, 720 Bob Minor. W. Spalding, 1; C. Woods, 2; E. Lincoln, 3; W. Felgate, (conductor), 4; F. Baker, 5; A. Williams, 6. On Sunday, February 9th, 720 Bob Minor. J. Aldis, 1; R. Gooch (conductor), 2; E. Lincoln, 3; J. Becket, 5; C. Woods, 5; A. Williams, 6. Messrs. Aldis, Becket, Gooch, and Williams hail from Woodton; the others belong to the Bungay society.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

FARNHAM (Surrey).—On Sunday evening, February 16th, for

Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. C. Headey, 1; A. Smith, 2; F. A. Barnett, 3; J. Hawkes, 4; H. Garfath (conductor), 5; C. Fry, 6; A. Burgess, 7; E. Clapham, 8.

BOURNEMOUTH (Hants.)—On Thursday, January 16th, for practice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins. A. Grist, 1; E. Green, 2; J. Bennett, 3; G. Plummer, 4; A. Stewart, 5; J. Bristow, 6; G. Preston (composer and conductor), 7; C. Goodenough, 8. On Thursday, January 9th, for practice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. W. Wheeler (first quarter-peal), 1; C. Goodenough, 2; G. Plummer, 3; J. Bennett, 4; G. Martineau (Solihull), 5; J. Bristow, 6; E. Green (conductor), 7; T. Belben, 8. On Sunday, January 12th, for Divine Service, 504 in the same method. A. Grist, 1; C. Goodenough, 2; G. Martineau, 3; G. Plummer, 4; E. Green (conductor), 5; T. Best, 6; J. Bristow, 7; W. Saffery, 8.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

WHITLEY.—The following 720s have been rung at St. Paul's church from December 29th, 1895, to February 14th, 1896: four 720s of Bob Minor, three 720s of Oxford Bob Minor, two 720s of Kent Treble Bob Minor, two 720s of College Single, three 720s of Oxford Treble Bob Minor, and one 720 in three different methods. They were rung by J. Charlton, T. T. Gofton, J. Barber, T. Teasdale, J. Hern, H. Ross, W. Thomson.

CHESTER-LE-STREET (Durham).—On Saturday, February 15th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. W. Brewis, 1; T. Hudson, sen., 2; T. Hudson, jun., 3; R. S. Story, 4; L. Newton, 5; F. J. Harrison (conductor), 6. And 720 Plain Bob. J. Nicholson, 1; F. Lowe, 2; R. Russell, 3; H. Tyson, 4; W. Newton, 5; F. J. Harrison (conductor), 6. Also 720 Woodbine Treble Bob. J. Clarkson, 1; G. J. Clarkson, 2; W. Holmes, 3; T. Waller, 4; E. Stephenson (conductor), 5; W. Newton, 6. And 720 Oxford Treble Bob. J. H. Clapperton, 1; T. Hudson, sen., 2; H. H. Lindsay, 3; T. Hudson, jun., 4; R. S. Story, 5; W. Holmes (conductor), 6. Also 120 Stedman Doubles. R. S. Story, 1; T. Hudson, sen., 2; H. H. Lindsey, 3; J. H. Clapperton, 4; W. Holmes (conductor), 5; R. Hall, 6.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

LONG EATON (Derbyshire).—On Sunday evening, December 29th, 576 Kent Treble Bob Major. J. Harrison, 1; A. Ricketts, 2; J. R. Ward, 3; W. R. Hexter, 4; J. E. Hexter, 5; J. Poxon, 6; J. Bailey, 7; W. Hexter (conductor), 8. And 336 Stedman Triples, A. C. Makins ringing the tenor, the rest as before, conducted by J. Bailey. On Sunday evening, January 26th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 45 mins. J. Harrison, 1; A. Ricketts, 2; J. R. Ward, 3; W. Hexter, 4; J. E. Hexter, 5; J. Poxon, 6; J. Bailey (conductor), 7; F. C. Wicks, 8. Longest touch of Stedman by all the band.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

LLANDAFF.—On January 26th, for Divine Service, 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Cooke, 1; J. Harris, 2; J. Pitcher, 3; H. Roberts, 4; A. Rowley, 5; W. Biss, 6; W. Coombes (conductor), 7; R. Brothwell, 8. On Monday, January 7th, for practice, 504 Grandsire Triples. R. Hopkins, 1; J. Harris, 2; J. Pitcher, 3; W. Biss (conductor), 4; C. Lloyd, 5; J. Clutterbuck, 6; H. Roberts, 7; R. Brothwell, 8. On February 3rd, 518 in the same method. J. Pitcher, 1; W. Coombes (conductor), 2; W. Smythe, 3; J. Harris, 4; C. Lloyd, 5; W. Lloyd, 6; J. Clutterbuck, 7; R. Brothwell, 8. W. Lloyd's longest length with a bob bell. On February 10th, for practice, 504 Grandsire Triples. W. Lloyd, 1; J. Harris, 2; W. Biss, 3; O. Layng, 4; H. Roberts, 5; W. Coombes (conductor), 6; J. Clutterbuck, 7; C. Lloyd, 8. And 504 in the same method. W. Lloyd, 1; O. Layng, 2; W. Biss, 3; C. Lloyd (conductor), 4; J. Harris, 5; H. Roberts, 6; W. Coombes, 7; J. Clutterbuck, 8. O. Layng hails from Swindon.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

MATHON (Herefordshire).—On Sunday, February 9th, at the parish church, 720 Grandsire Minor in 25 mins. C. Layton, 1; G. Peacey, 2; H. Prickett, 3; H. W. Allen, 4; J. Field, 5; A. Layton (conductor), 6.

THE ST. MARGARET'S SOCIETY, WESTMINSTER.

LONDON.—On Wednesday evening, December 11th, for Divine Service at St. Margaret's church, Westminster, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, taken from Thurstans' one-part, in 47 mins. W. Truss, 1; A. Hardy, 2; W. C. Hasted, 3; C. Hindes, 4; H. Barton (conductor), 5; V. W. West, 6; D. W. Griggs, 7; C. J. Irish, 8.

THE NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LINCOLN.—On Sunday evening, February 16th, for Divine Service

at St. Peter-at-Arches, 560 Double Norwich. F. Walker, 1; A. Craven, 2; J. B. Fenton, 3; W. Wilson, 4; C. Wells, 5; J. W. Watson, 6; R. Dawson (conductor), 7; G. Lindoff, 8. Also in the afternoon at the chimes, 504 Grandsire Triples. A. Craven, 1-2; W. Wilson, 3-4; G. Lindoff (conductor), 5-6; C. W. P. Clifton, 7-8. W. Willson hails from Leicester.

BUSHLEY (Worcestershire).—On Friday, February 14th, 720 Bob Minor. D. Wilkes, 1; C. Jones, 2; A. Bloxham, 3; A. Nichols, 4; T. Devereux, 5; Jos. Wathen (conductor), 6. Rung to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of Mr. Isaac Bloxham's wedding day. On Monday, February 17th, 720 Bob Minor. D. Wilkes, 1; *J. Nichols, 2; C. Jones, 3; A. Nichols, 4; *F. Walker, 5; J. Wathen (conductor), 6. *First 720.

CHURCH LENCH (Worcestershire).—On Sunday afternoon, February 16th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Doubles in 45 mins., in three methods, viz., Plain Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, and Grandsire, being ten 6-scores each called differently, and sixty odd changes. G. Williams, 1; H. Middleton, 2; H. Salisbury, 3; W. Arkell, 4; F. Cook (conductor), 5; T. Emms, 6. Also some 6-scores with J. Godfrey, 6. H. Salisbury hails from Little Comberton; J. Godfrey from Pershore; the rest belong to Bengeworth.

CLENT (Worcestershire).—On Tuesday, December 24th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. G. Workman, 1; W. Boughton, 2; W. Shillock, 3; C. Boughton, 4; J. Barber, 5; W. H. Barber (conductor), 6. Also 720 Plain Bob. G. Workman, 1; W. Boughton, 2; W. Shillock, 3; C. Boughton, 4; W. H. Barber, 5; J. Barber (conductor), 6. And on Wednesday, December 26th, 720 Bob Minor. G. Workman, 1; W. Boughton, 2; W. Shillock, 3; C. Boughton, 4; W. Huxley, 5; W. H. Barber (conductor), 6. Tenor 16½ cwt.

IPSWICH (Suffolk).—On February 5th, as a mark of respect to the late Mr. Charles Saul, for many years a member of the St. Mary-le-tower society, touches of Oxford and Court Bob Minor were rung at St. Margaret's church, with the bells fully muffled, the following members taking part: H. Bowell, R. Hawes, E. Pemberton, I. S. Alexander, J. Motts, W. Motts, F. Tillett, C. Gillingham, and A. Bowell. Deceased took part in the following peals rung on the bells of St. Mary-le-Tower, viz.: On November 28th, 1882, a peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal; December 19th, 1882, Oxford Treble Bob Royal; May 8th, 1883, Grandsire Cinques; June 26th, 1883, Grandsire Cinques; November 26th, 1883, muffled peal for the late T. Cobbold, Esq., Kent Treble Bob Maximus; April 14th, 1884, Kent Treble Bob Maximus; June 2nd, 1884, Kent Treble Bob Royal at Stonham Aspell; November 25th, 1884, Oxford Treble Bob Maximus; February 17th, 1885, Double Norwich Court Bob Major; September 8th, 1885, Stedman Cinques; September 14th, 1886, Stedman Caters; November 9th, 1886, Kent Treble Bob Royal; December 31st, 1886, Double Norwich Court Bob Royal; April 19th, 1887, Kent Treble Bob Maximus; June 28th, 1890, Stedman Caters; January 13th, 1891, Kent Treble Bob Maximus. His last peal was rung in honour of Her Majesty's 78th birthday, viz., a peal of Plain Bob Royal. On February 8th, an attempt was made for a peal of Plain Bob Maximus, at the church of St. Mary-le-Tower, with the bells muffled as a mark of respect to the deceased, but after ringing 2 hrs. 8 mins., it came to grief. S. Cook, 1; W. Catchpole, 2; I. S. Alexander, 3; C. Gillingham, 4; R. Hawes, 5; A. Durrant, 6; E. Pemberton, 7; H. Bowell, 8; W. Motts, 9; W. Motts, 10; R. Brundle 11; J. Motts (conductor), 12. On February 12th, with the bells deeply muffled as a mark of respect to the late Wm. DeGee, for many years steeplekeeper of St. Margaret's church, touches of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor were rung. J. Motts, W. Motts, I. S. Alexander, C. Gillingham, S. Cook, R. Hawes, H. Bowell, S. Tillett, and D. Prentice.

LONDON.—On Sunday, December 22nd, at the church of St. Martin, Haverstock Hill, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor in 24 mins. H. Ellis (first 720 in the method), 1; J. Nixon, 2; — Young, 3; R. Bevan, 4; T. Titchener, 5; G. Smith (conductor), 6. On Sunday, December 29th, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor in 23 mins. H. Ellis, 1; R. Bevan, 2; G. Smith, 3; — Young, 4; T. Titchener, 5; J. Nixon (conductor), 6. On Sunday, February 9th, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor, in 23 mins. H. Ellis, 1; R. Bevan, 2; — Young, 3; T. Titchener, 4; N. Alderman, 5; G. Smith (conductor), 6.

OXFORD.—On Sunday evening, February 9th, at the University, on handbells half-muffled, an experiment suggested by the lamented death of H. R. H. Prince Henry of Battenberg, two 6-scores of Stedman Doubles. T. E. Harwood, 1; C. R. Greenall, 2; H. St. James, 3; F. St. Edwards, 4; R. P. Farrow, 5-6. And several courses of Grandsire Triples. T. E. Harwood, 1-2; F. St. Edwards, 3-4; R. P. Farrow, 5-6; H. St. James, 7-8.

* * It is impossible to guarantee the appearance of touches in the current number. They will be taken in order of date as far as possible.

Notices.

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The Lancashire Association—Liverpool Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Nicholas' church, Liverpool, to-day, Saturday, March 14th. Bells ready at 4 p.m., meeting at 6 p.m. HENRY COLEY.
3, Rumsford Place, Liverpool.

The Lancashire Association—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. James' church, Shaw, to-day, Saturday, March 14th. Bells ready at 4.30, meeting at 6 p.m. All ringers invited, whether members or non-members. EDWIN B. SHAW, Branch Sec.
14, Thomas Street, Lees.

Heavy Woollen Districts Association, Yorkshire.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Lindley on Saturday, March 21st, at 5 p.m. Meeting house Globe inn. Members will kindly note that should they wish to compete this year at contests, subscriptions should be paid on or before March 1st.

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

Archdeaconry of Salop Guild.—The next monthly meeting will be held at St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, on April 6th (Easter Monday). Ringing at 11.30 a.m. Business meeting 12.30 p.m. J. MACKAY, Hon. Sec.
Leaton Vicarage, Shrewsbury.

The Lancashire Association—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Christ Church, Bacup, on Saturday, March 21st. Bells ready at 3.30, meeting at 6.30. Any Minor method can be rung in this tower that is wished for. J. B. TAYLOR, Branch Sec.
18, Townsend Street, Waterfoot.

Chester Diocesan Guild—Wirral Branch. The monthly meeting will be held in the Parish Room, adjoining the church, Heswall, on Saturday next, March 21st. Tea at 6 p.m. (free). Members wishing to attend must send word by Monday, March 16th, to F. R. T. BOLTON,
Braeside, West Kirby.

South and West Middlesex Guild.—The next monthly meeting of the above Guild will be held at Heston, Middlesex, on Saturday, March 28th. Ringing 5.30 p.m. E. J. WALSOM, Hon. Sec.
1, Kerrison Villas, The Park, Ealing.

The Surrey Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Streatham on Easter Monday. Details later. R. B. BLANCHARD, Hon. Sec.
13, Sunnyhill Road, Streatham, S.W.

The Essex Association.—There will be a district meeting of the above on Easter Monday at Halstead. Fuller particulars next week. H. T. W. EYRE, Assistant Sec.

Worcestershire and Districts Association.—The annual meeting of this Association will be held by kind permission of the Dean and Chapter, in the Chapter House, Worcester Cathedral, on Easter Monday, April 6th, at 2 o'clock prompt. The Very Rev. the Dean has kindly consented to preside. The Cathedral tower and bells will be available after evening-song, 5.0 p.m. Particulars in due course. JOHN SMITH, Hon. Sec.

Compositions.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

By ARTHUR CRAVEN, Lincoln.

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By H. HOWLETT, Framlingham, Suffolk.

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Repeated.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

By FREDERICK DENCE, Crawley, Sussex.

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Twice repeated. This peal has the 2nd never in 6ths place at the course-ends.

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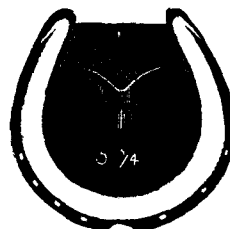
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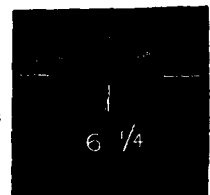
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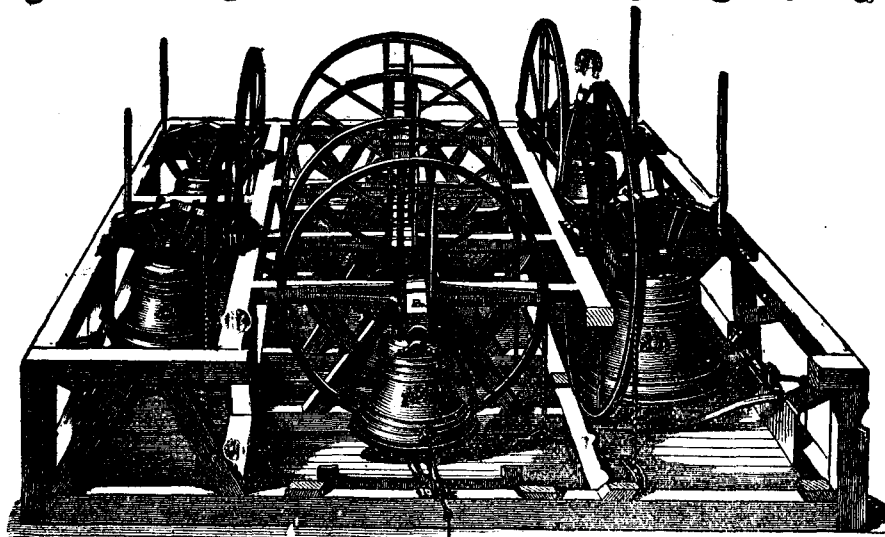
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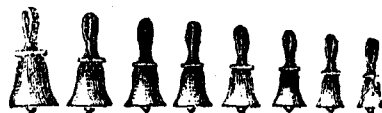
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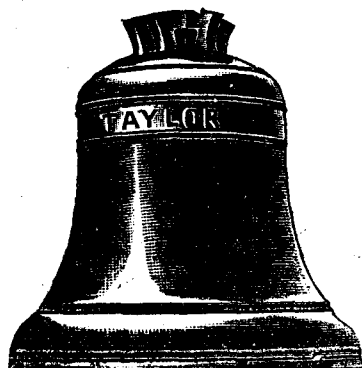
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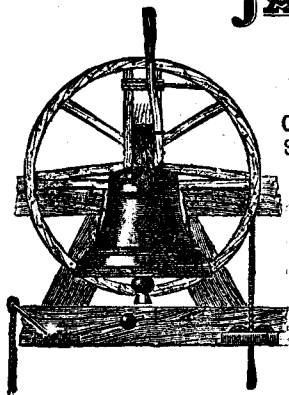
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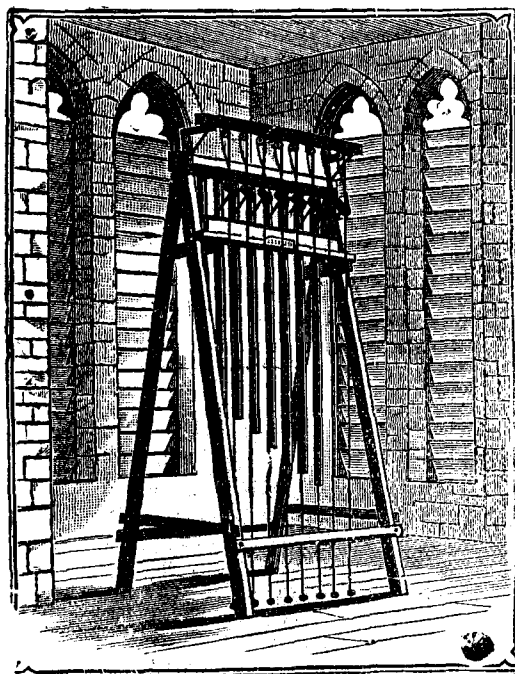
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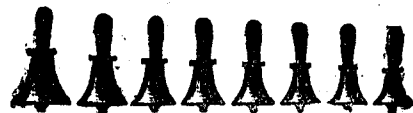
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THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The Sixth Annual Meeting of the Central Council of Church Bellringers will be held on Easter Tuesday, April 7th, 1896, at Brighton (details still in doubt) at one o'clock punctually. Dinner will be provided at 2s. 6d. each at five o'clock, for which those intending to dine are requested to provide themselves with tickets, to be obtained of the Hon. Secretary before the meeting.

The Standing Committee will meet at 11 a.m. Members of this Committee are earnestly requested to attend. Arrangements for ringing in the evening will be made by the Sussex County Association.

AGENDA.

- 1.—Election of Hon. Members (if desired).
- 2.—To receive any further Report of Committee on Rail fares.
- 3.—To receive and decide upon the Preliminary Report of the Committee on Technical Terms.
- 4.—To receive the Report of the Committee on Peal Values.
- 5.—To consider the following motions:—

a. That the Annual Meeting of the Council be held on on Tuesday in Whitsun week, instead of Easter week.

b. That it is desirable to augment the numbers of the Committee for the classification of peals, in order that, as far as possible, each method may be dealt with by a separate member of the Committee; that to ensure uniformity of procedure, it is desirable that the whole Committee should be under the guidance of a chairman. And that it be an instruction to the enlarged Committee to furnish to the Council a definition of the points constituting "original authorship;" and of those which determine "variation."

c. That it shall be sufficient to constitute a peal on six bells, if, the full 720 changes in any one method having been first rung, the 5040 changes are completed by half-extents, or 360 changes, no two half-extents to be rung in the same method.

d. That it is desirable that at all quarterly or district meetings of any Association or Guild of Church Bell Ringers, as well as at their Annual Meetings, arrangements should be made wherever possible for holding a short service in the parish church, at which the Incumbent should be asked to address the ringers present.

e. That a deputation be appointed to wait upon the Railway Clearing House in London with a view to obtaining cheap travelling privileges such as are now granted to angling societies, golf-clubs and other institutions, and to consider other matters relating thereto.

f. That it is desirable when members are elected otherwise than at recognised Association meetings, that some uniform regulation relating thereto should be adopted by all ringing Societies. And that the following be suggested by the Council to the Societies: That it shall be admissible for any band of ringers to elect one member in the tower prior to starting for a peal, providing before the attempt is made, either the proposer or seconder shall have received the candidate's subscription, and notified to the Secretary of the Association his name and address.

- 6.—To discuss the following questions:—

a. The titles by which Thurstan's compositions of Stedman Triples should severally be described,

- b. The claim of the Variation of Cambridge Surprise Major, known as the "Burton" variation, but more correctly as "Thackrah's," to rank as the standard method.

N.B.—The subscriptions of the following Societies have not been received up to the present date (March 17th): Lancashire Association, North Lincolnshire Association, St. James' Society, London (two years), Salisbury Diocesan Guild, Stafford Archdeaconry Association, Yorkshire Association.

STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

The usual monthly meeting of this Association was held at Bucknall on Saturday, February 7th, when in spite of the unfavourable weather a goodly number of members were present from Bucknall, Cheddleton, Hanley, Kingsley, Kids Grove, Leek, Newcastle, Norton, and Wolstanton. There were also present the Revs. G. T. Birch (rector of Bucknall), J. W. Alston (vicar of Cobridge, Hon. Clerical Sec.), and — Jabb (curate of Cobridge). Ringing commenced soon after 3 o'clock with a 720 of Violet Treble Bob.

During the year 1895 the ringers of Bucknall rang four 5040s of Minor in seven different methods, and also one in January of the present year, each 5040 being conducted by different members. One of these being rung in seven Surprise methods, it was decided to have it recorded on a peal-board. A record of the other four has been done in fancy printing, each mounted and framed in an oak frame at a cost of about ten shillings each, which has been borne by the conductor of each peal. It had been decided to have these all unveiled on Saturday at the meeting, but unfortunately the large peal-board was not ready. The other four, which form a very nice addition to the furnishing of the ringing-chamber, were unveiled at 5 p.m. by the Rev. J. W. Alston, who before doing so said it gave him very great pleasure to be present that day for the purpose of unveiling those mementoes of their successfully ringing those peals, and he was very pleased to see that they took a pride in their bellfry. He expressed his regret that the large peal-board was not ready for that day, as he believed it was a record of the last peal in which the son of Mr. W. Twigg took part, and he thought one of the lessons that the bells taught them was to be ever ready, as neither the youngest or strongest knew how soon they might be called away.

The Rev. G. T. Birch proposed a vote of thanks to the Rev. J. W. Alston, which was seconded by Mr. J. E. Wheeldon.

The members then adjourned for tea, which owing to the schools being closed on account of the prevalence of sickness in the village, was provided through the kindness of Mr. H. Clarkson, at Bucknall Cottage. After all had partaken of the good things provided, the Rev. J. W. Alston proposed a vote of thanks to the ringers of Bucknall for the excellent tea which they had furnished.

This was seconded by Mr. Woods, and Mr. W. Twigg in reply said it always gave him and the ringers of Bucknall great pleasure to entertain the members. Before sitting down he said he should like to propose a vote of thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Clarkson for the use of that room. This was seconded by the rector, and carried with hearty applause.

A vote of thanks to the ladies for their kindness in looking after the wants of the members was passed.

The members then returned to the tower and rang 720 Kent Treble Bob. J. Beardmore, 1; W. Grice, 2; W. Wheeldon, 3; W. Twigg, 4; T. Miller (conductor), 5; Joseph Beardmore, 6. Messrs. Beardmore (2) hail from Newcastle, and it is their first 720 of Minor; Grice also hails from Newcastle; Miller from Wolstanton. This was rung in honour of the birthday of Joseph Beardmore, the ringers wishing him many happy returns of the day. This was followed by a 720 Duke of York. The bells were lowered in peal about ten o'clock, thus bringing a very successful meeting to a close.

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MISS ALICE WHITE, OF BASINGSTOKE, HANTS.

[Vide Portrait.]

In accordance with our expressed intention, we publish with this number the portrait of MISS ALICE WHITE, daughter of Mr. Henry White, who has for some years had the care of the bells at the parish church of Basingstoke. It will be remembered that this young lady, who is only fifteen years of age, succeeded in ringing the treble through a peal of Grandsire Triples on the 12th day of February last. Our readers will not have forgotten that the first lady who ever succeeded in ringing a peal was Mrs. George Williams, of Brighton, but this, though a splendid performance, the lady ringing the two trebles, was a peal on handbells. The young lady whom it is our pleasure now to pourtray, is the first of her sex who has ever rung a peal on Church bells, and such a performance, not only by reason of its novelty, but from the perseverance employed to effect it, must be a source of the utmost satisfaction to those intimately acquainted with her, and of credit to herself.

ALICE WHITE was born in Basingstoke on October 8th, 1880, and is consequently in her sixteenth year. From a very tender age she was accustomed to go with her father to the belfry, and sit within the ringing-chamber during chiming for services on Sundays. From the year 1887, in which year Mr. White became steeple-keeper of St. Michael's, her visits to the belfry were of more frequent occurrence, and often would she chime one bell for the daily service, while her father stood near her. When about the age of eleven she commenced to learn to ring, and was soon able to ring fairly well in rounds, thus oftentimes being of assistance on Sundays, the bells then rung for Divine Service instead of chimed as formerly. The handbell practices (for change-ringing) of the local band being generally held at her home, she became used to the striking of them, and when quite young has been often found striking one up and down, exclaiming—"I'm going to dodge up." Early in the year 1893 she qualified for membership of the Winchester Diocesan Guild, and attended the annual meeting held at Southampton in that year, as also, in company with her sister (likewise a member of the Guild), that held at Christchurch in the year 1895. After learning plain hunting on handbells, she used to put her knowledge into practice in the tower as far as she was able, while during ringing one bell for service, counting her place from lead up to 7th, at the same time raising her bell a shade higher each stroke, and bringing it back again to lead by cutting each blow. She has been of great assistance both in the belfry and at handbell practice, for though her accustomed place is the treble, yet she has shewn that she can handle a heavier bell if required, by ringing the tenor behind 500 of Grandsire Triples, while on several occasions those of the company who have met for Stedman Triples on handbells would have been disappointed, had not Alice learnt and been able to ring the method. She is living at home with her parents, and hopes are entertained by her father and friends, not only that she will soon be able to ring a bob bell through another peal of Grandsire, but also one of Stedman, and in fact other methods.

ELSHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

The pretty village of Elsham, Lincolnshire, has got another valuable improvement in the shape of a new eight-day hour striking clock, shewing the time upon a large external dial, and with all the latest improvements inserted, which will be a great boon to the public at large. The clock is intended as a memorial to the late Sir J. D. Astley, Bart., and was subscribed for by the tenantry and friends on the Elsham estate, Mr. J. Davey, Worlaby House, kindly acting as hon. secretary. The

clock was set going by Miss Astley on Friday evening, March 13th, the work being greatly admired by all present. The makers of the clock are Messrs. W. Potts and Sons, of Leeds, and Newcastle-on-Tyne, makers of Lincoln and Newcastle cathedral clocks, Great St. Mary's clock and chimes, Cambridge, and the one in Epworth church, erected to the memory of the Rev. John Wesley, the founder of the Wesleyan Methodists, which is near to Elsham.

PEAL COLLECTIONS.

Among the subjects for discussion at the coming Council meeting at Brighton will be probably the collections of compositions, and the question will require some careful consideration. No one will maintain that either the present system or its result is anything short of a dismal failure, and consequently it is much to be hoped that no "Appendix, 1896," will appear. But the fault lies not so much with the committee as with the system under which they worked. It seems to me that what is wanted is not a selection of peals, for that the pages of "THE BELL NEWS" supply, but a complete collection of all existing compositions with their reverse variations, to be a record of the energy of the composers of the present. To obtain this the collector must be responsible for both the truth and originality of the compositions that appear, the whole must be classified according to the form and qualities of the different peals, and there ought to be a certain amount of descriptive letter-press. There ought also to be a little judicious editing, so that each composition may be presented in its best form.

If there cannot be found persons who are willing and able to spend the amount of time and trouble necessary to complete a work like this, then it is far better to let the matter rest till such persons do appear, for to half do the thing or to do it in a slovenly manner will be to sanction error, to invite companies to ring false peals, to stir up bitter words and feeling between composers, and to cover both committee and Council with ridicule and contempt.

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THE LATE WILLIAM CHATTELL.

Mr. John Day, the presiding ringing master of the St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, writes:—

"Several gentlemen who have visited Birmingham during the last few weeks have reminded me that in my 'recollections' of the above celebrity I omitted to state the date of his death and also his age. I ask you for a little space in an early number of our paper to make the correction. William Chattell was born at Irthlingborough, Northants, August 8th, 1804, and died at Harborne April 4th, 1875. Allow me to say that I have been much gratified to find that the 'recollections' have been so interesting to my many ringing friends."

THE LATE BENJAMIN SMITH.—The Rev. Dr. Raven writes: "One performance in which our dear old friend took a part, I should be sorry to disregard. On Monday, March 26th, 1860, the Bungay company of change-ringers rang 7360 of Oxford Treble Bob, as a welcome to my bride and myself on our return home. The band consisted of Benjamin Smith, treble; William Sheldrake, 2; George Adams, 3; Peter Page, 4; Benjamin Spilling, 5; Jarvis Crickmole, 6; Thomas Spalding, 7; Captain A. P. Moore, tenor. This was only three days after the Redenhall 10,080 recorded on page 483. The peal took 4 hrs. 40 mins. Gratitude and affectionate remembrance of good old Ben and other departed members of that band bid me ask for an insertion of this brief notice, which may be found in my *Church Bells of Suffolk*, page 130."

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An appeal for the bells of St. Andrew,
Which are sadly in want of repair;
And the bearings on which they are swung, too,
Are as rotten, 'tis said, as a pear.

There is, therefore, a great deal of danger
That a serious mishap may arise;
Let us then, one and all, put our "shoulder
To the wheel" to provide the supplies.

There is nought that can equal the voicing
Of a rich set of bells up on high;
Incomplete is the hour of rejoicing,
When they're lacking to vibrate the sky.

Let it come, let it come without stinting;
And the method be soon on its way,
That a penny shall never be wanting
To ensure their old blythe roundelay.

For it solaces pain in the chamber;
Tranquilises the wearysome hour;
And say, who cannot, cannot remember
When they peal'd forth their tones from the tower,

As the Bride was being led from the Altar
By the lov'd-one, her chosen for life;
Whilst the Father beheld his dear Daughter
As she wore her new crown as a Wife.

Then again, when they mourn the departed,
How their sympathy touches the soul!—
For they whisper—be not broken-hearted,—
There is room, room in Heaven for all!

What a void there would be in the course of
Pure delight, if those bells were a blank;
For whatever sweet sounds we are fond of,
They stand forth in the very first rank.

Yea, they vibrate the heart of the Nation,
When there's cause for the Realm to rejoice;
And they also improve meditation
As we go to the Church of our choice.

So resort to your desk and unlock it,
Thereunto write an order to pay;
Or insert your right hand in your pocket,
Knowing "where there's a will there's a way."

Let it come from the heart as a tribute,
Of loyal love for the bells and the town;
Whether large, whether small, we contribute,
It will help to restore their renown.

More than fifteen decades they have done well
In performing the functions of time,—
Alternating between the sad death-knell,
And the modest ding-dong of the chime:

From the "treble" right down to the "tenor"—
One, two, three, four, five, six, sev'n and eight,—
They have rang out their claim on the Manor
To re-hang them and set them aright,

For the ringers, we know, have lost confidence,—
Being in fear what a moment may bring;
It is, therefore, with very much diffidence
That they care, or attempt for to ring.

Thus, my friends, let the heart be in concord,
And the pulse that is beating therein
Prompt you all to refer to the record
Which appears in the P. Magazine.

Ashburton, March 7, 1896.

E. E. FOOT.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

RINGERS' SUPPER.—On Tuesday evening, March 3rd, a select party of handbell ringers and friends gathered round the hospitable board of host Cooper, High Street, Leicester, to celebrate chiefly the ringing of the silent peal of Stedman Triples in

hand. After negotiating the different courses, in which none came to grief, the cloth was drawn and Mr. S. Cooper installed in the chair. In giving the usual loyal toast the chairman referred to the recent bereavement sustained by Her Majesty and Princess Beatrice, and said that whatever political opinions ringers might hold they would all unite in extending their sympathy.

A course of Stedman Caters followed by A. R. Aldham, 1-2; J. O. Lancashire, 3-4; G. Cleal, 5-6; W. Willson, 7-8; S. Cotton, 9-10. Miss L. Cooper then sang "The Tin Gee-Gee," which was well received, as was also "Washing Day" on the handbells by Messrs. Cotton and Cleal, who rang four in hand.

The chairman, in proposing the toast of the evening, "The Health of the Silent Peal Band," said it gave him the greatest pleasure to have that peal and several others on handbells rung on his premises, and it was drank with applause.

Mr. Cleal, in replying, said he appreciated the congratulations of all, and begged to thank Mr. Cooper for the use of his rooms, and also on behalf of the band to extend their thanks to Mr. William Willson and to Mr. J. Marlow for their strict attention as referees during the numberless attempts that were made. Several other toasts followed, and during the evening Mr. Cotton sang "The dream of the Albert Hall." Mr. Willson recited G. R. Sims' "Sal Grogan's Face," and Mr. J. Buttery sang "Her bright smile haunts me still." A hearty vote of thanks to host Cooper brought a very pleasant evening to a close.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

The Southern Division of this Guild have decided upon a series of combined practices. Mr. J. W. Whiting, of Fareham, Hants., as secretary of the district, is entering heartily into the scheme, his efforts being much appreciated, and readily seconded by the bands. On December 19th, 1895, a combined practice at St. Mary's, Portsea, was attended by members from Havant, Fareham, Gosport, and the local band; the following touches being rung: 336 Grandsire Triples. J. Harris, 1; J. Harper, 2; H. Shirley, 3; J. T. Matthews, 4; A. E. Tomlins, 5; E. Drinkwater, 6; J. W. Whiting (conductor), 7; J. Dover, 8. And 252 Stedman Triples. A. Petham, 1; J. Symons, 2; H. Reynolds, 3; J. Staples, 4; G. Grafton, 5; J. Gould, 6; J. W. Whiting (conductor), 7; E. Drinkwater, 8. Also 336 Plain Bob. J. Harper, 1; E. Reynolds, 2; A. Petham, 3; H. Shirley, 4; H. Reynolds, 5; A. E. Tomlins, 6; G. Grafton, 7; J. W. Whiting, 8. And 216 Stedman Triples. A. Petham, 1; H. Reynolds, 2; J. Symons, 3; J. Staples, 4; G. Grafton, 5; J. Gould, 6; A. E. Tomlins (conductor), 7; E. Drinkwater, 8. And 96 Treble Bob. A. Petham, 1; E. Reynolds, 2; J. Staples, 3; B. Fuge, 4; H. Reynolds, 5; A. E. Tomlins, 6; G. Grafton, 7; J. W. Whiting (conductor), 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."

A PROTEST.

SIR,—Your correspondent, H. E. Hough, makes a faint attempt at begging the question at issue between us, in saying the Hubbard's peal I refer to is in *Rope-Sight*. My first letter does not say so, it merely says it is Hubbard's five-part, as proof of which I give you the two peals.

HUBBARD'S BOB MAJOR.

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

HOUGH'S CANTERBURY MAJOR.

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

As you see by the above they are exactly alike, not having a call even altered, so as to be able to lay any claim to it. I still maintain he

knew all about the above, as he rang his first 1008 of Bob Major in January, 1895, to the above calling, as well as his first 1008 Canterbury, same calling, later in the year; and even suggested to the writer that the peal would do for Canterbury Major. Of course his superior knowledge of Hubbard's peals should have shewn him at once that they were not only near relations, but actually twins. But now for the remainder of his diatribe. I am compelled to take the 720 of Canterbury first, as it leads up to the remainder. On having it pointed out by a mutual friend that it was in *Rope-Sight* as Bob Minor, I at once said if that was so I could not claim it, and asked him to lend me his book, and found it there: I have never attempted to claim it since; the mutual friend will bear me out in this. On looking at Bob Triples, I found the peal which had been given to me as Fisher's over the name of Hubbard. I informed the men who rang in the peal, and at once wrote to the Secretary of the Branch, informing him of the fact, as H. E. H. will see on looking at his Report. As regards the peal of Bob Major, composed and conducted by me, I fail to see why I should go further than I have done in regard to it. It is published in our Annual Report, and I may also say that I submitted the peal to H. W. Wilde, of Duffield, and a few other ringers, H. E. Hough included; better that, than like H. E. H., bringing ridicule on himself by attempting to foist a spurious changing on the Exercise.

JAMES DILLON.

SIR,—If Mr. H. E. Hough will refer to the 1876 edition of Hubbard's *Campanalogia*, page 70, he will find a five-part composition of Bob Major, which is call for call the same as the peal of Canterbury Major, published in "THE BELL NEWS" of the 29th ult. The reverse variation also will be found in vol. ii., page 178, under Mr. J. R. Pritchard's name. As has been often stated in these pages, an original composition on this plan is altogether an impossibility.

J. ARMIGER TROLLOP.

SIR,—In looking over the correspondence in the issue of Saturday, March 14th, I saw a remark by H. E. Hough as to a peal-board that is in Bromborough belfry; a peal of Bob Triples, with the name of "Fisher's ten-part" as its composition, and conducted by J. Dillon. I may say, as the painter of the board, and also one of the band who rung that peal, that after the board had been finished about a week or so, I was requested by the conductor to alter it from "Fisher's ten-part" to "Hubbard's," which I have neglected to do so far, more is the pity. You will see by this that the conductor had no intention whatever of deceiving anyone, for as soon as he found it out, he at once (not some months after, as H. E. H. states) wished it to be altered. I may also say that I am engaged on the peal of Bob Major that your correspondent, H. E. H., would so like to see published. I have also been requested to paint the calling of each peal that we have rung for future reference. I think this will explain the reason why Fisher's peal still exists on the board instead of Hubbard's.

H. BIRD.

THE SIX-BELL PEAL QUESTION.

SIR,—As the letter of one of the vice-presidents of the Yorkshire Association has been held by the Hon. Secretary of the Central Council to misconstrue the object and meaning of the Council's decision, I have carefully read it again, and wish to express an unqualified opinion that in substance Mr. G. Bolland is right in stating, in so many words, that the Council discountenances the highest performances which are possible on six bells—such as were in vogue before it commenced its autocratic and short-sighted reign.

It is, surely, useless for Mr. Bulwer to ring changes on objects and meanings, cause and effect, and the like; and it strikes me as weak to take one of the slurs cast by an adversary on our six-bell brethren and use it in a manner that implies that they habitually ring plain course in methods in which they can proceed no further.

No, the Hon. Secretary and the Council will have to "face the music," and avoid logical quibbles, which in the hands of experts are interminable—either face the music, or take the consequences of estranging the six-bell men of Yorkshire, and many others who, disliking selfish narrow-mindedness, sympathise with them in their "disestablishment." Is the Council prepared to do this latter? If it be, then let it continue to pretend to be at a loss to understand us, and the matter will come up in a practical form and ultimately bear fruit which may be unpalatable to our youthful judges.

Mr. Story and Mr. Farrow deserve our best thanks for their letters, which I believe to be unanswerable. True, Mr. Bulwer answers Mr. Story, in a way, by saying—at least this is the only way I can read it—that although the Council goes as far as "sheep stealing" (for the benefit of the Bob Minor repeaters I presume), he, Mr. Bulwer, regrets that he cannot join Mr. Story in a cattle raid on the Scotch borders, lest by so doing he might give an undue encouragement to multiple method men! Doubtless! but the Council in its unco-pious mood did

not forget to lay hands on and steal the ewe-lamb of the six-bell ringers. After this Mr. Story is asked to believe that there is at least the semblance of a principle to defend. Some of us would like to know whether this is a bulky article, or whether it can be carried jauntily along by the Hon. Secretary, who, having no wish to excel on six bells, happily pillows himself in a settled conviction of the Council's infallibility.

W. SNOWDON,

President of the Yorkshire Association.

SIR,—This matter is again very much to the fore, and the Opposition party seem bent on getting by importunity, what they have failed, up to the present at least, to obtain by argument. To read their letters one would imagine that a really serious injustice, affecting all the six-bell ringers of England, but especially the Yorkshiremen, had been perpetrated by the Central Council. But after all the only grievance is that in framing a concrete and logical definition for a peal on six bells, the unavoidable result is the curtailing a few fancy performances, and I really don't see that the number of fourteen 18-scores or such like performances, that have been rung in the past, is sufficiently great to outbalance the advantages of having a logical definition of what a peal should be. To say that the present definition will hinder progress among the six-bell ringers is all nonsense; as well might say that because composite peals on eight bells are illegal (and they have been rung) that no band would try to learn more than one method. While the assertion that the Council is incompetent to judge the matter because it is composed mostly of eight and ten-bell ringers, will not hold water a minute. The Council is the Parliament of the Exercise, and represents not six-bell ringers only, nor eight-bell ringers only, but all; and just as the six-bell ringer has a right to say what is a peal on eight bells, so has the eight-bell ringer a right to say what is a peal on six bells. I am sorry Mr. Bulwer seems to have practically abandoned his defence of the present definition. It would hardly be satisfactory if in almost the first serious difficulty that it was called upon to decide, the Council found no other means than to let the matter slide.

J. ARMIGER TROLLOP.

Valentine Street, Norwich.

AN EXPLANATION.

SIR,—In answer to Mr. E. Andrews, who asks for explanation regarding the date touch published Saturday, February 29th, under my name, the first bob lead is had from rounds, as to the odd changes, it is intended for 4-7-6 to lie still at the commencement of the first part.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

1 2 4 3 5 7 6

1 4 2 3 5 6 7

1 2 4 5 3 6 7

1 2 5 4 3 6 7

1 5 2 4 3 6 7

1 2 5 3 4 7 6

Odd changes.

2 1 3 5 4 7 6

2 3 1 4 5 6 7 etc.

I trust this explanation will prove sufficient and satisfactory.

EDWARD COOK.

A CORRECTION.

SIR,—The peal of Duffield Major rung at Duffield and published in your last issue, was composed by Mr. H. Dains, not by myself.

A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD.

BOB TRIPLES.

SIR,—In looking through last year's "BELL NEWS" I came across a peal of Bob Triples rung by the Chester Diocesan Guild at Bromborough, Cheshire, conducted by J. Dillon. The peal is marked "Fisher's ten-part." If this is the peal published by J. Fisher, of Wigan, the calling of which runs

M W H

2 2

2 2

only given by the bob changes, the conductor might prick out the fourteenth course, where he will see the bells run round at hand at the first H after the part-end 623457.

W. WILLSON.

Church Street, Leicester.

EWHRST (Surrey).—On Saturday, February 29th, for practice at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor in 27 mins. *H. Tidy, 1; *W. Whittington, 2; F. Francis, 3; R. Whittington, 4; Fredk. Francis, 5; W. Tidy (conductor), 6. *First. 720.

Notices.

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Heavy Woollen Districts Association, Yorkshire.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Lindley to-day, Saturday, March 21st, at 5 p.m. Meeting house Globe inn.

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

The Lancashire Association.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Christ Church, Bacup, to-day, Saturday, March 21st. Bells ready at 3.30, meeting at 6.30. Any Minor method can be rung in this tower that is wished for.

J. B. TAYLOR, *Branch Sec.*

18, Townsend Street, Waterfoot.

Chester Diocesan Guild.—Wirral Branch. The monthly meeting will be held in the Parish Room, adjoining the church, Heswall, to-day, Saturday, March 21st. Tea at 6 p.m. (free).

F. R. T. BOLTON,

Braeside, West Kirby.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.—The next meeting will be held at St. Michael's, Cornhill, on Tuesday, March 24th, at 8 p.m.

W. T. COCKERILL, *Hon. Sec.*

37, Tradescant Road, South Lambeth, S.W.

South and West Middlesex Guild.—The next monthly meeting of the above Guild will be held at Heston, Middlesex, on Saturday, March 28th. Ringing 5.30 p.m.

E. J. WALSON, *Hon. Sec.*

1, Kerrison Villas, The Park, Ealing.

Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. James' church, Birch, Rusholme, on Saturday, March 28th. Bells ready at 4 p.m., meeting at 7 p.m.

WALTER BROWN, *Branch Sec.*

54, Wenlock Street, Hulme, Manchester.

The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The annual ringing meeting of this society will be held at Headquarters, Leeds parish church (12 bells), on Saturday, March 28th. Ringing from 3 p.m., business meeting at 6 p.m. prompt, at The Crown and Fleece hotel, Crown street, near the Corn Exchange. Balance Sheet, election of officers, etc.

R. BINNS, *Hon. Sec.*

3, Dame Street, Hogg's Field, Holbeck, Leeds.

Archdeaconry of Salop Guild.—The next monthly meeting will be held at St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, on April 6th (Easter Monday). Ringing at 11.30 a.m. Business meeting 12.30 p.m.

J. MACKAY, *Hon. Sec.*

Leaton Vicarage, Shrewsbury.

Worcestershire and Districts Association.—The annual meeting of this Association will be held by kind permission of the Dean and Chapter, in the Chapter House, Worcester Cathedral, on Easter Monday, April 6th, at 2 o'clock prompt. The Very Rev. the Dean has kindly consented to preside. The Cathedral tower and bells will be available after evening, 5.0 p.m. Also the bells at St. John's, St. Swithin's, and St. Nicholas'. Tea will be provided for all members sending their names to me not later than Wednesday, April 1st. Members kindly note that all subscriptions should be paid at this meeting.

JOHN SMITH, *Hon. Sec.*

The Essex Association.—The next district meeting will be held at Halstead on Easter Monday. The towers of St. Andrew's, Halstead, Greensted Green, and Earls Colne (all six bells), will be open. A brake for the two latter places will leave St. Andrew's church at 12.30, returning about 4 p.m. Tea will be provided in St. Andrew's school at 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Members intending to be present must notify the same to me before Palm Sunday.

H. T. W. EYRE, *Assistant Sec.*

Great Totham Vicarage, Witham.

The Surrey Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Streatham on Easter Monday. Tea at the National Schools, Mitcham lane, at 5.30 p.m., by kind permission of the Rev. Canon Nicholl. Representatives are requested to send to the undersigned, not later than the Wednesday previous, the number of members who intend being present, as provision will be made for those only. The tower of the parish church will be open at 3 p.m., where six-bell ringers should meet if possible, also Immanuel (8 bells), will be available for ringing at the same time.

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

13, Sunnyhill Road, Streatham, S.W.

The East Derbyshire Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Clay Cross on Easter Monday, April 6th. Bells open 9 a.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea (1s. each), at 5.15 p.m., meeting afterwards.

T. ALLIBONE, *Hon. Sec.*

The Hertfordshire Association.—Annual meeting at St. Albans on Easter Monday.

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

Llandaff Diocesan Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Caldicot (Mon.), in the schoolroom at 3 p.m. on Easter Monday, April 6th. There will be a short service, with address to the ringers, by the Rev. F. W. Clarke, Vicar of Caldicot. Members who have not paid their subscriptions for the current year are kindly requested to do so at this meeting.

D. H. GRIFFITHS, *Hon. Sec.*

Salisbury Road, Cardiff.

The North Notts Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at East Markham (Tuxford station), on Easter Monday, April 6th. Tower open at 3 p.m., tea at 5 p.m. Members who intend to be present at tea are requested to send their names to Mr. C. Crawford, East Markham, Newark, not later than March 31st.

B. DARLEY, *Hon. Sec.*

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Leek on Easter Monday, April 6th. The leaders of towers are earnestly requested to give notice to Mr. T. Turner, Westwood, near Leek, as to the number of members likely to be present from their towers, either for dinner, tea or both, not later than Monday, March 30th. Belfry open at 10 a.m. Further particulars next week.

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

Midland Counties' Association.—Preliminary Notice.—The annual meeting will be held at Nottingham on Easter Monday, April 6th. Committee meeting at 3.30. Tea, followed by general meeting, at 4 p.m., both in St. Mary's Hall. Parties of eight or more can obtain fare-and-a-quarter tickets, by giving three days' notice at any station.

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

22, St. Peter's Road, Leicester.

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2	3	4	5	6		1	2		

Rung at the church of St. Philip, Birmingham, Marc 7th, 1896, conducted by its composer.

This peal was published in our last number, but the bobs before were accidentally omitted.

Mr. J. Rogers, of London, writes:—"The 5255 Grandsire Caters, by J. W. Moorhouse, of Wakefield, published last week, is false."

Mr. F. Dench, of Crawley, writes:—"The two-part peal of Superlative, published last week by me, should have the bob at home in the 7th course omitted. And my 6240 Treble Bob Major, is false, for which I apologise."

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, MARCH 21, 1896.

We publish in this number the list of subjects which are to be brought forward for the consideration of the Central Council at its Sixth Annual Meeting next Easter Tuesday, April 7th. As every one knows this meeting will be held at Brighton, but the details, such as the place of meeting, and other important matters, have apparently not been finally settled, though why they have not we are at a loss to conceive. It will no doubt be thought that there has been plenty of time for the arrangement of every particular connected with this gathering. At any rate this is the first time, since the establishment of the Council, that the primary announcement has not comprised the requisite information as to where the meeting will be held.

In perusing the agenda, we are glad to see that the six-bell question will come up for discussion, and we trust this may end in a settlement of the points at issue which will be satisfactory all round. That is all we need say on

this subject at present. The proposal to increase in number of members the Committee on peal classification appears a wise one, and it will be well if the duties of such Committee is unmistakably defined while the subject is under consideration. The subject of cheap railway fares is, even in these days of horseless locomotion, very appropriate, and many who read these lines will hope that the negotiations proposed to be entered upon with the several railway authorities will be successful. The present and often irregular mode of election to ringing Guilds and Associations are in many instances far from satisfactory, and certainly a reform in such procedure is needed. The suggestion proposed to be made by the Council to the authorities concerned is one which nobody can find any reasonable fault with. Those who are acquainted with many of the present unsatisfactory modes of election will be glad to see this proposal carried.

The Agenda bristles with important and interesting subjects, but we have only been able on this occasion to refer to a few of them.

The Metropolis.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, March 14, 1896, in Three Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTON, STEPNEY,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 32 cwt. in D.

JAMES SCHOLLES* Treble.	HENRY SPRINGALL 6.
JAMES PETTIT 2.	SAMUEL HAYES 7.
YORK GREEN 3.	*ERNEST CLAYTON 8.
SAMUEL JOYCE 4.	EMANUEL HALL 9.
WILLIAM BURKIN 5.	WILLIAM COCKERILL Tenor.

Composed by YORK GREEN and Conducted by HENRY SPRINGALL.

*First peal in the method on the bells, and first in the method by all the band.
*First peal on ten bells. This composition, now rung for the first time, is a one-part peal, with the 6th at home throughout, and the first fourteen courses in the titlums position.

The Provinces.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.

THE ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.

On Thursday, March 12, 1896, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor about 10½ cwt.

FRANK BROWN* Treble.	†PHILIP WM. DAVIES 5.
JOHN HOPWOOD 2.	HARRY CHAPMAN 6.
HARRY HEAP 3.	JAMES ADAMS 7.
JAMES WOOD 4.	SAMUEL WOOD Tenor.

Composed by the late JAMES WOOD and Conducted by SAMUEL WOOD.

*First peal in the method. †First peal of Major. The above is the first peal in the method in the new tower, and was rung on the front eight of the peal of twelve. Mr. Davies hails from Bangor, North Wales, and was elected a member of the above Society before starting for the peal.

BIRMINGHAM.—MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

(BIRMINGHAM AMALGAMATED SOCIETY BRANCH.)

On Friday, March 13, 1896, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, DERITEND,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 13 cwt.

FRANK H. JAMES Treble.	GEORGE HITCHMAN 5.
THOMAS COLLINSON 2.	JOHN CARTER 6.
JAMES JONES 3.	CHARLES SPARKES 7.
GEORGE WALKER 4.	JAMES DAVIES Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JOHN CARTER.

This peal, in eight parts, is now rung for the first time, and is the first peal in the method ever rung in Birmingham, and by all the band. Rung as a birthday compliment to J. Jones, the ringers wishing him many happy returns of the day.

WOMBOURN, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Friday, March 13, 1896, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BENEDICT,

A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. A. TROLLOPE'S No. 19. Tenor 10 cwt. 12 lbs.

WALTER SMITH* Treble.	*PERCY SADLER 5.
JAMES BATE* 2.	GEORGE ASHLEY 6.
ROWLAND CARTWRIGHT 3.	JAMES E. GROVES 7.
HORACE SADLER* 4.	†WILLIAM T. HARLEY Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

†First peal. *First peal in the method. Rung on the 28th birthday of the conductor, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, March 14, 1896, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES.

Tenor 23 cwt.

WILLIAM G. HALL* Treble.	HENRY DAWKES 6.
HERBERT KNIGHT 2.	JAMES E. GROVES 7.
WILLIAM SMITH 3.	AARON GRIFFITHS 8.
BENJAMIN DALTON 4.	ROWLAND CARTWRIGHT 9.
HENRY A. HALL 5.	*FARRINGTON JONES Tenor.

Composed by E. BENNETT, of Beddington, and

Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

*First peal of Caters. The calling of this peal will be found in "THE BELL NEWS" of the 7th inst. The 7th bell is a new one by Mears, and takes the place of the one that cracked during the ringing of a peal in September last year.

STEYNING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 14, 1896, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qrs. 24 lbs.

GEORGE GATLAND Treble.	FRANK BENNETT 5.
EDWIN RAPLEY* 2.	CHARLES SMART 6.
JOHN SMART 3.	WILLIAM WOOLGAR 7.
GEORGE WILLIAMS 4.	C. T. P. BRICE Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN and Conducted by C. T. P. BRICE.

*First peal of Major. The figures of this peal will be found in "THE BELL NEWS" of February 22nd, and contains the 6th her extent wrong, and the 4th, 5th, and 6th their extent in 6ths place, the 6th being five course ends at home, and is obtained in the minimum number of changes, being the first peal yet obtained with these qualities. Mr. Brice, for whom this peal was arranged, hails from London; Williams and Bennett from Brighton (St. Peter's); the rest are local men.

BLACKPOOL, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—BLACKBURN BRANCH. (THE HOLY TRINITY SOCIETY, BURNLEY.)

On Saturday, March 14, 1896, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 13 cwt.

HARTLEY HEYWORTH .. Treble.	JOHN ROWE WERRING .. 5.
NOAH TOWNEND 2.	RICHARD ASHWORTH .. 6.
DAVID HEYS 3.	THOMAS MOUNCEY .. 7.
JOHN WILLIAM STIRK .. 4.	TOM REDMAN Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN, of Lincoln, and

Conducted by TOM REDMAN.

This peal has the 6th her extent wrong, and the 4th, 5th and 6th their extent in 6ths place, and the 6th five course ends at home. The ringers wish, through the medium of this paper, to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells, also the local ringers for having all in readiness. First peal in the method on the bells.

CENTRAL COUNCIL.—PEAL COLLECTION.—APPENDIX
DIX 1895 is now ready, containing 100 pages of peals in various methods; uniform with Report on Calls, with which it will be forwarded post free on receipt of sevenpence-halfpenny in stamps by Rev. H. EARLE BULWER, Stanhoe Rectory, King's Lynn.

BEVERLEY, YORKS. — THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.*On Saturday, March 14, 1896, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

HARRY SMELT* Treble.	†FRANK OSGERBY 5.
THOMAS NEILL 2.	THOMAS HAIGH 6.
H. W. HOWARD 3.	JAMES DIXEY 7.
JOHN YOUNEY 4.	GEORGE HARE Tenor.

Conducted by FRANK OSGERBY.

*First peal. †First peal as conductor. Messrs. Neill, Howard, and Haigh hail from York; Dixey from Hull; the rest belong to the local band. This is the first peal on the bells, and was rung to commemorate the jubilee of William Whitfield as a ringer in this tower, he being unable through ill-health to take part in it.

DARLINGTON.**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

(THE DARLINGTON AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, March 14, 1896, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

RICHARD JOHNSON* Treble.	†GEORGE PARK 5.
G. J. LUNGLEY† 2.	WILLIAM PORTER 6.
THOMAS LUNGLEY† 3.	†GEORGE W. PARK 7.
ROBERT B. WILSON† 4.	*WILLIAM AULD Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM PORTER.

*First peal. †First peal in the method. This is the first peal of Grandsire Triples ever rang in Darlington. The ringers wish to thank the local company for the use of the bells.

WHITWICK, LEICESTERSHIRE.**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, March 14, 1896, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt. in F.

JOHN T. ALLEN Treble.	HENRY PARTRIDGE 5.
WALTER WEST 2.	BENJAMIN WEST 6.
STORER W. WEST 3.	RICHARD F. LANE 7.
JOHN A. MOULT 4.	LEVI PARTRIDGE Tenor.

Conducted by R. F. LANE.

First peal by all except the conductor, and was rung after receiving two lessons. R. F. Lane hails from Loughborough; the rest belong to the local company.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.**THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Monday, March 16, 1896, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

SIDNEY T. GOODCHILD .. Treble.	FRANK K. BIGGS 5.
HARRY STRATFORD 2.	FREDERICK G. BIGGS .. 6.
JOHN C. TRUSS, JUN.† .. 3.	JOHN EVANS 7.
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL* .. 4.	RALPH H. BIGGS Tenor.

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW and Conducted by J. C. TRUSS, JUN.

*First peal in the method. †First Surprise peal as conductor. This peal was attempted at Marlow on Saturday, March 14th, as a birthday compliment to Mr. Evans, but failed after ringing 2 hrs. 18 mins.

CHIDDINGSTONE, KENT.*On Monday, March 16, 1896, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REEVES'S VARIATION.

Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. in E.

THOMAS BELTON Treble.	FREDERICK WHIBLEY .. 5.
GEORGE EDWARDS 2.	ALICK AYLWARD 6.
ALBERT LONGLEY 3.	ROBERT KING 7.
FREDERICK BUTCHER .. 4.	*HENRY DENTON Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE EDWARDS.

*First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to F. Whibley, his brother-strings wishing him many happy returns.

Performances on Five and Six Bells.**HAYES, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, March 14, 1896, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

SEVEN 720s OF MINOR, as follows:

Three of Canterbury Pleasure, and four of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 8½ cwt.

JOSEPH TOWN* Treble.	*WALTER SMITH 4.
HENRY BROWN* 2.	*T. PERCIVAL RICHARDS .. 5.
HENRY READER 3.	†JOHN HACK Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN HACK.

*First 5040. †First 5040 as conductor. Messrs. Richards, Smith and Town hail from Penge; the rest belong to the local band.

TONG, YORKSHIRE.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.*On Saturday, March 14, 1896, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

SEVEN 720s OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, as follows:

Primrose, Tulip, College Treble Bob, City Delight, Arnold's Victory, College Pleasure, and Violet. Tenor 12 cwt.

FREDK. W. HARGREAVES .. Treble.	WILLIAM BOLLAND 4.
ELI BROOKE 2.	GEORGE BOLLAND 5.
GEORGE HUNT 3.	ROBERT THICKETT Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE BOLLAND.

Messrs. Brooke, Hunt and Thickett hail from Horbury; the rest belong to the local company.

Date Touches.**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

BRANDESTON (Suffolk).—On Saturday, January 25th, a date touch consisting of 720 College Single and 1176 Bob Minor, in 1 hr. 3 mins. W. Bedingfield, 1; T. Bradlaugh, 2; D. G. Wightman, 3; H. Bedingfield, 4; A. Meadows, 5; H. W. Baldry (conductor), 6.

STOKE-ON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

CHEDDLETON (Staffordshire).—On Wednesday, February 5th, a date touch of Bob Minor, 1896 changes, in 1 hr. 5 mins. W. Gilbert, 1; W. Armit, 2; J. Gilbert, 3; W. Shuker, 4; H. Birch (conductor), 5; E. Spooner, 6. Longest length by Messrs. Gilbert (2), and Shuker.

Miscellaneous.**THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.**

ORDSALL (Notts).—On Tuesday, January 21st, for practice, 720 Bob Minor (26 singles) in 25 mins. H. Street, 1; W. Johnson, 2; G. Clark, 3; R. Potter, 4; H. Blagg (conductor), 5; J. White, 6. On Sunday, January 26th, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor in 25 mins. H. Street, 1; W. Johnson, 2; G. Clark, 3; W. Skelton, 4; H. Lambert (conductor), 5; J. White, 6. On Tuesday, January 28th, 720 Bob Minor. H. Street, 1; G. Belk, 2; G. Clark, 3; H. Lambert, 4; R. Potter, 5; J. White (conductor), 6. On Sunday morning, February 2nd, for Divine Service, 720 Canterbury Pleasure. H. Merrills, 1; W. Skelton, 2; G. Clark, 3; H. Lambert, 4; W. Johnson, 5; J. White (conductor), 6. For evening service 720 College Single. H. Street, 1; W. Skelton, 2; H. Clark, 3; H. Lambert (conductor), 4; W. Johnson, 5; J. White, 6. First 720 of Canterbury and College Single by W. Skelton. On Wednesday, February 5th, for practice, 720 Duke of York in 24 mins. H. Warburton, 1; G. Winter, 2; H. Blagg, 3; H. Lambert, 4; H. Haigh (conductor), 5; J. White, 6. First 720 in the method by all except the conductor, and first on the bells.

EAST RETFORD (Notts).—On Saturday, February 8th, for practice, 704 Kent Treble Major in 30 mins. G. Winter, 1; G. Swannack, 2; H. Blagg, 3; H. Lambert, 4; J. Swannack, 5; J. White, 6; H. Haigh, 7; J. B. Joynes (conductor), 8. Also a plain course of College Single Major. On Sunday, February 9th, 503 Grandsire Caters. E. Collingburn, 1; G. Swannack, 2; G. Winter, 3; H. Haigh, 4; J. T.

Bottomley, 5; T. H. Denman, 6; T. Spurr (conductor), 7; H. Warburton, 8; J. B. Joynes, 9; G. Metcalfe, 10.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

HALESWORTH (Suffolk).—Recently, for Divine Service at the parish church, 560 Bob Major. S. Kerrison, 1; F. Lambert (conductor), 2; E. Easter, 3; J. Howard, 4; R. Howard, 5; G. Thompson (Kelsale), 6; C. Kerrison, 7; J. Larter, 8. On handbells, three courses of Grandsire Triples. Mrs. F. Lambert, 1-2; J. Larter, 3-4; F. Lambert, 5-6; G. Thompson, 7-8. On Thursday, February 6th, 720 Doubles as follows; a 6-score each of Plain Bob, Morning Star, Old Doubles, April Day, Canterbury, and Grandsire, and four courses of Stedman Doubles. A. Took, 1; W. Pierce, 2; F. Lambert (conductor), 3-4; Mrs. F. Lambert, 5-6.

RUMBURGH (Suffolk).—On Sunday, February 9th, 720 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles. F. Lambert (conductor), 1; F. Woods, 2; F. Clarke, 3; S. Bird, 4; W. Hunt, 5.

WISSETT (Suffolk).—On Sunday, February 9th, 720 Grandsire, Plain, and Old Doubles. F. Lambert (conductor), 1; C. Kerrison, 2; W. Kemp, 3; W. Durrant, 4; S. Kerrison, 5.

LAXFIELD (Suffolk).—On Tuesday, February 11th, 720 Bob Minor. W. Hollingsworth, 1; J. Moss, 2; O. Felgate, 3; W. Emery, 4; S. Hembling, 5; S. Smith (conductor), 6. First 720 by all except the conductor.

BRAMFIELD (Suffolk).—On Monday, February 17th, 720 St. Simon's, Plain, Old, and Grandsire Doubles. W. Pierce, 1; F. Lambert (conductor), 2; E. Thain, 3; E. Chatten, 4; J. Purnard, 5. Also 360 Grandsire. A. Took, 1; the rest as before.

BRANDSTON (Suffolk).—On Thursday, January 30th, on handbells, 720 Bob Minor. H. W. Baldry, 1-2; D. G. Wightman (conductor), 3-4; A. Meadows, 5-6. Also 360 Bob Minor (twelve singles). A. Meadows, 1-2; D. G. Wightman (conductor), 3-4; H. W. Baldry, 5-6. On Tuesday, February 4th, 720 College Single. W. Bedingfield, 1; T. Bradlaugh, 2; D. G. Wightman, 3; H. W. Baldry (conductor), 4; A. Meadows, 5; H. Bedingfield, 6. On Tuesday, February 18th, 720 Oxford Bob. W. Bedingfield, 1; T. Bradlaugh, 2; H. Bedingfield, 3; A. Meadows, 4; H. W. Baldry, 5; D. G. Wightman (conductor), 6. On handbells, 560 Bob Major. H. Bedingfield, 1-2; D. G. Wightman (conductor), 3-4; H. W. Baldry, 5-6; A. Meadows, 7-8.

QUIDENHAM (Norfolk).—On Sunday morning, February 16th, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor. E. Etteridge, 1; J. Sage, 2; J. Warren, 3; E. Haylett, 4; J. Woods, 5; J. Lawrence, 6. Tenor 16 cwt.

BANHAM (Norfolk).—On Sunday morning, February 16th, after Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor. E. Etteridge, 1; J. Tite, 2; R. Patrick, 3; J. Lawrence, 4; J. Woods, 5; W. Nudds, 6. Tenor 12 cwt. Etteridge, Lawrence, and Warren hail from Attleborough.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

WEST MALLING (Kent).—On Tuesday, February 18th, for practice, 504 Bob Triples. R. Cruttenden, 1; J. Capon, 2; R. W. Leonard, 3; W. Smith, 4; D. Hall, 5; J. Wood, 6; J. W. Leonard (conductor), 7; P. Masters, 8. Also 756 Bob Triples. R. Cruttenden, 1; W. Smith, 2; S. G. Leonard, 3; J. Capon, 4; W. Harden, 5; D. Hall, 6; J. W. Leonard (conductor), 7; P. Masters, 8. And 336 Grandsire Triples. J. Capon, 1; W. Smith, 2; E. Baldock, 3; W. Harden, 4; D. Hall, 5; J. Wood, 6; J. W. Leonard (conductor), 7; P. Masters, 8.

LAMBERHURST (Kent).—On January 19th, at St. Mary's church, 720 Kent Treble Bob. E. Lambert, 1; E. C. Lambert, 2; F. Butchers, 3; J. Beach, 4; W. Lambert, 5; F. Lambert (conductor), 6.

HORSMONDEN (Kent).—On January 26th, 720 of Bob Minor. T. Lambert, 1; J. Acott (Brenchley), 2; E. C. Lambert, 3; W. Lambert, 4; F. Butchers, 5; F. Lambert (conductor), 6. On January 27th, two 720s of Oxford Treble Bob and one of Violet Treble Bob, being the first in the method by the following: T. Lambert, E. Lambert, E. C. Lambert, W. Lambert, F. Lambert (conductor), F. Butchers, J. Beach. On February 17th, on the occasion of the marriage of Miss J. E. Lambert, 720 Violet Treble Bob. E. Lambert, 1; E. C. Lambert, 2; F. Butchers, 3; W. Lambert, 4; J. Beach, 5; F. Lambert (conductor), 6.

BRENCHLEY.—Recently, on the marriage of Mr. H. Perryman, 720 each of Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob. W. Lambert, E. C. Lambert, F. Lambert (conductor), J. Beach, F. Butchers, J. Harris, G. Henley, W. Bourne, A. Banks, J. Acott.

GOUDHURST (Kent).—Recently several touches of Grandsire and Bob Triples, and a course of Bob Major were rung by E. Lambert, E. C. Lambert, W. Lambert, F. Lambert (conductor), J. Beach, F. Butchers, G. Hodge, G. Henley, J. Harris and G. Good.

SWANSCOMBE (Kent).—On Monday, January 13th, 720 Bob Minor. L. Digweed, 1; A. Cornford, 2; F. J. Ring, 3; L. Silver, 4; W. Martin (conductor), 5; G. Hayes, 6. On Sunday, January 19th, 720 Superlative Surprise. L. Digweed, 1; G. Hayes, 2; F. J. Ring, 3; M. Digby, 4; W. Martin, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6. Also 720 Kent Treble Bob. A. Cornford, 1; L. Digweed, 2; G. Hayes, 3; F. J. Ring, 4; M. Digby, 5; W. Martin (conductor), 6.

ASHFORD (Kent).—On Thursday, February 20th, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor (thirty singles and six bobs) with 6-8 covering. J. Steddy, 1; E. Dyson, 2; G. Head, 3; F. Philpott, 4; A. Brett, 5; C. Hukins, 6; A. Dyson (conductor), 7; F. Beeken, 8. And 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-eight bobs and twenty-two singles, with the tenor covering. E. Dyson, 1; G. Head, 3; A. Brett, 4; J. Steddy, 5; A. Dyson (conductor), 6; T. Tabrett, 7; F. Philpott, 8. J. Steddy hails from Edenbridge; Brett from Canterbury; Philpott from Kennington.

BROMLEY (Kent).—On Sunday, January 26th, for evening service, 630 Grandsire Triples. H. Reader, 1; F. Sanders, 2; E. Dunn, 3; G. Durling (conductor), 4; J. Hack, 5; G. Simpson, 6; P. Harman, 7; W. James, 8. On Sunday, February 16th, for morning service, 1024 Bob Major. J. Town, 1; W. Fright, 2; E. Dunn, 3; J. Hack, 4; P. Harman, 5; F. Sanders, 6; G. Durling, 7; T. Groombridge (conductor), 8. On Sunday, February 23rd, for morning service, 504 Stedman Triples. W. Fright, 1; T. Durling, 2; W. Smith, 3; J. Hack, 4; G. Durling, 5; P. Harman, 6; T. Groombridge (conductor), 7; W. James, 8. *First 504 in the method.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CIRENCESTER (Gloucestershire).—On Tuesday, February 18th, at the parish church on the back eight, 1316 Grandsire Triples by Messrs. Bond, Edwards, Gardner, Midwinter, Bartlett, H. C. Bond (conductor), H. T. Gardner, and Clutterbuck.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—BLACKBURN BRANCH.

OSWALD TWISTLE.—On December 25th, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor. W. Britcliffe, 1; J. Whalley, 2; C. Sharples, 3; R. Sharples, 4; W. Pattinson, 5; R. Parkinson, 6. On February 9th, 360 Bob Minor, on handbells. R. Sharples, 1-2; C. Sharples, 3-4; R. Parkinson, 5-6. On February 19th, 336 Bob Major, on handbells. J. Whalley, 1-2; C. Sharples, 3-4; R. Parkinson, 5-6; R. Sharples, 7-8. Longest touches on handbells by all.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

CAPEL (Surrey).—On Tuesday evening, January 15th, for practice, 720 Superlative Surprise. W. Neal, 1; T. Stedman, 2; E. Jordan, 3; A. Taylor, 4; T. Fairs, 5; D. Jordan (conductor), 6. On Friday, January 17th, 720 Cambridge Surprise. E. Holloway, 1; the rest as before. On Thursday, January 30th, 720 London Surprise. E. Holloway, 1; E. Jordan, 2; T. Stedman, 3; A. Taylor, 4; T. Fairs, 5; D. Jordan (conductor), 6. On Sunday, February 16th, 720 Superlative Surprise. E. Holloway, 1; J. Akehurst, 2; T. Stedman, 3; R. Jordan, 4; T. Fairs, 5; E. Jordan (conductor), 6. And for evening service, 720 College Pleasure. E. Holloway, 1; J. Akehurst, 2; T. Stedman, 3; C. Taylor, 4; R. Jordan, 5; E. Jordan (conductor), 6.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

LONDON.—On Sunday February 16th, for evening service at St. Dunstan's church, Stepney, 1259 Grandsire Caters, in 50 mins. *C. Dempsey, 1; J. Bonney, 2; H. Springall (composer and conductor), 3; E. Hall, 4; Y. Green, 5; S. Hayes, 6; S. Parmenter, 7; T. Taffender, 8; F. Newman, 9; G. Barrell, 10. *Longest touch in the method.

THE ALL SAINTS' SOCIETY, FULHAM.

FULHAM.—On Sunday evening, February 23rd, for Divine Service at All Saints' church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. J. Green, 1; W. Elson, 2; H. Adams, 3; E. E. Huntley, 4; C. Charge, 5; J. Nicholls, 6; E. H. Adams, 7; W. Meaton, 8. Composed and conducted by Cornelius Charge.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

HEREFORD.—On Wednesday, February 5th, at the church of St. Nicholas, 720 Bob Minor. J. Jones, 1; T. Williams, 2; J. Wall, 3; W. Greenleaf, 4; J. Groves (conductor), 5; C. Edwards, 6. Also 120 Stedman Doubles. C. Edwards, 1; W. Greenleaf, 2; J. Wall, 3; T. Williams, 4; J. Groves, 5; H. King, 6.

THE SALOP GUILD.

SHREWSBURY.—On Friday, February 7th, at St. Michael's church, 720 Grandsire Minor in 17 mins. W. Hannott, 1; G. Taylor, 2; W.

Espley, 3; F. Taylor, 4; C. Burrows, 5; J. Groves (conductor), 6. Tenor 7 cwt. in C.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

TETTENHALL (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, February 9th, at St. Michael's church, 720 Bob Minor in 24 mins. J. Groves (conductor), 1; H. Hall, 2; B. Dalton, 3; J. Bowe, 4; A. Griffiths, 5; H. Knight, 6. On Sunday, February 14th, 1260 Grandsire Doubles, being ten-and-a-half 6-scores, each called differently, in 40 mins. C. Southwick, 1; J. Gabb, 2; B. Dalton, 3; J. Rowe, 4; J. Groves (conductor), 5; A. Cozins, 6.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

ALDERMASTON (Berks.).—On Friday, February 21st, a new band termed the Bradfield Deanery branch, succeeded in ringing six courses of Grandsire Minor. This band has lately had a course of three lessons under Mr. W. Newell, of Reading, and bids fair to become a good change-ringing band. No doubt the above task seems a small matter to experienced ringers, but it means a deal to them.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

TURVEY (Beds.).—On January 4th, on the occasion of the quarterly meeting being held here, 720 Kent Treble Bob. W. Hall, 1; C. Chasty, 2; Rev. W. W. C. Baker, 3; H. Sharp (conductor), 4; I. Hills, 5; C. Clarke, 6. And 720 Double Court. G. Allen, 1; C. Chasty, 2; S. Cullip, 3; F. Hull, 4; C. Clarke (conductor), 5; H. Sharp, 6. Also 720 Bob Minor. S. Cullip, 1; W. Hall, 2; I. Hills, 3; H. Sharp, 4; Rev. W. W. C. Baker, 5; W. Freeman (conductor), 6. And 720 College Exercise. Rev. W. W. C. Baker, 1; C. Chasty, 2; F. Hull, 3; C. Clarke (conductor), 4; I. Hills, 5; H. Sharp, 6.

BEDFORD.—On January 28th, 720 Bob Minor. A. Robinson, 1; A. Lowe, 2; F. Lowe, 3; S. Lowe, 4; H. Toll, 5; S. Constant (conductor), 6. This is the first 720 by the St. Peter's band. On January 30th, 720 Bob Minor. F. Lowe, 1; A. Lowe, 2; S. Lowe, 3; H. Toll, 4; A. Robinson, 5; S. Constant (conductor), 6. On February 5th, 720 Oxford Bob. F. Parrott (first 720), 1; I. Hills, 2; C. Chasty, 3; C. Clarke (conductor), 4; F. Smith, 5; H. Tysoe, 6. Also 720 Kent Treble Bob. H. Tysoe, 1; S. Lowe, 2; F. Sharp, 3; I. Hills, 4; H. Toll, 5; C. Clarke (conductor), 6. Also 720 Double Court. C. Chasty, 1; S. Lowe (first 720 in the method), 2; C. Clarke (conductor), 3; F. Sharp, 4; H. Tysoe, 5; F. Smith, 6. On February 11th, 720 Bob Minor. A. Parrott, 1; H. Toll, 2; F. Lowe, 3; S. Lowe, 4; S. Constant (conductor), 5; A. Robinson, 6.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

LEATHERHEAD (Surrey).—On Monday, February 14th, an attempt for a peal of Grandsire Triples came to grief after ringing 3280 changes in 1 hr. 57 mins., owing to the bad "go" of the heavy bells. F. Kemp, 1; H. Wood, 2; W. Crockford, 3; J. Wyatt, 4; W. Marks, 5; W. Messam, 6; E. Hull, 7; E. Boniface and G. Chantler, 8. Rung in honour of the birthday of Mr. Lisney, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns. Tenor 20 cwt.

THE ELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

HITCHAM (Suffolk).—On Monday, February 3rd, for practice at All Saints' church, 720 Bob Minor (twenty bobs and ten singles). H. C. Sewell, 1; W. Stiff, 2; J. Snell, 3; T. Lovett, 4; F. Cook, 5; C. W. R. Grimwood (conductor), 6. On Wednesday, February 12th, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). W. Stiff, 1; T. Levett, 2; J. Snell, 3; H. C. Sewell, 4; C. Grimwood, 5; J. Taylor, 6. And 720 Bob Minor (ten bobs and six singles). H. Sewell, 1; C. Grimwood, 2; J. Taylor, 3; C. W. Grimwood, 4; F. Cook, 5; W. Stiff (conductor), 6. Also 120 Oxford Treble Bob, being the first in the method by all. On Monday, February 17th, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). J. Sewell, 1; T. Levett, 2; H. Sewell, 3; W. Stiff, 4; F. Cook, 5; C. Grimwood (conductor), 6. This is J. Sewell's first 720, and was rung at the first attempt, great credit being due to him as he is only fourteen years of age. J. Taylor hails from Billesdon; the rest belong to the local company.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

DERBY.—On Tuesday, February 18th, at St. Werburgh's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. J. Thompson, 1; T.

Anthony, 2; L. Lomas, 3; J. Newbold, 4; R. Redgate, 5; A. Thompson, 6; F. Bradley (conductor), 7; T. Griffiths, 8.

BEDFORD.—On Thursday, January 30th, at St. Peter's church, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). A. Robinson, 1; A. Lowe, 2; F. Lowe, 3; S. Lowe, 4; N. Toll, 5; S. Constant (conductor), 6. On Thursday, February 13th, 720 Bob Minor (thirteen bobs and two singles). F. Parrott, 1; A. Lowe, 2; F. Lowe, 3; S. Lowe, 4; A. Robinson, 5; S. Constant (conductor), 6.

CHEPSTOW (Monmouthshire).—On Christmas Day, at St. Mary's church, 720 Bob Minor. C. Heyling, 1; H. Morgan, 2; J. Prickett, 3; R. Thompson (conductor), 4; W. Andrews, 5; J. Morley, 6; F. Bye, 7; W. Smith, 8. On New Year's eve, 720 Bob Minor. W. Yeandle (first 720), 1; T. Hopton, 2; J. Prickett, 3; R. Thompson (conductor), 4; W. Andrews, 5; J. Morley, 6; F. Bye, 7; W. Smith, 8. On Sunday morning, January 12th, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor. W. Yeandle, 1; J. Morley, 2; H. Morgan, 3; J. Prickett, 4; R. Thompson (conductor), 5; W. Andrews, 6; F. Bye, 7; W. Smith, 8. On Monday, February 10th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor with the tenor covering. W. Andrews, 1; H. Morgan, 2; T. Hopton, 3; J. Morley, 4; R. Thompson, 5; J. Prickett (conductor), 6; W. Smith, 8. First in the method by all except the conductor, and first on the bells. Also 210 Grandsire Triples. W. Andrews, 1; H. Morgan, 2; R. Thompson, 3; H. Karn (Cheltenham), 4; W. Freestone, 5; J. Prickett (conductor), 6; J. Morley, 7; W. Smith, 8. On Saturday, January 11th, 210 Grandsire Triples. W. Andrews, 1; W. Freestone, 2; J. Jones, 3; T. Hopton, 4; R. Thompson, 5; J. Prickett (conductor), 6; J. Morley, 7; M. Close, 8. On Monday, February 17th, an attempt for J. Carter's quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples came to grief after ringing 800 changes. W. Andrews, 1; H. Morgan, 2; T. Hopton, 3; H. Karn, 4; R. Thompson, 5; J. Prickett (conductor), 6; J. Morley, 7; E. Williams, 8. Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

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DEBENHAM (Suffolk).—On Saturday, February 1st, at the church of St. Mary, an attempt was made for a peal of Oxford Treble Bob, which unfortunately came to grief, after ringing 4600 changes in 2 hrs. 57 mins. W. Grimes, 1; J. Bedingfield, 2; M. Rumsey, 3; H. Howlett, 4; D. Wightman (conductor), 5; H. Baldry, 6; S. Garnham, 7; W. Flory, 8.

EMBLETON (Northumberland).—On Monday, February 17th, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor, one of the ringers being a lady. T. McLaren, 1; Miss H. Osborn, 2; R. McLaren, 3; C. Pattison, 4; J. G. Smailes, 5; C. Langley (conductor), 6.

FRAMLINGHAM (Suffolk).—On Wednesday, November 27th, for practice at St. Michael's church, 774 Oxford Treble Bob. W. Flory, 1; Rev. J. H. Pilkington, 2; A. E. Read, 3; H. Howlett, 4; W. Norman, 5; D. Wightman (conductor), 6; S. Garnham, 7; J. Self, 8. On Sunday, December 8th, for evening service, 640 Oxford Treble Bob. W. Flory, 1; A. Read, 2; J. Heffer, 3; H. Howlett, 4; W. Norman, 5; W. Crickmer (conductor), 6; S. Garnham, 7; J. Self, 8. And 224 Bob Major. W. Ostler, 1; W. Flory, 6; W. Crickmer (conductor), 8; the rest as before. On Sunday, December 15th, for morning service, 336 Bob Major. W. Ostler, 1; W. Norman, 2; C. Harper, 3; H. Howlett, 4; H. Folkard, 5; A. Read (conductor), 6; S. Garnham, 7; J. Self, 8. And for evening service, 1040 Bob Major. W. Ostler, 1; A. Read, 2; C. Harper, 3; H. Howlett, 4; W. Norman, 5; W. Flory (conductor), 6; H. Folkard, 7; J. Self, 8. On Sunday, January 26th, for evening service, 1056 Bob Major. W. Ostler, 1; W. Flory (conductor), 2; A. Read, 3; H. Howlett, 4; H. Folkard, 5; J. Self, 6; S. Garnham, 7; W. Norman, 8. On Sunday, February 9th, for evening service, 980 Bob Triples. W. Ostler, 1; Rev. J. H. Pilkington (conductor), 2; H. Howlett, 3; C. Harper, 4; A. Read, 5; W. Flory, 6; J. Self, 8. On Monday, February 17th, an attempt was made for a peal of Oxford Treble Bob, but came to grief after 3 hours' ringing, about ten leads from home. Rev. J. Holme Pilkington (composer and conductor), 1; D. Wightman, 2; H. Bedingfield, 3; H. Howlett, 4; W. Norman, 5; W. Flory, 6; S. Garnham, 7; H. Baldry, 8. Messrs. Baldry, Wightman, and Bedingfield hail from Brandeston.

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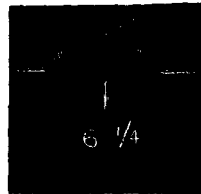


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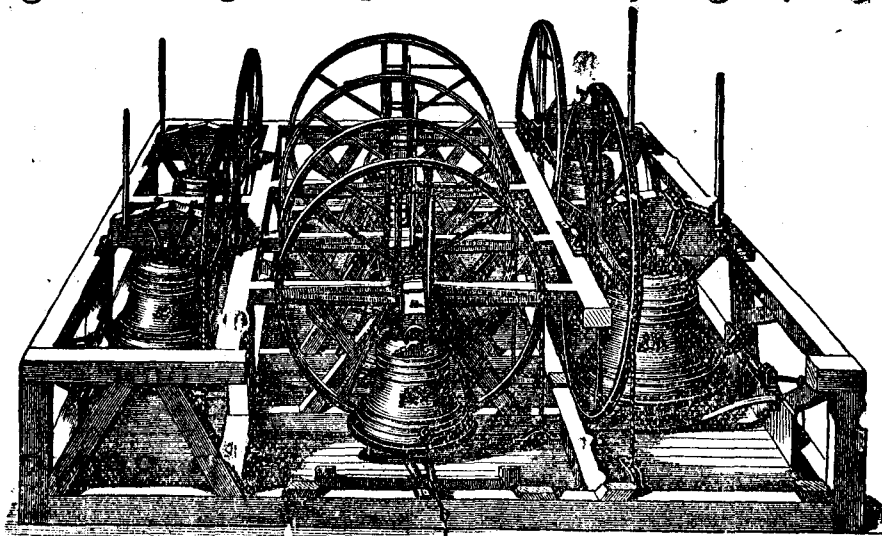
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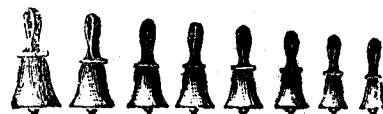
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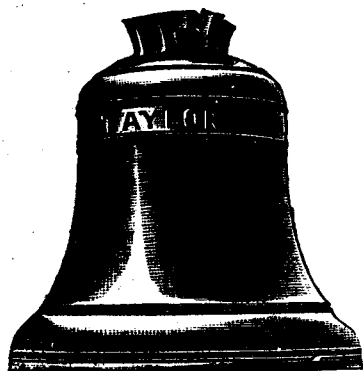
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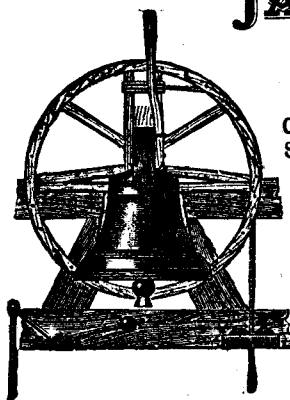
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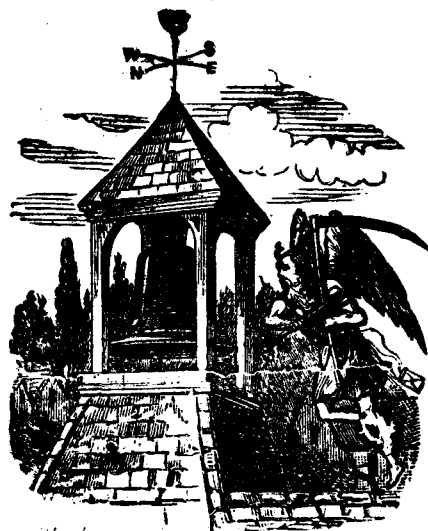
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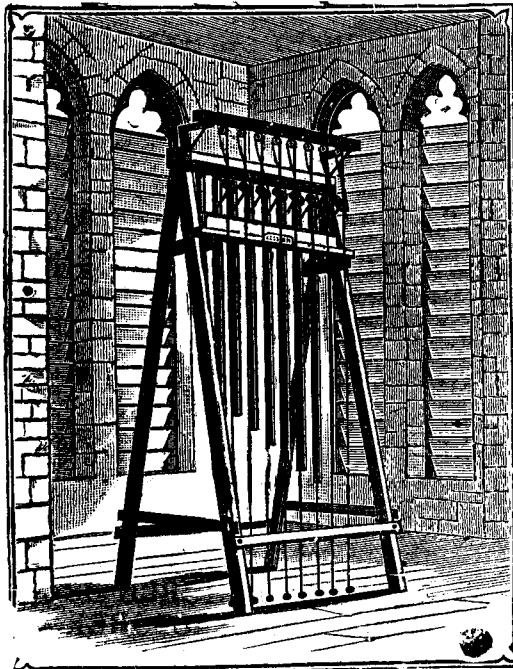
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THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The Sixth Annual Meeting of the Central Council of Church Bellringers will be held on Easter Tuesday, April 7th, 1896, at the Town Hall, Brighton, at one o'clock punctually. The Master of the Sussex County Association, Mr. G. F. Attree, most kindly invites members of the Council attending the meeting to dine with him after the meeting.

The Standing Committee will meet at 11 a.m. Members of this Committee are earnestly requested to attend. Arrangements for ringing in the evening will be made by the Sussex County Association.

AGENDA.

- 1.—Election of Hon. Members (if desired).
- 2.—To receive any further Report of Committee on Rail fares.
- 3.—To receive and decide upon the Preliminary Report of the Committee on Technical Terms.
- 4.—To receive the Report of the Committee on Peal Values.
- 5.—To consider the following motions :—
 - a. That the Annual Meeting of the Council be held on on Tuesday in Whitsun week, instead of Easter week.
 - b. That it is desirable to augment the numbers of the Committee for the classification of peals, in order that, as far as possible, each method may be dealt with by a separate member of the Committee; that to ensure uniformity of procedure, it is desirable that the whole Committee should be under the guidance of a chairman. And that it be an instruction to the enlarged Committee to furnish to the Council a definition of the points constituting "original authorship;" and of those which determine "variation."
 - c. That it shall be sufficient to constitute a peal on six bells, if, the full 720 changes in any one method having been first rung, the 5040 changes are completed by half-extents, or 360 changes, no two half-extents to be rung in the same method.
 - d. That it is desirable that at all quarterly or district meetings of any Association or Guild of Church Bell Ringers, as well as at their Annual Meetings, arrangements should be made wherever possible for holding a short service in the parish church, at which the Incumbent should be asked to address the ringers present.
 - e. That a deputation be appointed to wait upon the Railway Clearing House in London with a view to obtaining cheap travelling privileges such as are now granted to angling societies, golf-clubs and other institutions, and to consider other matters relating thereto.
 - f. That it is desirable when members are elected otherwise than at recognised Association meetings, that some uniform regulation relating thereto should be adopted by all ringing Societies. And that the following be suggested by the Council to the Societies: That it shall be admissible for any band of ringers to elect one member in the tower prior to starting for a peal, providing before the attempt is made, either the proposer or seconder shall have received the candidate's subscription, and notified to the Secretary of the Association his name and address.
- 6.—To discuss the following questions :—
 - a. The titles by which Thurstans' compositions of Stedman Triples should severally be described,

- b. The claim of the Variation of Cambridge Surprise Major, known as the "Burton" variation, but more correctly as "Thackrah's," to rank as the standard method.

N.B.—The subscriptions of the following Societies have not been received up to the present date (March 25th): North Lincolnshire Association, St. James' Society, London (two years), Stafford Archdeaconry Association, and Yorkshire Association.

THE SOUTH AND WEST MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

The last monthly meeting of the above took place, with the kind permission of the Vicar, at All Saints, Isleworth, on Saturday, February 29th. A good number of members were present from Ealing (St. Mary's and Christ Church), Heston, Isleworth, Hillingdon (St. Andrew's and St. John's), also several outside members, and A. King, Esq., Secretary of the Middlesex Association. Touches of Stedman, Grandsire, Oxford Bob and Union Triples and Bob Major were successfully brought round, ringing being kept up for about two-and-a-half hours. It is the desire of the Secretary of the Middlesex Association to amalgamate with the South and West Middlesex Guild, and so form a strong county Association. So far the idea has been well received by the members of each, but will be finally settled by the Guild at the annual Meeting to be held at Midsummer.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LIVERPOOL BRANCH.—A meeting of this branch was held at St. Nicholas church, Liverpool, on Saturday, March 14th, and was well attended by members from Aughton, Garston, Southport, Wigan, Warrington, and the local company. Mr. Walker, of Blackburn, and Mr. W. Brown, of Manchester, were also present. Mr. J. Aspinwall was voted to the chair, and in his remarks said he hoped the ringers would try and attend the meetings better than they had done lately. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and passed, it was proposed that the next meeting be held at Walton on Saturday, April 11th. Votes of thanks were passed to Mr. Davies for having the bells ready, and also to the chairman for presiding, Touches of Grandsire, Stedman, Treble Bob, and Plain Bob were rung by mixed bands, and the bells were kept going until 9 o'clock.

THE HEAVY WOOLLEN DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

The March meeting of this Association was held at Lindley on Saturday, March 21st. The day being fine, a good muster of ringers assembled from Low Moor, Kirkheaton, Brighouse, Armitage Bridge, Batley Carr, Thornhill, and Holmfirth, and friends from other parts. The meeting for business took place at The Globe inn, Mr. F. Scholefield, President, presiding. The minutes of the last meeting were read and carried. It was also carried that at the Low Moor contest the draw should take place at 9 and commence at 10. Six new members were elected, and other items of business were transacted, which brought the meeting to a close. The remainder of the evening was spent in ringing, the tower bells being classed as one of the finest peals. The next meeting will be held at Thornhill.

Recipients of Queen Anne's Bounty will be grateful to the Bishop of London for the Bill which he persuaded the House of Lords on Tuesday, March 17th, to read the second time. It is the unfortunate lot of many incumbents to find their benefices saddled with the repayment of a Queen Anne's Bounty loan, always in a fixed sum, although the value of their livings is steadily decreasing. If the Bishop of London's measure becomes law, those who make application this year and next, may, if the Governors deem fit, be allowed as much as twenty years' extension of the time of repayment. The value of such a concession to poor incumbents cannot be over-estimated, and it is difficult to imagine either House of Parliament offering any material opposition to a scheme for giving relief to the overburdened clergy in a time of vanishing incomes.—*Church Times*.

BORDEN, KENT.

On Saturday, March 14th, the SS. Peter and Paul society had their annual supper, which took place at the residence of Mr. C. Willshire. The chair was taken by the Master (Mr. C. Willshire), and he was supported in the vice-chair by Mr. W. Hobbs. The knife and fork touch was splendidly rung, no change-course occurring, although the "courses were undoubtedly changed." Upon the removal of the cloth the usual loyal and clerical toasts were honoured amidst some excellent harmony. Mr. S. Beach (Rodmersham), gave the toast of "The Borden Change-Ringing Society and kindred Associations," coupling the name of the worthy chairman with the toast. Mr. C. Willshire suitably responded. The next toast given by the chairman was the health of "The Vice-Chairman," who, greatly to the regret of all, is leaving Borden and its fine peal of eight.

The Master said how sorry they were to think Mr. Hobbs was leaving them, for since he came amongst them they had had some splendid ringing, but unfortunately fates were against them scoring a peal of Stedman, but they hoped to do this shortly. In conclusion he asked them to drink the health of Mr. Hobbs and Mrs. Hobbs, who had by her courtesy and good will endeared herself to all, and wish them success in their new sphere. This was enthusiastically drunk, musical honours and the well-known Kentish fire being accorded.

Mr. Hobbs on behalf of his wife and himself thanked them all for the cordial manner in which the toast had been given and received. He was very sorry indeed to leave Borden, for they had a splendid peal of bells, and what was more, one of the most social bands it had been his good fortune to meet. He said he should be pleased to come over at any time for a peal, and he cordially invited them to Maidstone, his future home, for the same purpose. He regretted the absence of his wife, but they all knew of the bereavement she had recently sustained, and therefore she was unable to be present. He then again thanked them, and trusted their good wishes would be realised.

The next toast—"The Visitors" was given by Mr. Wood, who expressed himself pleased to find such an interest taken in the society by their friends, and he was also glad to see they had some non-ringers present, though nothing would please him better than for them to put their hands to the ropes. He coupled the toast with the names of Mr. G. Willshire (Birchington), on behalf of the ringing, and Mr. Cole (Milton), on behalf of the non-ringing friends.

Mr. G. Willshire, in reply, said it gave him great pleasure to be with them that evening, and it was only another instance of their goodwill to himself to send him an invitation. He thanked them all very much.

Mr. C. Cole said he was glad to be in their company that evening. He was sorry to say he was not a ringer, but as most of them knew he had not the time at his disposal, otherwise nothing would give him greater pleasure than to join them, and learn the mysteries of bobs and singles. On behalf of himself and friends, he thanked them for the cordial manner in which the toast had been given and received.

The next item was the toast of "Absent Friends," given by Mr. Wood, who especially mentioned Mr. A. Hardy (late of Borden, and now of the Waterloo Society, London), Mr. H. A. Davis, of Camberwell, Mr. E. Foreman, of Herne Hill, Faversham, and Mr. James Parker and his accomplished band of Crawley, Sussex. Musical honours were accorded.

The evening from this period, was taken up with harmony and handbell ringing, both tunes and changes. "Home sweet Home" and "The old folks at Home" was played by Messrs. Hobbs, Wood, C. Willshire, and Mrs. C. Willshire. Also a course of Grandsire Caters by Messrs. Hobbs, Wood, Allen, Staines, and Willshire (2).

A vote of thanks was unanimously accorded to Mrs. C. Willshire for her kindness in making arrangements for the supper.

Mrs. Willshire in reply said she was glad her efforts were appreciated, and she would be delighted to do the same again.

Arrangements were made and superintended by a small committee, consisting of Messrs. Hobbs, Willshire, and Wood, who carried out their duties to the satisfaction of all. Among those present were Messrs. G. Willshire (Birchington), Beach (Rodmersham), Underdown and Cole (Milton), C. Willshire, Hobbs, Wood, Hutson, Millway, Clarke, Allen, Staines, and Weller (Borden).

BESTHORPE, NORFOLK.

RINGERS' SUPPER.—The Vicar, the Rev. E. N. Browne, supported by the churchwardens and other Besthorpe gentlemen entertained the ringers of All Saints' church to dinner at The Compasses inn. The repast was served up in host Edwards' usual good style. The cloth having been removed the rev. gentleman made a few appropriate remarks on bells and bell-ringing, and proposed "The Health of the Queen and Royal Family," which was duly responded to. The chairman proposed "The Health of Mr. Miles," coupling with it the name of Mr. Ettridge, late Instructor to the above company. The former, replying in suitable terms, said how gratified he was that an entirely new band of ringers should be successful in ringing a 5040 in four methods in a period of time extending just over twelve months. Other customary toasts were given and responded to, interspersed with some well-rendered songs by Messrs. Ettridge, Gillham, and Estoll, and touches on the handbells. The singing of the National Anthem brought a most enjoyable evening only too quickly to a close.

ST. STEPHEN'S, BRISTOL.

On Tuesday, March 24th, in the belfry of St. Stephen's, a handsome peal-tablet lettered in gold, was unveiled by C. H. Horton. It records a muffled peal of Grandsire Triples rung as a mark of respect to H.R.H. Prince Henry of Battenberg, the ringers being stationed as follows: C. H. Horton, 1; H. P. Harman (Bromley, Kent), 2; C. H. Tomkins, 3; W. A. Cave, 4; Rev. H. C. Courtney (Dunster), 5; F. Price (conductor), 6; J. Gould, 7; W. Colston, 8. A long touch of Stedman Caters was then rung, consisting of 936 changes. W. J. Hinton (conductor), 1; C. Millard, 2; C. H. Horton, 3; W. Knight (longest touch), 4; H. Howell, 5; C. H. Gordon, 6; C. H. Tomkins, 7; A. E. Bawn, 8; F. Price, 9; W. Colston, 10. All the above are members of the St. Stephen's Guild.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, March 21st, at the church of St. Matthew, Bethnal Green, with the bells muffled, the usual whole pull and stand was rung as a token of respect to the late Mr. Thomas Dupen, aged 62. Afterwards a touch of Grandsire Triples. C. Kennedy, 1; W. Cooter, 2; J. Bonney, 3; E. Wallage, 4; J. Scholes, 5; M. A. Wood, 6; J. West, 7; J. H. Monday, 8.

The Church Times says that "it is now a fact, reluctantly accepted by 'General' Booth, that his authority has been successfully defied, and that some of his troops, flying an American flag, have deserted from the English colours. We are not of those who rejoice over these endless splits and subdivisions in dissent, but they have their use in pointing a moral. It is only for the purpose of opposing the Church that a semblance of unity can be kept up among the sects, whose inherent dissidence endlessly multiplies divisions. The latest born of the sects, at least of prominent ones, has lately revealed its fissiparous tendency in the lifetime of its founder and irresponsible ruler. We shall not be surprised if disaffection spreads among the ranks at home, in spite of the enthusiastic welcome accorded to the 'General' at the Crystal Palace on his return from his travels. The idea that autocratic rule could be long maintained, and afterwards transmitted to a dynastic successor, was an impossible one. We may be prepared, therefore, to see the Salvation Army broken up into a number of similar organisations, with a resulting waste of labour through mere excess of agencies. Even Dissenters themselves have begun to lament this waste, though, at the same time, they are compelled to argue that their multitudinous schisms are signs, not of self-will, and peevishness, and conceit, but of spiritual life."

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Central Council Correspondence.

We consider the following letter belongs purely to "Central Council Correspondence," and have therefore placed it under that head:—

THE SIX-BELL PEAL QUESTION.

SIR,—Permit me in further support of Mr. Bolland's letter, to remind the opponents of the six-bell ringers of the Yorkshire Association that the first letter on this subject appeared in your issue of May 21st, 1892, and on that occasion the fullest confidence in the fairness and good sense of the Council was expressed. In looking back to this letter it is instructive to note that a Yorkshire Association official is there supporting the Council's President, whereas at our last meeting we were seriously discussing the advisability of withdrawing our representatives. An object lesson in decreasing confidence may be culled from the reports of our Committee. In 1890-1, we wrote:—

"Undoubtedly the event of the year has been the first meeting of the Central Council, and it is trusted that solid good will gradually accrue to the Exercise from having such a body."

In 1891-2: "The Council having asked for assistance to circulate what we believe to be the best report on bells and belfries yet compiled, we considered it to be our duty to support the movement by ordering 1000 copies." (No greater support than this was, I think, accorded by any other Society.)

In 1892-3: "In our recent reports we have expressed our interest in the doings of the Central Council, which we have so far supported to the best of our ability. We greatly regret that we find ourselves unable to fall in with their last decision on the question of Minor peals in a multiplicity of methods. A more, to us, unsatisfactory decision could not have been given, and we reluctantly consider it our duty to act in opposition to it. We hope to report further on this matter, because such peals may possibly be open to some slight objection, on account of no complete set of 720 changes being then and there rung as a foundation on which to build the repetitions which custom has allowed. The point is a somewhat fine one, but it will be well to put the matter into the best possible form—practically and theoretically—and then leave it for time to act as referee."

In 1893-4: "At the last meeting of the Council attention was drawn by our President to the fact that the Yorkshire Association, in the matter of six-bell peals, was about to draw up a definition of its own, by which it intended to abide. This definition has been carefully considered by us, and discussion is invited thereon at the annual meeting. We shall be more than sorry if the Council continues to discountenance a sound north country practice, simply because a southern majority is not cognisant of the breadth of the question. We can well afford to be friendly, even in our antagonism, but we shall not be over sanguine of the permanency of the hold the Council is trying to secure over the whole Exercise, if the south country majority is ready to sink its admiration for clever practical ringing—rightly enjoyed by those who are less favoured in the number of bells—in the shallow seas of fanciful theory."

The definition, which was only passed subject to its being accepted by the Council, is annexed:—

"That a peal of six bells shall consist of not less than 5040 changes rung without interval in true 720s, of which no two in the same method shall be called alike; 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 the 720 changes be first rung in their entirety."

This was duly submitted to the Council, with (and without) a clause, making it possible to introduce the extent, in Doubles, of such methods, for instance, as Stedman, but after scant courtesy from a member of the executive committee and the usual biased summary from the chair, it pleased the majority to throw the coldest of cold water on an honest attempt on our part to meet them. Our last report runs thus: 1894-5.

"From our reports as far back as five years ago we were re-

ferring in hopeful tones to the good likely to arise from the formation of the Central Council. More recently we have expressed doubts as to whether new and fanciful theories were not being unduly forced by that body. If the Council is open to adopt a motto for its guidance in general, we would suggest that they take the time-honoured one: 'In things essential, Unity; in things doubtful, Liberty; in all things, Charity.' We hope we are not wanting in *Charity* when we add that if *Liberty* is withheld by the Council that body will make itself proportionately *Non-Essential*."

Personally I am not without hope that we shall carry our point, even if it has to be after the manner of the old lady who settled herself down to outlive her husband in order that she might have the last word in peace and quiet.

March 24th.

WM. SNOWDON.

KENDAL, WESTMORELAND.

The Town Council of this place have recently commissioned John Smith and Sons, Midland Clock Works, Derby, to make a very large clock for their new Town Hall. It will have four 7-0 dials, play the Westminster quarter-chimes, and also play seven tunes upon ten bells, the largest being 36 cwt. Four leading firms of clockmakers sent in general proposals, and the Town Council have been acting under the advice of Lord Grimthorpe in the matter.

SUTTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

On Tuesday, February 25th, on the occasion of the re-opening of the bells of the above church, which have been recently re-hung, ringing was kept up with great spirit throughout the day by the different ringers from the following places: Wilburton, Haddenham, and Cambridge. A 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor was rung, after which a substantial meat tea was provided by the vicar and churchwardens, to which ample justice was done. After tea a well-struck 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor was rung. The bells are a fine ring of six, and the "go" of them are very fair.

DEDICATION OF NEW BELLS AT DARRINGTON, YORKSHIRE.

The Archbishop of York dedicated on Monday afternoon, March 16th, two new bells, which have been hung in the towers of the ancient parish church of Darrington, through the beneficence of Miss Eliza Leckie. Originally there were only three bells; but last year the parishioners added one, and repaired the tower, and the two which are now added complete a ring of six bells, which were opened by a company from Pontefract parish church.

The magnificent tower of Wrexham church is in a doubtful condition. This is known as one of the seven wonders of Wales, some say, because it rocks in windy weather, others, because it is the finest Gothic erection in Wales, if not in Great Britain. It was begun in the year 1506, and is 136 feet in height. The matter has been taken in hand, and report will soon be made of its condition.

We read of a parish clerk in the neighbourhood of Lime Street, who combines with his ecclesiastical office the business of a leatherseller, and the following notice appears in his window:—

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Correspondence.

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

THE SIX-BELL PEAL QUESTION.

SIR,—In the Romish Church they have a wise practice of not making a man a saint until he has been dead a hundred years. It has always seemed to me that the Central Council should follow this plan in deciding what is to be counted as a "peal." It seems probable that originally a "peal" meant 5040 Triples. But performances on five and six bells would naturally put in a claim for similar recognition. Was the claim allowed by our ancestors? I believe that it was. I have seen one peal-board of about 1832, recording 5040 changes of Grandsire Doubles; and I remember giving new hats for a similar achievement in 1851. One of the old ringers told me recently that I also brought bottles of beer into the belfry when they had finished. But this is a libel, although belfry reform had not then begun, because I was at college at the time.

C. PEARSON.

SIR,—I have delayed replying to Mr. Bulwer's letter as I think his suggestion as to this matter should be first dealt with by the Yorkshiremen, or the more advanced bands of six-bell ringers in the country. However, as Mr. Snowdon does not refer to it, I suppose it is not acceptable, and I am not surprised at it. Though Mr. Bulwer's intention is, I am sure, of the very best, I think his proposed way out of the difficulty is very weak, and does not show a due appreciation of the question. While agreeing with Mr. Trollop as to the composition of the Council as a representative body, I cannot but think that the majority overlook the fact that there are an immense number of six-bell towers, where ringers will never have any chance of advancing beyond Minor. Such ringers naturally do not take such a prominent place in the ringing world as performers on higher numbers, but, none the less, I think their interests should not be put on one side by the Council, but should have their claims fairly considered. With regret however, I cannot but think that the Council, being composed chiefly of eight and ten-bell ringers, they are careless as to the merits of six-bell performances, and the interests of the many six-bell men they represent. Owing to the advance made in ringing through the agency of our many societies, I am sure that this question will grow in importance, and it will not do to shelve it. It will only be to the credit of the Council to deal with it honestly and fairly, and to settle the matter on a satisfactory and sound basis. The adoption of "no substitute" would be a confession of great weakness upon the part of the Council, and damage it in many ways. What we want is for the members to go back to the time when they learnt ringing, as they probably did on six, and let them consider what their position would have been had they had no opportunities of ringing on more than six bells. In such a case, under the present rule, where would the opportunity have been for the display of the powers they have so creditably shown on the higher numbers. Do not let it be thought, as Mr. Trollop suggests, that I am "importuning." We simply demand a fair and logical consideration of our arguments, our faith in which has not been shaken, but rather strengthened by the discussion. The statement that the Council's definition is *logical*, is to me, ridiculous. A peal of Bob Minor consists of 720 changes, and how any performance can *logically* be defined as a peal which admits of repetitions, is beyond me. I repeat, it is an arbitrary makeshift, and while (owing to the necessity of the case) we must put up with a makeshift, do let us use reason and consideration, and having to overstep the rules of logic, let us give scope for advancement and excellence, and not err by unnecessary restrictions. Let me take this opportunity of personally expressing my loyalty to the Council, and that I do not sympathise with many of the disparaging remarks which have been made with reference to it.

Whitley.

R. S. STORY.

SIR,—I had intended (knowing well how impossible it is to convince a Yorkshireman, even that his own county is but a small part of England, and not England a corner of Yorkshire), to have abstained from doing more than giving my vote annually when this question is brought forward. But when a gentleman, no less than the President of the Yorkshire Association, considers it necessary just before the annual meeting of the Council, to use threats against the Council and accuse our Hon. Secretary of selfish narrow-mindedness, I feel it is the duty of every ringer to enter a strong protest. After all, the Yorkshire six-bell question is at most only "a storm in a tea cup," for according to the 15th annual report of the Yorkshire Association, the county, "the home of six-bell ringers," possessed nearly 120 peals of six bells, whereas only twenty-one of the bands were affiliated with the Asso-

ciation. Again, looking at the result of what was achieved by the six-bell ringers of the Yorkshire Association during the year 1895, I find that out of the total of fifty-six peals by that Association only nine were rung at 6-bell towers, eight of which were in seven Treble Bob Minor methods, and the other in one plain method. Surely if they are as anxious, as their President would have it believed, to ring "the highest performances which are possible on six bells," the year's record would produce a far greater number of 5040s on six-bell towers, and among those rung would be found some in seven Surprise or seven double methods. In conclusion I should like to suggest that it would be much more to the benefit of his Association, than quibbling over what cannot be obtained, if Mr. Snowdon could encourage or persuade the fifty bands of eight, ten or twelve-bell ringers of the Yorkshire Association to ring peals in the higher methods, instead of confining their energies, as was the case last year, when their total of fifty-six peals were made up as follows: forty-two in Treble Bob methods, fourteen in plain methods, and one peal of Stedman.

8, Hanover Crescent, Brighton.

GEO. F. ATTREE.

Miscellaneous Touches.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

GRAFENHALL (Cheshire).—On Sunday, February 2nd, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. J. Mainwaring, 1; R. Lewis, 2; T. Burrows, 3; S. Horsfall, 4; F. Spence (conductor), 5; J. Booth, 6. On Tuesday, February 4th, 720 City Delight. J. Mainwaring, 1; H. Moston (first in the method), 2; T. Burrows, 3; S. Horsfall, 4; F. Spence (conductor), 5; J. Booth, 6. On Saturday, February 8th, 720 Merchants' Return. J. Mainwaring, 1; H. Moston, 2; T. Burrows, 3; S. Horsfall, 4; R. Lewis, 5; F. Spence (conductor), 6. On Sunday, February 9th, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob. J. Mainwaring, 1; R. Lewis, 2; T. Burrows (200th 720), 3; S. Horsfall, 4; F. Spence (conductor), 5; J. Booth, 6. Also 720 Duke of York. H. Moston, 2; R. Lewis, 5; F. Spence (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, February 11th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. J. Mainwaring, 1; H. Moston, 2; T. Burrows, 3; S. Horsfall (300th 720), 4; F. Spence (conductor), 5; J. Booth, 6. On Thursday, February 13th, 720 Braintree Treble Bob. J. Mainwaring, 1; H. Moston, 2; T. Burrows, 3; S. Horsfall, 4; F. Spence (conductor), 5; R. Lewis, 6. On Saturday, February 15th, 720 Braintree Treble Bob. J. Booth, 1; the rest as before. On Sunday, February 16th, 720 Violet Treble Bob. J. Mainwaring, 1; R. Lewis, 2; T. Burrows, 3; S. Horsfall, 4; F. Spence (conductor), 5; J. Booth, 6. Also 720 New London Pleasure. H. Moston, 1; the rest as before. On Saturday, February 22nd, 720 each of Violet Treble Bob, and Merchants' Return. H. Moston, 1; R. Lewis, 2; T. Burrows, 3; S. Horsfall, 4; F. Spence (conductor), 5; J. Booth, 6. On Sunday, February 23rd, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. J. Mainwaring, 1; R. Lewis, 2; T. Burrows, 3; S. Horsfall, 4; F. Spence (conductor), 5; J. Booth, 6. Also 720 City Delight. H. Moston, 2; R. Lewis (conductor), 6. On Saturday, February 29th, 720 Killamarsh Treble Bob. H. Moston, 1; R. Lewis, 2; T. Burrows, 3; S. Horsfall, 4; F. Spence (conductor), 5; J. Booth, 6. First in the method by all.

BIDSTON (Cheshire).—On Sunday, January 5th, for practice, 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-four bobs and two singles). J. Povall, 1; C. Rimmer, 2; J. Walter, 3; W. Joynson, 4; W. Wilcox, 5; T. Povall, 6. On Tuesday, January 14th, for practice, 720 Plain Bob (eighteen bobs and two singles). S. Walter (first 720 and first attempt), 1; C. Rimmer, 2; J. Walters, 3; W. Joynson, 4; W. Wilcox (conductor), 5; T. Povall, 6. This is the conductor's 350th 720. On Sunday morning, February 2nd, with the bells half-muffled, as a mark of respect to the late Prince Henry of Battenberg, 720 Canterbury Pleasure (twenty-six bobs and ten singles). S. Walter, 1; J. Griffiths, 2; J. Walton, 3; W. Joynson, 4; W. Wilcox, 5; T. Povall, 6. On Sunday morning, February 9th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure, ringers as above. On Sunday morning, February 23rd, 720 Grandsire (thirty-four bobs and two singles). For evening service, 720 Canterbury Pleasure (eighteen singles and three bobs). S. Walter, 1; J. Griffiths, 2; J. Walter, 3; W. Joynson, 4; W. Wilcox, 5; T. Povall, 6. All conducted by W. Wilcox.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HORBURY (Yorks).—On Sunday, January 26th, for evening service at St. Peter's church, 720 Chichester Surprise. W. H. Giggles, 1; E. Brooke, 2; G. Hunt, 3; H. Rowley (conductor), 4; G. F. Pickles, 5; R. Thickett, 6. On Sunday, February 9th, 720 Duke of York. G. Horner, 1; W. H. Giggles, 2; E. Brooke, 3; G. Hunt, 4; H. Rowley (conductor), 5; G. F. Pickles, 6. On Thursday, February 20th, 720 Carlisle Surprise. W. H. Giggles, 1; E. Brooke, 2; G. Hunt, 3; H. Rowley (conductor), 4; G. F. Pickles, 5; R. Thickett, 6. On Sunday, March 1st, 720 Lincoln Surprise. W. Morton, 1; the rest as above. Tenor 10½ cwt.

Notices.

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South and West Middlesex Guild.—The next monthly meeting of the above Guild will be held at Heston, Middlesex, to-day, Saturday, March 28th. Ringing 5.30 p.m.

E. J. WALSON, *Hon. Sec.*

1, *Kerrison Villas, The Park, Ealing.*

Lancashire Association. — Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. James' church, Birch, Rusholme, to-day, Saturday, March 28th. Bells ready at 4 p.m., meeting at 7 p.m.

WALTER BROWN, *Branch Sec.*

54, *Wenlock Street, Hulme, Manchester.*

The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The annual ringing meeting of this society will be held at Headquarters, Leeds parish church (12 bells), to-day, Saturday, March 28th. Ringing from 3 p.m., business meeting at 6 p.m. prompt, at The Crown and Fleece hotel, Crown street, near the Corn Exchange. Balance Sheet, election of officers, etc.

R. BINNS, *Hon. Sec.*

3, *Dame Street, Hogg's Field, Holbeck, Leeds.*

Archdeaconry of Salop Guild.—The next monthly meeting will be held at St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, on April 6th (Easter Monday). Ringing at 11.30 a.m. Business meeting 12.30 p.m.

J. MACKAY, *Hon. Sec.*

Leaton Vicarage, Shrewsbury.

Worcestershire and Districts Association.—The annual meeting of this Association will be held by kind permission of the Dean and Chapter, in the Chapter House, Worcester Cathedral, on Easter Monday, April 6th, at 2 o'clock prompt. The Very Rev. the Dean has kindly consented to preside. The Cathedral tower and bells will be available after evensong, 5.0 p.m. Also the bells at St. John's, St. Swithin's, and St. Nicholas'. Tea will be provided for all members sending their names to me not later than Wednesday, April 1st. Members kindly note that all subscriptions should be paid at this meeting.

JOHN SMITH, *Hon. Sec.*

The Essex Association.—The next district meeting will be held at Halstead on Easter Monday. The towers of St. Andrew's, Halstead, Greensted Green, and Earls Colne (all six bells), will be open. A brake for the two latter places will leave St. Andrew's church at 12.30, returning about 4 p.m. Tea will be provided in St. Andrew's school at 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Members intending to be present must notify the same to me before Palm Sunday.

H. T. W. EYRE, *Assistant Sec.*

Great Totham Vicarage, Witham.

The Surrey Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Streatham on Easter Monday. Tea at the National Schools, Mitcham lane, at 5.30 p.m., by kind permission of the Rev. Canon Nicholl. Representatives are requested to send to the undersigned, not later than the Wednesday previous, the number of members who intend being present, as provision will be made for those only. The tower of the parish church will be open at 3 p.m., where six-bell ringers should meet if possible, also Immanuel (8 bells), will be available for ringing at the same time.

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

13, *Sunnyhill Road, Streatham, S.W.*

The East Derbyshire Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Clay Cross on Easter Monday, April 6th. Bells open 9 a.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea (1s. each), at 5.15 p.m., meeting afterwards.

T. ALLIBONE, *Hon. Sec.*

The Hertfordshire Association.—Annual meeting at St. Albans on Easter Monday, when the towers of the Cathedral and St. Peter's church will be open for ringing from 2 to 4.30 p.m., and from 7 o'clock. Service at the Cathedral at 5, address by the Archdeacon of St. Albans. Tea at Town Hall at 5.45 (charge to members 6d. each), followed by meeting for the election of officers and general business. Cheap tickets from London to St. Albans by the Great Northern and Midland Railways; also from other stations on the Inner line, by arrangement. Members and visitors intending to be present, are particularly requested to communicate with me by Wednesday, April 1st.

St. Albans.

Llandaff Diocesan Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Caldicot (Mon.), in the schoolroom at 3 p.m. on Easter Monday, April 6th. There will be a short service, with address to the ringers, by the Rev. F. W. Clarke, Vicar of Caldicot. Members who have not paid their subscriptions for the current year are kindly requested to do so at this meeting.

D. H. GRIFFITHS, *Hon. Sec.*

Salisbury Road, Cardiff.

The North Notts. Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at East Markham (Tuxford station), on Easter Monday, April 6th. Tower open from 10 a.m. Tea, 1s., at 5 p.m. Members who intend to be present at tea are requested to send their names to Mr. C. Crawford, East Markham, Newark, not later than March 31st. The Tuxford tower will also be open for ringing to members of the Association.

B. DARLEY, *Hon. Sec.*

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Leek on Easter Monday, April 6th. The leaders of towers are earnestly requested to give notice to Mr. T. Turner, Westwood, near Leek, as to the number of members likely to be present from their towers, either for dinner, tea or both, not later than Monday, March 30th. Belfry open at 10 a.m.; Service in the parish church at 12 o'clock; dinner 1.30; annual meeting 2.30; tea 6 p.m. To all members who have paid their subscriptions, tickets for dinner will be 1s., tea free; to others, dinner 1s. 6d., tea 9d.

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

Midland Counties' Association.—Preliminary Notice.—The annual meeting will be held at Nottingham on Easter Monday, April 6th. The following towers, viz.: St. Mary's (10 bells), All Saints (8 bells), will be open for ringing from 10 a.m., and St. John's, Beeston (8 bells), from 12.45 to 3.45 p.m. Committee meeting at 3.30. Tea, followed by general meeting, at 4 p.m., both at St. Mary's Hall. Visiting members, who have paid their subscriptions for the current year, and send their names to Mr. W. E. White, Cotgrave, near Nottingham, not later than Wednesday, April 1st, will be charged 6d. each for tea, others 1s. each as usual. Parties of eight or more can obtain fare-and-a-quarter tickets, by giving three days' notice at any station.

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

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

The Bedfordshire Association.—Annual meeting at Bedford on Easter Monday. Towers

open for ringing—St. Paul's (8 bells), St. Mary's (6 bells), and St. Peter's (6 bells). Special service at St. Paul's church 3 p.m. Tea at All Hallows lane school at 4 p.m., price 1/6. Ringing members whose subscriptions for 1895 are paid, and intending members, 6d. each.

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

The Old East Derbyshire Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Dronfield on Easter Monday, April 6th. Dinner will be provided at The Green Dragon hotel. Names to be sent in to the Secretary on or before Tuesday, March 31st. Members kindly note that all subscriptions should be paid at this meeting.

EDWIN JAMES, *Hon. Sec.*

18, *The Dale, Woodseats, near Sheffield.*

Ely Diocesan Association.—A district meeting will be held at Sudbury on Easter Monday. The bells of all the churches will be at the disposal of members. Dinner at The Green Dragon at 2 p.m., price 1s. to members, who must signify to me, on or before Monday, March 30th, whether they intend to be present or not.

CHARLES SILLITOE, *District Sec.*

East Street, Sudbury.

The Middlesex Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, April 18th, at All Saints, Edmonton. By the kind permission of the Rev. R. S. Gregory, the bells will be available after evensong, which commences at 5.30. Members and friends of the Association are cordially invited to attend.

ARTHUR T. KING, *Hon. Sec.*

Sarum, Ravenscroft Park Road, Burnet.

THE PEAL AT WOOLWICH.—The peal of Darlaston Bob Triples rung here on March 21st was H. Warnett's 50th peal, made up as follows: Grandsire Triples 18, conducted 2; Grandsire Caters 4; Bob Major 4; Canterbury Pleasure Major 2; Oxford Bob Triples 3, conducted 1; Darlaston Bob Triples 1; Seven 720s of Bob Minor 1; Stedman 2; Kent Treble Bob Major 13; Double Norwich Major 2. He rang his first peal at Erith on February 28th, 1891. Rung as a birthday compliment to H. Warnett. First peal in the method on the bells, and by all the band. The ringers wish through "THE BELL NEWS" to thank the Rector and churchwardens for the use of the bells, and to Mr. H. Hill, the steeplekeeper, for getting the bells ready.

Mr. H. Howlett, of Framlingham, writes: "The 5024 Double Norwich, published by me in the issue of February 29th, should have the bob at 5 in the 21st course omitted. And the 5040 has a bob omitted at 6 in the 6th course."

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, MARCH 28, 1896.

THE temperate letter from Mr. ROBERT STORY on the almost interminable six-bell question will, we believe, pave the way for a good-humored settlement. The points originally at issue appear at the present time to be somewhat obscured, and we are afraid many readers of "THE BELL NEWS," although they have read the whole of the voluminous correspondence which has appeared, fail to grasp the actual situation. The opinion gains ground that the time at the disposal of the Council next Easter Tuesday will not be sufficient for the adjustment of the difficulty. If any members of the Council have determined beforehand not to listen to the least suggestion of compromise from those who are anxious to have a revision of the Council's former decision, then we may look forward to the subject being hung up for another year. This will be a misfortune. The question is not of an intricate or complex nature; it can be easily and comfortably dealt

with if the enthusiasts on both sides will be earnest in working for its solution, which has now become absolutely necessary.

GOOD FRIDAY.—Good Friday coming next week, all reports must be sent to us one day earlier than usual. Correspondence must reach us not later than Tuesday morning.

The Metropolis.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LEWISHAM DISTRICT.)

On Thursday, March 19, 1896, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALEN, WOOLWICH,

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

WILLIAM H. WELLS* .. Treble.	WILLIAM JOHN JEFFRIES .. 5.
WILLIAM BERRY† .. 2.	†WILLIAM FOREMAN .. 6.
WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE .. 3.	FREDERICK W. THORNTON .. 7.
HENRY HARVEY .. 4.	*CHARLES VENABLES .. Tenor.

Conducted by FREDERICK WILLIAM THORNTON.

The above peal was rung to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the marriage at St. Alfege church, Greenwich, of Mr. and Mrs. W. Foreman. The ringers tender their sincere congratulations and good wishes to their respected colleague and his wife. *First peal. †First peal with a bob bell.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LEWISHAM BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 21, 1896, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALEN, WOOLWICH,

A PEAL OF DARLSTON BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM FOREMAN .. Treble.	FREDERICK W. THORNTON .. 5.
WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE .. 2.	HARRY WARNETT .. 6.
JOHN HACK .. 3.	WILLIAM BEDWELL .. 7.
HERBERT JAMES SKELT .. 4.	JOSEPH TOWN .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER and Conducted by WILLIAM BEDWELL.

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

The Provinces.

ORMSKIRK, LANCASHIRE.—LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, March 17, 1896, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 25½ cwt.

SIDNEY FLINT .. Treble.	WILLIAM BENTHAM .. 5.
JOHN TAYLOR* .. 2.	JOHN WATTS .. 6.
WILLIAM J. TAYLOR .. 3.	GEORGE PRESCOTT .. 7.
JAMES PILKINGTON .. 4.	PETER H. HARVEY .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN TAYLOR.

*First peal as conductor.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Tuesday, March 17, 1896, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

GEORGE SMITHERS* .. Treble.	STEPHEN PERKINS .. 5.
GEORGE H. STONESTREET .. 2.	GEORGE A. CARD .. 6.
WILLIAM H. CARD .. 3.	CHARLES CHAPMAN .. 7.
EDWARD MANKELOW* .. 4.	THOMAS CARD .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS and Conducted by THOMAS CARD.

*First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to G. H. Stonestreet, his brother-strings wishing him many happy returns. The composition has the 4th, 5th, and 6th their extent in 6ths place, the 2nd never there at a course-end, and is now rung for the first time.

WRAXALL, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, March 18, 1896, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S BOB-AND-SINGLE VARIATION. Tenor 22 cwt. 3 qrs.

H. CHARD* .. Treble.	C. E. D. BOUTFLOWER .. 5.
C. WINSTONE† .. 2.	†A. WATERS .. 6.
J. YOUT† .. 3.	J. WINSOR .. 7.
J. HARVEY .. 4.	*W. CLARK .. Tenor.

Conducted by A. WATERS.

*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. †First peal as conductor. The above was rung on the occasion of the Confirmation service in the village.

ROLVENDEN, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 19, 1896, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

EDGAR BURDEN* .. Treble.	GEORGE CRAMP .. 5.
FREDERICK EDWARDS .. 2.	ROBERT EDWARDS .. 6.
CHARLES JUDGE .. 3.	GEORGE NEVE .. 7.
ALFRED HINDS .. 4.	HENRY HOLDSTOCK .. Tenor.

Conducted by ROBERT EDWARDS.

*First peal. E. Burden and C. Judge belong to the local band, the rest are from Tenterden.

DERBY.—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

(DERBY BRANCH.)

On Friday, March 20, 1896, in Two Hours and Thirty-six Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. C. E. HART, GRANGE STREET, DERBY,

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES'S FIVE-PART, No. 3.

ALBERT H. WARD .. 1-2.	FRANK BRADLEY .. 5-6.
WALTER WALLACE .. 3-4.	SAMUEL MASKREY .. 7-8.

Conducted by ALBERT H. WARD.

Referees—Messrs. C. E. Hart and C. Draper. The above was rung as a birthday compliment to S. Maskrey, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

BURNLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—BLACKBURN BRANCH.

On Saturday, March 21, 1896, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

DAVID HEYS .. Treble.	NOAH TOWNEND .. 5.
JOHN ROWE WERRING .. 2.	HARTLEY HEYWORTH .. 6.
RICHARD ASHWORTH .. 3.	THOMAS MOUNCEY .. 7.
JOHN WILLIAM STIRK .. 4.	TOM REDMAN .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN, of Lincoln, and

Conducted by TOM REDMAN.

This peal contains the 4th, 5th, and 6th their extent in 6ths place each at five course-ends, and the 2nd and 3rd only once each. Rung on the seventh anniversary of the opening of the bells.

LIVERSEDGE, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 21, 1896, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 15 cwt.

JAMES COTTERELL .. Treble.	JOE GARNETT .. 5.
T. M. THOMPSON .. 2.	JOE BROADLEY .. 6.
GEORGE BROOKE .. 3.	F. W. DIXON .. 7.
T. B. KENDALL .. 4.	B. F. LAMB .. Tenor.

Composed by H. HUBBARD and Conducted by JAMES COTTERELL.

Messrs. Cotterell and Lamb hail from Halifax, Thompson and Dixon from Guiseley, Kendall from Shipley, Garnett and Broadley from Bradford, Brooke belongs to the local company. The above peal, which contains the twenty-four 8-6-7s, 7-8-6s, and 6-7-8s, was rung as a practice for a 10,400 which is to be attempted at Shipley on Easter Monday.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 21, 1896, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 20 cwt.

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

Composed by J. REEVES and Conducted by ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN.

Messrs. Verry and Thurlow hail from Framsdon, Martin from Monewden, the rest from Creetingham.

CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 21, 1896, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.
Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

LOUIS ATTWATER* .. Treble.	*PERCY E. MORFEE 5.
ISAAC J. ATTWATER† .. 2.	FREDERICK HOUNSELL .. 6.
FREDERICK P. BENNETT .. 3.	PETER BENNETT 7.
FREDERICK R. HOUNSELL† 4.	FRANK SMITH Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by ISAAC J. ATTWATER.

*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. ‡First peal as conductor. The composition, which is now rung for the first time, will appear in due course. The ringers of the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 5th are aged 15, 18, 17, and 18 respectively.

LEICESTER.—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 21, 1896, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 26 cwt.

EDWARD E. LANE .. Treble.	ARTHUR R. ALDHAM .. 5.
JOHN NOBLE* 2.	GEORGE CLEAL 6.
WILLIAM A. NEEDHAM† .. 3.	WILLIAM WILLSON 7.
JOHN O. LANCASHIRE .. 4.	*WILLIAM JONES Tenor.

Conducted by ARTHUR R. ALDHAM.

*First peal. †First peal of Triples. Messrs. Aldham, Jones, Needham, Noble, and Lane hail from Barwell; the rest belong to Leicester.

STEYNING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 21, 1896, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qrs. 24 lbs.

JAMES MATTHEWS .. Treble.	JOHN SMART 5.
GEORGE GATLAND 2.	WILLIAM WOOLGAR 6.
EDWIN RAPLEY 3.	CHARLES T. P. BRICE .. 7.
GEORGE SMART 4.	*CHARLES SMART Tenor.

Composed by W. HARRISON and Conducted by CHARLES SMART.

*First peal of Major as conductor. The above is the longest length and the quickest peal of Major on the bells, and it was rung as a birthday compliment to J. Matthews, his brother ringers wishing him many happy returns. C. T. P. Brice hails from London, G. Smart from Brighton, the rest belong to the local branch.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 21, 1896, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES.
Tenor 20½ cwt.

ALFRED TRAPPITT .. Treble.	ARTHUR J. PLOWMAN .. 6.
EDGAR BENNETT 2.	CHARLES BANCE 7.
FREDERICK S. BAYLEY* .. 3.	WILLIAM BURKIN 8.
HENRY BROOKER 4.	*THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE .. 9.
EDWARD MATTHEWS 5.	JOSEPH FAYERS Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by EDGAR BENNETT.

*First peal of Grandsire Caters. This meeting was arranged for T. Groombridge, who was to have called a peal of Treble Bob Royal, but meeting one short the above had to be substituted.

Performances on Five and Six Bells.

BUTTERWICK, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE EAST LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 19, 1896, in Three Hours and Forty-five Minutes

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

TWENTY-FIVE 240S OF DOUBLES, as follows:

St. Simon's, Westminster, Hempstead Delight, Plain Bob, Old Doubles, Earl Soham Delight, Primrose, Tulip, April Doubles, Hudibras, April Day, Little Bob, Antelope, Chase, Dream, London Dream, London Doubles, London Pleasure, Dunstan, Canterbury Pleasure, Canterbury Doubles, College Pleasure, Lincolnshire Single, Sunshine, and Grandsire.

J. PHILIPS* Treble.	*H. STAFFURTH 3.
A. O. BARBER 2.	E. CLAYTON 4.
F. SHARP Tenor.	

Conducted by F. SHARP.

*First 5040. Longest length by all. Rung as a birthday compliment to A. O. Barber, his brother-strings wishing him many happy returns of the day. J. Philips belongs to the local company, the rest hail from Freiston.

BEDFIELD, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 19, 1896, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

FORTY-TWO 6-SCORES OF DOUBLES, as follows:

Six 6-scores each of Canterbury, Earl Soham Delight, April Day, Evening Star, Plain Bob, Old Doubles, and Grandsire.

S. GYFORD* Treble.	H. CLARKE 3.
J. STANNARD 2.	C. F. LING 4.
G. STANNARD Tenor.	

Conducted by C. F. LING.

*First 5040. This is the first 5040 ever rung by a local company.

Date Touches.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—ROSSENDALE BRANCH.

BACUP.—On Monday, February 10th, at Christ Church, a date touch of 1896 changes, in 1 hr. 7 mins., in the following methods: 240 each of Cambridge Surprise, College Exercise, Symphony, City Delight, Arnold's Victory, Imperial, College Treble, and 216 of Merchants' Delight. Z. Lord, 1; E. J. Cockcroft, 2; G. Shottin, 3; J. H. Smith, 4; J. S. Lomas, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—BLACKBURN BRANCH.

BURNLEY (Lancashire).—At Holy Trinity church, on Tuesday, March 3rd, a date touch of Kent Treble Bob Major, 1896 changes, in 1 hr. 3 mins. H. Heyworth, 1; N. Townend, 2; F. Towns, 3; J. W. Stirk, 4; J. W. Werring, 5; R. Ashworth, 6; D. Heys, 7; T. Redman (conductor), 8. Arranged from one of A. Craven's peals.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

ARMLEY (Yorks).—On Tuesday, February 25th, at the residence of Mr. B. Cowling, on handbells retained in hand, a date touch, 1896 changes, in 50 mins., being 96 New London Pleasure, and 360 each of Duke of York, Merchants' Delight, Violet, Kent, and Oxford. Joseph Thackray (conductor), 1-2; John Thackray, 3-4; B. Cowling, 5-6. Longest length in Minor on handbells by all.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

ATTLEBOROUGH (Norfolk).—On Tuesday, February 18th, a date touch, 1896 changes, in 1 hr. 5 mins., being 1176 Bob Minor, and 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor (forty singles), composed by T. Millington, of Clay Cross. E. Ettridge, 1; J. Miles (conductor), 2; J. Warren, 3; R. Ettridge, 4; S. Daniels, 5; J. Lawrence, 6. Tenor 16 cwt.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

KENNINGTON.—On Saturday, February 29th, at the parish church, a date touch (1896 changes), in 1 hr. 10 mins., in the following methods: 240 Canterbury Pleasure, 720 Plain Bob, 720 and 216 Grandsire Minor. W. Hills, 1; E. Dyson, 2; G. H. Head, 3; F.

Phillpot, 4; T. Tabrett, 5; A. J. Dyson (conductor), 6. First date touch by all, and first on the bells. Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

OVERBURY (Worcestershire).—Recently, at the parish church, a date touch in the following methods, in 59 mins.: twelve 6-scores of Bob Doubles, three 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, and 96 changes of St. Dunstan's Doubles. W. Payne (longest touch), 1; E. Devereux, 2; H. Payne (conductor), 3; C. Wittle, 4; A. Attwood, 5. Tenor 11 cwt.

QUIDENHAM (Norfolk).—On Sunday, February 23rd, at the church of St. Andrew, for afternoon service, a date touch of Bob Minor, 1896 changes, in 1 hr. 16 mins., consisting of 216, 240, and two 720s, each called differently. E. Ettridge, 1; J. Tite, 2; R. Patrick, 3; W. Nudds, 4; J. Woods (conductor), 5; J. Laurance, 6. Tenor 16 cwt. Tite, Patrick, and Nudds hail from Banham; Laurence and Ettridge from Attleborough; Woods belongs to the local company.

Miscellaneous.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

DYMOCK (Gloucestershire).—On Saturday, February 15th, 720 of Grandsire Minor, in 28 mins. W. Evans, 1; F. Smith, 2; H. Allen, 3; G. Peacy, 4; J. Field, 5; C. Layton (conductor), 6. Tenor 21 cwt. Also several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, T. Marshall, F. Summer and W. Smart taking part.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

ROMFORD.—On Wednesday, January 29th, on handbells, retained in hand, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Thurstans'), in 35 mins. G. R. Pye, 1-2; W. Pye, 3-4; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 5-6; E. Pye, 7-8.

BARKING (Essex).—On Sunday, February 9th, after evening service, a quarter-peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major, 1280 changes, in 48 mins. A. Whight, 1; A. Deards, 2; W. H. Doran, 3; E. Pye, 4; T. Faulkner, 5; A. Hardy, 6; G. R. Pye (conductor), 7; W. Pye, 8. First quarter-peal in the method by all except the ringers of the 3rd and tenor.

WALTHAMSTOW (Essex).—On Monday, March 16th, for practice at the church of St. Saviour, 503 Grandsire Triples. A. Deards, 1; R. Fenn, 2; G. Fenn, 3; E. Lillywhite (longest touch in the method), 4; T. Faulkner, 5; H. Street (longest touch in the method), 6; S. Hayes (conductor), 7; A. Hardy, 8. And 503 in the same method. A. Abrahams, 1; R. Fenn, 2; A. Hardy, 3; G. Fenn, 4; H. Abrahams, 5; T. Faulkner (conductor), 6; A. Deards, 7; E. Lillywhite, 8. First touch in the method by the brothers Abrahams, who, with E. Lillywhite and H. Street, belong to the St. Saviour's society, and have been under the instruction of Mr. S. Hayes, on behalf of the Essex Association. Also on handbells, 240 Bob Major. R. Fenn, 1-2; A. Hardy, 3-4; T. Faulkner (conductor), 5-6; G. Fenn, 7-8.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

MELBOURNE (Derbyshire).—On Saturday, February 8th, for practice, 720 Grandsire Minor. W. Shaw, 1; G. Tomlin, 2; H. Snape, 3; A. Lee, 4; G. C. Tunnicliff, 5; F. Hollingworth (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, February 11th, for practice, 720 Grandsire Minor. W. Shaw, 1; L. Hollingworth, 2; G. Tomlin, 3; H. Snape, 4; G. C. Tunnicliff, 5; F. Hollingworth (conductor), 6. On Saturday, February 15th, for practice, 720 Grandsire Minor. W. Shaw, 1; L. Hollingworth, 2; G. Tunnicliff, 3; H. Snape, 4; A. Lee, 5; F. Hollingworth (conductor), 6; W. Brook, 7. On Sunday morning, February 23rd, for Divine Service, 336 Grandsire Triples. H. Snape, 1; A. Lee, 2; G. Tunnicliff, 3; C. Walden, 4; W. Earl (conductor), 5; F. Hollingworth, 6; T. Hollingworth, 7; W. Brook, 8.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — ROSSENDALE BRANCH.

BACUP. On Sunday, February 2nd, 720 College Exercise. A. L. Hardman, 1; J. Smith, 2; G. Shottin, 3; J. H. Smith, 4; J. S. Lomas, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. On Sunday, February 9th, 720 Cambridge Surprise. J. Smith, 1; E. J. Cockroft, 2; G. Shottin, 3; J. H. Smith, 4; J. S. Lomas, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. On Sunday morning, February 16th, 720 Imperial. Z. Lord, 1; J. Smith, 2; G. Shottin, 3; J. H. Smith, 4; J. S. Lomas, 5; E. J. Cockroft (conductor), 6. On Sunday evening, February 16th, 720 Symphony. L. Holt, 1; J. Smith, 2; G. Shottin, 3; J. H. Smith, 4; J. S. Lomas, 5; E. J. Cockroft (conductor), 6. On Sunday morning, February 23rd, 720 College Treble. Z. Lord, 1; E. J. Cockroft, 2; G. Shottin, 3; J.

H. Smith, 4; J. S. Lomas, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. On Sunday evening, February 23rd, 720 Arnold's Victory, standing and conducted as in the morning.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

WELLAND (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, February 23rd, six members of this Association journeyed to this place to meet the young band who have lately joined the Association, to help them in the Art. Several 6-scores were rung with the band, also 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor in 22 mins. G. Checketts (first 720), 1; R. G. Knowles, 2; H. Knowles, 3; C. Layton (conductor), 4; W. Johnson, 5; W. Page, 6. Also 360 College Single with H. Greenway; and 360 Oxford Single Bob, and two courses of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Messrs. Page, Johnson, and Checketts hail from Worcester; Layton from Mathon; H. Knowles from Malvern. The young band are under the instruction of R. G. Knowles, of Hanley Castle.

KIDDERMINSTER (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, January 26th, 840 Stedman Triples. W. H. Smith, 1; N. Davis, 2; J. Pagett, 3; H. Martin, 4; J. Crane, 5; G. Salter, 6; T. Salter (conductor), 7; T. Wakeman, 8. On Sunday, February 9th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. W. H. Smith, 1; N. Davis, 2; G. Salter, 3; J. Bennett, 4; A. E. Parsons (conductor), 5; J. Pagett, 6; J. Crane, 7; T. Salter, 8. On Sunday, February 16th, a course of London Surprise Major. T. Wakeman, 1; N. Davis, 2; G. Salter, 3; J. Bennett, 4; R. E. Grove, 5; T. Salter, 6; J. Crane, 7; W. H. Smith, 8. First course in the method by all, and first on the bells. On Sunday, February 23rd, 560 Stedman Triples. T. Wakeman, 1; N. Davis, 2; W. H. Smith, 3; J. Bennett, 4; J. Pagett, 5; T. Salter (conductor), 6; J. Buffery, 7; E. C. Hunt, 8. On Sunday, March 1st, 384 Superlative Surprise Major. T. Wakeman, 1; J. Pagett, 2; G. Salter, 3; J. Bennett, 4; T. Salter, 5; W. Page, 6; J. Crane, 7; W. H. Smith (conductor), 8. Tenor 30 cwt. H. Martin hails from Belbroughton, A. E. Parsons from Old Hill, J. Buffery from Birmingham, W. Page from Worcester.

THE ELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

PRESTON (Suffolk).—On Tuesday, February 25th, 720 Bob Minor (fourteen bobs and twenty-two singles). Composed by C. Howard, of Braintree. A. Symonds (conductor), 1; H. Smith, 2; A. Hollocks, 3; J. Moore, 4; W. Snell, 5; W. Hollocks, 6. Also 720 Oxford (nine bobs). W. Hollocks, 1; A. Symonds (conductor), 6; the rest as before. On Wednesday, February 26th, 720 Oxford (nine bobs). A. Symonds, 1; W. Hollocks, 2; R. Grimwood (first 720 in the method), 3; J. Moore, 4; A. Hollocks, 5; T. King (conductor), 6. Messrs. Moore, King, Smith, Snell, and Symonds hail from Lavenham; Grimwood from Hitcham; Hollocks (2) from Preston.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—BLACKBURN BRANCH.

BLACKBURN.—On Sunday, February 16th, for evening service at Holy Trinity church, 646 Kent Treble Bob Major. H. Heyworth, 1; N. Townend, 2; J. W. Stirk, 3; J. R. Werring, 4; D. Heys, 5; R. Ashworth, 6; T. Mouncey, 7; T. Redman (conductor), 8. On Tuesday, February 18th, 720 Plain Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). N. Townend, 1; J. R. Werring, 2; D. Heys, 3; H. Heyworth, 4; R. Ashworth, 5; T. Redman (conductor), 6. On Sunday, February 23rd, for morning service, a course of Oxford and 288 of Kent Treble Bob Major. D. Heys, 1; J. R. Werring, 2; H. Heyworth, 3; J. W. Stirk, 4; F. Towns, 5; R. Ashworth, 6; T. Mouncey, 7; T. Redman (conductor), 8. For evening service, 640 Oxford Treble Bob Major. N. Townend, 1; D. Campbell, 2; J. W. Stirk, 3; T. Redman, 4; D. Heys, 5; R. Ashworth, 6; T. Mouncey, 7; H. Heyworth (conductor), 8. On Monday, February 24th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. J. R. Werring, 1; D. Heys, 2; H. Bannister (first 720), 3; F. Towns, 4; H. Heyworth, 5; T. Redman (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, February 25th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. T. Redman, 1; R. Ashworth, 2; T. Burslem (Accrington), 3; J. W. Stirk, 4; T. Mouncey, 5; H. Heyworth (conductor), 6. Also 504 Grandsire Triples. T. Holden (conductor), 1; D. Heys, 2; J. R. Werring, 3; J. W. Stirk, 4; R. Ashworth, 5; T. Redman, 6; H. Heyworth, 7; — Mills, 8. On Sunday, March 1st, for morning service, 576 Kent Treble Bob Major. H. Heyworth, 1; D. Heys, 2; F. Towns, 3; J. W. Stirk, 4; J. R. Werring, 5; R. Ashworth, 6; T. Mouncey, 7; T. Redman (conductor), 8. For evening service 768 in the same method. H. Heyworth, 1; N. Townend, 2; D. Campbell, 3; J. W. Stirk, 4; J. R. Werring, 5; R. Ashworth, 6; T. Mouncey, 7; T. Redman (conductor), 8.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

READING (Berks).—On Sunday, March 1st, for Divine Service in the evening, 557 Grandsire Caters. R. Sawyer, 1; J. Tucker, 2; G. Tubb, 3; F. Hopgood (conductor), 4; C. Giles, 5; G. Foxell, 6; A. Watmore, 7; H. Tucker, 8; W. Newell, 9; W. Robbins, 10. And 617 Stedman Caters. F. Hopgood (conductor), 1; J. Tucker, 2; G. Tubb,

3; H. Tucker, 4; C. Giles, 5; G. Foxell, 6; J. E. Hern, 7; A. Watmore, 8; W. Newell, 9; W. Robbins, 10.

HAGBOURNE (Berks).—On Sunday, December 22nd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins., composed by E. Cook, of Cardiff. E. Windus, 1; H. Mills, 2; E. Butler, 3; C. W. Allen, 4; D. Napper, 5; T. East (conductor), 6; J. Sawyer, 7; J. Hitchman, 8. On Sunday, March 1st, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins., composed by C. Charge, of London. E. Windus, 1; H. Mills, 2; E. Butler, 3; D. Napper, 4; E. E. Napper, 5; T. East (conductor), 6; C. W. Allen, 7; J. Hitchman, 8.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

EDENBRIDGE (Kent).—On Sunday, February 16th, 720 Grandsire Minor. J. Maylon, 1; T. Wallis, 2; E. Eastman (Hever), 3; J. H. Heasman, 4; J. Wallis, 5; J. Preston (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, February 18th, 720 Oxford Bob. G. Ballham, 1; T. Wallis, 2; R. Jenner, 3; J. Heasman, 4; J. Wallis, 5; J. Preston (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, February 25th, 720 Merchants' Return. R. Jenner, 1; J. Wallis, 2; J. Steddy, 3; T. Wallis, 4; J. Heasman, 5; J. Preston (conductor), 6. First in the method by all. On Sunday, March 1st, 720 Kent Treble Bob. R. Jenner, 1; J. Wallis, 2; J. Steddy, 3; E. Dunk (Westerham), 4; J. Heasman, 5; J. Preston, 6.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS.—On Sunday, February 23rd, 288 Treble Bob Major. A. Welsh, 1; S. Perkins, 2; E. Mankelow, 3; H. Porter, 4; G. Smithers, 5; W. Latter, 6; C. Chapman, 7; H. Card (conductor), 8. On Thursday, February 27th, 336 Stedman Triples. E. Mankelow, 1; G. Smithers, 2; W. Pollard, 3; C. Chapman, 4; A. Welsh, 5; H. Porter, 6; S. Perkins (conductor), 7; R. Ford (Lambenhurst), 8. Also a course of Treble Bob Major. W. Pollard, 1; G. Smithers, 2; E. Mankelow, 3; H. Porter, 4; S. Perkins, 5; H. Ford, 6; C. Chapman, 7; W. Latter, 8. And 168 Grandsire Triples. W. Latter, 1; C. Chapman, 2; W. Pollard, 3; J. Muggridge, 4; S. Perkins, 5; G. Smithers (conductor), 6; H. Ford, 7; E. Mankelow, 8. Also 504 Stedman Triples. E. Mankelow, 1; S. Perkins, 2; A. Welsh, 3; W. Pollard, 4; G. Smithers, 5; H. Porter, 6; W. Latter (conductor), 7; J. Muggridge, 8. And 567 Bob Major. W. Pollard, 1; E. Mankelow, 2; S. Perkins, 3; H. Porter, 4; G. Smithers, 5; C. Chapman, 6; J. Muggridge, 7; W. Latter (conductor), 8.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

GOSPORT.—On Tuesday, February 25th, at Holy Trinity church, for practice, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 46 mins. A. Peckham, 1; E. Reynolds, 2; R. Fuge, 3; H. Reynolds, 4; R. Gardner, 5; F. Burnett, 6; A. E. Tomlins (composer and conductor), 7; R. Davies, 8. On Sunday, March 1st, for evening service, 640 Kent Treble Bob Major. R. Gardner, 1; J. Hewett, 2; H. Reynolds, 3; R. Fuge, 4; A. Peckham, 5; F. Burnett, 6; E. Reynolds, 7; A. E. Tomlins (longest in the method as conductor), 8. Longest by all except Messrs. Hewitt and Tomlins.

THE EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

NORTH WINGFIELD.—On Sunday, March 1st, for evening service, 720 Canterbury Pleasure (thirty-four bobs twenty-six singles). H. Tarlton, 1; W. Butler (conductor), 2; F. Knowles, 3; J. T. Butler, 4; W. Hopkinson, 5; J. Tarlton, 6. Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

ATTLEBOROUGH (Norfolk).—Recently at St. Mary's church, 720 Bob Minor. A. Howes, 1; J. Lawrence, 2; J. Warren, 3; J. Miles, 4; S. Daniels, 5; J. Howes (conductor), 6. J. Howes hails from Kingston-on-Thames. On Saturday, February 29th, 720 Bob Minor. E. Ettridge, 1; J. Tite, 2; J. Woods, 3; J. Miles (conductor), 4; H. Daniels, 5; J. Lawrence, 6. Also another 720, R. Haylett ringing the 4th; conducted by J. Woods. Messrs. Tite, Haylett, and Woods hail from Quidenham.

REDENHALL (Norfolk).—On Saturday, February 29th, with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to Benjamin Smith, for many years conductor of the local company, a touch of Oxford Treble Bob Major. E. Smith (conductor), 1; R. Whiting, 2; C. Baker, 3; F. Borrett, 4; J. Betts, 5; H. Fairhead, 6; F. Smith, 7; E. Poppy, 8.

PULHAM (Norfolk).—On Sunday evening, March 1st, for Divine Service, a course of Double Norwich Court Bob Major. H. Matthews, 1; F. Borrett, 2; W. Culham, 3; D. Ruth, 4; F. Surridge, 5; C. Baker, 6; C. Tann, 7; J. Tann, 8. And 800 Oxford Treble Bob Major. J. Tann (conductor), 1; H. Matthews, 2; T. Farrow, 3; D. Ruth, 4; F. Surridge, 5; C. Baker, 6; C. Tann, 7; F. Borrett, 8.

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DALTON-IN-FURNESS (Lancashire).—On Sunday evening, February

9th, for Divine Service, 720 Plain Bob (fourteen singles and four bobs) in 24 mins. W. Dennison (first 720), 1; J. Spencer, 2; C. Cushing, 3; T. Stuart, 4; T. R. Jackson (conductor), 5; J. Burrows, 6. On Tuesday, February 18th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles) in 27 mins. T. Jackson, 1; W. Dennison (first with a bob bell), 2; J. A. Cushing, 3; T. Stuart, 4; T. Jackson (conductor), 5; J. Burrows, 6.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HITCHIN (Herts).—On Monday, February 3rd, for practice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. J. Randall, 1; A. Squires, 2; G. Briary, 3; J. Hare, 4; S. Hare, 5; H. G. Rowe (Hertford, composer and conductor), 6; J. Foster, 7; T. Dobbs, 8.

THE HERTFORD COLLEGE YOUTHS.

HERTFORD.—On Friday, January 31st, on handbells, 720 Plain Bob. F. Harvey, 1-2; A. Harvey, 3; H. Warner, 4; H. G. Rowe (conductor), 5-6. On Saturday, February 1st, 720 Grandsire Minor. A. Harvey, 1-2; H. G. Rowe (composer and conductor), 3-4; F. Harvey, 5-6. And 720 Canterbury Pleasure. F. Harvey, 1-2; A. Harvey, 3; H. Warner, 4; H. G. Rowe (conductor), 5-6. On Sunday, February 9th, for evening service, two courses of Superlative Surprise Major. S. Knight, 1; A. Harvey, 2; H. Warner, 3; F. Harvey, 4; M. Ellsmore, 5; J. Warner, 6; H. G. Rowe, 7; H. Baker, 8. On Sunday, February 16th, for Divine Service, 336 Bob Major. A. Harvey, 1; F. Harvey, 2; H. Warner, 3; G. Smith, 4; M. Ellsmore, 5; H. G. Rowe, 6; J. Warner, 7; H. Baker (conductor), 8. And a course of Superlative, by the same band. On Saturday, February 22nd, on handbells, 336 Grandsire Triples. F. Harvey, 1-2; H. G. Rowe (conductor), 3-4; M. Ellsmore, 5-6; A. Harvey, 7-8.

BENGOE (Herts).—On Sunday, January 5th, 720 Plain Bob. J. Pomfret, 1; T. Barker, 2; D. Bennett, 3; H. Warner, 4; W. Parcels, 5; H. G. Rowe (conductor), 6. On Wednesday, January 8th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor. J. Pomfret, 1; J. Pomfret, 2; D. Bennett, 3; F. Harvey, 4; W. Parcels, 5; H. G. Rowe (composer and conductor), 6. This is the first 720 in the method on the bells, and by all except the conductor. On Sunday, January 19th, 720 Oxford Bob, 4th the observation. J. Pomfret, 1; T. Barker, 2; D. Bennett, 3; J. Pomfret, 4; W. Parcels, 5; H. G. Rowe (conductor), 6. And for evening service, 720 Oxford Bob. J. Sutherland, 1; F. Harvey, 2; D. Bennett, 3; J. Pomfret (conductor), 4; W. Parcels, 5; H. G. Rowe, 6. On Sunday, February 23rd, for Divine Service, 720 Plain Bob. J. Pomfret, 1; T. Barker, 2; D. Bennett, 3; H. Warner, 4; W. Parcels, 5; H. G. Rowe (conductor), 6. And 720 Canterbury Pleasure. J. Sutherland, 1; H. G. Rowe, 4; J. Pomfret (conductor), 6; the others as before.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

GREENWICH (Kent).—On Sunday evening, March 1st, at St. Alfege church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 45 mins. I. G. Shade, 1; F. S. Bayley (conductor), 2; W. Foreman, 3; H. Hoskins, 4; Rev. G. J. Bayley, 5; W. Weatherstone, 6; F. W. Thornton, 7; W. Berry, 8. Rung in honour of the 54th birthday of Miss Christabel Airy, daughter of the late Sir George B. Airy, K.C.B., formerly Astronomer Royal. Miss Airy is a member of the Kent County Association, always ready to take a rope when a "cover" bell is required, and for years past has evinced great interest in ringing, and the welfare of Greenwich ringers, by whom she is heartily welcomed on her frequent visits to the belfry of St. Alfege. In tendering Miss Airy their sincere congratulations, the band desire, through "THE BELL NEWS," to also express their gratitude for the numerous favours received at her own and sister's hands.

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ANGMERING (Sussex).—On Thursday, February 6th, 720 Durham Surprise. H. Finch, 1; T. Linfield, 2; A. Child, 3; C. Hill, 4; F. Finch, 5; J. Hills (conductor), 6. First in the method by all the band. On Thursday, February 13th, 720 Cambridge Surprise. F. Finch, 1; H. Finch (first in the method with a bob bell), 2; C. Hills, 3; J. Hills, 4; T. Parsons, 5; T. Linfield (conductor), 6. On Monday, February 17th, 720 London Surprise. T. Parsons, 1; F. Finch, 2; A. Child, 3; J. Hills, 4; T. Linfield, 5; C. Hills (conductor), 6. On Thursday, February 20th, 720 Chichester Surprise. H. Finch, 1; C. Hills, 2; J. Hills, 3; A. Child, 4; F. Finch, 5; T. Linfield (conductor), 6. On Thursday, February 27th, 720 Superlative Surprise. H. Finch, 1; F. Finch, 2; A. Child (first in the method), 3; T. Linfield, 4; J. Hills, 5; C. Hills (conductor), 6.

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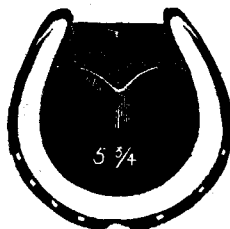
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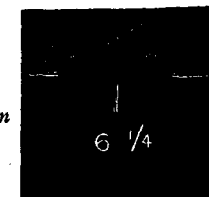
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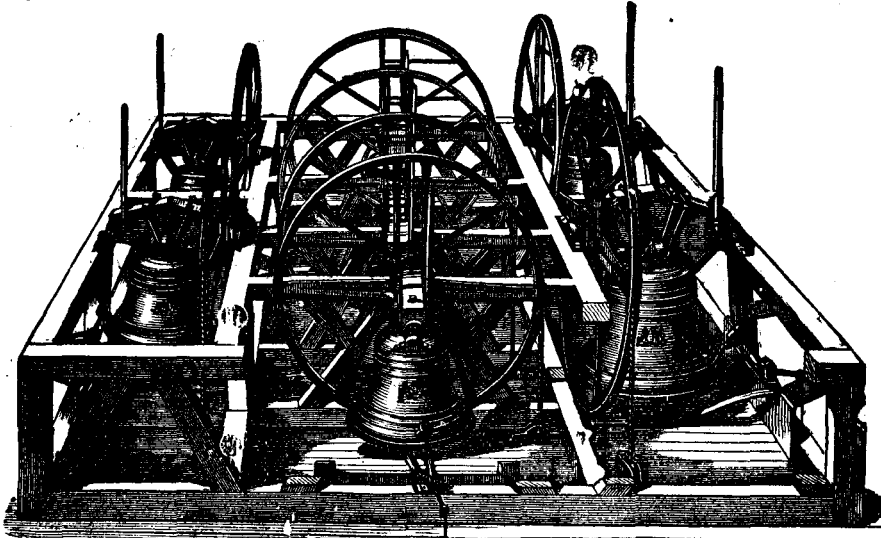
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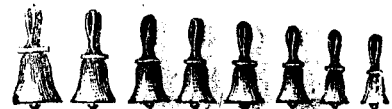
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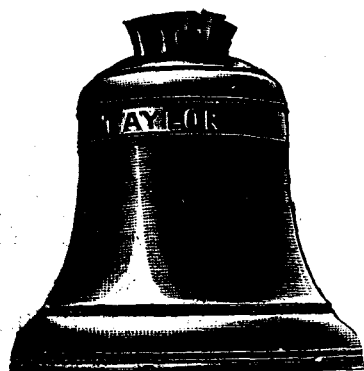
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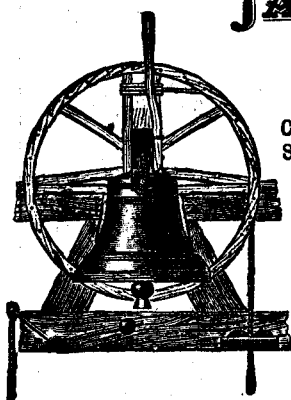
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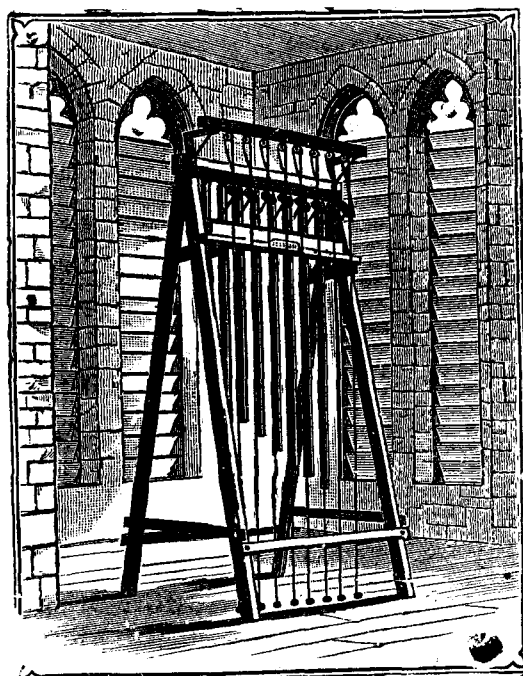
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THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The Sixth Annual Meeting of the Central Council of Church Bellringers will be held on Easter Tuesday, April 7th, 1896, at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, at one o'clock punctually. The Master of the Sussex County Association, Mr. G. F. Attree, most kindly invites members of the Council attending the meeting to dine with him after the meeting.

The Standing Committee will meet at 11 a.m. Members of this Committee are earnestly requested to attend. Arrangements for ringing in the evening will be made by the Sussex County Association.

AGENDA.

- 1.—Election of Hon. Members (if desired).
- 2.—To receive any further Report of Committee on Rail fares.
- 3.—To receive and decide upon the Preliminary Report of the Committee on Technical Terms.
- 4.—To receive the Report of the Committee on Peal Values.
- 5.—To consider the following motions :—
 - a. That the Annual Meeting of the Council be held on Tuesday in Whitsun week, instead of Easter week.
 - b. That it is desirable to augment the numbers of the Committee for the classification of peals, in order that, as far as possible, each method may be dealt with by a separate member of the Committee; that to ensure uniformity of procedure, it is desirable that the whole Committee should be under the guidance of a chairman. And that it be an instruction to the enlarged Committee to furnish to the Council a definition of the points constituting "original authorship;" and of those which determine "variation."
 - c. That it shall be sufficient to constitute a peal on six bells, if, the full 720 changes in any one method having been first rung, the 5040 changes are completed by half-extents, or 360 changes, no two half-extents to be rung in the same method.
 - d. That it is desirable that at all quarterly or district meetings of any Association or Guild of Church Bell Ringers, as well as at their Annual Meetings, arrangements should be made wherever possible for holding a short service in the parish church, at which the Incumbent should be asked to address the ringers present.
 - e. That a deputation be appointed to wait upon the Railway Clearing House in London with a view to obtaining cheap travelling privileges such as are now granted to angling societies, golf-clubs and other institutions, and to consider other matters relating thereto.
 - f. That it is desirable when members are elected otherwise than at recognised Association meetings, that some uniform regulation relating thereto should be adopted by all ringing Societies. And that the following be suggested by the Council to the Societies: That it shall be admissible for any band of ringers to elect one member in the tower prior to starting for a peal, providing before the attempt is made, either the proposer or seconder shall have received the candidate's subscription, and notified to the Secretary of the Association his name and address.
- 6.—To discuss the following questions :—
 - a. The titles by which Thurstans' compositions of Stedman Triples should severally be described.

- b. The claim of the Variation of Cambridge Surprise Major, known as the "Burton" variation, but more correctly as "Thackrah's," to rank as the standard method.

N.B.—The subscriptions of the following Societies have not been received up to the present date (March 25th): North Lincolnshire Association, St. James' Society, London (two years), Stafford Archdeaconry Association, and Yorkshire Association.

SIR CHRISTOPHER WREN AND SOME LONDON CHURCHES.

The following gossip upon a most interesting subject is from the pen of a writer in the *Church Times*. We have no doubt it will prove interesting to our readers :—

Sir Christopher Wren's work must surely be reckoned among the wonders of the world. He built nearly every parish church now existing in the City of London, and also its magnificent cathedral. Of his other great works here and elsewhere I do not propose to speak. Nor does the marvel stop here. There are two other English cathedrals which may fairly claim for themselves that one man designed them as they stand. Salisbury was the work of Bishop Osmund Poore, though the spire was raised after his time; and Truro is the work of Mr. Pearson, though he skilfully brought in some work which he found already on the site. But Wren laid the foundation stone of St. Paul's in 1675, and witnessed his son laying the last in 1710, and for some thirteen years longer came oftentimes to look upon his finished building. And the original contractor, Robert Strong, also lived to see the completed work. He lies buried in St. Peter's church at St. Albans, which Lord Grimthorpe has just so generously (and by general consent so wisely and carefully) restored. Bishop Compton, who took the see the same year that the stone was laid, held it until 1714.

Wren, as we all know, was not a "Gothic" architect. His whole genius lay in the Italian style, though I hope to say something hereafter about his Gothic churches. The reproach which has been cast upon him, that he understood nothing about making chancels is unjust. However we account for it, the old churches in London that remain have the same feature, the absence of the chancel arch, e.g., St. Ethelburgha's, St. Olave, Hart Street, St. Katherine Cree, St. Giles Cripplegate. At most, you have simply a recess. The fact that many of the churches were as chapels of the great city merchants will largely account for this. The whole tenor of Wren's life goes to prove that his view was entirely in agreement with Laud's about the position of the altar, and the reverence with which it should be treated. He was following the traditions of past London, and considerations of space absolutely precluded his making deep chancels if he had wished to do so. But his fertility of resource, and apparently endless power of variety, are very wonderful. And though he did not construct chancel arches, there are at any rate two beautiful screens of his existing, namely, at St. Peter's, Cornhill, and St. Margaret's, Lothbury. The latter has been brought from the lately demolished church of All Hallows, Thames Street, and fitted by Mr. Bodley with great success in its present position. But let me now go to one of Wren's churches by way of a beginning.

St. Martin's at Ludgate is not one of the most elaborate, yet it is both skilful and handsome. Look at it from the street. A blank grey wall, with a tower in the middle surmounted by a lofty black spire. You enter this tower and find yourself in a corridor running along the whole length. You cross this corridor, open the door on the other side, and are in the church. Well, what was that empty place for? It effectually shuts out the noise of the busy street. When you get into the place of worshipping you might be fifty miles away from the roar of the ceaseless traffic. There was just the same feature about St. Mildred's church in the noisy Poultry, now pulled down. The side facing the street was a dead wall without any windows at all. And so with St. Mary, Woolnooth, built by Wren's pupil, Hawksmoor. I heard Mr. Penrose, the cathedral architect, point out that he, too, while presenting a blank wall on the Lombard Street side, yet managed to make that wall a very handsome object. What words are strong enough to denounce the

vandalism of the proceeding if this church is to be pulled down for a railway station, as it seems is within the possibility of things? But to return to St. Martin's, at Ludgate.

When you are in this church you find that its floor is a parallelogram. But Wren has placed four composite pillars in square in the centre, and upon these has placed a groined roof. Then he has placed entablatures round the remaining portions of the roof, and a waggon-shaped ceiling to each arm of the cross. The whole appearance thus created is that of nave, aisles, transepts complete, and the top of the cross forms, of course, the chancel. It has been raised two steps; between the two eastern pillars and the wall is the choir; the sanctuary stands two steps higher still, and the holy table is elevated on a foot-pace. The whole effect is very beautiful in its simplicity. The organ is at the west end, so is the font, which has round it the well-known "recte et retro" inscription, NI*ONANOMHM ATAMHMONANO*IN—"Wash from sin, not the countenance only." This church, if I mistake not, was the last which was restored by the late Mr. Christian, and critics who do not look kindly on a good deal of his work confess that he has done this admirably. Though I had been in it previous to the improvements, I do not recollect it sufficiently well to dwell on the changes, but merely describe it as I saw it the other day. But there are a few other features to note. The present rector was incumbent of St. Mary Magdalen, Old Fish street, until that church was destroyed by fire in 1886. He then accepted this, the rector of St. Martin's resigning, and the two parishes were united. Another parish, that of St. Gregory-by-St. Paul, had also been united since the fire of 1666. The present incumbent has succeeded, with the help of friends, in setting up appropriate symbols of the three saints thus combined. On the east wall of the quasi-aisle are two frames from the altar-piece of St. Mary Magdalen's with a benefaction board of the same church, on which are paintings (1) of St. Mary Magdalen, after the Mantegna in the National Gallery, and (2) of St. Gregory. To these has been added that of St. Martin dividing his cloak with the beggar. It is a copy of a work by Van Dyck. That painter took St. Martin for his subject more than once. There is one by him in the Queen's collection at Windsor, and there is a copy of it in Vintners' Hall, Upper Thames Street. He also painted it for the village church at Saventham, near Brussels, where it now is, though Napoleon stole it with so many more for the Louvre, and loud were the lamentations of the Parisians when after his fall the Allied Powers compelled them to restore the ill-gotten booty. "*Nos conquêtes*" was the wail that went from north to south as the lions of St. Mark, and Raffaele's Transfiguration, and multitudes of others were sent back to their owners. So would the Artful Dodger have mourned if Charley Bates had restored a golden watch. But this by the way. The picture of which I have been speaking is copied for St. Martin's, and a very admirable work it is. Van Dyck died in the immediate neighbourhood on December 9th, 1641. His daughter, Justinian, was baptised at St. Anne's, Blackfriars, on the very day of her father's death. He was buried in Old St. Paul's, near John of Gaunt. Their memorials perished in the fire.

As I have already said, the church is admirably restored, and that in more ways than one. More than forty years ago I knew the incumbent of that date. He was a jolly old fellow, who lived at a country rectory, which he held along with this city living, which he probably considered a sinecure, for I don't think he ever came near it. He knocked off his port handsomely after dinner, and would have held heel-taps in as great abhorrence as he did Popery. Long after he was seventy he hunted three times a week, went across country like a bird, and thought nothing of a five-barred gate. But I am afraid the hungry sheep were not fed. I have always in my own mind identified him with Paget's "Parson Bullfinch" in that delightful book, *The Owllet of Owlstone Edge*, especially as he had that old parson's good points. The church, as all who remember those times know, was empty then. Now it has a good congregation, who rejoice in their privileges. I dropped in one week-day and found in the stillness two people at prayer.

One word more *apropos* of St. Martin's. Wren built St. James's church, Piccadilly. After his death the authorities, rightly or wrongly, thought the spire which he had placed upon it so heavy as to be unsafe. So they took it down, and substituted a

copy of St. Martin's, Ludgate, as being light and graceful. I don't think it a very successful copy, but the original as seen from Fleet Street, is one of Wren's most beautiful achievements, cutting as it does across the great dome of the cathedral. Wren never troubled himself about the outsides of his City churches, knowing probably that houses would hide them. But about his spires towering above them he was always most careful.

ST. GILES' SOCIETY, READING.

PRESENTATION.—On Tuesday, March 22nd, after the usual weekly practice, Mr. Arthur H. Evans was the recipient of a handsome teapot, subscribed for by the clergy and ringers on the occasion of his marriage. Mr. A. E. Reeves, in the absence of the vicar, asked Mr. Evans to accept the teapot as a slight token of their appreciation, and hoped that both he and Mrs. Evans would be long spared to each other.

Mr. Evans, in thanking the ringers for their kindness, said how much both he and his wife would value such a useful present, and it would remind him of the many pleasant hours he had spent in St. Giles' belfry.

Central Council Correspondence.

THE SIX-BELL PEAL QUESTION.

SIR,—The fact that six-bell ringing has been gradually rooted out by the hostile action of the Central Council, must have been notorious to all readers of your valuable paper, who have honestly studied the subject. But I did not expect to see it first acknowledged by one so hostile to the movement in favour of the six-bell question, and am yet at a loss to understand how it can be advanced as a reason for continuing the treatment under which this branch of the Exercise is slowly but surely expiring. Mr. Attree's position reminds me strongly of the gentleman who refused to send his son to school because he was so ignorant. Having carefully watched this question from its commencement, I have only seen one reason set forward by the Council against Mr. Snowdon's motion. They say that though a six-bell peal must contain repetitions, they will not allow such a performance to be false than they can possibly help, and set up seven complete 720s as the standard of excellence. But if these seven 720s are rung, the first one only is true, and after that we have 4320 repetitions. But it is obvious that if 5040 changes of Minor be rung in which all the 720 changes occur, 4320 repetitions is still the greatest possible number, since there are only 4320 changes left to repeat, and though one change be repeated more than six times, some other must be repeated less. It seems to me that even the Yorkshire definition is too narrow, and it is not necessary to ring one true and complete 720 to begin with, provided that all the 720 changes occurred in the performance. This too would give some scope for six-bell composers, to construct fourteen 360s in different methods, which shall contain all these 720 changes. And now one word in appeal to the eight and ten-bell ringers of the Council. How would they like it if a majority of the Council were to reject all peals rung in the higher methods, and restrict them to the use of the four standard methods? Would they sleep one whit less comfortably on their beds if they knew that their six-bell brethren were granted their desire? And will they refuse it for the sake of such a puerile reason as that which I have referred to. Last night we had a meeting here of the combined Gloucester cricket and tennis clubs, to appoint a committee for the season, and the question was raised as to the necessity of restricting the representatives of the tennis members from voting on cricket matters. It was unanimously rejected on the grounds that the tennis representative would not do so ungentlemanly an action as to vote on a matter that did not concern them. Will our eight, ten, and twelve-bell members of the Council, who boast of being church-workers, place themselves in a position that the representatives of a tennis club would scorn to do?

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Archdeaconry of Salop Guild.—The next monthly meeting will be held at St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, on April 6th (Easter Monday). Ringing at 11.30 a.m. Business meeting 12.30 p.m.
J. MACKAY, *Hon. Sec.*
Leaton Vicarage, Shrewsbury.

Worcestershire and Districts Association.—The annual meeting of this Association will be held by kind permission of the Dean and Chapter, in the Chapter House, Worcester Cathedral, on Easter Monday, April 6th, at 2 o'clock prompt. The Very Rev. the Dean has kindly consented to preside. The Cathedral tower and bells will be available after evensong, 5.0 p.m. Also the bells at St. John's, St. Swithin's, and St. Nicholas'. Members kindly note that all subscriptions should be paid at this meeting.
JOHN SMITH, *Hon. Sec.*

The Essex Association.—The next district meeting will be held at Halstead on Easter Monday. The towers of St. Andrew's, Halstead, Greensted Green, and Earls Colne (all six bells), will be open. A brake for the two latter places will leave St. Andrew's church at 12.30, returning about 4 p.m. Tea will be provided in St. Andrew's school at 5 p.m., followed by business meeting.
H. T. W. EYRE, *Assistant Sec.*
Great Totham Vicarage, Witham.

The Surrey Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Streatham on Easter Monday. Tea at the National Schools, Mitcham lane, at 5.30 p.m., by kind permission of the Rev. Canon Nicholl. The tower of the parish church will be open at 3 p.m., where six-bell ringers should meet if possible, also Immanuel (8 bells), will be available for ringing at the same time.
R. B. BLANCHARD, *Hon. Sec.*
13, *Sunnyhill Road, Streatham, S.W.*

The East Derbyshire Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Clay Cross on Easter Monday, April 6th. Bells open 9 a.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea (1s. each), at 5.15 p.m., meeting afterwards.
T. ALLIBONE, *Hon. Sec.*

The Hertfordshire Association.—Annual meeting at St. Albans on Easter Monday, when the towers of the Cathedral and St. Peter's church will be open for ringing from 2 to 4.30 p.m., and from 7 o'clock. Service at the Cathedral at 5, address by the Archdeacon of St. Albans. Tea at Town Hall at 5.45 (charge to members 6d. each), followed by meeting for the election of officers and general business. Cheap tickets from London to St. Albans by the Great Northern and Midland Railways; also from other stations on the Inner line, by arrangement.
E. P. DEBENHAM, *Hon. Sec.*
St. Albans.

Llandaff Diocesan Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Caldicot (Mon.), in the schoolroom at 3 p.m. on Easter Monday, April 6th. There will be a short service, with address to the ringers, by the Rev. F. W. Clarke, Vicar of Caldicot. Members who have not paid their subscriptions for the current year are kindly requested to do so at this meeting.
D. H. GRIFFITHS, *Hon. Sec.*
Salisbury Road, Cardiff.

The North Notts. Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at East Markham (Tuxford station), on Easter Monday, April 6th. Tower open from 10 a.m. Tea, 1s., at 5 p.m. The Tuxford tower will also be open for ringing to members of the Association.
B. DARLEY, *Hon. Sec.*

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Leek on Easter Monday, April 6th. Belfry open at 10 a.m. Service in the parish church at 12 o'clock; dinner 1.30; annual meeting 2.30; tea 6 p.m. To all members who have paid their subscriptions, tickets for dinner will be 1s., tea free; to others, dinner 1s. 6d., tea 9d.
REV. J. W. ALSTON, } *Hon. Secs.*
W. TWIGG, }

Midland Counties' Association.—Preliminary Notice.—The annual meeting will be held at Nottingham on Easter Monday, April 6th. The following towers, viz.: St. Mary's (10 bells), All Saints (8 bells), will be open for ringing from 10 a.m., and St. John's, Beeston (8 bells), from 12.45 to 3.45 p.m. Committee meeting at 3.30. Tea, followed by general meeting, at 4 p.m., both at St. Mary's Hall. Parties of eight or more can obtain fare-and-a-quarter tickets, by giving three days' notice at any station.
J. O. LANCASHIRE, *Hon. Sec.*
22, *St. Peter's Road, Leicester.*

The Bedfordshire Association.—Annual meeting at Bedford on Easter Monday. Towers open for ringing—St. Paul's (8 bells), St. Mary's (6 bells), and St. Peter's (6 bells). Special service at St. Paul's church 3 p.m. Tea at All Hallows lane school at 4 p.m., price 1/6. Ringing members whose subscriptions for 1895 are paid, and intending members, 6d. each.
W. W. C. BAKER, *Hon. Sec.*

The Old East Derbyshire Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Dronfield on Easter Monday, April 6th. Dinner will be provided at The Green Dragon hotel. Members kindly note that all subscriptions should be paid at this meeting.
EDWIN JAMES, *Hon. Sec.*
18, *The Dale, Woodseats, near Sheffield.*

Ely Diocesan Association.—A district meeting will be held at Sudbury on Easter Monday. The bells of all the churches will be at the disposal of members. Dinner at The Green Dragon at 2 p.m., price 1s. to members.
CHARLES SILLITOE, *District Sec.*
East Street, Sudbury.

Notice.—On Easter Monday eight members of the St. Stephen's (Westminster) branch of the Ancient Society of College Youths will attempt a long peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major at Ashted, Surrey. Starting time 1 p.m.

The Lancashire Association—Liverpool Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's church, Walton, on Saturday, April 11th. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Meeting at 6 p.m. Tea (free) to all members who send in their names to me not later than April 8th.
HENRY COLBY, *Branch Sec.*
3, *Rumford Place, Liverpool.*

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's church, Bury, on Saturday, April 11th. Bells ready at 4.30 p.m. Meeting at 6 p.m. All ringers invited, members or non-members.
EDWIN B. SHAW, *Branch Sec.*
14, *Thomas Street, Leesfield, Lees, Oldham.*

The Ancient Society of College Youths.—St. Paul's meeting falling on Easter Tuesday,

will be off. There will be a meeting at St. Magnus on Thursday, April 16th, at 8 p.m.

W. T. COCKERILL, *Hon. Sec.*
37, *Tradescant Road, South Lambeth, S.W.*

The Middlesex Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, April 18th, at All Saints, Edmonton. By the kind permission of the Rev. R. S. Gregory, the bells will be available after evensong, which commences at 5.30. Members and friends of the Association are cordially invited to attend.
ARTHUR T. KING, *Hon. Sec.*
Sarum, Ravenscroft Park Road, Barnet.

The Kent County Association.—Lewisham District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Greenwich on Saturday, April 18th. The tower will be open for ringing from 3 p.m. Committee meeting at 5 p.m. Tea will be provided at 6d. a head, for all whose names are sent to me not later than April 13th.
T. E. TEIGNMOUTH SHORE, *Hon. Sec.*
Bishop's House, Kennington Park, S.E.

Sussex County Association.—Eastern Division.—The next meeting will be held at Battle on Saturday, April 18th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 to 9 p.m. Meat tea (1s. to ringing members) at The George hotel at 5.30. Trains from Warrior Square to Battle, 1.32, 4.4, and 6.32. It will assist the secretary if those members who can possibly do so will send word of their intention to be present by evening post on Thursday, April 16th.
S. SAKER, *Hon. Sec.*
101, *Braybrooke Road, Hastings.*

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Cheddar instead of Banwell, on Saturday, May 9th.
H. W. TOMKINS, *Hon. Sec. and Treasurer.*
The Cottage, Old Cleeve, Washford.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

N. G.—We are unable to give you the information. Surely you must be aware of a more suitable medium than our journal for such enquiries. A District Officer of the order, or the Corresponding Secretary of your district, should have such information at their fingers' ends, so to speak.

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Position in 1895.		Treble Bob Methods.			Grandsire.			On 6 bells.			Plain Methods.			Surprise Methods.			Stedman.		
		January to November	December	Total	Maximus.	Royal.	Major.	In 7 Treble Bob Minor methods.	Cinques.	Caters.	Major.	Triples.	Doubles.	London	Cambridge	New Cumber-land.	Superlative	Champion.	In 7 Surprise Minor methods.
1	Norwich Diocesan Assn.	64	15	79	1	2	31	1	1	2	—	3	6	6	8	1	—	—	—
2	Yorkshire Association	51	5	56	2	1	31	8	—	—	—	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
3	Kent County Association	45	11	56	—	1	14	—	—	—	20	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
4	Oxford Diocesan Guild	43	9	52	—	3	4	—	—	2	1	13	—	—	—	2	—	—	—
5	Midland Counties' Assn.	42	6	48	—	—	2	—	—	1	2	12	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
6	Sussex County Association	37	10	47	—	1	3	2	—	1	1	10	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
7	Lancashire Association	33	5	38	—	—	12	1	—	1	15	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
8	Winchester Diocesan Guild	26	5	31	—	1	3	1	—	2	—	15	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
9	Glo'ster and Bristol Asso.	25	4	29	—	—	1	—	—	1	12	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
10	Ancient Soc. Coll. Youths	24	4	28	1	2	5	—	—	—	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
11	Surrey Association	23	3	26	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	11	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
12	Durham & New'cle Asso.	21	5	26	—	2	15	—	—	—	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
13	Bedfordshire Association	17	2	19	—	—	3	4	—	—	—	3	6	—	—	—	—	—	—
14	Essex Association	16	3	19	—	—	8	1	—	1	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
15	Royal Cumberland Youths	16	2	18	—	1	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
16	Soc. Archdeaconry of Staff.	12	2	14	—	—	—	—	—	2	2	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
17	Worcester and Dis. Asso.	11	3	14	—	—	—	—	—	2	2	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
18	Central Northampton. Asso.	11	2	13	—	—	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
19	St. Martin's Soc. B'ham.	11	1	12	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
20	Waterloo Society, London	10	1	11	—	—	4	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
21	Stoke Archidiaconal Assn	10	0	10	—	—	1	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
22	North Lincolnshire Asso.	9	1	10	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
23	Bath and Wells Dio. Asso.	8	1	9	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
24	Old East Derbyshire Asso.	8	0	8	—	—	—	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
25	Hertford Association	8	0	8	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
26	Chester Diocesan Guild	7	1	8	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	3	2	—	—	—	—	—	—
27	Salisbury Diocesan Guild	7	0	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
28	Middlesex Association	5	2	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
29	Devonshire Guild	5	2	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
30	South & West Midd'x Asso.	6	0	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
31	Salop Guild	3	0	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
32	Eastern Counties' Guild	2	0	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
33	Hereford Diocesan Guild	2	0	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
34	St. James's Society, London	2	0	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
35	Llandaff Diocesan Asso.	2	0	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
36	South Lincolnshire Assn.	2	0	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
37	Liverpool Dio. Guild	1	0	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
38	Ely & Districts Asso.	1	0	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
39	Cumberland County Assn.	0	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	Independent Societies	32	2	34	—	1	5	—	3	2	—	10	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
	Totals.. ..	658	108	766	4	16	154	29	4	22	8	187	15	28	46	2	3	69	49

The peals of Triples, Major, Caters, and Royal in plain methods, comprise :—Bob Triples, 12; Bob Major, 65; Bob Caters, 2; Bob Royal, 2; Oxford Bob Triples, 20; Union Triples, 8; Darlaston Bob Triples, 4; Canterbury Pleasure Triples, 4; Canterbury Pleasure Major, 3; Canterbury Pleasure Caters, 1; College Single Major, 1; Court Bob Triples, 1. The 34 peals by Independent Societies were rung in the following Counties :—Lancashire, 7; Middlesex, 4; Surrey, 4; North Wales, 4; Cheshire, 3; Kent, 2; Suffolk, 2; Sussex, 2; Cambridgeshire, 1; Hertfordshire, 1; Gloucestershire, 1; Norfolk, 1; Staffordshire, 1; Worcestershire, 1. The greatest number of changes in one peal, 10,080. Peals containing over 10,000 changes, 1; over 7000 changes, 2; over 6000 changes, 4; under 6000 changes, 651. The following record has been established during the year :—Six peals in four Surprise Major Methods out of eight attempts, by the St. Peter's, Brighton Branch of the Sussex County Association. The 187 peals of Grandsire Triples are made up as follows :—Holt's ten-part, 61; Holt's six-part, 5; Holt's Original, 38; Taylor's Bob-and-Single, 24; Parker's twelve-part, 13; Carter's twelve-part, 8; Davies' five-part, 6; Hollis's five-part, 6; James' ten-part, 5; other peals, 21. The 69 peals of Stedman Triples are made up as follows :—Thurstans' Original, 35; Brook's Variation, 13; Washbrook's four-part, 5; Heywood's Variation, 3; other peals, 13. The 203 Treble Bob peals : In the Kent Variation, 151; In the Oxford Variation, 22; College Exercise Major, 1; In ten Treble Bob Minor methods (7200 changes), 1; In seven Treble Bob Minor methods, 28.

The time occupied in ringing the 766 peals was 2326 hrs. 10 mins., or 96 days and nights, the average time for each peal being 3 hrs. 2 mins.

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Number of peals on church bells, 744; on handbells, 22. They were rung as follows: January, 74; February, 82; March, 59; April, 78; May, 52; June, 42; July, 25; August, 33; September, 44; October, 75; November, 94; December, 108. Decrease during the twelve months on 1894, 93.

The following table shows the number of peals rung annually since the publication of "THE BELL NEWS."

1881. From Jan. to Dec.	156	1885. From Jan. to Dec.	500	1889. From Jan. to Dec.	797	1893. From Jan. to Dec.	705
1882. " " "	244	1886. " " "	556	1890. " " "	699	1894. " " "	859
1883. " " "	330	1887. " " "	646	1891. " " "	878	1895. " " "	756
1884. " " "	419	1888. " " "	759	1892. " " "	802		

TABULATED ACCORDING TO VALUE IN POINTS.

Position in 1895.		Treble Bob Methods.				Grandsire.		On 6 Bells.		Dbl. Method.	Plain Methods.			Surprise Methods.				Stedman.			Value in points							
		Total number of peals 1895.	Maximus.	Royal.	Major.	7 Treble Bob Minor methods.	Cinques.	Caters.	Major.	Triples.	In 1, 2, or 3 Minor methods.	In 4, 5, 6 or 7 Minor methods.	Dble. Norwich C. B. Major.	Royal.	Caters.	Major.	Triples.	Doubles.	London.	Cambridge.		New Cumber-land.	Superlative.	Champion.	In 7 Surprise Minor methods.	Cinques.	Caters.	Triples.
1	Sussex County Association	47	—	1	3	2	—	1	1	10	—	—	2	—	—	—	3	—	3	1	2	7	1	—	—	3	7	1274
2	Oxford Diocesan Guild	52	—	3	4	—	—	2	1	13	—	—	2	—	—	2	1	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	14	1188
3	Norwich Diocesan Association	79	1	2	31	1	1	2	—	3	6	6	8	1	—	16	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1147
4	Yorkshire Association	56	2	1	31	8	—	—	—	20	2	1	—	—	—	9	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	942
5	Kent County Association	56	—	1	14	—	—	—	—	20	2	—	5	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	848
6	Midland Counties' Association	48	—	—	2	—	—	1	2	12	1	—	—	2	6	13	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	4	705	
7	Ancient Society of College Youths	28	1	2	5	—	—	—	—	6	—	—	3	—	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	6	568
8	Lancashire Association	38	—	—	12	1	—	1	—	15	—	1	1	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	566
9	Durham and Newcastle Association	26	—	2	15	—	—	—	—	2	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	4	516
10	Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association ..	29	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	12	2	1	2	—	1	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	2	454
11	Royal Cumberland Youths	18	—	1	5	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	3	—	3	—	—	—	1	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	2	424
12	Winchester Diocesan Guild	31	—	1	3	1	—	2	—	15	—	—	1	—	5	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	396
13	Surrey Association	26	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	11	—	1	1	—	—	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	3	342
14	St. Martin's Society, Birmingham	12	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	1	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	4	328
15	Bedfordshire Association	19	—	—	3	4	—	—	—	3	—	6	2	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	300
16	Essex Association	19	—	—	8	1	—	1	—	2	—	2	—	—	2	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	250
17	Waterloo Society, London	11	—	—	4	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	2	240
18	Old East Derbyshire Association	8	—	—	—	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	204
19	Worcestershire and Districts Association	14	—	—	—	—	2	2	—	2	—	2	3	—	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	190
20	Stoke Archidiaconal Association	10	—	—	1	3	—	—	—	4	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	168
21	Devonshire Guild	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	2	168
22	Society for Archdeaconry of Stafford	14	—	—	—	—	2	2	—	8	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	164
23	Central Northamptonshire Association	13	—	—	5	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	5	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	161
24	North Lincolnshire Association	10	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	2	—	2	4	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	157
25	Bath and Wells Diocesan Association	9	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	1	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	118
26	Salisbury Diocesan Guild	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	2	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	100
27	Chester Diocesan Guild	8	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	3	—	2	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	92
28	St. James Society, London	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	72	
29	Hertford Association	8	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	6	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	66
30	Middlesex Association	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	1	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	66
31	South and West Middlesex Association	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	52
32	Salop Guild	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	24
33	Llandaff Diocesan Association	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	20
34	South Lincolnshire Association	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	18
35	Eastern Counties' Guild	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	16
36	Hereford Diocesan Guild	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	16
37	Ely and Districts Association	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	12
38	Liverpool Diocesan Guild	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	8
39	Cumberland County Association	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	8
	Independent Societies	34	—	1	5	—	3	2	—	10	—	1	—	—	—	1	4	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	—	424
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SATURDAY, APRIL 4, 1896.

NEXT Tuesday, as is well-known to all who peruse this paper, the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers holds its Annual Meeting in the Royal Pavilion at Brighton—the building said to be designed by that monarch who with sarcasm was designated as "the first gentleman of Europe." It is hardly necessary for us to point out that a meeting of ringers, under almost any conceivable circumstances, is regarded as incomplete unless a repast of some kind follows, and the Central Council, we think, will not be the first body to effect a rupture of this acknowledged, if unwritten, charter. Every one concerned in the proceedings of the Provisional Council will not forget the hospitality of its President; and next Tuesday we find that Mr. ATTREE, the well-known Brighton leader, has followed the example of the great ringing chief by inviting his fellow-members of the Council to accept his hospitality on the coming occasion. And every ringer will hope such examples as these may not be few and far between. One of the absorbing topics

at the meeting on Tuesday is constantly in the minds of all concerned—the six-bell question. We have advocated no particular views upon this subject. Our strictures, if any, have been directed only to proposals for secession from the Council. We have thought proper hitherto to keep outside the arena of the discussion. But we may be allowed a few observations now. First, we suppose there is no ringer whose sanity is unquestioned who will not readily acknowledge that seven 700s of Minor, in seven different methods, is a much more difficult performance, and therefore more creditable, and consequently more honorable, than a 5000 in one method on a higher number of bells. It is unnecessary to refer to more than seven methods, because the increase of methods adds to the credit, and therefore the honour.

But no doubt it is the term "peal" upon which the question hinges. A ringing experience of nearly forty years gives us perhaps some title to an expression of opinion, or at any rate, to a statement in which the term was ever regarded. Five thousand *changes* or more could in our early days only claim this definition; and to call seven 700s of Minor "a peal," even if rung in seven Surprise methods, would have brought down a storm upon the head of the offender against the proprieties. The old ringers held the phrase "a peal" as the incarnation of a 5000 or more *different* changes. It is this influence which has prompted our present arrangement of "peals" and "performances," though if the Council determines otherwise, we are ready to bow to its dictum. But we should be sorry to see seven 700s so dignified by the term unless the same number of different methods were rung.

The Provinces.

KING'S NORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION. (THE KING'S NORTON GUILD.)

On Thursday, March 26, 1896, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

W. S. PRITCHETT Treble.	FREDERICK CLAYTON 5.
JOHN CARTER 2.	W. H. BARBER 6.
WALTER JONES* 3.	WILLIAM SHORT 7.
THEODORE PRITCHETT 4.	J. S. PRITCHETT Tenor.

Composed by J. S. WILDE and Conducted by J. S. PRITCHETT.

*First peal of Major. This peal was published in "BELL NEWS," November 16th, 1895.

BOLNEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 26, 1896, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

LOUIS ATTWATER Treble.	*FREDERICK PARSONS 5.
FREDERICK P. BENNETT 2.	ISAAC J. ATTWATER 6.
JAMES NEWMAN 3.	GEORGE WALDER, JUN. 7.
WARDEN WALDER 4.	JOHN OSBORNE, SEN. Tenor.

Conducted by ISAAC J. ATTWATER.

*First peal with a bob bell. The ringers of the 1st, 2nd, 5th, and 6th hail from Cuckfield.

DUNSTABLE, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 28, 1896, in Three Hours and Twenty-six Minutes,

AT THE PRIORY CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qrs. 15 lbs.

ERNEST HERBERT Treble.	REV. W. W. C. BAKER 5.
SAMUEL J. CULLIP 2.	ISAAC HILLS 6.
CHARLES CHASTY 3.	CHARLES WM. CLARKE 7.
CYRIL HERBERT 4.	HERBERT SHARP Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS and Conducted by CHARLES WM. CLARKE.

This is a two-part peal and has the 6th its extent at home at ten course-ends. This was rung as an opening peal, the bells having lately been rehung and the 1st, 4th, 7th, and 8th recast by Messrs. Taylor and Co.

FAREHAM, HANTS.—WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 28, 1896, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

JOHN W. WHITING Treble.	*CHARLES GILES 5.
GEORGE CHAPPELL† 2.	*HENRY TUCKER 6.
GEORGE GRAHAM 3.	*REV. R. C. M. HARVEY 7.
JOHN STAPLES 4.	HENRY WHITE Tenor.

Composed by H. HUBBARD and Conducted by HENRY WHITE.

*First peal in the method. †First peal in the method with a bob bell. G. Chappell hails from Wickham, J. Staples from Havant, Messrs. Giles and Tucker from Reading, Rev. R. C. M. Harvey from Eastleigh, White from Basingstoke, the rest belong to the local company.

DARLINGTON, DURHAM.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 28, 1896, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 10 cwt. 13 lbs.

RICHARD MONCASTER .. Treble.	*R. B. WILSON 5.
JAMES BAXTER 2.	THOMAS LUNGLEY 6.
WILLIAM PATTON 3.	WILLIAM PORTER 7.
G. J. LUNGLEY 4.	WILLIAM NEWTON Tenor.

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL and Conducted by WILLIAM PORTER.

*First peal in the method. Messrs. Lungley (2) and Wilson belong to the Holy Trinity society, Darlington, and W. Newton hails from Stockton. Rung in honor of the birth of a son to the conductor.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(WARNHAM BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 28, 1896, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5248 CHANGES.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

ARTHUR CHARMAN* .. Treble.	WILLIAM PELLING 5.
GEORGE COX* 2.	JAMES GARMAN 6.
WILLIAM HOOKER† 3.	†JOHN COOK 7.
THOMAS ANDREWS 4.	WALTER CHARMAN Tenor.

Composed by H. J. TUCKER and Conducted by WALTER CHARMAN.

*First peal of Major. †First peal of Major with a bob bell.

MELBOURNE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 28, 1896, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

WILLIAM SHAW* .. Treble.	WILLIAM EARL 5.
FREDERICK HOLLINGWORTH .. 2.	ALBERT H. WARD 6.
GEORGE C. TUNNICLIFF .. 3.	CHARLES DRAPER 7.
SAMUEL MASKREY 4.	*WILLIAM BROOKS Tenor.

Composed by A. E. BAMES, of Melbourne, Australia, and Conducted by FREDERICK HOLLINGWORTH.

The figures of the above peal appeared in "THE BELL NEWS" on February 1st, 1896, and as far as is known is now rung for the first time. *First peal. Messrs. Draper, Ward, and Maskrey hail from Derby, the rest belong to the local company.

Date Touches.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SHIPLEY (Yorks).—On Sunday evening, March 8th, at the parish church for Divine Service, a date touch of 1896 Kent-Treble Bob Major, in 1 hr. 6 mins. T. Lilley, 1; T. B. Kendall, 2; J. A. Ross, 3; J. Broadley, 4; F. London, 5; J. S. Clark, 6; G. Bolland, 7; J. Haley, 8. Tenor 15 cwt. Composed by A. Sykes, of Huddersfield, and conducted by T. B. Kendall. Broadley hails from Bradford; Bolland and Haley from Tong; the rest belong to Shipley.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

STAFFORD.—On Saturday, at St. Mary's church, a date touch of 1896 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 13 mins. H. Mountford, 1; A. Moreton, 2; W. Mountford, 3; F. Perry, 4; R. Pickering, 5; W. Bennett, 6; T. Guest, 7; T. Thompson, 8. Tenor 24 cwt. Composed by Edward Cook, of Cardiff, and conducted by R. Pickering. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

HEMPSTEAD (Gloucestershire).—On Sunday evening, February 16th, after Divine Service, a date touch of 1896 changes in the following methods, each called differently: two 720s and 456 of Bob Minor, in 1 hr. 4 mins. G. Taylor, E. E. Davies, W. T. Pegler, R. A. Barrett, H. Mitchell (conductor), A. E. Pegler.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

HANLEY CASTLE (Worcestershire).—On Saturday, February 29th, at the parish church, a date touch of Grandsire Doubles in 1 hr. 12 mins., each 6-score called differently. *W. Hills, 1; *A. Jones, 2; A. Allen, 3; A. Pitt, 4; W. Tarling (conductor), 5; *G. Tombs, 6. Arranged by R. Knowles, and was rang on the occasion of the birthday of G. Tombs. *Longest length.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

WESTERHAM (Kent).—On Wednesday, March 4th, on the occasion of a Confirmation Service being held by the Lord Bishop of Dover, a short touch of Grandsire Triples was rung, conducted by H. J. Selby. After service, a date touch of 1896 Grandsire Triples. R. Stone, 1; G. B. Selby, 2; D. Wright, 3; M. Wheatley, 4; G. Steer, 5; J. Heath, 6; H. J. Selby, 7; D. Ashdown, 8.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BATTLE (Sussex).—On Tuesday, February 4th, a date touch of 1896 Grandsire Triples. W. Eldridge, 1; W. Cramys (Tenterden), 2; C. Hyland, 3; W. Franks (conductor), 4; J. Livermore, 5; H. Elliott, 6; W. Thomas, 7; J. Curtis, 8.

WOBURN (Beds).—Recently, on handbells, at 20, Bedford street, a date touch of Bob Major, 1896 changes, in 1 hr. 2 mins. M. J. Matthews, 1; J. A. Avis, 2; E. Herbert, 3-4; Cyril Herbert (conductor), 5-6; Chas. Herbert, 7-8. Composed by the Rev. J. Holme Pilkington.

Miscellaneous.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ASHFORD (Kent).—On Tuesday, March 3rd, at the parish church, for practice, 720 Plain Bob Minor (twenty-one bobs and twelve singles) with 6-8 behind. *W. Goodwin, 1; T. Tabrett, 2; E. Dyson, 3; A. Saxby, 4; C. Viggers, 5; C. Hukins, 6; A. Dyson (conductor), 7; J. Pierce, 8. *First 720.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS.—On March 5th, at St. Peter's church, 336 Stedman Triples. E. Mankelow, 1; G. Smithers, 2; W. Pollard, 3; C. Chapman, 4; A. Welsh, 5; H. Porter, 6; S. Perkins (conductor), 7; A. Spice (late of Gillingham), 8. On Sunday, March 8th, 210 Oxford Bob Triples. W. Pollard, 1; H. Card, 2; W. Latter, 3; A. Welsh, 4; J. Muggridge, 5; S. Perkins, 6; H. Porter (conductor), 7; H. Ford, 8. And 288 Treble Bob Major. A. Welsh, 1; S. Perkins, 2; G. Smithers, 3; H. Porter, 4; E. Mankelow, 5; W. Latter, 6; C. Chapman, 7; H. Card (conductor), 8.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

STANSTED (Essex).—On Sunday, February 2nd, at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, for Divine Service in the evening, 720 Superlative

Surprise. J. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; G. Gray, 3; G. Jordan, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. On Thursday, February 6th, for practice, 720 London Surprise (4th the observation). J. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; T. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; J. Luckey, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. Also 720 Bristol Surprise. T. Jordan, 1; W. Watts, 2; G. Gray, 3; J. Luckey, 4; I. Hammond, 5; T. Watts (conductor), 6. And 720 Kent Treble Bob. J. Cavill, 1; T. Jordan, 2; I. Hammond, 3; G. Gray, 4; W. Watts, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. On Sunday, February 9th, for morning service, 720 Chichester Surprise. T. Jordan, 1; I. Hammond, 2; T. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; W. Watts, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. And for afternoon service, 720 New London Pleasure. T. Jordan, 1; I. Hammond, 2; G. Gray, 3; G. Jordan, 4; J. Luckey, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. On Thursday, February 13th, for practice, 360 Cambridge Surprise. T. Jordan, 1; T. Watts, 2; W. Hawkes, 3; G. Jordan, 4; G. Gray, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. On Thursday, February 20th, for practice, 720 Double Oxford Bob (eighteen singles three bobs), composed by I. Cavill, of Brickenden, Herts. T. Jordan, 1; G. Jordan, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; T. Watts, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. And 720 Stansed Court Bob. T. Jordan, 1; T. Watts, 2; G. Gray, 3; G. Jordan, 4; W. Watts, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. On Sunday, February 23rd, for morning service, 720 Worcester Surprise, in 25 mins. J. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; G. Gray, 3; J. Luckey, 4; W. Watts, 5; T. Watts (conductor), 6. Tenor 13 cwt. W. Hawkes hails from Springfield.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

EPSOM (Surrey).—On Sunday, February 9th, for Divine Service at Christ Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 41 mins. A. Easton, 1; W. Sutton, 2; A. Man, 3; T. Goff, 4; J. Crawford, 5; J. Tutte, 6; A. Gower (conductor), 7; J. Martin, 8. After service a quarter-peal in the same method, in 43 mins. H. Griffith, 1; T. Goff, 2; G. Saunders, 3; A. Man, 4; J. Crawford, 5; J. Tutte, 6; A. Gower (conductor), 7; J. Martin, 8.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

REDENHALL (Norfolk).—On Sunday afternoon, March 8th, for Divine Service, 1120 Superlative Surprise Major. And after service 224 and 448 in the same method. E. Smith (conductor), 1; J. Betts, 2; R. Whiting, 3; F. Borrett, 4; E. Poppy, 5; J. Tann, 6; F. Smith, 7; J. Souter, 8.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

HEMPSTEAD (Gloucestershire).—On Tuesday, December 24th, for practice by the local band and a few friends, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs), in 25 mins. A. Roberts, E. E. Davies, W. T. Pegler (conductor), H. V. Wilkins, J. Austin, A. E. Pegler. On December 25th, after Divine Service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs), in 25 mins. E. E. Davies, A. E. Pegler, R. A. Barrett, J. Austin, H. Mitchell, W. T. Pegler (conductor). On Friday, January 3rd, 720 Court Bob Minor (Shipway's), eighteen bobs two singles, in 24 mins. G. Taylor, A. E. Pegler, E. E. Davies, J. Austin, H. Mitchell, R. A. Barrett (conductor). On Friday, January 10th, 720 Court Bob (eighteen bobs two singles), in 24½ mins. G. Taylor, A. A. Waite, E. E. Davies, J. Austin, H. Mitchell, R. A. Barrett (conductor). On Friday, January 31st, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs two singles), in 25 mins. W. Dudge, H. Mitchell (conductor), R. A. Barrett, W. T. Pegler, G. Taylor, E. E. Davies. On Friday, February 14th, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs two singles), in 24 mins. W. T. Pegler (conductor), H. Mitchell, W. T. Bennett, R. A. Barrett, G. Taylor, E. E. Davies. At the various practices, several 6-scores of Stedman and Grandsire Doubles were rung.

BRISTOL.—Recently, at St. Stephen's church, three courses of Kent Treble Bob Major. W. Knight (first touch), 1; C. H. Horton, 2; H. Howell, 3; W. A. Cave, 4; H. P. Harman, 5; C. Boutflower, 6; F. Price, 7; J. Hinton, 8. After evening service, at the church of St. John, 720 Grandsire Minor, in 35 mins. G. Stadon, 1; C. Horton, 2; H. Howell, 3; Rev. H. C. Courtney, 4; G. Colston, 5; C. Boutflower (conductor), 6. Rung muffled as a last token of respect to the late Mr. Breley, for many years' keeper of the Guildhall. On Sunday, February 9th, at St. Stephen's, for evening service, 672 Stedman Triples. W. Knight, 1; C. Horton, 2; H. Harman, 3; W. Cave, 4; J. Hinton, 5; C. Tomkins, 6; F. Price, 7; W. Colston, 8. On a recent Thursday, at the house of Mr. F. Price, on handbells, 630 Grandsire Triples, in 21 mins., as a farewell to the Rev. H. C. Courtney, who was leaving Bristol after three weeks' stay. H. Harman, 1-2; J. Hinton (conductor), 3-4; F. Price, 5-6; Rev. H. C. Courtney, 7-8. On Tuesday, February 11th, at The George hotel, on handbells, 600 Grandsire Triples. H. Harman, 1-2; J. Hinton (conductor), 3-4; T. Price, 5-6; C. Gordon, 7-8. On Thursday, February 13th, for practice at the church of All Saints, 1098 Grandsire Triples, in 39 mins. H. Porch, 1; C. Horton, 2; P. Cames, 3; H. Pring, 4; W. Cave, 5; J. Richmond, 6; G. Daltry (conductor), 7; F. Gooding, 8.

THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ECKINGTON (Derbyshire).—On Sunday, March 8th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 720 Violet Treble Bob. H. Greaves, 1; T. Bettison, 2; C. Severn, 3; G. Norman, 4; H. Turton, 5; G. Marsden (conductor), 6.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BRISTOL.—On Saturday, March 7th, at the church of St. John-on-the-Walls, 720 Grandsire Minor in 35 mins. G. Clements, 1; C. Winstone, 2; C. Horton, 3; J. Harvey, 4; J. Winsor, 5; A. Walters (conductor), 6. And 360 Bob Minor. G. Clements, 1; A. Walters, 2; J. Harvey, 3; C. Horton, 4; C. Boutflower (conductor), 5; J. Winsor, 6. Messrs. Clements and Walters hail from Barrow Gurney; Winston, Harvey, and Winsor from Wraxall; Boutflower and Horton belong to the St. Stephen's Guild, Bristol.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LITTLE MUNDEN.—On a recent Thursday, for practice at the church of All Saints, 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-eight bobs twenty-two singles). H. Carter, 1; G. Carter, 2; J. Heady, 3; A. Phillips, 4; F. Harvey (conductor), 5; W. Lawrence, 6. The first 720 by all except F. Harvey, who hails from Hertford.

NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

ORDSALL (Notts).—On Sunday, February 23rd, for children's service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 25 mins. W. Preston, 1; W. Johnson, 2; G. Clark, 3; H. Lambert, 4; H. Blagg, 5; J. White (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method by W. Johnson. And 720 Woodbine Treble Bob, in 24½ mins. W. Preston, 1; G. Winter, 2; H. Blagg, 3; H. Lambert, 4; H. Haigh (conductor), 5; J. White, 6. First 720 in the method on the bells; first 720 in the method by all, and was rung at the first attempt without practice. And for evening service, 720 Canterbury Pleasure, in 25 mins. H. Merrills, 1; W. Skelton, 2; G. Clark, 3; H. Lambert (conductor), 4; W. Johnson, 5; W. Preston, 6. On Tuesday, February 25th, for practice, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 25 mins. J. White, 1; W. Skelton, 2; G. Clark, 3; H. Lambert (conductor), 4; C. Crawford, 5; H. Blagg, 6. First 720 in the method by W. Skelton. On Sunday, March 8th, for evening service, 720 Canterbury Pleasure. H. Merills, 1; W. Skelton, 2; G. Clark, 3; H. Lambert, 4; W. Johnson, 5; J. White (conductor), 6.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

KETTERING.—On Sunday, March 8th, for evening service, a quarter-peak of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. W. Hensher, 1; C. Newman, 2; J. Julian, 3; W. Roberts, 4; E. Underwood, 5; J. D. Matthews (conductor), 6; G. Lewis, 7; G. Toseland, 8. Composed by Harry Franks, of London. W. Roberts hails from Northampton.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

HANLEY CASTLE (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, March 1st, at St. Gabriel's church, 720 Oxford Bob. H. Greenway, 1; C. Layton, 2; R. Knowles, 3; G. Checketts, 4; W. Johnson, 5; W. Page (conductor), 6. And 720 Plain Bob. H. Greenway, 1; C. Layton, 2; G. Checketts, 3; W. Page, 4; W. Johnson, 5; R. Knowles (conductor), 6. Greenway belongs to Welland; Knowles to Hanley Castle; Layton to Mathon; Checketts, Johnson, and Page to Worcester.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HEPTONSTALL (Yorks).—On Sunday, February 10th, 720 Oxford Bob. A. Burn (conductor), 1; T. Robertshaw, 2; J. Armstrong, 3; W. Ingham, 4; J. Robertshaw, 5; J. Nowell, 6. And 360 New London Pleasure. T. Robertshaw (conductor), 1; W. Ingham, 2; J. Armstrong, 3; F. Robertshaw, 4; J. Robertshaw, 5; F. P. Powell, 6. On Sunday, March 8th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure. A. Burn (conductor), 1; T. Robertshaw, 2; J. Armstrong, 3; W. Ingham, 4; R. Nowell, 5; F. P. Powell, 6. And 720 Duke of York. T. Robertshaw (conductor), 1; W. Ingham, 2; J. Armstrong, 3; F. Robertshaw, 4; J. Robertshaw, 5; F. P. Powell, 6.

RAWMARSH (Yorks).—On Saturday, March 7th, at St. Mary's church, 1232 Bob Major, in 42 mins., taken from H. J. Tucker's 5120. V. Hawkins, 1; J. Hawkins, 2; J. Ensor, 3; W. Lambert, 4; T. Whitworth, 5; W. Hawkins, 6; R. Whitworth, 7; T. Wild, 8. Whitworth and Lambert hail from Treeton.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

PENARTH.—On Sunday evening, February 2nd, for Divine Service, 720 Kent. J. Jones, 1; F. Bartlett, 2; W. Biss, 3; J. Vinnicombe, 4; T. Northey, 5; H. Roberts (conductor), 6. This is F. Bartlett's 50th 720. On Sunday, February 29th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. J.

Vinnicombe, 1; F. Bartlett, 2; D. Thomas (conductor), 3; W. Biss, 4; T. Northey, 5; H. Roberts (conductor), 6. On Sunday morning, February 16th, for Divine Service, 720 Plain Bob (four bobs and fourteen singles). J. Jones, 1; W. Biss, 2; J. Vinnicombe, 3; F. Bartlett, 4; D. Thomas (conductor), 5; T. Northey, 6. On Sunday evening, February 16th, for Divine Service, 720 Violet (nine bobs). G. Watkins (Barry), 1; W. Biss, 2; D. Thomas (conductor), 3; F. Bartlett, 4; J. Vinnicombe, 5; H. Roberts, 6. First in the method by G. Watkins. On Sunday evening, March 1st, for Divine Service, 720 Kent. D. Thomas, 1; F. Bartlett, 2; J. Vinnicombe, 3; W. Biss, 4; T. Northey, 5; H. Roberts (conductor), 6.

THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

CROSSENS (Lancashire).—On Saturday, February 29th, at the church of St. John, 720 Bob Minor, in 24 mins. T. Hunter, 1; T. Hosker, 2; J. Brookfield, 3; J. W. Rimmer, 4; W. Fairclough, 5; J. Watts (conductor), 6. Also 720 Bob Minor, in 24 mins. T. Hunter, 1; J. Hosker, 2; T. Hosker (conductor), 3; R. Brookfield, 4; F. J. Ambrose, 5; G. Ball, 6. On Sunday, March 1st, 720 Bob Minor, in 24 mins. T. Hunter, 1; T. Hosker (conductor), 2; J. Hosker, 3; R. Brookfield, 4; F. J. Ambrose, 5; G. Ball, 6.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BATTLE (Sussex).—On Tuesday, February 11th, 720 Grandsire Minor, in 25 mins. *C. Carter, 1; H. Elliott, 2; F. Mathis, 3; *W. Eastland, 4; J. Livermore, 5; W. Franks (conductor), 6; C. Hyland, 7; W. Eldridge, 8. *First 720. On Sunday morning, February 16th, for Divine Service, 560 Grandsire Triples. C. Carter, 1; W. Franks, 2; C. Hyland (conductor), 3; W. Thomas, 4; J. Curtis, 5; T. Hunnisset (Bexhill), 6; H. Elliott, 7; W. Eldridge, 8. On Tuesday, March 3rd, 210 Oxford Bob Triples. W. Eastland, 1; F. Mathis, 2; C. Hyland, 3; W. Franks (conductor), 4; J. Curtis, 5; J. Mathis, 6; H. Elliott, 7; C. Carter, 8.

HORLEY (Surrey).—On Thursday, March 5th, at the parish church, a quarter-peak of Court Bob Triples in 42 mins. G. Staplehurst, 1; J. Kenward, 2; A. Songhurst, 3; P. Etheridge, 4; W. Edwards, 5; T. Sparks (conductor), 6; S. Kenward, 7; T. Post, 8. First quarter-peak in the method by all. Composed by F. Wickens, of Charlwood, Surrey.

THE STOKE-ON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

CHEDDLETON (Staffordshire).—On Wednesday, January 8th, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob. W. Gilbert, 1; H. James, 2; J. Gilbert, 3; W. H. Shuker, 4; H. Birch (conductor), 5; E. Spooner, 6. And 720 Bob Minor. On Sunday, January 26th, 720 each of Bob Minor and Oxford Treble Bob. W. Gilbert, 1; W. H. Armitt, 2; J. Gilbert, 3; W. H. Shuker, 4; H. Birch (conductor), 5; E. Spooner, 6.

THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

NORTON (Derbyshire).—On Tuesday, March 3rd, for practice, 720 each of New London Pleasure and Kent Treble Bob. G. Lates, 1; J. J. Goucher, 2; E. James, 3; A. Slater, 4; J. Atkin, 5; J. Allen (conductor), 6.

THE SOUTH AND WEST MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

EALING (Middlesex).—On Sunday, February 23rd, for Divine Service at St. Mary's church, 630 Grandsire Triples. T. Beadle, 1; J. Basden (conductor), 2; G. A. Ransom, 3; A. H. Taber, 4; F. Goddard, 5; F. Coulson, 6; A. Fryer, 7; W. Ward, 8. Also 504 Oxford Bob Triples. T. Beadle, 1; E. J. Walsom, 2; J. Basden (conductor), 3; G. A. Ransom, 4; F. Goddard, 5; E. Harris, 6; A. H. Taber, 7; J. Steptoe, 8. On Sunday, March 1st, a quarter-peak of Oxford Bob Triples, in 43 mins. *H. F. G. Leeck, 1; E. J. Walsom, 2; J. Basden (conductor), 3; *G. A. Ransom, 4; F. Goddard, 5; W. Foster, 6; A. H. Taber, 7; W. Ward, 8. *First quarter-peak in the method.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

YATELEY (Hants).—On Sunday evening, February 2nd, for Divine Service at St. Peter's church, 518 Grandsire Triples. H. Yeomans, 1; G. Hawkins (conductor), 2; W. Filmore, 3; Sergeant Taylor, 4; S. Riddle, 5; W. Tice, 6; B. Hawkins, 7; F. Bunch, 8.

WICKHAM (Hants).—On Wednesday, February 12th, in honour of the wedding of Miss Thirza Brock, daughter of J. F. Brock (post master and churchwarden of Wickham) to Mr. McCreary, of Uckfield, Sussex, five 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, each called differently. W. Singleton, 1; G. Downes, 2; G. Carpenter, 3; W. F. Churcher, 4; G. E. Chappell (conductor), 5; G. Knight, 6. And 240 in the same method. G. Downes, 1; W. Singleton, 2; W. F. Churcher, 3; S. Cummins, 4; G. E. Chappell, 5; H. Conway, 6. Also 720 Grandsire Minor. W. Singleton, 1; G. Downes, 2; W. T. Langford,

3; W. F. Churcher, 4; G. E. Chappell (conductor), 5; S. Cummins, 6. On Saturday, February 29th, 720 Grandsire Minor. W. Singleton, 1; G. Downes, 2; G. Plaskett, 3; W. F. Churcher, 4; A. Millard, 5; G. E. Chappell (conductor), 6. On Saturday, March 7th, 180 Bob Minor. E. Knight (first touch of Minor), 1; W. Singleton (first touch in the method), 1; A. E. Tomlins, 3; W. F. Churcher, 4; G. E. Chappell, 5; J. W. Whiting, 6. And 720 Canterbury Pleasure. W. F. Churcher, 1; G. Plaskett, 2; A. E. Tomlins (first in the method), 3; A. Millard, 4; G. E. Chappell, 5; J. W. Whiting (conductor), 6. Also a course of Kent Treble Bob, standing as above, it being G. Plaskett's first attempt. Millard and Plaskett hail from Swanmore; Tomlins from Gosport; Whiting from Fareham; the rest belong to the local company.

THE ELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

HITCHAM (Suffolk).—On Monday, February 24th, at All Saints' church, 720 Plain Bob (fourteen singles and four bobs) in 28 mins. J. Sewell, 1; H. Sewell, 2; T. Levett, 3; J. Snell, 4; C. Grimwood (conductor), 5; W. Stiff, 6. On Sunday, March 1st, 720 Plain Bob (twenty bobs and ten singles). H. Sewell, 1; T. Levett, 2; A. Keeble, 3; C. Grimwood, 4; W. Stiff, 5; W. Grimwood (conductor), 6. Rung on the occasion of the twenty-first birthday of C. Grimwood, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns. A. Keeble hails from Monks Eleigh. Tenor 18 cwt.

MONKS ELEIGH (Suffolk).—On Sunday, March 8th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs). R. Keeble, 1; C. Parker, 2; C. Grimwood, 3; C. Greene, 4; A. Keeble, 5; W. Greene (conductor), 6. C. Grimwood hails from Hitcham.

ASHOVER (Derbyshire).—On Sunday, March 8th, 720 Bob Minor (twenty-six singles). J. H. Beardow, 1; T. Beardow, 2; T. J. Beardow, 3; W. Buxton (conductor), 4; G. Beardow, 5; W. Hopkinson, 8.

BRADFORD (Yorks).—On Saturday, February 22nd, at the parish church, an attempt was made for a peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal, but owing to a mis-call it came to grief after ringing 2 hrs. 6 mins. J. Hardcastle, jun., 1; S. Clark, 2; T. Pollitt, 3; J. H. Hardcastle, 4; J. Cotterill, 5; J. W. Cundall, 6; J. Mawson, 7; H. Payne, 8; R. F. Lamb, 9; F. Mallaby, 10. Tenor 27 cwt. The ringers then adjourned and spent an agreeable hour together, and decided to make another attempt at some future date. T. Pollitt, J. Cotterill and R. F. Lamb hail from Halifax; F. Mallaby from Barnby Don, near Doncaster; the rest belong to the local company.

CHARLTON KINGS (Gloucestershire).—On Saturday, February 29th, after an unsuccessful attempt for Thurstans' peal of Stedman Triples, a quarter-peal in the same method. A. Humphris, 1; T. Townsend, 2; G. Hamlett, 3; W. Brinkworth, 4; F. Musty, 5; W. Dyer (conductor), 6; G. H. Phillott, 7; W. Bush, 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to W. T. Pates, his friends wishing him many happy returns.

EYNHAM (Oxon.).—On Tuesday, March 3rd, 720 Grandsire Minor, in 26 mins. A. Trinder, 1; A. Pimm, 2; J. Fisher, 3; J. Trinder, 4; W. Pimm, 5; N. Spindlow (composer and conductor), 6. And 720 in the same method. A. Trinder, 1; A. Pimm, 2; N. Spindlow, 3; W. Pimm, 4; H. Druce, 5; J. Fisher (conductor), 6. Messrs. Druce, Fisher, and Spindlow hail from Ducklington; the rest from Stanton Harcourt, Oxon.

FULBOURNE (Cambs.).—On Saturday, March 7th, 120 Grandsire Doubles, 180 and 720 Bob Minor. *R. Whitford (Pembroke College), 1; C. Jenkyn (Trinity), 2; J. Taylor, 3; G. Taylor, 4; W. Kempton, 5; G. Woodhouse (conductor, Caius), 6. *First 720 on tower bells. Also 120 of Stedman Doubles, with E. Woodhouse (conductor), 1; R. Whitfield, 6; the rest as before.

HANDSWORTH (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, March 8th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins. W. H. Godden, 1; W. Verry, 2; H. Bastable, 3; B. Starkey, 4; T. Westwood (conductor), 5; R. Feux, 6; T. Reynolds, 7; R. Speakman, 8. Composed by the late H. Johnson. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 6th, his brother-strings wishing him many happy returns of the day.

HAWLEY (Hants.).—On March 14th, an attempt was made for a peal of Grandsire Triples, when, after 4200 changes had been rung, stand was called, owing to a change-course. J. Corbett, 1; J. Hawkins, 2; H. Stapleton, 3; T. Gould, 4; S. Riddle, 5; B. Hawkins (conductor), 6; E. Spooner, 7; M. Steer, 8.

KENDAL (Westmoreland).—On Friday, February 21st, at the parish church, 2100 Grandsire Triples to commemorate the birth of a son and heir to Captain Bagot, M.P., this being the first direct heir born to the estate for over 200 years. The event was naturally made an occasion of great rejoicing in the neighbourhood. On Monday, March

2nd, 2240 Grandsire Triples, with the bells half-muffled, as a mark of respect to the late Mr. J. Allen, Draper, of Kendal, who two years ago gave the handsome sum of 500 guineas towards the restoration fund of this church. W. Graham, 1; W. Tyron, 2; R. Everson, 3; T. Haslam, 4; W. Atkinson, 5; B. Walker, 6; J. Braithwaite, 7; J. Salmon, 8.

LONDON.—On Sunday evening, February 16th, at the church of St. Margaret, Westminster, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters in 50 mins. A. Davis, 1; A. Hardy, 2; F. Pitts, 3; F. Perrin, 4; H. Barton, 5; W. Truss, 6; V. West (conductor), 7; H. Wood, 8; E. Fraser, 9; C. Irish, 10. H. Wood hails from Rodmersham, Kent, and this is his first quarter-peal on ten bells.

REDENHALL (Norfolk).—On Saturday, February 29th, with the bells half-muffled, a touch of Bob Major, as a tribute of respect to the late Benjamin Smith, who died at Norwich on Thursday, February 20th, aged 77. E. Smith (conductor), 1; E. Lincoln, 2; C. Baker, 3; F. Borrett, 4; J. Betts, 5; H. Fairhead, 6; F. Smith, 7; E. Poppy, 8. And a touch of Oxford Treble Bob with R. Whiting, followed by the whole pull and stand. The deceased was well-known and highly respected in the eastern counties, having been the conductor of the Redenhall, Bungay, and Alburgh companies, and had taken part in a good many peals, notably among which was the 10,080 at Redenhall in 6 hrs. 25 mins., and the 7360 at Bungay in 4 hrs. 40 mins., both Oxford Treble Bob, and which he conducted in the year 1860.

SAFFRON WALDEN (Essex).—On Tuesday, March 3rd, for practice, 1008 Bob Major. W. Marshall, 1; F. Pitstow, jun., 2; F. Pitstow, sen., 3; C. Freeman, 4; G. Martin, 5; N. J. Pitstow (conductor), 6; A. James, 7; A. Pitstow, 8. This was F. Pitstow, junior's second attempt in the method, a plain course only having been rung by him previously.

SUTTON NEAR MACCLESFIELD (Cheshire).—On Monday, March 9th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor. J. Williams (first 720), 1; W. H. Ingham (conductor), 2; W. Kenny (first 720), 3; J. M. Davenport, 4; T. Barton (first 720), 5; A. Lomas, 6.

WEST TARRING (Sussex).—On Sunday, March 1st, for Divine Service at the parish church, four 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. G. Skinner, 1; W. Jordan, 2; A. Tullett, 3; J. East, 4; G. Norris (conductor), 5; C. Goldring, 6. For evening service, four six-scores of Grandsire Doubles, H. Evans (Goring), ringing the 3rd, and C. Hills (Angmering), 4th, the rest as before. After service, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and eighteen singles). G. Skinner, 1; H. Meeting, 2; G. Morris, 3; B. Bassett, 4; E. Lindup, 5; C. Hills (conductor), 6.

Correspondence.

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

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

THE SIX-BELL PEAL QUESTION.

SIR,—I would ask each member of the Central Council to read over the grand performance at Butterwick, on March 19th, page 524 "BELL NEWS." I also would ask them to consider and realise what an immense amount of time, study, ability, and experience, must have been bestowed by those men, to have enabled them to have accomplished that which they have. And I think each one will acknowledge that to ring twenty-five different methods is something worthy of record. How long would it take an average Major ringer to get up and ring twenty-five different methods? No doubt some of these methods are more or less akin to other methods, which makes it the more worthy of record. All will acknowledge that in ringing two methods, which are akin, there is that fatal mistake of thinking you are ringing the one you are not. Do we six-bell ringers ask too much of the Central Council? We only ask that our performances may have that consideration which we humbly think they are worthy of. Again, as our performances of 5040 changes can only be an apology for a true and complete peal of 5040 changes, we ask that we may be enabled to make them of the highest intrinsic value. A. B. BENNETT.

Midhurst.

SIR,—Allow me to thank Mr. Attree for so kindly confirming the correctness of my charge against the Council, for his letter, taken as an example, proves the case to the hilt. At the outset he falls into the common error of mistaking a warning for a threat, further gets himself mixed between collective and individual traits of character, and then would hold me responsible for his want of a broader grasp of the situation. As a matter of fact, I feel certain that I have made more

speeches in defence of the Council than he; a strong proof of which lies in his astonishment at meeting with anyone capable of questioning its decision. However, I claim that I am none the less loyal because I have the courage to point out fearlessly the dissatisfaction its decisions are creating. There is one part of Mr. Attree's letter that is very amusing, viz., the description of his benevolent opposition to our case, his abstention from doing more than recording his annual vote (Artemus Ward would have noted that *annual* was "writ sarcastic.") Surely, after this modest description, no one absent from the last Council meeting could have pictured him appealing earnestly to the chair to break down the discussion, and bring it to an untimely end. No, this modest description of the lightness of his footsteps over the body of a fallen foe, may pass muster in his own county, where the battle of Hastings was lost; but it will not do for Yorkshire, who remembers the victory of Stamford Bridge; and the then want of British unity may be taken as another warning that the Southerners may again prove unable to stand alone—history is constantly repeating itself. But perhaps the funniest thing in the letter is the way in which this gentleman deals out *even-handed justice*. Taking the sense of his whole letter, he settles the question thus: We are not intending to allow you Minor men to ring as many methods in one peal as you like, but, by way of making up for it, we expect your Major brethren to ring your annual peals in the greatest possible variety, and thus one will balance the other. This, on the law of average happiness! The Central Council grants you these privileges, and intends to do no more. "These be thy gods, O Israel."

WM. SNOWDON.

P.S.—Allow me to express a hope that the coming meeting may accomplish good work, and that the result of this correspondence may tend to greater liberality of thought and action in all cases where no harm can arise from freedom.

(The above two letters came too late to be inserted under their proper heading.)

AN APPEAL.

SIR,—Will you allow me to bring before the notice of your many readers the deplorable condition of the bells of St. James', Bermondsey, S.E. This beautiful peal of ten, founded in 1828 by Messrs.

Mears and Stainbank, is sadly in need of repair, it being twenty years ago since they were last overhauled. They have now been idle over twelve months, it being considered unsafe to ring them. The amount required for the repairs being £60, of which about £20 has been subscribed, it is feared the remainder cannot be raised in Bermondsey, the Vicar having just lately raised £1300 for the improvement of our National Schools and another £100 for the Heating Apparatus of the church. Will any of your readers kindly help to raise the remaining £40? Donations to the bell fund should be sent to the Rev. E. N. Coulthard, Vicar, St. James' Vicarage, Jamaica Road, Bermondsey, S.E.

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Obituary.

JOHN THORP.

We much regret to announce that the above-named ringer died on Friday morning, March 27th. The funeral took place on Wednesday, the 1st instant, at Christ Church, Ashton-under-Lyne. We shall refer to the subject in our next issue.

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The premiums received during the year were £2,304,013, being an increase of £226,057 over the year 1894.

The Claims of the year amounted to £572,289. The number of Deaths was 4,479, and 218 Endowment Assurances matured.

The number of Policies in force at the end of the year was 414,137.

INDUSTRIAL BRANCH.—The Premiums received during the year were 194,352,625, being an increase of £108,401.

The Claims of the year amounted to £1,797,688. The number of Deaths was £6,507, and 1,418 Endowment Assurances matured.

The number of Free Policies granted during the year to those Policy-holders of ve years' standing, who desired to discontinue their payments, was 59,352, the num-

ber in force being 448,816. The number of Free Policies which became Claims during the year was 8,950.

The total number of Policies in force at the end of the year was 11,682,748; their average duration is nearly seven and three-quarter years.

The Directors have made more than one attempt to deal with the difficult question of old age pensions for the Industrial classes, and they are happy to inform the Shareholders that the special tables combining assurance with a provision for old age, which they issued in September last, have met with considerable success. At the end of the year the number of Policies in force under these tables as the result of three months' working was 169,791, producing an Annual Premium Income of £64,974.

The Assets of the Company, in both branches, as shewn in the Balance Sheet, are £23,915,890, being an increase of £2,702,085 over those of 1894.

General Balance Sheet of the Prudential Assurance Company, Limited, on the 31st December, 1895.

LIABILITIES.				ASSETS.			
		£	s. d.			£	s. d.
Shareholders' Capital ...	...	800,000	0 0	British Government Securities (£2,300,000 Consols)...	...	2,208,388	13 3
Ordinary Branch Funds...	...	11,151,440	18 9	Railway and other Debentures and Debenture Stocks ...	...	2,071,153	0 3
Industrial Branch Fund...	...	11,866,744	17 1	Loans, County Council, Municipal, and other Rates ...	...	5,925,397	2 2
Claims under Life Policies admitted	...	97,704	8 1	Freehold Ground Rents and Scotch Feu Duties ...	...	2,544,631	2 2
				Mortgages ...	...	2,532,913	12 8
				Metropolitan Consolidated Stock, and City of London Bonds	...	369,720	13 6
				Bank of England Stock ...	...	174,020	10 0
				Freehold and Leasehold Property ...	...	1,244,036	11 11
				Indian and Colonial Government Securities ...	...	2,009,375	19 8
				Foreign Government Securities ...	...	74,634	14 6
				Reversions ...	...	235,415	11 1
				Railway and other Shares ...	...	2,908,188	0 6
				Loans on the Company's Policies...	...	394,544	1 1
				Rent Charges ...	...	123,264	8 2
				Outstanding Premiums ...	...	425,125	2 3
				Cash in hands of Superintendents and Agents' Balances	...	52,292	0 1
				Outstanding Interest and Rents	205,579	18 10
				Cash—On deposit, on current accounts, and in hand	...	417,189	1 10
						£23,915,890	3 11

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We have examined the Cash transactions, Receipts and Payments, affecting the accounts of the Assets and Investments for the year ended December 31st, 1895, and we find the same in good order and properly vouched. We have also examined the Deeds and Securities, Certificates, etc., representing the Assets and Investments set out in the above account, and we certify that they were in possession and safe custody as on December 31st, 1895.

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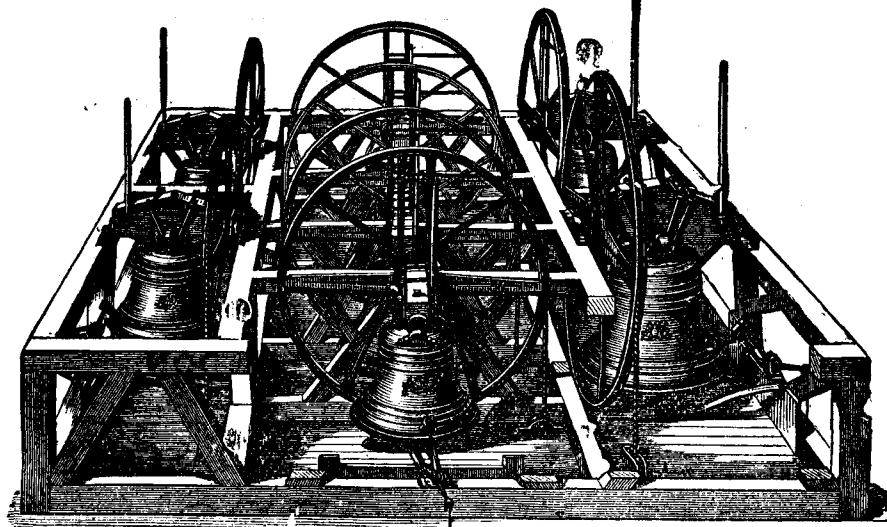
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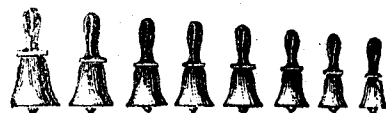
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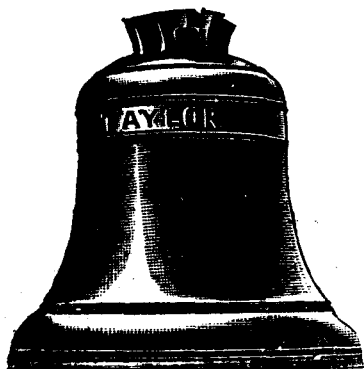
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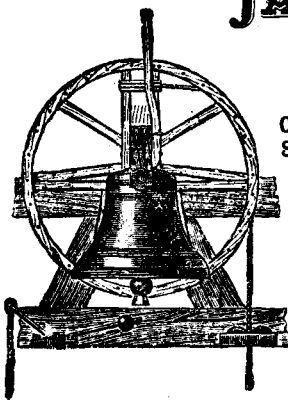
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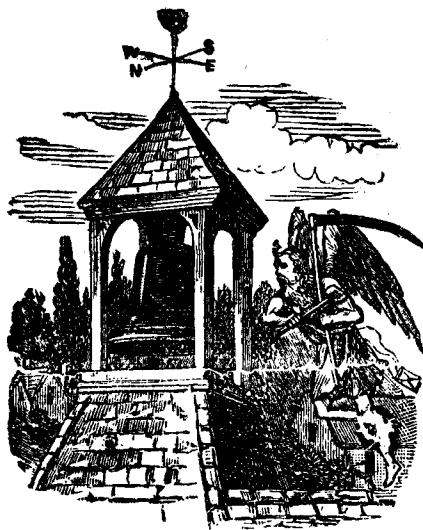
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THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The Sixth Annual Meeting of the Central Council was held at Brighton on Tuesday, April 7th. The gathering was not a large one. The President, who presided, was supported by the Hon. Secretary and Mr. Attree. The report on railway fares was submitted by the Rev. H. A. Cockey, from which it appeared the Committee had not at present been successful, but it was understood that the matter would be considered at the next meeting of the Clearing House. It was afterwards resolved that a deputation be appointed to attend the meeting at the Clearing House, and urge the granting of the same privileges to ringers as it is understood is granted to golfers and anglers.

It was decided to change the day of meeting to Whit-Tuesday.

The proposal to augment the Committee for the classification of peals, gave rise to a long discussion, and it was finally resolved to add the Hon. Secretary to the Committee, and the Committee were requested to secure the services of gentlemen who would devote their attention to one particular method.

The report on Technical Terms was adopted, and the Committee requested to proceed with the Glossary.

The report of the Committee on peal values was presented and considered.

After some discussion upon increasing the points for long lengths, the report was referred back, and Mr. Attree was requested to revise the same.

The proposed addition to the definition of a "peal" on six bells was lost.

The proposed recommendation for a short service at Quarterly, Association, and Guild meetings was altered to "at all important ringing meetings."

The proposed uniform regulation of election of members of Associations and Guilds was lost.

The titles of Thurstans' Compositions of Stedman Triples, and the claim of the variation of Cambridge Surprise Major known as the Burton Variation, but more correctly known as Thackrah's, to rank as the standard method, were both referred to by the President.

The meeting having concluded, the members present, at the invitation of Mr. Attree, dined at the Hotel Metropole. A full report of the proceedings will appear.

THE REV. T. L. PAPILLON.

At the meeting of the Central Council on Tuesday last, the Rev. H. E. Bulwer announced that he had received a letter from the above-named gentleman stating his views upon various matters that were to come before the Council. He was pleased to say that Mr. Papillon, who was still abroad, although not yet able to return home, was getting better. We hope the time is not far distant when the rev. gentleman will be able to personally receive the heartfelt congratulations of his friends in all parts of Essex upon his complete restoration to health.

John Ward, in the *Young Mathematician's Guide*, p. 84, says that he has been told that there were twelve bells in St. Mary-le-Bow before the Great Fire of London in 1666. His book was first published in 1706. My copy, which belonged to my grandmother and grandfather, is of the fourth edition, corrected at Chester in 1722. Can any of your readers confirm Ward's information?—J. J. RAVEN, D.D. F.S.A., *Fressingfield Vicarage, Harleston, April 8th, 1896.*

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—CREWE BRANCH.

A ringing meeting of this branch was held at Lawton on Saturday, March 21st, the rector, the Rev. S. Nunn, in the chair. The following towers were represented: Crewe, Lawton, Alsager, and Kidsgrave. Thirty-three members were present, and after the reading and passing the minutes of the previous meeting, eleven new members were elected, and it was resolved to hold the next meeting at Acton on Saturday, May 9th. After the meeting the members present sat down to a substantial free tea, kindly provided for them by the Rev. S. Nunn, to which full justice was done. After tea a hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Rev. S. Nunn for his kindness to them that day for providing a free tea and for the use of the bells.

The rev. gentleman in replying said that he was always pleased to welcome the members of the Crewe branch to Lawton, and would always try and do his best to help them in any way he could.

The ringers then adjourned to the tower, and the following 720s were rung, and various other touches. A 720 Kent Treble Bob in 27 mins. G. Siddons, 1; A. Archer, 2; J. Mason, 3; H. Dean, 4; R. Holding, 5; C. Ollier (conductor), 6. A 720 Bob Minor in 30 mins. T. Cartwright, 1; W. Cartwright, 2; A. Archer, 3; J. Mason, 4; T. Edwards, 5; W. Hartshorn (conductor), 6. A 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor in 29 mins. T. Cartwright, 1; G. Baddeley, 2; W. Hartshorn, 3; G. Siddons (conductor), 4; R. Holding, 5; C. Ollier, 6. Train time had now arrived for the Crewe men, and they wended their way to the station, all thoroughly satisfied that they had enjoyed their afternoon's outing.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly meeting was held at Caldicot on Monday, April 6th. The proceedings commenced at 2.45 with a short choral service and address on Colossians iii. v. 17, by the vicar, who also at the conclusion of the service pointed out the chief architectural features of this 13th and 14th century fabric; the pointed drop arches under the central tower, the ogee windows in the chancel, the double piscinas in the south-east corner of the nave, the steps which led from the porch to the room which formerly existed (most likely judging from the niche above the entrance it was the chapel of a guild of the Holy Virgin) over the porch, the cross marked on the right side of the entrance at the time of the consecration of the building, and the tomb of the founder in the south-east corner of the porch. The tower contains eight bells in the key of F; tenor 16½ cwt., a pre-reformation bell, inscribed "In honore Sancta Mariha." The others are from the Whitechapel Foundry, with the trebles from Bristol. The only peal on them hitherto was rung on December 7th, 1889, by the Caerleon band.

The business was conducted in the schoolroom, the Rev. F. W. Clarke presiding. The Rev. W. A. Downing, vicar of Caerwent, and formerly Hon. Secretary, was present, and promised to approach the cathedral authorities with a view to obtaining a relaxation of a newly imposed regulation concerning the use of the cathedral bells.

The Master (W. Honeyfield, Esq., J.P., Mayor of Monmouth), at the conclusion of a suitable speech, handed to the former Hon. Secretary a handsome meerschaum in case, as a token of respect and appreciation of his services as founder of the Association.

The recipient having suitably responded, the usual votes of thanks brought the meeting to a close, and the bells were set in motion. Thanks are due to Mr. Baynham, for many years foreman of the local band, for his kindness in the tower arrangements.

NOTICE.—The Prov. C.S. of the Saddleworth District of the Manchester Unity of Odd Fellows will be staying at Bristol during the A.M.C. week at The Garrick hotel, Park Row, and would be pleased to see any ringers who may be attending the A.M.C., and would esteem it a favour if any of the Bristol ringers would communicate with him with a view of making arrangements for ringing.

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		Rung	Conducted
Grandsire Triples	15	4
" Major..	4	
" Caters	12	1
" Royal	1	
" Cinques	4	
Bob Major	6	2
Treble Bob Major	92	51
" " Royal	18	11
" " Maximus	3	1
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Treble Bob Major	2	1
" " Royal	1	
		161	51

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CHURCHWARDEN RINGERS.

At the parish church, Saddleworth, on Easter Monday, when John Holden had been re-elected vicar's warden, and the two following ringers had been elected—Joseph Radcliffe (vicar's sidesman), and Jonathan Pilling (people's sidesman), a 720 of Violet was rung. J. J. Brierley, 1; J. Pilling, 2; J. Holden (conductor), 3; J. Radcliffe, 4; J. A. Lawton, 5; J. Wood, 6.

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Service was held in the church at 4.30 p.m. at which only twenty-five members attended, a thing to be regretted, as an excellent sermon was preached by the Rev. J. B. Nodder, who based his discourse on the words "She hath done what she could," bringing out some practical remarks how ringers can make their office useful by unity, regular attendance at ringing, church services, and Holy Communion, and also punctuality.

An excellent tea was provided in the Church school at 5.15 p.m. to which ample justice was done. This tea was not so well attended as it deserved, many members preferring to ramble round the town instead.

The business meeting after tea was well attended. The Rev. J. B. Nodder was voted to the chair, after which the secretary read the minutes and balance-sheet, which were duly confirmed and considered very satisfactory, the balance in hand being £3 10s. 1d. as against 3s. 10d. last year. Two new ringing members were elected.

The officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: President—Rev. J. B. Nodder; Vice-Presidents—Rev. G. Hougher and Mr. E. Bradley; Treasurer—Rev. H. S. Oldham; Secretary—T. Allibone.

Votes of thanks to the chairman for presiding and also for his sermon, and to the vicar for the use of the bells and school-room during the day, brought the meeting to a close, after which the bells were kept merrily going till nearly nine o'clock.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

A district meeting of this Association was held at Halstead on Easter Monday, and which was the most successful meeting for a long time past. Seventy members sat down to tea at St. Andrew's school under the presidency of the Assistant-Secretary, the Rev. H. Eyre, supported by the vicar of the parish. The towers of Halstead, Greenstead Green, Earls Colne (six bells), and Colne Engaine (five bells), were open to the Association, and a brake was provided for the use of the members. The following towers were represented: Halstead, Greenstead Green, Earls Colne, Kelvedon, Colchester, Great and Little Bentley, Braintree, Bocking, Stisted, Coggeshall, Stansted, Maldon, Witham, Chelmsford, Springfield, Boreham, and Feering. The vicar of Earls Colne and the Hon. C. Strutt were elected life members, Mr. A. Ruggles-Brise as an Hon. Member, and several ringing members. The usual vote of thanks was passed to the various vicars and churchwardens who had allowed their bells to be rung.

The Queen has contributed one hundred and fifty pounds to the repair and restoration of the Cloisters, Chapter-house, and Crypt, and to other works in Canterbury Cathedral, in commemoration of the thirteen hundredth anniversary of the baptism of King Ethelbert, at Canterbury. Although the appeal has not yet been issued publicly, it has already met with the approval and generous support of the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Marquess of Salisbury, Mr. Gladstone, the Duke of Westminster, the Duke of Fife, Earl Stanhope, Lord Northbourne, Lord Iveagh, Sir E. D'Aguilar, Sir E. S. Dawes, Sir F. Mappin, M.P., and others. The Dean and Canons have also contributed largely from their private incomes.

Allusions to the uncertainty of life are often considered trite. That which is most trite is usually most true. All great, certain, solemn facts are common both in speech and in the minds of men, but they are not trivial. The uncertainty of life is a fact of such vital importance that no man, be he lettered or unlearned, can banish it wholly from his thoughts. It is a truth that will be whispered to him in every danger, in every sorrow, in every illness along his road of life.

Miscellaneous Touches.**THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

ECKINGTON (Derbyshire).—On Saturday, March 14th, at the parish church, 720 Violet Treble Bob and 240 Duke of York. F. Hancock, 1; W. Price, 2; E. James, 3; G. Norman, 4; G. Marsden (conductor), 5; W. Biggin, 6. On Sunday, March 15th, for Divine Service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. F. Hancock, 1; W. Price, 2; J. Morton, 3; S. Robinson, 4; G. Norman, 5; G. Marsden (conductor), 6. On Saturday, March 14th, the Treeton company rang 720 Cambridge Surprise. A. Woodfinden, 1; T. Whitworth, 2; S. Walker, 3; J. H. Brothwell, 4; W. J. Nicholson, 5; W. Lambert (conductor), 6. Also 240 College Pleasure. A. Woodfinden, 1; T. Whitworth, 2; T. Walker, 3; W. Lambert (conductor), 4; W. J. Nicholson, 5; W. Biggin, 6.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BEDFORD.—On January 5th, 420 Stedman Triples. H. Tysoe, 1; C. Chasty, 2; W. Hall, 3; F. Hull, 4; I. Hills, 5; F. Smith, 6; C. Clarke (conductor), 7; F. Ball, 8. On January 9th, 320 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. H. Toll, 1; C. Chasty, 2; W. Hall, 3; S. Cullip, 4; I. Hills, 5; H. Tysoe, 6; F. Smith, 7; C. Clarke (conductor), 8. On January 19th, 448 Superlative Surprise Major. S. Cullip, 1; C. Chasty, 2; W. Hall, 3; F. Smith, 4; I. Hills, 5; W. Shimmans, 6; C. Clarke, 7; H. Sharp (conductor), 8. Also 320 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. On January 23rd, on handbells, 496 Bob Major. C. Clarke (conductor), 1; F. Smith, 2; S. Lowe (first touch in the method), 3; F. Hull, 4; I. Hills, 5; H. Tysoe, 6; W. Hall, 7-8. On February 2nd, 448 Superlative Surprise Major. S. Cullip, 1; C. Chasty, 2; W. Hall, 3; H. Sharp, 4; I. Hills, 5; H. Tysoe, 6; F. Smith, 7; C. Clarke (conductor), 8. On February 5th, 336 Grandsire Triples and 224 Bob Major, the following taking part. S. Lowe, S. Cullip, C. Chasty, F. Hull, F. Smith, H. Tysoe, F. Keech, I. Hills, C. Clarke (conductor), and F. Parsons. Rung with the bells deeply muffled as a mark of respect to the late Prince Henry of Battenberg. On February 9th, 504 Stedman Triples. F. Smith, 1; C. Chasty, 2; S. Cullip, 3; F. Hull, 4; I. Hills, 5; C. Clarke, 6; H. Sharp (conductor), 7; F. Ball, 8. And 224 Double Norwich. On February 10th, 1152 Bob Major, in 43 mins. C. Clarke (conductor), 1; C. Chasty, 2; S. Cullip, 3; F. Hull, 4; F. Smith, 5; H. Tysoe, 6; W. Shimmans, 7; I. Hills, 8. Rung on the occasion of the 96th birthday of George Hurst, Esq., F.R.C.S., being one change to every month of his long and useful life. He is a hon. member of the Bedfordshire Association. On February 16th, 448 Superlative Surprise Major. S. Cullip, 1; C. Chasty, 2; W. Hall, 3; F. Smith, 4; I. Hills, 5; H. Tysoe, 6; H. Sharp, 7; C. Clarke (conductor), 8.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUID.

CAMBRIDGE.—*Handbell Ringing.*—The following handbell ringing has been done during the term: 720 Bob Minor. *R. H. Whitford, 1-2; G. F. Woodhouse, 3-4; *J. Pickman, 5-6. *First double-handed. Another 720 Bob Minor. R. H. Whitford, 1-2; Rev. A. H. F. Boughey, 3-4; G. F. Woodhouse, 5-6. Also 224, 240, 464 Bob Major, 252 Bob Triples, and 96 Kent Treble Bob Major. R. H. Whitford, 1-2; Rev. A. H. F. Boughey, 3-4; G. F. Woodhouse, 5-6; J. Pickman, 7-8. Also 336 Bob Major, with C. W. O. Jenkyn, 3-4. Also 126, 210, 377 and 447 Grandsire Triples. C. W. O. Jenkyn, 1-2; Rev. A. H. F. Boughey, 3-4; G. F. Woodhouse, 5-6; J. Rickman, 7-8. Also courses and short touches of Kent, Canterbury and Forward Minor, Duffield Major and Grandsire Caters. All were conducted by G. F. Woodhouse.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

NORTHENDEN (Cheshire).—On Sunday, March 8th, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor (fifteen bobs and six singles). And for evening service 720 Bob Minor (twenty-one bobs and twelve singles). J. Brickill, 1; G. Gresty, 2; H. Steele, 3; F. Price, 4; J. Price (conductor), 5; T. Price, 6. Tenor about 18 cwt.

THE SALOP GUILD.

COALBROOKDALE.—At a recent meeting held at this place, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, taken from Carter's twelve-part. T. Burd, 1; —, Evason, 2; T. Pritchard, 3; R. Rowley, 4; W. Griffith, 5; G. Burrows, 6; G. Byolin (conductor), 7; J. Wall, 8. This was the last quarter-peal the late W. Griffith took part in.

SHREWSBURY.—On Sunday, March 8th, at St. Chad's church, 192 Grandsire Triples. J. Perkins, 1; A. Bennett, 2; G. Taylor, 3; G. Burrows (conductor), 4; W. Taylor, 5; A. Hollock, 6; A. Espley, 7; P. Lloyd, 8.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

UFFORD (Suffolk).—On Friday, March 11th, for practice, 1008

Double Norwich in 38 mins. Also on Sunday evening, March 15th, 1008 in the same method. A. Ward, 1; F. Reeve, 2; E. Todd, 3; J. Howard, 4; A. Barrell, 5; W. Ward, 6; E. Sherwood (conductor), 7; C. Ward, 8. Longest length by all, and was rung at the third practice on the tower bells.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

RADWINTER (Essex).—On Saturday, February 20th, an attempt for a peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major came to grief after ringing about 1800 changes. A. James, 1; A. W. Brighton, 2; F. Buck, 3; H. Newton, 4; J. Penning, 5; R. Andrews, 6; G. Taylor, 7; F. Pitstow (conductor), 8. Tenor 18 cwt. Messrs. Newton, Buck and Andrews hail from London; Taylor and A. W. Brighton from Cambridge; James, Penning and Pitstow from Saffron Walden.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

LONG EATON (Derbyshire).—On Sunday, February 23rd, for morning service at the church of St. Lawrence, 200 Duffield Major. J. Harrison, 1; A. Ricketts, 2; W. R. Hexter, 3; W. Hexter, 4; J. E. Hexter, 5; J. R. Ward, 6; J. Bailey, 7; J. Poxon (conductor), 8. And for evening service, 840 Stedman Triples. J. Harrison, 1; A. Ricketts, 2; J. Bailey, 3; W. Hexter, 4; J. R. Ward, 5; J. Poxon, 6; J. E. Hexter (conductor), 7; A. Chattell, 8. On Sunday, March 1st, 910 Grandsire Triples. J. Harrison, 1; J. E. Hexter, 2; W. Hexter, 3; W. R. Hexter, 4; J. Poxon, 5; F. C. Wicks, 6; J. R. Ward (conductor), 7; A. Chattell, 8.

THE NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

GRIMSBY (Lincolnshire).—On Thursday, March 12th, for practice at the church of St. Andrew, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins. H. Fuller, 1; G. Weldon, 2; H. Rushby (first quarter-peal), 3; W. Hollingworth (first quarter-peal), 4; J. Baker, 5; A. Bramall, 6; T. O. Nixon (conductor), 7; F. Honden (first quarter-peal), 8.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

NETHERTON.—On Thursday, March 12th, 720 Violet Treble Bob. R. Round, 1; S. Spittle, 2; W. Talbot, 3; J. W. Smith, 4; W. Micklewright (conductor), 5; A. E. Parsons, 6. First in the method by all, and on the bells. On Sunday morning, March 15th, 720 Court Bob. J. Prestidge, 1; J. W. Smith, 2; J. Smith (conductor), 3; W. Talbot, 4; E. Hampton, 5; R. Round, 6.

Obituary.**GEORGE NEWSON.**

It is with deep regret that we announce the death, on Tuesday evening last, of Mr. George Newson, so long known as one of the leading members of the London section of the Royal Cumberland Youths. We are desired to say that the funeral will take place at 3.45 p.m. to-day, Saturday, at Hampstead cemetery. The nearest railway station is West End Lane, North London Railway.

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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.*

CAMBRIDGE: *Macmillan and Bowes.*

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Compositions.

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

A DATE TOUCH OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

By THOS. R. HENSHER, *Wellingborough.*

1896.

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

Six odd changes.

Start as usual.

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

Four times repeated.

A DATE TOUCH OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

By HY. WM. KIRTON, *Gainsborough.*

1896.

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

Odd changes.

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

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

Four times repeated.

A TOUCH OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

By J. W. MOORHOUSE, *Wakefield, Yorks.*

2772.

3 4 2 5 6 7 continued—
6 7 3 2 5 4 7 4 6 2 3 5
4 2 6 5 7 3 5 2 7 3 4 6
6 7 4 2 3 5 2 7 5 3 4 6
5 2 6 3 7 4 7 5 2 3 4 6
2 6 5 3 7 4 4 6 7 2 3 5
6 5 2 3 7 4 5 2 4 3 6 7

Four times repeated, with s for B midway and end. Contains the twenty-four 7-4s, 4-6s, and 6-7s.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

By ISAAC J. ATTWATER, *Cuckfield, Sussex.*

5040.

2 3 4 5 6 7

5 3 2 7 4 6 5
2 4 5 3 6 7 3
3 4 2 7 5 6 5
2 5 3 4 6 7 3
4 5 2 7 3 6 5
H S 2 3 5 4 7 6 3
7 6 2 5 4 3 2
5 6 7 3 2 4 5
3 6 5 4 7 2 5
7 2 3 5 4 6 2
2 3 7 5 4 6 4
5 3 2 6 7 4 5
7 4 5 2 6 3 2
3 2 7 6 4 5 1
6 2 3 5 7 4 5
5 2 6 4 3 7 5
4 2 5 7 6 3 5
5 6 4 2 3 7 3
2 6 5 7 4 3 5
4 3 2 5 7 6 2

continued—

6 5 4 7 3 2 1
5 4 6 7 3 2 4
6 3 5 4 2 7 3
7 4 6 2 3 5 1
6 3 7 4 5 2 3
4 3 6 2 7 5 5
7 5 4 6 2 3 2
3 6 7 2 5 4 1
2 6 3 4 7 5 5
4 6 2 5 3 7 5
5 6 4 7 2 3 5
4 2 5 6 3 7 3
6 2 4 7 5 3 5
7 2 6 3 4 5 5
3 2 7 5 6 4 5
4 5 3 6 2 7 1
3 2 4 5 7 6 3
7 6 3 4 5 2 2
2 4 7 5 6 3 1
2 5 4 3 7 6 P.L.

Twice repeated, with P.L. single at end. First rung at Cuckfield, Sussex, on March 21st, 1896, by the Sussex County Association, conducted by its composer.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR.

By H. HOWLETT, *Framlingham.*

10,640.

2 3 4 5 6 1 4 6

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

Four times repeated. Contains the 4th, 3rd, 2nd, 5th and 6th their extent in 6ths place at the course-ends. This peal can be reduced to 10,080, by calling bobs at 1 and 6 in the thirteenth course, and at 1 in the fourteenth course of the last part.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS.

By R. HASTED, *Winchester.*

5079.

2 3 1 4 5 6

1 3 6 4 5 2 5
6 3 1 2 5 4 - 16
5 3 1 4 6 2 1 4 5 16
1 3 2 4 6 5 -
2 3 5 4 6 1 -
5 3 2 1 6 4 -

continued—

2 3 4 1 6 5 - 5 16
4 3 5 1 6 2 -
5 3 4 2 6 1 -
4 3 1 2 6 5 -
1 3 4 5 6 2 -
4 5 1 3 6 2 - 15
1 5 2 3 6 4 -
2 5 4 3 6 1 -
4 5 2 1 6 3 -
2 5 3 1 6 4 -
3 5 4 1 6 2 -
4 5 3 2 6 1 -
3 5 1 2 6 4 -
1 5 3 4 6 2 -
3 4 1 5 6 2 -
1 4 2 5 6 3 -
2 4 3 5 6 1 -
3 4 2 1 6 5 -
2 4 5 1 6 3 -
5 4 2 3 6 1 -
2 4 1 3 6 5 -
1 4 5 3 6 2 -
5 4 1 2 6 3 -
1 2 5 4 6 3 -
5 2 3 4 6 1 -
3 2 1 4 6 5 -
1 2 3 5 6 4 -
3 2 4 5 6 1 -
4 2 1 5 6 3 -
1 2 4 3 6 5 -
4 2 5 3 6 1 -
5 2 4 1 6 3 -
4 1 5 2 6 3 -
5 1 3 2 6 4 -
3 1 4 2 6 5 -
4 1 3 5 6 2 -
3 1 2 5 6 4 -
2 1 4 5 6 3 -
4 1 2 3 6 5 -
2 1 5 3 6 4 -
1 2 3 4 5 6 s 5 s 12 & B 19

This is the same peal as the one published in "THE BELL NEWS" of February 29th, but in that instance I made an error in the calling when sending it to the Editor for publication.

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR.

By FREDERICK DENCH, *Crawley, Sussex.*

5088.

2 3 4 5 6 B M W H

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

The calling of the third part is the same as the first.

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 Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's church, Walton, to-day, Saturday, April 11th. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Meeting at 6 p.m. Tea (free) to all members who send in their names to me not later than April 8th.

HENRY COLBY, Branch Sec.

3, Rumford Place, Liverpool.

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's church, Bury, to-day, Saturday, April 11th. Bells ready at 4.30 p.m. Meeting at 6 p.m. All ringers invited, members or non-members.

EDWIN B. SHAW, Branch Sec.

14, Thomas Street, Leesfield, Lees, Oldham.

The Ancient Society of College Youths. A peal of Maximus will be attempted at St. Paul's Cathedral this Saturday, April 11th, at 5 o'clock, by twelve members of this Society.

The Middlesex Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, April 18th, at All Saints, Edmonton. By the kind permission of the Rev. R. S. Gregory, the bells will be available after evensong, which commences at 5.30. Members and friends of the Association are cordially invited to attend.

ARTHUR T. KING, Hon. Sec.

Sarum, Ravenscroft Park Road, Barnet.

The Kent County Association.—Lewisham District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Greenwich on Saturday, April 18th. The tower will be open for ringing from 3 p.m. Committee meeting at 5 p.m. Tea will be provided at 6d. a head, for all whose names are sent to me not later than April 13th.

T. E. TEIGNMOUTH SHORE, Hon. Sec.

Bishop's House, Kennington Park, S.E.

Sussex County Association.—Eastern Division.—The next meeting will be held at Battle on Saturday, April 18th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 to 9 p.m. Meat tea (1s. to ringing members) at The George hotel at 5.30. Trains from Warrior Square to Battle, 1.32, 4.4, and 6.32. It will assist the secretary if those members who can possibly do so will send word of their intention to be present by evening post on Thursday, April 16th.

S. SAKER, Hon. Sec.

101, Braybrooke Road, Hastings.

Oxford Diocesan Guild.—The spring meeting will be held in Reading on Saturday, April 18th. St. Mary's, St. Giles' and Caversham towers open at 2.30. Evensong in St. Lawrence's at 5, followed by tea, 1s., at The British Workman.—Apply, R. H. Hart-Davis, Dunsden Vicarage, Reading.

The Lancashire Association.—Rossendale Branch.—The first annual gathering and dinner of the above branch will be held at Haslingden on Saturday, April 18th. Price for dinner, 2s. 6d. each, to be on the table at 5 p.m. All who wish to attend must send in their names to A. Fielding, Esq., Manchester road, Haslingden, not later than April 15th.

J. B. TAYLOR, Sec.

Norwich Diocesan Association.—Saxmundham District.—The twenty-fourth quarterly meeting will be held at Saxmundham on Saturday, April 18th. The tower of the

parish church and also the tower of Kelsale church will be open for ringing from 3 till 9 p.m. Business meeting at the Church House, Saxmundham, at 6 o'clock, the Rector will preside. All members and friends cordially welcome.

HENRY J. BUTTON, Hon. District Sec.

Leiston.

Chester Diocesan Guild.—Wirral Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held in the Schoolroom, Storeton Road, Oxtown, on Saturday next, April 18th. Tea at 6 p.m. (free.) Tower open from 7 p.m. to 8. Members who intend to be present are requested to send notice not later than Monday, April 13, to

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

Braeside, West Kirby.

Kent County Association.—Canterbury District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Elham on Monday, April 20th. The tower will be opened at 8 p.m. A committee meeting will be held in the schoolroom at 5 p.m., and all members then present will have their travelling expenses up to but not exceeding 2s.; and a tea will be provided for members whose names are sent to me on or before Thursday, April 16th.

ALFRED FOREMAN, District Hon. Sec.

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.—Quarterly meeting at Thornbury on Saturday, April 25th. Service at 3.30. Meat tea at The Swan at 6. Tickets, 1s. 6d. each, towards which 6d. will be allowed to each member who sends (on or before April 18th), shilling postal order to

C. H. JOHNS, Hon. Sec.

St. Stephen's Rectory, Bristol.

Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—The annual meeting of this Guild will be held at Christ Church, Southport, on Saturday, April 25th. Full particulars by circular.

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

Ashton-under-Lyne Society.—The annual meeting will be held at the parish church, Ashton, on Saturday, April 25th. The bells will be ready at 4 p.m., meeting at 7 p.m.

SAMUEL BOOTH, Hon. Sec.

108, Albemarle Street, Ashton-under-Lyne.

Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.—The quarterly meeting of this Society will be held on Saturday, April 25th, at St. Matthew's, Walsall. Bells available from 2.30. Tea at six o'clock.

S. REEVES, Hon. Sec.

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association. The next quarterly meeting will be held at Cheddar instead of Banwell, on Saturday, May 9th.

H. W. TOMKINS,

Hon. Sec. and Treasurer.

The Cottage, Old Cleve, Washford.

THE PEAL AT GLOUCESTER.—This is Messrs. Jones and A. E. Pegler's first peal in the method with a bob bell, and Messrs. Davis and W. T. Pegler's first peal in the method. This is also the 50th peal rang by A. Roberts, which are made up as follows: Seven 720s of Minor, 1; Bob Triples, 1; Bob Major, 7; Canterbury Pleasure Triples, 1; Duffield Major, 1; Double Oxford Major, 1; Double Norwich Court Bob Caters, 1; Superlative Surprise Major, 3; Cambridge Surprise Major, 1; Grandsire Triples, 4; Grandsire Caters, 4; Grandsire Cinques, 1; Union Triples, 1; Treble Bob Major, 3; Treble Bob Royal, 1; Double Norwich Court Bob Major, 8; Stedman Triples, 8; Stedman Caters, 2; London Surprise Major, 1. Total 50.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

NOTA BENE.—The first canonry he held was in Bristol Cathedral, St. Paul's afterwards. At the same time he was rector of the parish of Combe-Florey, Somerset. The present Canon Tining, of Gloucester, was at one time his curate.

INQUIRER.—We have frequently answered the question. If you take the 120 changes on five bells, using them as "the calling," you will get 120 touches of Grandsire Triples, all true, but of various lengths. If this is not understood, send a stamped addressed envelope.

A LIBERAL.—Yes; we think if the Church could be relieved of its official connection with the State, it would be a good thing for the Church. But we object strongly to robbing the Church of its property during the process.

COMPOSER.—Our opinion is that the quarter peal you send is a faintly-disguised variation of one very well known.

AMUSED.—The patent medicine indicated laid the foundation, we believe, of a successful and popular illustrated weekly journal still in existence, and increasing in circulation.

FRANCAISE.—Napoleon III. was a nephew of Napoleon I. The former died at Chislehurst, Kent, the latter in the island of St. Helena.

IGNORANT.—The dictionary explanation of the word is "abounding in whins and whin-bushes"; and 2ndly: "to utter the sound of a horse; to neigh."

SALLIE.—One of the best of bell-rope makers, but he was never a ringer. The companies you mention have many members who cannot ring.

YOUNG FABIAN.—When you come down from behind and get into 4-5, if you strike your first blow in 4ths on your course-bell you must go in quick, because she (your course-bell) has gone slow. If you do not meet your course-bell there, she has gone quick, therefore you must go in slow.

T. B.—Membership upon the Central Council is conferred by election. Get some one to propose you at the next Guild meeting at which such business is transacted.

NORTHERNER.—We have heard very recently of a deplorable instance of the Kentish fire you allude to. We quite comprehend what you mean.

CURIOS.—When we clearly see such a phenomenon, we shall believe in its existence, not before. It would be the height of folly for us to entertain your proposals.

Handbells for Sale.

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SATURDAY, APRIL 11, 1896.

The Metropolis.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Monday, April 6, 1896, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, BOW, E.,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6016 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14 cwt.

JAMES SCHOLLES	Treble.	EMANUEL HALL	5.
FREDERICK CLAYTON	2.	ERNEST CLAYTON	6.
SAMUEL JOYCE	3.	HENRY SPRINGALL	7.
ALBERT HARDY	4.	SAMUEL HAYES	Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, of Chesterfield, and

Conducted by HENRY SPRINGALL.

Mr. F. Clayton hails from King's Norton, Worcestershire.

CENTRAL COUNCIL.—PEAL COLLECTION.—APPEN-
DIX 1895 is now ready, containing 100 pages of peals in various methods; uniform with Report on Calls, with which it will be forwarded post free on receipt of sevenpence-half-penny in stamps by Rev. H. EARLE BULWER, Stanhoe Rectory, King's Lynn.

The Provinces.

ARMLEY, LEEDS. — THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

On Tuesday, March 31, 1896, in Two Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes.

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. B. COWLING, BOSPHOROUS STREET,

ON HANDBELLS. RETAINED IN HAND,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5992 CHANGES.

A. CRAVEN 1-2.	HARRY WILLIAMS 5-6.
JOE THACKRAY 3-4.	ALFRED NAYLOR 7-8.

Composed by A. CRAVEN, of Lincoln, and Conducted by H. WILLIAMS.

Referees, John Thackray and B. Cowling. This peal has the 6th twenty four times wrong and right, in the minimum number of changes. This is the first peal on handbells by A. Naylor, and was rung in honour of the visit of A. Craven. A. Craven hails from Lincoln, Thackray from Armley, Williams from Farnley, and Naylor from Headingley.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 4, 1896, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES. Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM TRUSS* Treble.	RALPH H. BIGGS 5.
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 2.	FRANK BOREHAM 6.
FRANK K. BIGGS 3.	FREDERICK G. BIGGS 7.
JOHN C. TRUSS, JUN. 4.	†HAROLD N. DAVIS Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by HAROLD N. DAVIS.

*First peal in the method. †First peal in the method as conductor. This composition is in two parts, with the 2nd never in 5-6, and the 3rd only four course-ends in 6ths, and is now rung for the first time. Messrs. W. Truss and H. N. Davis hail from London.

DUNSTER, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(THE DUNSTER GUILD.)

On Monday, April 6, 1896, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' COMPOSITION. Tenor 21 cwt.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY Treble.	REV. H. C. COURTNEY 5.
THOMAS A. ELLIOTT 2.	ERNEST BISHOP 6.
ROBERT HOLE 3.	JAMES GRABHAM 7.
JOHN PUGSLEY 4.	JOHN PAYNE Tenor.

Conducted by CHALLIS F. WINNEY.

Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Miss Arbery to Mr. Henry Thorne of Watchet. C. F. Winney hails from London, E. Bishop from Swindon.

HORLEY, SURREY.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(HORLEY BRANCH.)

On Monday, April 6, 1896, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 14 cwt. in G.

F. VOICE Treble.	T. SPARKS 5.
W. EDWARDS 2.	S. KENWARD 6.
G. STAPLEHURST 3.	P. ETHERIDGE 7.
A. SONGHURST 4.	W. WALLIS Tenor.

Conducted by S. KENWARD.

DRAYTON, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, April 6, 1896, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' COMPOSITION. Tenor 9½ cwt.

C. HOUNSLOW Treble.	W. BASTON 5.
F. C. EXON 2.	E. HIMS 6.
T. SHORT 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON 7.
C. H. EXON 4.	C. H. FOWLER Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

HATFIELD, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 6, 1896, in Three Hours and Six Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ETHELREDA,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S BOB-AND-SINGLE VARIATION. Tenor 26 cwt.

JOSEPH J. POWERS* Treble.	ARTHUR MILLER 5.
JOSEPH HOLLINGSWORTH 2.	JOHN SHEPHERD 6.
WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE 3.	HENRY G. ROWE 7.
JOHN MILLER 4.	HENRY THARBY Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY GEORGE ROWE.

*First peal. The brothers Miller were elected members before starting and hail from Southgate, W. H. Lawrence from Little Munden, H. G. Rowe from Hertford, the rest belong to the local company. All are bachelors.

RHYL, NORTH WALES.

On Monday, April 6, 1896, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF CANTERBURY PLEASURE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES. Tenor 17 cwt. in F.

JOHN M. ROWLANDS* Treble.	JOSEPH GAYTON 5.
REV. T. LEWIS JONES 2.	PHILIP W. DAVIES 6.
ROBERT J. HUGHES† 3.	MORRIS J. MORRIS 7.
SAMUEL TAYLOR 4.	GEORGE BELL Tenor.

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD and Conducted by MORRIS J. MORRIS.

*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. First peal in the method by all and first in Wales. G. Bell is of the local band, the others hail from Bangor. Messrs. Wallis and Egerton (Rhyl) and Williams (Llandegai) heard the whole peal, and afterwards congratulated the band on scoring a well-struck peal.

HAVANT, HANTS.—WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, April 6, 1896, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. FAITH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt.

FREDERICK G. WILSON Treble.	*GEORGE INSTRELL 5.
JOHN STAPLES 2.	GEORGE GRAHAM 6.
GEORGE CHAPPELL 3.	JOHN W. WHITING 7.
THOMAS BLACKBOURN 4.	HENRY WHITE Tenor.

Composed by H. HUBBARD and Conducted by HENRY WHITE.

*First peal in the method. Messrs. Wilson and White hail from Basingstoke, Chappell from Wickham, Blackbourn from Salisbury, Graham and Whiting from Fareham, Staples and Instrell belong to the local band. The ringers take this opportunity of thanking the rector, the Rev. S. G. Scott, for the use of the bells and for his kindness in entertaining them. These bells have just been overhauled by Mr. Blackbourn, a report of which will no doubt appear in due course.

RANMOOR, SHEFFIELD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 6, 1896, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

CHARLES R. SAWYER Treble.	HERBERT JONES 5.
JAMES DIXON 2.	JOHN MULLIGAN 6.
RICHARD W. COLLIER 3.	SAM THOMAS 7.
ROBERT HARRISON 4.	RICHARD COLLIER Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN MULLIGAN.

This is the first attempt and the first peal by Richard W. Collier, and was rung on the occasion of his 19th birthday, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns of the day.

PRIVETT, HANTS.—THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, April 6, 1896, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

GEORGE HOLLAND* Treble.	*JOHN HARRIS 5.
HUGH SUTTON 2.	WILLIAM READ 6.
GEORGE AYLING 3.	RICHARD HASTED 7.
LOUIS READ* 4.	JOHN BAKER Tenor.

Conducted by HUGH SUTTON.

*First peal. The ringers of the 5th and 7th hail from Winchester; the rest belong to the local band.

RINGMER, SUSSEX.—SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 6, 1896, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF UNION TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 14 cwt.

FREDERICK BANKS Treble.	HENRY JONES 5.
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH 2.	ALFRED J. TURNER 6.
THOMAS MILLER 3.	CHARLES PAINTER 7.
REV. C. D. P. DAVIES 4.	GEORGE TAYLOR Tenor.

Composed by J. J. PARKER and Conducted by JOHN S. GOLDSMITH.

This is the first peal in the method by all the band. Messrs. Turner and Goldsmith hail from Lewes. The ringers wish through the medium of this paper to thank the Rev. C. D. P. Davies for his kind hospitality after the peal.

UFFORD, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 6, 1896, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14½ cwt.

ALFRED WARD Treble.	ARTHUR S. BARRELL 5.
EDWARD SHERWOOD 2.	HENRY W. BALDRY 6.
JOHN T. HOWARD 3.	DAVID G. WIGHTMAN 7.
HARRY LEGGETT 4.	DAVID COLLINS Tenor.

Composed by D. WOODS and Conducted by DAVID G. WIGHTMAN.

Messrs. Baldry and Wightman hail from Brandeston; Collins from Worlingworth; Sherwood and Howard from Wickham Market; Leggett from Felixstowe; the rest belong to Ufford.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 6, 1896, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

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

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON and Conducted by GEORGE WIGHTMAN.

First peal in the method by all and on the bells. This is the conductor's rooth peal. This is a three-part peal, with the 5th twelve times right and the 6th twelve times wrong and right. For figures see "Settanstell," page 234.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 6, 1896, in Three Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5093 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt.

W. JAMES HINTON Treble.	FRANK HOWELL 6.
WILLIAM A. CAVE 2.	CHARLES H. TOMKINS 7.
CHARLES H. HORTON 3.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD 8.
ALBERT E. BAWN 4.	FRANCIS PRICE 9.
HENRY HOWELL 5.	WILLIAM COLSTON Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER and Conducted by W. JAMES HINTON.

Mr. W. W. Gifford, for whom the band was made up, hails from Salisbury; F. Howell from Thornbury; the remainder belong to the St. Stephen's Guild. First peal of Caters by the ringers of the 2nd, 4th, 5th, and 6th.

AYLESFORD, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 6, 1896, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 16 cwt.

ARTHUR C. WEST Treble.	ALFRED TAWNEY 5.
WALTER MANNERING 2.	THOMAS MANNERING 6.
EDWARD R. J. DUNK* 3.	LEONARD BULLOCK 7.
CHARLES WATERMAN 4.	*ALFRED TUCKER Tenor.

Conducted by T. MANNERING.

*First peal of Stedman. A. Tucker is a member of the local band, E. Dunk hails from Westerham, C. Waterman from Gillingham, the rest from Maidstone.

BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 6, 1896, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS THE MARTYR,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES. Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

WESLEY WATSON* Treble.	*ERNEST PYE 5.
WILLIAM H. DORAN 2.	*WILLIAM LEBBON 6.
THOMAS FAULKNER 3.	*JOHN DALE 7.
GEORGE R. PYE* 4.	WILLIAM PYE Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

*First peal in the method. Messrs. Pye and Watson hail from Romford; Faulkner from Barking; Dale from Hornchurch; Lebbon from Loughton, Doran from West Ham. This peal has the 6th twenty-four times wrong and right.

GLOUCESTER.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(THE ST. MICHAEL'S JUNIORS, GLOUCESTER.)

On Monday, April 6, 1896, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES. Tenor 20 cwt. 48 lbs. in E.

RICHARD BRUNSDON Treble.	ERNEST E. DAVIS 5.
JOHN AUSTIN 2.	WILLIAM C. JONES 6.
WILLIAM T. PEGLER 3.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER 7.
FRANCIS E. HART 4.	ADOLPHUS ROBERTS Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF and Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

A note to this peal will be found elsewhere.

SHIPLEY, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 6, 1896, in Six Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 10,400 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt.

JAMES COTTERELL Treble.	JOE GARNETT 5.
THOS. M. THOMPSON 2.	JOHN NELSON 6.
THOS. B. KENDALL 3.	FREDERICK W. DIXON 7.
JOSEPH BROADLEY 4.	BEN. F. LAMB Tenor.

Composed by W. SHIPWAY and Conducted by JAMES COTTERELL.

The above peal is the longest length by the Yorkshire Association, and was rung at the first attempt. Messrs. Cotterell and Lamb hail from Halifax, Thompson and Dixon from Guiseley, Broadley and Garnett from Bradford, Nelson from Otley, Kendall belongs to the Shipley company.

SLEAFORD, LINCOLNSHIRE.—THE ST. DENYS SOCIETY.

On Tuesday, April 7, 1896, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,

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

WILLIAM TOWNSEND Treble.	FRED BEDFORD 5.
NORMAN ED. SNOW 2.	*EDWIN ROWBOTTOM 6.
ARTHUR WHITWORTH* 3.	CHARLES HARWOOD 7.
FRED WILLIAMS* 4.	*CHAS. WM. JACKSON Tenor.

Conducted by NORMAN ED. SNOW.

*First peal. This is the first peal on the bells by a local company, and was rung at the first attempt. The bells were cast by Thomas Osborn, Downham, in 1796.

KETTERING, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 7, 1896, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES. Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

W. HENSHER* Treble.	H. SHARP 5.
C. NEWMAN 2.	A. H. MARTIN 6.
W. PETTITT 3.	J. HOUGHTON, JUN. 7.
J. D. MATTHEWS 4.	J. B. MARTIN Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER and Conducted by HERBERT SHARP.

This peal has the 4th, 5th, and 6th each sixteen times in 6ths place at the course-ends; 3rd never in 6ths place; and the 2nd never in 5ths or 6ths place at a course-end. Newman, Pettitt and Houghton are from Irthlingborough; brothers Martin from Higham Ferrers; Sharp from Bedford; Matthews and Hensher belong to the local company. *First peal. First peal in the method on the bells.

TITCHMARSH, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(THE RAUNDS ST. PETER'S SOCIETY.)

On Monday, April 6, 1896, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 21 cwt.

HARRY SHARMAN* Treble.	*FRED STUBBS 5.
WILLIAM J. GILBERT 2.	*FRANK KIRK 6.
RICHARD PENDERED* 3.	*WALTER GILBERT 7.
FRED GILBERT 4.	HENRY STUBBS Tenor.

Composed by H. J. TUCKER and Conducted by FRED GILBERT.

*First peal of Major and rung at their first attempt. This peal was taken from the "Appendix," being the third peal on page 63. This is entirely a six-bell band. The ringers wish to thank the Rector, the Rev. F. M. Stopford, for the use of the bells, and Mr. G. Jeffs for having everything ready.

SUDBURY, SUFFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(ARCHDEACONRY OF SUDBURY BRANCH.)

On Monday, April 6, 1896, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GREGORY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 17 cwt

WILLIAM HOWELL, SEN. .. Treble.	HARRY SMITH 5.
HARRY HARPER 2.	ARTHUR H. OSBORNE .. 6.
ZACHARIAH SLATER 3.	ARTHUR SYMONDS 7.
CHARLES SILLITOE 4.	SAMUEL SLATER Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS and Conducted by CHARLES SILLITOE.

This peal has the 6th nine course-ends at home, and is the quickest peal of Major on the bells. Messrs. Symonds and Smith hail from Lavenham, the brothers Slater from Glemsford, Osborne from Bury St. Edmunds, the rest belong to the Sudbury company.

STEYNING, SUSSEX.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Monday, April 6, 1896, in Three Hours One-and-a-half Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

GEORGE GATLAND* .. Treble.	JAMES PARKER 5.
BENJAMIN FOSKETT 2.	HENRY DAINS 6.
FRANK BENNETT 3.	ARTHUR JACOB 7.
JAMES N. FROSSELL 4.	GEORGE WILLIAMS .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

*First peal of Superlative. G. Gatland was elected a member of the above Society before starting for the peal.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.-NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 7, 1896, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6048 CHANGES;
IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt.

JAMES TANN Treble.	FREDERICK SURRIDGE .. 5.
HERBERT MATTHEWS 2.	FREDERICK SMITH 6.
ROBERT WHITING 3.	CHARLES TANN 7.
DAVID RUTH 4.	FREDERICK BORRETT .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS and Conducted by JAMES TANN.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 8, 1896, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lbs.

WILLIAM R. HENSHER .. Treble.	JOHN B. MARTIN 5.
WILLIAM PETTITT 2.	JOHN D. MATTHEWS .. 6.
HENRY STUBBS 3.	JAMES HOUGHTON, SEN. .. 7.
FRED GILBERT 4.	JAMES HOUGHTON, JUN. .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN and
Conducted by JAMES HOUGHTON, JUN.

This peal contains the full combination of 4-5-6 in 5ths and 6ths at the course-ends.

Performances on Five and Six Bells.

FARNHAM ROYAL, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, April 6, 1896, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

SEVEN 720s OF MINOR, as follows:

One of Canterbury Pleasure, and two each of College Single, Grandsire, and Oxford Bob.

JOHN BOVINGTON .. Treble.	GEORGE BASDEN 4.
JOSEPH J. PARKER 2.	ALBERT CROOK 5.
JAMES ELDERFIELD 3.	CHARLES CLARKE .. Tenor.

Conducted by J. J. PARKER.

First 5040 by the 1st, 3rd, 4th, and 5th ringers, and first on the bells.

Date Touches.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HALIFAX.—On Sunday, March 15th, for evening service at All Souls' church, a date touch, 1896 changes, in 1 hr. 15 mins. B. F. Lamb, 1; A. Stead, 2; G. H. C. Copping, 3; J. S. Ambler, 4; J. Cotterell, 5; F. Salmons, 6; C. E. Stewart, 7; S. W. Stewart (conductor), 8.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

MATHON (Worcestershire).—On Friday, January 24th, a date touch of Minor, in 1 hr. 9 mins., being 96 Grandsire, 360 Plain Bob, and 720 each of College Single and Oxford Bob. G. Jordan, 1; H. Pritchett, 2; F. Smith, 3; A. Layton, 4; C. Watkins, 5; C. Layton (conductor), 6.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—BLACKBURN BRANCH.

BURNLEY (Lancashire).—On Tuesday, March 10th, a date touch of Kent Treble Bob Major, in 1 hr. 1 min. H. Heyworth, 1; N. Townend, 2; F. Towns, 3; J. W. Stirk, 4; J. R. Werring, 5; R. Ashworth, 6; T. Mouncey, 7; D. Heys (conductor), 8. Arranged from a peal composed by A. Craven.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

READING (Berks).—On Saturday, March 14th, at St. Giles' church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1896 changes, in 1 hr. 8 mins. H. Dibley, 1; H. Coffee, 2; G. Boddington, 3; A. E. Reeves, jun., 4; A. W. Reeves, 5; F. Sweetzer, 6; A. E. Reeves (conductor), 7; J. W. King, 8. Composed by J. George, of Rugby. Rung to commemorate the marriage of Mr. A. H. Evans, one of the ringers, and Miss Kate Bohey, both of Reading, the ringers wishing them both much happiness.

EYE (Suffolk).—On Monday, March 16th, in 1 hr. 13 mins., a date touch of Kent Treble Bob Major. F. Day (conductor), 1; A. Oakes, 2; E. Broom, 3; G. Mulley, 4; J. Noller, 5; G. Ford, 6; J. Bumpstead, 7; C. Palmer, 8. Composed by W. Sykes, of Huddersfield.

HATFIELD (Herts).—On Sunday, March 8th, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 8 mins. J. Powers, 1; J. Shepherd, 2; J. Rumney, 3; A. Shepherd (conductor), 4; J. Kentish, 5; H. Shepherd, 6; J. Hollingsworth, 7; H. Tharby, 8.

Miscellaneous.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

AMPORT (Hants).—On Sunday, April 5th, for Divine Service at St. Mary's church, 120 Grandsire Minor. T. Wiltshire, 1; F. Childs, 2; E. Childs, 3; C. Coster, 4; G. Wiltshire, 5; Rev. R. A. Sidebottom, 6. First attempt by all.

ROMSEY (Hants).—On Saturday, March 14th, on the arrival of the Bishop of Winchester for the first time, the first 518 of Holt's ten-part peal. C. Cole, 1; F. Russen, 2; G. Newman, 3; A. Newman, 4; T. Cole, 5; J. Elcombe (conductor), 6; J. Walker, 7; G. Saint, 8. And for practice on Tuesday, March 17th, 252 Bob Triples. H. Dunn, 1; A. Newman, 2; G. Newman, 3; C. Cole, 4; F. Russen, 5; J. Elcombe (conductor), 6; T. Cole, 7; G. Saint, 8.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BOUGHTON-UNDER-BLEAN (Kent).—On Sunday afternoon, March

8th, after Divine Service, 504 Grandsire Triples. A. Smith, 1; R. Castle, 2; H. Foreman, 3; G. Foster, 4; H. Foster (first 504 as conductor), 5; A. Castle, 6; E. Foreman, 7; W. Foreman, 8.

CANTERBURY (Kent).—On Sunday evening, January 23rd, for Divine Service at the church of St. Alphege, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor in 26 mins. J. Fox, 1; F. Marriott, 2; G. Jenkins, 3; A. Brett, 4; A. Saxby, 5; P. Pierce (conductor), 6. First 720 by all, and first in the method on the bells. On Tuesday, March 3rd, for practice at St. Stephen's church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. M. Pierce, 1; H. Fairbrass, 2; A. Andrews, 3; Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, 4; G. Sayer, 5; A. Brett, 6; P. Pierce (conductor), 7; F. Brett, 8. First quarter-peal by Messrs. Andrews and Brett (2).

BORDEN (Kent).—On Sunday morning, March 8th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 43 mins. *S. Beach, 1; W. Hobbs, 2; C. Willshire, 3; E. Allen, 4; C. Millway (conductor), 5; H. Wood, 6; W. Tassell, 7; R. Weller, 8. On Friday, March 13th, for practice, 504 Stedman Triples. H. Wood, 1; W. Hobbs, 2; R. Staines, 3; E. Allen, 4; C. Millway, 5; C. Willshire (conductor), 6; W. Tassell, 7; R. Weller, 8. On Sunday morning, March 15th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 42 mins., composed by H. N. Davis. W. Walker, 1; W. Hobbs, 2; C. Willshire, 3; G. Willshire, 4; H. Wood (conductor), 5; C. Millway, 6; W. Tassell, 7; R. Staines, 8. Beach hails from Rodmersham; Walker from Rainham; G. Willshire from Quex Park, Birchington. *First quarter-peal.

ST. MARGARET'S SOCIETY, WESTMINSTER.

LONDON.—On Wednesday, December 11th, at St. Margaret's church, Westminster, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, taken from Thurstan's one-part, in 48 mins. W. Truss, 1; A. Hardy, 2; W. Hasted, 3; C. Hindes, 4; H. Barton (first quarter-peal of Triples as conductor), 5; W. West, 6; D. Griggs (first quarter-peal of Triples in the method), 7; C. Irish, 8.

THE STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

BUCKNALL.—On Sunday, January 26th, for Divine Service in the morning, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. G. Clarkson, 1; D. Preston, 2; J. Wheeldon, 3; C. Preston, 4; G. Hobbs, 5; W. Twigg (conductor), 6. On Sunday, February 2nd, for Divine Service in the morning, 720 Carlisle Surprise. G. Hobbs, 1; C. Preston, 2; W. Wheeldon, 3; D. Preston, 4; J. Wheeldon, 5; W. Twigg (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method by all. And for evening service, 720 Violet Treble Bob. C. Preston, 1; A. Riley, 2; J. Naylor, 3; D. Preston, 4; W. Wheeldon, 5; W. Twigg (conductor), 6. A. Riley and J. Naylor hail from Norton. On Tuesday, February 4th, for practice, 720 Kent Treble Bob. D. Preston, 1; C. Preston, 2; W. Wheeldon, 3; A. Shufflebotham, 4; J. Wheeldon, 5; W. Twigg (conductor), 6. Shufflebotham hails from Hanley, and this is his first 720 of Treble Bob Minor. On Sunday, February 9th, for Divine Service in the evening, 720 Chelsea Surprise. H. Alcock, 1; C. Preston, 2; W. Wheeldon, 3; D. Preston, 4; J. Wheeldon, 5; W. Twigg (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method by all. On Sunday, February 16th, for Divine Service in the morning, 720 Kent Treble Bob. C. Preston, 1; D. Preston, 2; W. Wheeldon, 3; W. Grice, 4; J. Wheeldon, 5; W. Twigg (conductor), 6. And for evening service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. G. Clarkson, 1; C. Preston, 2; H. Alcock, 3; D. Preston, 4; G. Hobbs, 5; W. Twigg (conductor), 6. W. Grice hails from Newcastle. On Sunday, February 23rd, for Divine Service in the evening, 720 Coventry Surprise. G. Hobbs, 1; C. Preston, 2; W. Wheeldon, 3; D. Preston, 4; J. Wheeldon, 5; W. Twigg (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method by all. On Sunday, March 1st, 720 Ely Surprise. G. Clarkson, 1; the rest as before. First 720 in the method by all. On Tuesday, March 3rd, for practice, 720 Rochester Surprise. G. Hobbs, 1; the rest as before. First 720 in the method by all.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

RICHMOND (Yorks).—On Sunday, January 26th, at the parish church, with the bells deeply-muffled as a token of respect to the late Prince Henry of Battenberg, three 6-score of Bob Doubles. R. Borrowes, R. Briscoe, J. T. Frenchman, W. Phillips, T. Kirby (conductor), J. T. Rushton. On Tuesday, February 18th, six 6-score of Bob Doubles. J. T. Frenchman, R. Briscoe, T. Kirby, R. Borrowes, W. Phillips (conductor), J. T. Rushton. Rung in honour of the wedding of Sydney Pearson, Esq., Howe Villa, Richmond, Yorks. On Friday, February 21st, 180 Plain Bob Major. J. Kirby, R. Briscoe, J. T. Frenchman, W. Phillips, T. Kirby, R. Borrowes (conductor). On Sunday, February 23rd, another 180 in the same method, standing as above. On Friday, February 28th, a 6-score of Bob Doubles. H. M. Seymour, R. Borrowes, J. T. Frenchman, W. Phillips, T. Kirby (conductor), T. Rushton. Tenor 13½ cwt. H. M. Seymour is a member of the Hereford

Guild, and hails from that district. On Tuesday, March 10th, at the house of Mr. R. Borrowes, several touches were rung on the handbells. A 360 of Plain Bob Minor. T. Kirby, 1; J. Kirby, 2; R. Briscoe, 3; J. T. Rushton, 4; W. Phillips, 5; R. Borrowes (conductor), 6. A 6-score of Grandsire Doubles. T. Kirby, 1; R. Briscoe, 2; J. T. Frenchman, 3; W. Phillips, 4; R. Borrowes (conductor), 5-6. Several plain courses of Grandsire Triples. T. Bullock (age 13), 1; J. Kirby, 2; R. Briscoe, 3; J. T. Rushton, 4; J. T. Frenchman, 5; W. Phillips, 6; R. Borrowes (conductor), 7-8.

ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL SOCIETY, EDINBURGH.

EDINBURGH.—On Sunday morning, February 9th, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 32 mins., on bells 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, with 9-10 covering. W. Fyfe, 3; J. Murray, 4; C. L. Routledge (conductor), 5; C. Ellis, 6; W. Heathcote, 7; W. Martin, 8; W. Gilbert, 9; F. Kitchie, 10. On Sunday, March 8th, 720 Bob Minor (nine bobs and six singles) in 30 mins., on the front six. W. Fyfe, 1; J. Murray, 2; G. Ellis, 3; W. Martin, 4; W. Heathcote, 5; C. L. Routledge (conductor), 6. On Saturday, March 14th, for practice, 720 Oxford Bob Minor. J. Murray, 1; D. McKillop, 2; C. Ellis, 3; W. Heathcote, 4; W. Martin, 5; C. L. Routledge (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method by all except the conductor. On Sunday evening, March 15th, for Divine Service, 378 Grandsire Triples on the back eight. W. Fyfe, 3; D. McKillop, 4; J. Murray, 5; C. L. Routledge (conductor), 6; C. Ellis, 7; W. Martin, 8; W. Heathcote, 9; W. Gilbert, 10. Longest touch of Triples on tower bells by all except the conductor. Tenor 42 cwt. 2 qrs. 24 lbs.

ASSINGTON (Suffolk).—On Saturday, March 14th, at the parish church, 720 Kent Treble Bob. F. Tolliday, 1; J. Campin, 2; W. Bacon, 3; W. Howell, sen., 4; H. Harper, 5; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 6. Also 120 Stedman Doubles and 120 Grandsire Doubles. C. Sillitoe (conductor), 1; J. Campin, 2; W. Bacon, 3; W. Howell, 4; H. Harper, 5; F. Tolliday, 6. Tenor 10½ cwt.

CAVENDISH (Suffolk).—On Saturday, March 7th, at St. Mary's church, 720 Double Court Bob Minor. C. Honeybell (conductor), 1; S. Slater, 2; F. Wells, 3; O. Garwood, 4; W. Howell, sen., 5; C. Sillitoe, 6. Also a touch of Cambridge Surprise. W. Howell, 1; C. Honeybell, 2; F. Wells, 3; O. Garwood, 4; C. Sillitoe, 5; S. Slater, 6. Messrs. Sillitoe and Howell hail from Sudbury; the rest from Glensford.

CHERRYHINTON (Cams).—On Thursday, January 23rd, five members of the Chesterton Youths visited the above place and rang 720 of Doubles, in the following methods: two 6-scores of Stedman, two of Canterbury Pleasure, one of Grandsire, and one of Plain Bob. R. Rayner, 1; F. Brown, 2; A. W. Brighton, 3; W. Mansfield, 4; W. Eusden, 5. And two 720s of Canterbury Pleasure and one of Oxford Single, the band standing as before, conducted by W. Eusden. The Canterbury Pleasure is the first rung on the bells. Messrs. Rayner, Brown, Mansfield and Eusden hail from Chesterton; A. W. Brighton (late of Norwich) from Cambridge.

DARLINGTON.—On Sunday, February 2nd, 504 Grandsire Triples. G. Tait, 1; C. W. Moncaster, 2; W. Patton, 3; A. E. Moncaster, 4; H. S. Taylor, 5; W. Porter, 6; J. Baxter (conductor), 7; J. Bolton, 8. For evensong 545 Grandsire Triples. J. Baxter, 1; C. W. Moncaster, 2; W. Patton, 3; A. E. Moncaster, 4; W. Porter (conductor), 5; F. A. Teasdale, 6; G. J. Lungley, 7; G. Tait, 8. On Monday, February 3rd, 2820 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 14 mins. R. Moncaster, 1; C. W. Moncaster, 2; W. Patton, 3; W. D. Lister, 4; H. S. Taylor, 5; J. Baxter (conductor), 6; W. Porter, 7; J. Bolton, 8. The above was an attempt for a peal, which was lost through the 6th rope breaking. On Sunday, February 9th, 672 Grandsire Triples. G. Tait, 1; C. W. Moncaster, 2; W. Patton, 3; W. D. Lister, 4; H. S. Taylor, 5; J. Baxter (conductor), 6; R. Moncaster, 7; J. Bolton, 8. Also 720 Plain Bob Major. G. Tait, 1; C. W. Moncaster, 2; W. Patton, 3; W. D. Lister, 4; H. S. Taylor, 5; R. Moncaster, 6; F. A. Teasdale, 7; J. Baxter (conductor), 8. On Sunday, February 16th, 504 Grandsire Triples. G. Tait, 1; C. W. Moncaster, 2; W. Patton, 3; W. D. Lister, 4; H. S. Taylor, 5; J. Baxter, 6; W. Porter (conductor), 7; J. Bolton, 8. For evensong, 640 Oxford Treble Bob Major. C. W. Moncaster, 1; R. Moncaster, 2; W. Patton, 3; W. D. Lister, 4; H. S. Taylor, 5; W. D. Lister, 6; W. Porter (conductor), 7; J. Bolton, 8. And for evening service 630 Grandsire Triples. G. Tait, 1; C. W. Moncaster, 2; W. Patton, 3; W. Porter (conductor), 4; H. S. Taylor, 7; F. A. Teasdale, 6; W. D. Lister, 7; J. Bolton (conductor), 8.

TWESKESBURY ABBEY (Gloucestershire).—On Tuesday evening, March 3rd, for practice, 1008 Stedman Triples. W. Hampton, 1; A. Bloxham (longest length), 2; S. Cleal, 3; J. Hale, 4; J. Wathen, 5; T. Devereux, 6; Jos. Wathen (conductor), 7; W. Haines, 8.

ELY (Cams).—On Thursday, February 6th, at St. Mary's church, an attempt for a peal of Bob Major came to grief after ringing 1 hr. A. Hazell, 1; W. Pilgrim, 2; E. Andrews, 3; H. Sharpe, 4; G. Woodhouse (Cains College), 5; A. Markwell (conductor), 6; C. Jenkyns (Trinity College), 7; A. Brighton, 8. Time not permitting to start again, 504 Grandsire Triples was rung. A. Hazell, 1; A. Markwell, 2; H. Sharpe, 3; E. Andrews, 4; G. Woodhouse, 5; A. Brighton (conductor), 6; C. Jenkyns, 7; W. Pilgrim, 8. Tenor 19 cwt. Rung as a birthday compliment to A. Markwell, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns. Messrs. Hazell, Sharpe, and Markwell hail from Wilburton, Cams.; Andrews, Woodhouse, Jenkyns, and Brighton (late of Norwich), from Cambridge.

LONDON.—On Sunday evening, January 19th, for Divine Service at St. John the Evangelist, Pimlico, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 44 mins. S. Reed, 1; E. Phillips, 2; E. Duff, 3; W. Moore, 4; J. Thimblethorpe, 5; J. Martyn, 6; G. T. McLaughlin (conductor), 7; F. Gover, 8. On Sunday, March 1st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. S. Reed (conductor), 1; E. Phillips, 2; E. Duff, 3; W. Moore, 4; J. Thimblethorpe, jun., 5; J. Martyn, 6; G. T. McLaughlin, 7; J. Thimblethorpe, sen., 8.

WOBURN (Beds).—On February 15th, at St. Mary's church, 1008 of Bob Major. *S. A. Avis, 1; Cyril Herbert, 2; C. Herbert, 3; M. Lane, 4; *H. D. Harris, 5; E. Herbert, 6; Rev. W. W. C. Baker, 7; W. Chibnall (conductor), 8. *First 1008. On Monday, February 17th, 720 Bob Minor. S. Avis, 1; C. Herbert, 2; H. D. Harris, 3; Cyril Herbert, 4; E. Herbert, 5; Rev. W. W. C. Baker (conductor), 6. Also 360 Kent Treble Bob Minor. S. A. Avis, 1; Cyril Herbert (conductor), 2; H. D. Harris, 3; C. Herbert, 4; E. Herbert, 5; Rev. W. W. C. Baker, 6. Also 720 Bob Minor. R. Marshall (first 720), 1; C. Herbert, 2; E. Herbert, 3-4; Cyril Herbert (conductor), 5-6.

*** It is impossible to guarantee the appearance of touches in the current number. They will be taken in order of date as far as possible.

CAMEL-HAIR BELTING.—REDDAWAY v. BANHAM.

IN THE HOUSE OF LORDS, MARCH 26th, 1896.

By judgment delivered this day their Lordships unanimously reversed the decision of the Court of Appeal and confirmed the findings of the Jury on the trial of the Action. The questions left to the Jury and their answers thereto were as follows:—

Q. "Does 'Camel-Hair Belting' mean belting made by the Plaintiffs as distinguished from belting made by any other manufacturers?"—A. "YES."

Q. "Or does it mean belting of a particular kind without reference to any particular maker?"—A. "NO."

Q. "Do the Defendants so describe their belting as to be likely to mislead purchasers and to lead them to buy the Defendants' belting as and for the belting of the Plaintiffs?"—A. "YES."

Q. "Did the Defendants endeavour to pass off their goods as and for the goods of the Plaintiffs so as to be likely as to deceive purchasers?"—A. "YES."

Their Lordships ordered a Perpetual Injunction, and that the Defendants should pay the costs of the Action and Appeals.

CAUTION:

CAMEL-HAIR BELTING.

Messrs. REDDAWAY, MANCHESTER, having continuously since the year 1879 applied the term "Camel-Hair" to Belting, such belting having acquired a world-wide reputation, and under that term become universally known as the exclusive manufacture of Messrs. F. Reddaway and Company, certain unscrupulous persons have recently adopted that term to endeavour to pass off their belting as the belting of Messrs. Reddaway and Company. Purchasers and users are warned against this fraud, and are requested to give information to the undersigned as to any cases of deception within their knowledge.

A. MACDONALD BLAIR,
5, St. James' Square, Manchester. Solicitor to F. Reddaway & Co. Ltd.

PRUDENTIAL ASSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED

CHIEF OFFICE: HOLBORN BARS, LONDON.

Summary of the Report presented at the Forty-seventh Annual Meeting held on 5th March, 1896.

ORDINARY BRANCH.—The number of Policies issued during the year was 61,450, assuring the sum of £6,285,260, and producing a New Annual Premium Income of £342,478.

The premiums received during the year were £2,304,013, being an increase of £226,057 over the year 1894.

The Claims of the year amounted to £572,289. The number of Deaths was 4,479, and 218 Endowment Assurances matured.

The number of Policies in force at the end of the year was 414,137.

INDUSTRIAL BRANCH.—The Premiums received during the year were 194,352,625, being an increase of £108,401.

The Claims of the year amounted to £1,797,688. The number of Deaths was £6,507, and 1,418 Endowment Assurances matured.

The number of Free Policies granted during the year to those Policy-holders of five years' standing, who desired to discontinue their payments, was 59,352, the num-

ber in force being 448,816. The number of Free Policies which became Claims during the year was 8,956.

The total number of Policies in force at the end of the year was 11,682,748; their average duration is nearly seven and three-quarter years.

The Directors have made more than one attempt to deal with the difficult question of old age pensions for the Industrial classes, and they are happy to inform the Shareholders that the special tables combining assurance with a provision for old age, which they issued in September last, have met with considerable success. At the end of the year the number of Policies in force under these tables as the result of three months' working, was 169,791, producing an Annual Premium Income of £62,974.

The Assets of the Company, in both branches, as shewn in the Balance Sheet, are £23,915,890, being an increase of £2,702,085 over those of 1894.

General Balance Sheet of the Prudential Assurance Company, Limited, on the 31st December, 1895.

LIABILITIES.				ASSETS.			
		£	s. d.			£	s. d.
Shareholders' Capital	...	800,000	0 0	British Government Securities (£2,300,000 Consols)...	...	2,208,388	13 3
Ordinary Branch Funds...	...	11,151,440	18 9	Railway and other Debentures and Debenture Stocks	...	2,071,153	0 3
Industrial Branch Fund...	...	11,866,744	17 1	Loans, County Council, Municipal, and other Rates	...	5,925,397	2 2
Claims under Life Policies admitted	...	97,704	8 1	Freehold Ground Rents and Scotch Feu Duties	...	2,544,631	2 2
				Mortgages	...	2,532,913	12 8
				Metropolitan Consolidated Stock, and City of London Bonds	...	369,720	13 6
				Bank of England Stock	...	174,020	10 0
				Freehold and Leasehold Property	...	1,244,036	11 11
				Indian and Colonial Government Securities	...	2,009,375	19 8
				Foreign Government Securities	...	74,634	14 6
				Reversions	...	235,415	11 1
				Railway and other Shares	...	2,908,188	0 6
				Loans on the Company's Policies...	...	394,544	1 1
				Rent Charges	...	123,284	8 2
				Outstanding Premiums	...	425,125	2 3
				Cash in hands of Superintendents and Agents' Balances	...	52,292	0 1
				Outstanding Interest and Rents	...	205,579	18 10
				Cash—On deposit, on current accounts, and in hand	...	417,189	1 10
		£23,915,890	3 11			£23,915,890	3 11

THOS. C. DEWEY,
WILLIAM HUGHES,
W. J. LANCASTER, Secretaries.

EDGAR HORNE, Chairman.
HENRY HARBEN,
THOMAS WHARRIE, Directors.

We have examined the Cash transactions, Receipts and Payments, affecting the accounts of the Assets and Investments for the year ended December 31st, 1895, and we find the same in good order and properly vouched. We have also examined the Deeds and Securities, Certificates, etc., representing the Assets and Investments set out in the above account, and we certify that they were in possession and safe custody as on December 31st, 1895.
19th February, 1896.

DELOITTE, DEVER, GRIFFITHS & Co.

BRITISH WORKMAN'S & GENERAL ASSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

Established in Birmingham in 1866, as the
BRITISH WORKMAN'S LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY.

London: City Offices, 2, West Street, Finsbury Pavement, E.C.

Chief Offices: Broad Street Corner, Birmingham.

HENRY PORT, Managing Director.
S. J. PORT, Secretary.

ORDINARY AND INDUSTRIAL ASSURANCE.

THE ORDINARY DEPARTMENT.—This department is rapidly growing in importance, and its development—which is well assured—largely contributes to the success of the Company. The directors are taking steps for the further advancement of this department.

INDUSTRIAL DEPARTMENT.—Under the system at present prevailing among Industrial Life Offices, the weekly collections involve much expense, which must necessarily be added to the normal premium rates, and thus Life Assurance becomes exceedingly heavy to those classes who can least afford the extra cost. The directors have completed arrangements by which they hope to obviate this evil, and have prepared a set of tables under which the Industrial classes may assure £10, £20, £30, or £40, either with or without profits, and at rates approximating to those usual in the Ordinary department of Life Offices generally. The premiums may be paid yearly, half-yearly, or quarterly at the option of the policy-holders. Hitherto, no equal opportunities have been offered to assurers of small sums, and the new departure ought to make a complete revolution in this branch of the business, to the obvious advantage of policy-holders.

REVOLUTION IN METHODS.

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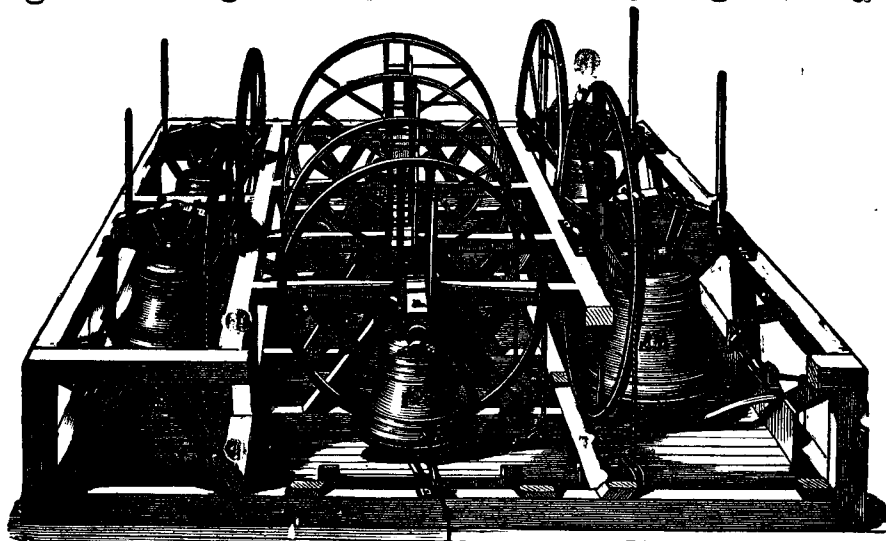
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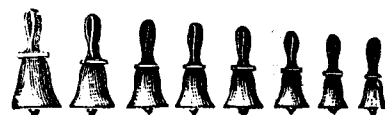
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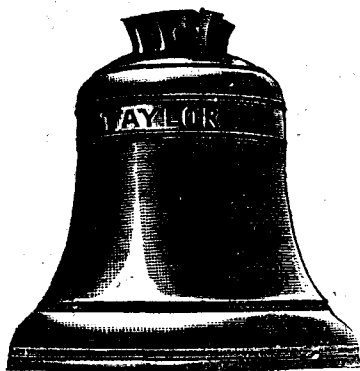
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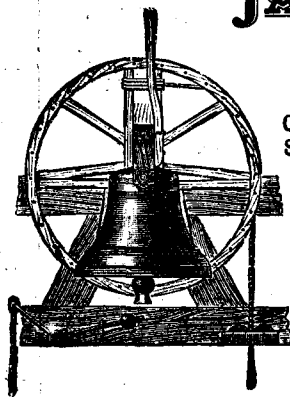
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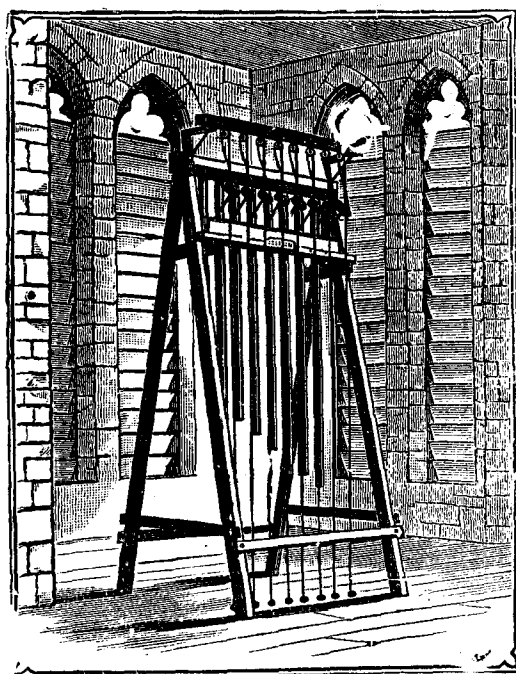
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Before the proceedings commenced, Mr. Attree photographed the members present in a group.

The President having taken the chair, called upon the Hon. Secretary (Rev. H. E. Bulwer), to read the minutes of the last meeting, which were passed without comment. The financial statement showed that the year had commenced with a balance of £41 6s. 2½d. Subscriptions for the year had amounted to £8 12s. 6d., and £4 2s. 7d. had been realised by the sale of the Collection of Peals. The publication of the same had cost £9 15s. 0d., and after defraying postages and other small items there was a balance in hand of £42 11s. 7d.

In reply to Mr. Griffin, the Hon. Secretary stated that the subscriptions of the North Lincolnshire Association, St. James Society, London (two years), Stafford Archdeaconry Association, and the Yorkshire Association, with the exception of one member had not been paid. He thought that in the case of the Yorkshire Association it was unintentional. He had received a letter from Mr. Snowdon in which that gentleman stated that the subscriptions could not be paid till the next meeting of the Association, but enclosing his own.

The President, in reply to a further question as to the right of a member to take part in the meeting if the subscription of his Association was still unpaid, said he thought that if one subscription had been paid, one member should be permitted to speak and vote, but the fact that a member had paid his own subscription did not relieve his Association of the duty of paying the other subscriptions. In order however to put themselves in order if there were any present representing an Association for which the subscriptions had not been paid, it would be as well for them to advance the requisite sum.

Mr. Lockwood explained that the inadvertence in the case of the Yorkshire Association arose through there not being a quorum present at the last Committee Meeting. He had no doubt that the subscription would be paid after the next meeting.

The balance-sheet was adopted.

Letters regretting that they were unable to be present were read from the Rev. T. L. Papillon, Mr. H. Dains (London), Mr. Ward (Cheltenham), Rev. A. Boughiey (Cambridge), and Mr. Mitchell (St. Albans).

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RAILWAY FARES.

The Rev. H. A. Cockey said the Committee on railway fares had nothing satisfactory to report. Last year the Committee were awaiting a reply from the Clearing House, and they were still doing so. The application for a single fare was met with a point blank refusal, so an application had been made for a single fare and a quarter, which some companies now granted. The Committee had been informed that a meeting was to be held at the Railway Clearing House, when the application

would be dealt with, in fact the Committee had the promise that it should be brought forward and duly considered. He knew two or three of the railway authorities who he thought might have some influence with the representative of the Company to which they belonged upon the Clearing House, and it was his intention to communicate with them, asking them to use their influence with the representative to get the application granted. He would advise any of those present who might know any director, or any one of influence, to do the same. He had communicated with the Secretary of the Clearing House as to a deputation attending, and the reply was a deputation from the Central Council would not be required.

HONORARY MEMBERS.

The President said he did not think it desirable to fill up all the vacancies among the hon. members, especially as the Council would be re-elected next year, and there should be some places left for the new Council to fill. There was however one gentleman who had been a regular attendant, but who he understood would not be re-elected as a representative. He referred to Mr. Lockwood, who he had no doubt, if proposed, would be heartily welcomed as an hon. member.

On the proposition of Mr. Story, seconded by Mr. Newman, Mr. Lockwood was elected an hon. member.

PRELIMINARY REPORT ON TECHNICAL TERMS.

The Hon. Secretary remarked that this report was presented to the last meeting of the Council, when it was decided to publish it in "THE BELL NEWS," with a view of affording the Exercise a chance to pass their opinion on the same. The report had duly appeared, but no criticisms. The Committee thought that there might be an alteration in the fifth clause on page 6 with respect to the use of the word "home," the sentence "home, at home, called home, bobbed home, etc., being used solely to indicate the arrival of individual bells, or the bells as a whole, in the position they respectively occupy in rounds" to read "occupy in the plain course." With this alteration he had now to ask that the report be adopted, so that the Committee might proceed with the Glossary.

Mr. Griffin seconded.

Mr. W. D. Smith said the word "rounds" was a common term. He considered the word rounds more applicable.

Mr. Story thought it was intended simply as an indication of the position that a bell or bells were in.

The President having pointed out that it was not intended the terms should apply to the language of the belfry, but only in writing upon ringing matters of which the terminology was not at the present time in a very satisfactory condition. The report was adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PEAL VALUES.

Mr. Attree in moving this report said that the Committee appointed at the last meeting of the Council to consider the value of peals in various methods, begged to report that six out of seven members forming the Committee had given the matter entrusted to them their serious consideration, and ventured to hope that the schedule which had been arrived at, although far from complete, would give greater satisfaction than that at present in use, and would suggest that it should be used and tested during the present year; (2) that the matter be then reconsidered by the Committee, taking into consideration any suggestions made by the members of the Council at this meeting, and (3) that all revisions and additions found necessary should be presented to the meeting of the Council next year. He might mention that Mr. E. Bankes James did not see his way to give an opinion on the matter which he, Mr. James, considered was beyond the power of any one to do satisfactorily. As to the manner in which the schedule had been arrived at, each member of the Committee was requested to put down the number of points he considered should be given to each method. These were then tabulated and sent out to each member of the Committee, and in some cases were altered, after which they were added together, and the result produced was the mean average. For plain methods Triples 7, Major 8, Caters 9, Royal 10, Cinques 10, Maximus 11. For all double methods, Major 16, Royal 18, Maximus 20. For Stedman's principle, Triples 23, Caters 24, Cinques 28. For Alliance principle, Major 18, Royal

20, Maximus 23. Treble Bob methods—Major 8, Royal 11, Maximus 14. Surprise methods—London 50, Cambridge 40, New Cumberland 33, Superlative 31, Champion 35. On six bells, plain methods, in one method, 3; in two methods, 4; in three methods, 6; in four methods, 6; in five methods, 7; in six methods, 8; in seven methods, 10. In seven double methods 25. Mr. Attree further reported that the President had suggested that all methods without a guiding treble should be allowed for Triples 15, Major 16, Caters 17, Royal 18, Cinques 19, and Maximus 20. Mr. Carter suggested that "Birmingham" be allowed 40; "Burton, Forward, and Loughborough" 35 each, and that such illegitimate methods as Grandsire on even bells, or Plain Bob or Canterbury Pleasure on odd bells, only half the points allowed for those methods on the proper number of bells. Mr. Carter further considered that the same points should be allowed for Triples, Caters, and Cinques. Mr. Washbrook thought that the schedule was not so perfect as it should be, and that more attention should be given to it. Mr. Dains agreed with the report, but considered "Alliance" too high. This was one part which he, Mr. Attree, considered might be revised. It would be seen that Treble Bob methods only had half, and that in the Surprise method, while Champion got 35, Superlative only secured 31.

The President was sure the Council were much obliged to Mr. Attree, who had given a great amount of time to the matter, in fact, a great deal more than any other ringer in the country, and he had further received assistance from other gentlemen. Now that Mr. Attree was so fortified with the opinions of others, he thought the Council would do well to leave the final arrangements in his hands for publication in "BELL NEWS." After a year's trial, the Committee might report upon the fairness of the Schedule to the next Council. If it was then thought that any method was aggrieved or the reverse, the subject could be brought forward.

The Rev. F. E. Robinson proposed, and Dr. Carpenter seconded, the adoption of the report.

In reply to a question as to the points to be allowed for long peals, Mr. Attree said he considered that double the points for a 10,000 should be allowed as for a 5000.

The Rev. F. E. Robinson thought there should be an increasing ratio after 6000.

Mr. Attree remarked that in ringing the first 5000 the band had got into practice.

Mr. Foskett had no hesitation in saying that the second 5000 required more ringing than the first.

The Rev. F. E. Robinson moved, and the Rev. G. F. Coleridge seconded, that there should be an increasing ratio of points for long lengths.

Mr. W. D. Smith considered the weight of metal should also be considered, and the peal rung with a tenor of 32 cwt. or more, should have more points than the peal rung where the tenor was only 14 cwt.

The Rev. F. E. Robinson said some little bells required more ringing than heavy ones.

Mr. Attree thought much depended upon being used to a bell.

Mr. W. D. Smith advocated that if an increasing ratio was adopted for long lengths, some consideration should be given for peals rung on heavy bells. A peal of 12,000 that was rung many years ago was held up as having been rung by a band that were a specimen of ringers which all should follow. Some consideration should surely be shown to those that rang a tenor of 32 cwt., for it was something which proved that a man had something in him beyond the method in his head.

Mr. Attree said such a proposal, if adopted, would place some Associations in a better position than others. In Sussex they had not a bell beyond 25 cwt. It was just as easy to ring some heavy bells as it was to ring a light one. If Mr. Smith would go and try their treble, he would find that it required far more ringing than some heavy bells. If the question was entertained, the question of striking would also have to be considered.

The report was adopted.

THE DATE OF MEETING.

Mr. Attree, in moving that the day of meeting of the Council be altered from Easter Tuesday to Whit Tuesday, said since he gave the notice last year, he had heard from a number of members of the Council expressing a hope that the motion would be

adopted. He appeared to have considered everybody's convenience except his own, for their annual meeting was held on Whit Monday, and if the Council meeting was held at a long distance, it was necessary for him to start the previous night, that was, the same evening as their own annual meeting. Looking at Easter Tuesday from any point of view, it was a very inconvenient day to many people. Men of business had, many of them, been out of business since the previous Thursday, and that day they went short of some seven or eight who had gone back to business, because they were compelled to do so. Again, from a Church point of view, Easter week was a busy one, for there were the Easter vestries and other parish meetings which were taking place, and which many, no doubt, that came to the Central Council meeting would like to attend, whereas Whitsun week was generally free.

The Rev. Maitland Kelly, who seconded, said he had no doubt that those travelling a long distance would find Whitsun week more convenient.

The Rev. W. W. C. Baker, said in his district most of the Friendly Societies held their annual gatherings in Whitsun week, when some of the clergy were engaged. It might be so in other places.

Mr. Griffin asked if it was necessary that the meeting should be held on a Bank Holiday, could not some other day be suggested?

Mr. W. D. Smith did not think a day after a Bank Holiday altogether suitable. As a representative body of churchmen, as there was a Church House in London, could they not another year meet there, as the meeting would be held in London; if so, he had no doubt that the authorities would be able to find them a place upon any ordinary day.

The Rev. C. D. P. Davies thought that the holding of the meeting the day following a Bank Holiday afforded those travelling a long distance time to reach the place of meeting, and very often cheaper rail fares than would otherwise be the case.

The Rev. G. F. Coleridge moved that the Council meet at a time and place to be considered at the previous Council meeting.

This not finding a seconder,

The President said the reason why Easter Tuesday was originally fixed upon, was because at Whitsuntide so many people took their principal holiday, and it was not thought wise to fix the meetings of the Central Council at that time. It would appear now, however, that there was a general wish to alter the date, and if not found to work well, it could be altered back again.

Mr. Attree's resolution was adopted.

THE CLASSIFICATION OF PEALS.—PROPOSED INCREASE OF THE COMMITTEE.

Mr. Foskett, in the unavoidable absence of Mr. Dains, moved, "That it is desirable to augment the members of the Committee for the classification of peals in order that as far as possible each method may be dealt with by a separate member of the Committee; that to insure uniformity of procedure it is desirable that the whole Committee should be under the guidance of a chairman, and that it be an instruction to the enlarged Committee, to furnish to the Council a definition of the points constituting 'original authorship,' and of those which determine 'variation.'" Mr. Foskett said he regretted that Mr. Dains had been compelled to return to business, but he had, however, permission from Mr. Dains to deal with the subject in his own way, or to put Mr. Dains' views before the Council. He should adopt the latter. Mr. Dains for a long time had considered that the Committee appointed to collect and classify peal compositions was not sufficiently strong and representative for the task involved. The resolution was intended to both strengthen the hands and lighten the labours of the present Committee. His view of the constitution of the Committee was that it should be divided into several groups, and allotted somewhat thus—(1). Plain methods, treble plain hunt, Major, Royal, and Maximus; (2).—Plain methods, treble plain hunt, Triples, Caters, and Cinques; 3.—Stedman Principle; 4.—Treble Bob methods, treble bob hunt, Major, Royal and Maximus; 5.—Major, etc., wherein there is no guiding treble; 6.—Surprise methods, Treble Bob hunt in all variations. He considered it should be an instruction to the Committee that nothing short of the Standard Schedule, in classification and description attached, that was

adopted by the late Jasper Snowdon in his treatise, would be accepted by and worthy of the name of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers. The Committee should collect all published compositions from "THE BELL NEWS," *Church Bells*, and Association Reports, and other publications, by which means the date of the first performance of peals upon a new plan would be obtained, and give a good idea as to the authorship of many a composition now somewhat in doubt. A book thus built up would be invaluable to every ringer, while without those particulars it would be of no value. He considered that the Committee should include the President and Hon. Sec., who should receive, approve, or advise upon the work of the Committee. He would suggest the following names: Rev. J. H. Pilkington, Mr. J. Carter, Mr. Tom Lockwood, Mr. Arthur Knights, Mr. J. A. Trollop, Dr. Carpenter, Mr. J. S. Wild, Mr. G. Newson, and Mr. Gabriel Lindoff, with power to add to their number.

Mr. Williams seconded.

The Rev. C. D. P. Davies said as the only member of the old committee present that day he should be speaking only on behalf of himself and giving his own personal views. If the Council did him the honour to re-elect him upon the committee he should welcome any additional members on it, but he was rather, at the same time, inclined to question the wisdom of electing a large committee. He still adhered to what he said at Oxford, and saw no reason to change his mind. If a large committee was formed there would be a large collection of peals which would mean dealing with different composers, and the collection might run to some thousands. Then came the difficulty, the cost of printing. Last year the original estimate was much above what the work was ultimately done for; but after all it was a great item of expense, and it would not do for the Council to go in for any large expenditure of that kind. As to the sale, only some 160 copies had been sold, which realised about £4 2s. 6d., whereas the expense of printing was £9 15s.; so the sale was very small, even when sold at its present rate. If a large collection was printed the cost would be increased, and copies could not be sold under 1s. or even 1s. 6d. Thus the number sold would be smaller still. Again, a large collection would produce a large amount of criticism as to whose the peals were. The old committee consisted of three members, and it was understood that each member was answerable for a particular method, not to insert the whole of the peals sent him, but to select the best peals. Mr. Pitstow selected his own, with what result they all knew. By increasing the collection correspondence upon it would be increased, for there would always be disputes going on. The very best specimens of peals that can be obtained should be the ones to be selected, and these the committee should be content with, publishing them at a cheap rate, say 2d. each, and so in the course of years a good collection could be got together by binding the whole in one volume. Again, if a large collection was taken up it would be necessary to prove them. He trusted that the Council would understand that he would welcome two or three more gentlemen upon the committee, but if made too large there would not be anything for some of them to do. If the resolution had been divided into two parts he should have had pleasure in supporting the second portion relating to authorship, for it would be a help if this part of the resolution could be acted upon. He trusted that it would be understood that he did not wish to throw cold water on the proposal, but that he opposed it because he did not consider it necessary.

Mr. Attree considered that if the work was worth doing it was worth doing well. To carry out a large collection and to make sure that every peal was absolutely true would take a long time, but no peal should be inserted unless it was true. In the book that had been published there were three false peals. Those that were thinking of calling a peal did not like to take one from it, for the chances were that he would take one which was false.

Dr. Carpenter did not know that his name was to be among those suggested should be added to the committee. He did not agree with Mr. Dains, for if a collection of all the peals which appeared in "THE BELL NEWS" and *Church Bells* were to be published it would be a tremendous task and an enormous expense to print, with a very little prospect of the sum coming back. On the whole he thought it would be best to continue the collection on the present lines.

The Rev. H. Earle Bulwer said there appeared to be some misapprehension as to the instruction to the committee. It was not that they were to publish all peals that they came across, but that they should make themselves acquainted with the peals, and reserve for publication the best. A very important part of the duty of the committee was to select the peals which were accepted for publication on behalf of the Council. There was no need to publish the whole collection at once, some peals might be reserved for publication as funds would permit. He was himself very much in favour of something on the lines of Mr. Dains' resolution, for at present the committee had not given much satisfaction. As to the collection there were a number of peals in it which ought not to have appeared, while a great many which ought to have been inserted had not appeared. He had to offer on behalf of Mr. Trollop to the Council his collection of peals of Bob Triples and Bob Major, from which, provided the Council accepted of the collection, there could be a selection made as was thought fit. The collection had been proved, so that part of the work was already done.

The Rev. C. D. P. Davies asked if the resolution could not be divided.

Mr. Foskett said Mr. Dains was very strong upon the first portion as to the enlargement of the Committee.

The Rev. F. E. Robinson thought a digest of peals would be done much quicker by a larger committee.

Mr. Tom Lockwood did not consider that there should be a collection of all peals which had been published, but that they should have the best peals, in the selection of which there need not be, in his opinion, any difficulty.

Mr. J. W. Taylor said there were some ringers that never would be composers. Such men had, if they attempted to call a peal, to depend upon its being correct. He never relied upon the correctness of any peal until some friend told him it was true. The work of preparing a collection he considered should be in the hands of those that would exercise great care. He considered that if some of the more advanced methods were taken in hand and a good collection published, it would be very useful.

The President said he considered that it was almost impossible to carry out the work as originally intended. In any attempt to carry it out the committee could not prove all the peals sent them, and if not proved the peals were not of much use. Any attempt to gather together a collection without proof must be futile. There was only one way in which it could be done. The Council should take advantage of the enthusiasm of individuals who had taken the pains to get together a collection in one method, as had been mentioned by the Hon. Secretary Mr. Trollop had done. This was the only possible way in which the work could be done with the prospect of success. The present committee had been somewhat handicapped and had not got much credit for they had done, either for themselves or the Council. He agreed with the idea of a small committee working under the Hon. Sec. and proceeding with the collection so far as funds would permit, but it would not do for the Council to launch out into a heavy expenditure, although they need not necessarily make a profit, as their funds were collected for the benefit of the ringing world. He thought some of the present works should be brought up to date, and had no doubt that the late Mr. Jasper Snowdon's works on Treble Bob and Double Norwich could be so treated with the permission of Mr. William Snowdon. Care should be taken that no peals given in the collection were false. He approved of the aim that Mr. Dains had in view, but it would be best attained by a small committee to deal with publication, and as many reliable collectors as they could get, each of whom would give his attention to one method. He would suggest that the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, the Hon. Sec. and Dr. Carpenter form a committee with a request that they would select suitable gentlemen who would undertake to deal with a collection in different methods, each one dealing with one method.

Mr. Attree suggested adding Mr. Dains to the committee, which was agreed to. It was also resolved to adopt the latter portion of the resolution as to the instruction to the Committee.

(To be continued.)

THE LATE GEORGE NEWSON.

The following memoir of this late lamented ringer is from the pen of Mr. HENRY DAINS, who for so many years was closely associated with him in the Royal Cumberland Society. We have thought it best to publish it exactly as written.

SIR,—It is with deep and profound sorrow that I undertake the task of describing briefly the ringing career of our mutual friend George. I say "mutual" because during the years 1873-4-5 we used frequently to meet at the St. James's practice meetings, the Editor being Secretary part of the time.

Our deeply lamented friend Newson joined the Society of Royal Cumberlands on the 24th of August, 1866, and on Monday, March 25th, 1867, at St. Stephen's church, Westminster, he rang his first peal, Grandsire Triples being the method. This was also the first peal by J. W. Mansfield, and was conducted by the late John Cox. The health of this celebrity soon after began to fail him—our friend who had ringing more at heart than half-a-dozen ordinary ringers, saw the opening coming along, and lost no opportunity of qualifying himself for the position he subsequently so ably held for several years.

Poor fellow! In ordinary life he was one of the easiest going, with the best of hearts, never going out of his way to meet a trouble, of which he had but few indeed, and the writer is well able to judge. The two were working and almost living together for several years, and their ringing career together is about 23 years.

And here is it that the deceased would exhibit his qualities, always quiet and easy, ever ready to ring either touch or peal. Anyone could conduct, he did not stand in the way, and if the attempt was successful well and good, but if a failure then here our friend's trouble came, and no one would show more disappointment. I remember him once failing in an attempt at St. Mary's, Battersea, the bells he thought had changed course and he called "stand," but subsequently as we neared home a couple of hours afterwards our friend suddenly exclaimed "they were right, the bells were all right, what on earth did I stop for." Here was a disappointment indeed, and we stopped for several minutes and discussed the situation. The result of this deliberation was never again to stop a peal unless he was quite sure the bells were wrong.

Nothing was a trouble for advancing the Art he had so thoroughly espoused, and when the composition of the late W. Harrison's 8896 was produced, the deceased travelled London over to get a band and tower for its first performance, and we left our business and rang the peal during the afternoon the same day, such was his enthusiasm for ringing, April 27th, 1876.

He was now an expert conductor, and the next year at St. George's, Camberwell, conducted the first peal of Double Norwich that had been rung for many years. He would now frequently be asked hither and thither to come over and call a peal of Triples, a task he would at all times cheerfully perform, distance and time being but little object to him.

Up to the present George had not gone to the heavy end, and had scarcely shown the quality of the fine tenor ringer he eventually became, and it was not until just before the decease of the old conductor, J. Cox, that he began to show the able twelve-bell conductor that we found he was, and one so well qualified and upon whom the mantle of the Society's chief should fall. Here then we have Newson landed as the Royal Cumberlands' leading conductor, and where is the person who can say that he did not ably fill the position. He was at all times ready to call a peal in any method, and upon any number of bells, and in any part of the country, and more, if there was a hard job to do, George was the man to be there, never showing a white feather, in fact the last few years he was rarely found away from the heavy end of the ring, and never seemed so happy as when nearing the end of a good performance. Conversely an incident may here be recalled, when our friend discovered the broken rope at Brentwood after eight hours' ringing. His face was a sight never to be forgotten. It will be remembered by all our readers that a few months after this 13,000 of Double Norwich Court Bob Major was successfully attempted on April 18th, 1894. This performance was the climax of many unsuccessful attempts, and may be said to be the closing of an active

period in our friend's career, not that he had finished peal-ringing, as subsequently several peals have been accomplished in the higher methods of the Art, but they were not nearly so frequent, and the work attending were not so heavy, and however it may be, the accomplishing of the peal of London Surprise Major made up a list of performances, second to none, of the present generation. A few peals have since been accomplished, the last being a peal of Grandsire Triples, Holt's Original, at Southgate, on February 10th, 1896, he ringing the treble and calling it, and which, Sir, I think we may say, closes the chapter of one of the best performers our sublime Art ever possessed, as not only would he only do his best in any position he was put, but very few could do better. He would spare no pains with a pupil, and many a good ringer at present practising, young and old, can trace their success to poor George Newson.

Hitherto we have spoken of some of his ringing abilities; now as to his qualities of composition. In Stedman Caters and Cinques he has worked out some very good peals, and which possessed originality of plan, etc. In one of the editions *Hubbard's Campanology*, the author mentions that Stedman's principle may go off at any change of the six, so that an exact 5000, 5004, or 5006 are obtainable. Upon this our friend studied for some time, the result being his very short coming home courses, and which is certainly a boon to Stedman peal ringers; and he has several very good compositions based upon this and other plans. In Cinques he also has some good peals, in which the coming home course has quite a charming feature, viz., 8-10 are made to dodge in 10-11, at a succession of bobs, while 7, 9, 11 run in and out quick bells. Quite a musical feature in place of what has previously been in vogue.

It is only however during the last few weeks that our old friend was thought to be not quite himself, and we learn that he has acknowledged that he was not just so, but no one till last Saturday, the 4th inst., knew that anything was seriously the matter, and then only that he would be unable to take part in a peal arranged for him in Sussex. However so it was, and it only remains to be said that the immediate cause of death was a stoppage, followed by inflammation internally. More than one medical man was called, but of no avail, and although we are informed by Mrs. Newson that he died very peacefully, he suffered most intensely during Saturday, Sunday, and Monday.

As already announced in our paper, the funeral took place on Saturday, the 10th inst., at Highgate Cemetery. The solemn cortege, consisting of an open hearse, two coaches, and a cab containing some intimate ringing friends, left the residence Gardener Road, Hampstead, at 3.40. Arriving at the cemetery gate it was met by a great number of ringers and other friends, in all between two or three hundred people were present at the funeral ceremony. Amongst others were noticed J. Nelms, Lewis and Lovett of the central district, A. Fussell and Wilder from Slough, T. Card from Tunbridge Wells, Barnett and Wilkins from Erith, and ringers from Southgate, Hornsey, Tottenham, Greenwich, West Ham, Battersea, Willesden and other places. The funeral rites being over a plain course of Grandsire Caters was rang over the grave by Messrs. H. Dains, Pitts, Lebbon, Perkins and Barry, and Messrs. Jacob, Barry, Smith and Nelms officiated as bearers from the church to the grave, and many an eye was moistened as the numerous friends assembled filed past the grave for a last glance at the coffin containing the mortal remains of a ever brilliant member of the Exercise. The coffin was of polished oak with brass mountings, and the breast-plate inscribed as follows: "George Newson, born 1844, died 1896, age 51." The coffin was covered with floral tributes from various friends, one being in the shape of a bell, from the members of his favourite society. Members afterwards adjourned to the church of St. Martin-in-the-Fields, and rang a funeral peal, consisting of the usual whole pull and stand, followed by a touch of Grandsire Cinques, conducted by W. Baron, Messrs. Foskett, H. Hopkins, H. Swain, W. Doran, G. Smith, A. Pittam, H. Dains, G. Harvey, A. Jacob, F. Pitts and J. W. Mansfield taking part in the performance.

The body has been laid in a private grave, and in the usual course a headstone has to be erected, and those of the deceased's most intimate friends have thought it best to immortalise the name of this distinguished ringer by a public subscription. With that object in view a committee has been

formed, and donations are invited and will be gladly received by any of the following persons: H. S. Thomas, Bridge Road West, Old Battersea; Henry A. Hopkins, Kathleen Road, Clapham Junction; Henry Swain, 27, Brumerton Street, Chelsea; George Harvey, 30, Duckham Street, N.W.; William Baron, 8, Church Terrace, S.E.; Alfred Fussell, Slough; J. W. Mansfield, St. Martin's-in-the-Fields; Henry Dains, 147 Barnsbury Road, N.

The following is a list of his performances:—

Grandsire Triples	...	...	...	...	70
" Major	...	...	...	...	1
" Caters	...	...	...	...	20
" Cinques	...	...	...	...	3
Stedman Triples	...	...	...	...	24
" Caters	...	...	...	...	21
" Cinques	...	...	...	...	14
Treble Bob Major	...	...	...	...	84
" " Royal	...	...	...	...	32
" " Maximus	...	...	...	...	8
Bob Major	...	...	...	...	6
Double Norwich Court Bob Major	...	...	...	...	58
Cambridge Surprise Major	3
Superlative Surprise Major	12
London Surprise Major	1

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Conducted 258.

GEORGE NEWSON: DIED 7th APRIL, 1896.

Cumberlands! mourn a noble comrade dead!
One who secured our merited esteem
For his untiring zeal—our brightest hopes
Were centred on his special gifts and powers
To hold our own in friendly rivalry
With other great Societies of our day.
We mourn as Cumberlands our heavy loss,
And College Youths unite in our regret,
And hope that others may arise to hold
The grand position that he honoured so.
But every generation does not give
A ringer such as our lamented "George";
And many a heart is touched with sorrow keen
At news so unexpected and so sad.
"George Newson" has become a household word,
A name for ringers of whatever school
To hold in honour! whether as ringer, friend.
His rare abilities and congenial soul
Impressed all those who had the benefit
Of his companionship—and those
Who knew him only as a name in print
Esteemed his skill as a composer, or
His merited success in the conducting art.
George Newson dead! London will feel his loss,
His fame will be remembered with such names
As those of Haley, Cox and other London chiefs:
Great leaders of men who have adorned
The ringing world; whose pleasant memories
Are deep-cut in our hearts—whose glorious deeds
And chronicled in many a sacred fane—
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Correspondence.

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

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

REPLY TO MR. JOHN HOLDEN.

SIR,—In your issue of the 11th instant I observe a notice that the Prov. C.S. of the Saddleworth District of the Manchester Unity of Odd Fellows will shortly be visiting this city and is desirous of making arrangements for some ringing. In reply may I ask him kindly to communicate with me, and I will endeavour to make such arrangements for the purpose as may suit him. On behalf of the Bristol ringers allow me to assure him and any other ringers who may accompany him of a hearty welcome to our ancient city.

C. E. D. BOUTFLOWER,

Master of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.
30, Broad Street, Bristol, April 13, 1896.

THE RIGHT COMPOSER.

SIR,—I wish to call your attention to the two peals of Bob Major (5056) recorded in your last issue, one rung at Titchmarsh as the composition of H. J. Tucker, and the other at Irthlingborough, as my composition. Both peals are the same composition and properly belong to J. R. Pritchard, of Liverpool. I may also say that the same peal has been rung as the composition of G. Hughes and F. Hopgood. The following are the figures:—

5056.					
2	3	4	5	6	
4	5	2	3	6	-
2	4	5	3	6	-
5	3	2	4	6	-
2	5	3	4	6	-
3	2	5	4	6	-
4	3	2	6	5	-
2	4	3	6	5	-
3	2	4	6	5	-
6	3	2	5	4	-
2	6	3	5	4	-
3	2	6	5	4	-

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On behalf of myself I wish to withdraw my claim, and hope in the future to see the original author's name attached to it.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 1896.

THE Ringing Exercise has to mourn the loss by death, of two among its most distinguished exponents—JOHN THORP and GEORGE NEWSON, who if not full of years, have both entered into their rest full of honours. The former of these distinguished men had it is well known been in precarious health for some time, and his decease therefore was not regarded as sudden or totally unexpected; but as far as we are aware, there was nothing to create a supposition that GEORGE NEWSON's health was declining. In his case, therefore, the event comes as a very sad surprise to all his friends amid those ringing centres wherein he was so well known, many of whom have expressed to us their consternation at the sorrowful intelligence conveyed in our last number.

Other pens than ours have done justice to the memory of these departed brethren, and to such testimony it will not be prudent to add anything here. Their departure from among us teaches us a salutary lesson. That is, so to comport ourselves among our fellows, that when our

time arrives--when the MASTER calls for us—we may leave behind a name and reputation for those personal qualities which endeared our late brethren to all with whom they came into contact.

It is announced that a movement for the erection of a suitable memorial over the grave of GEORGE NEWSON is on foot. When it is considered how few of our illustrious dead are remembered in this manner, it is satisfactory to learn that an effort of the sort is to be made, to which whatever assistance we can give shall not be wanting.

The Metropolis.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, April 11, 1896, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN, WESTMINSTER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' COMPOSITION. Tenor 25 cwt.

THOMAS H. TAFFENDER .. Treble.	FRANK BUCK 5.
HENRY S. ELLIS 2.	SAMUEL ANDREWS 6.
FRANCIS G. GODFREY .. . 3.	JOHN N. OXBORROW .. . 7.
WALTER J. SORRELL .. . 4.	HENRY R. NEWTON .. . Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY R. NEWTON.

The Provinces.

MOSSLEY, LANCASHIRE.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. (THE MOSSLEY SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, April 2, 1896, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12½ cwt.

JAMES GRATRIX Treble.	SAMUEL H. COOPER .. . 5.
WM. BENTLEY 2.	FREDERICK RHODES .. . 6.
JOHN GREAVES 3.	A. W. HOLDEN 7.
HERBERT MAYALL 4.	HARRY MANNS Tenor.

Composed by J. J. BRIERLEY and Conducted by HERBERT MAYALL.

J. Gratrix hails from Swinton. Rung as a farewell peal for Mr. Holden, who has left Southport, and accepted a situation at Reading, Berks.

NEWNHAM-ON-SEVERN, GLOUCESTERSHIRE. GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 6, 1896, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lbs.

CHARLES COX Treble.	FRANK KNIGHT 5.
THOMAS MANSFIELD .. . 2.	STEPHEN KNIGHT 6.
HARRY FORD 3.	CHARLES LYES 7.
WILLIAM BROWN 4.	GEORGE CONDICK Tenor.

Conducted by FRANK KNIGHT.

G. Condick hails from Slimbridge, the rest from Quedgeley.

HECKINGTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

On Thursday, April 9, 1896, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

FREDK. WARRINGTON .. Treble.	JOHN H. CLARK 5.
FRED BEDFORD 2.	EDWARD HOULDEN .. . 6.
JOHN HILTON 3.	WILLIAM DICKINSON .. . 7.
JOHN T. HOLMES 4.	GEORGE WARD Tenor.

Conducted by S. C. SKINNER.

The conductor sat in the belfry and called it. F. Bedford hails from Sleaford. This peal was rung in honour of Mr. Thomas Newton's marriage with Miss Annie Taylor, both natives of Heckington, the ringers wishing them long life and happiness.

SHEPSHED, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, April 10, 1896, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S BOB-AND-SINGLE VARIATION. Tenor 14 cwt in F.

E. ELLIOTT Treble.	H. HAYES 5.
T. START 2.	B. WEST 6.
W. JOHNSON 3.	R. F. LANE 7.
W. WHITWORTH 4.	T. HILL Tenor.

Conducted by R. F. LANE.

This is the first peal on the bells since they were augmented to eight by Messrs. Taylor and Co. First peal by all except the ringers of 5, 6, and 7. B. West hails from Whitwick, R. F. Lane from Loughborough, the rest belong to the local band.

REDENHALL, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 11, 1896, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,

5056 CHANGES. Tenor 24 cwt.

EDWARD SMITH Treble.	ERNEST POPPY 5.
JAMES BETTS 2.	JAMES TANN 6.
ROBERT WHITING 3.	FREDERICK SMITH .. . 7.
FREDERICK BORRETT .. . 4.	JAMES SOUTER Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS and Conducted by EDWARD SMITH.

For calling see page 115 of the Appendix. First peal in the method by all except the ringers of the 1st and 3rd.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 11, 1896, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERERS, 5081 CHANGES.

Tenor 20½ cwt. in E. flat.

ARTHUR B. CARPENTER .. Treble.	HENRY BROOKER 6.
EDGAR BENNETT 2.	WILLIAM BURKIN 7.
CHARLES BANCE 3.	JOSEPH FAYERS 8.
WILLIAM S. SMITH 4.	GEORGE WELLING 9.
EDWARD MATTHEWS .. . 5.	WILLIAM GRAY Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by DR. A. B. CARPENTER.

This peal starts from the 2nd change of a quick six (instead of the 4th change as is usual), and is believed to be the first peal ever rung on this plan. The figures will appear in due course.

WOODBIDGE, SUFFOLK.

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

On Saturday, April 11, 1896, in Three Hours and Twenty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES. Tenor 28 cwt.

JAMES MOTTS Treble.	EDGAR PEMBERTON .. . 5.
ROBERT H. BRUNDLE .. . 2.	WILLIAM L. CATCHPOLE .. 6.
ISAAC S. ALEXANDER .. . 3.	FREDERICK TILLET .. . 7.
WILLIAM MOTTS 4.	*CHARLES WARD Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER and Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

*First peal in the method.

BATTLE, SUSSEX.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. (BATTLE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 11, 1896, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 23 cwt.

CHARLES CARTER Treble.	JOHN CURTIS 5.
WALTER FRANKS 2.	THOMAS HUNNISETT .. . 6.
NEWTON CRUTTENDEN* .. 3.	WILLIAM THOMAS 7.
SYDNEY SAKER 4.	WILLIAM H. ELDRIDGE .. Tenor.

Composed by the late W. SOTTANSTALL and Conducted by W. FRANKS.

*First peal. Messrs. Cruttenden and Hunnisett hail from Bexhill.

FRAMLINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 11, 1896, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION.

Tenor 19 cwt.

WILLIAM OSTLER* Treble.	ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN .. 5.
REV. J. H. PILKINGTON .. 2.	STEPHEN WIGHTMAN, JUN. 6.
ALBERT E. READ 3.	GEORGE WIGHTMAN 7.
EDGAR WIGHTMAN 4.	*JOHN C. SELF Tenor.

Composed by the late HENRY JOHNSON and

Conducted by GEORGE WIGHTMAN.

*First peal in the method. Rung on A. S. Wightman's birthday, his brothers and brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns of the day. For the calling see *Sottanstall*, page 426. The brothers Wightman hail from Cretingham, the rest belong to the local band.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.

(THE ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.)

On Sunday, April 12, 1896, in Three Hours and Forty-one Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES, 5015 CHANGES.

Tenor 28 cwt.

E. S. MORGAN Treble.	FRANK BROWN 7.
JOHN HOPWOOD 2.	SAMUEL BOOTH 8.
JAMES BOOTH 3.	SHEPHERD ANDREW .. 9.
THOMAS WROE 4.	JAMES ADAMS 10.
JAMES WOOD 5.	SAMUEL WOOD 11.
JONATHAN BROADBENT .. 6.	ALBERT ADAMS Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by SAMUEL WOOD.

The above was rung with the bells deeply muffled as a mark of respect to the late Mr. John Thorp, a member of the above society.

CHADDESLEY CORBETT, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, April 12, 1896, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF CANTERBURY PLEASURE MAJOR,

5184 CHANGES.

Tenor 16 cwt.

JOHN CHANCE Treble.	WILLIAM H. SMITH .. 5.
HENRY MARTIN 2.	WILLIAM H. BARBER .. 6.
THOMAS ELCOX 3.	WILLIAM SHORT 7.
JAMES PAGETT 4.	JOHN BARBER Tenor.

Composed by J. A. TROLLOP, of Norwich, and

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

This peal was rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to the late George Newson. The ringers of the 6th, 7th, and tenor are members of the Royal Cumberland Youths. First peal in the method on the bells and by the first four ringers. Arranged as a birthday peal for the conductor on his 28th birthday.

HENFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(HENFIELD BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, April 14, 1896, in Two Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. C. TYLER,

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' ORIGINAL.

WILLIAM HILLMAN .. 1-2.	CHARLES TYLER 5-6.
LAZARUS PAYNE 3-4.	GEORGE PAYNE 7-8.

Conducted by CHARLES TYLER.

Referee—A. W. Groves. The above is the first peal in the method on handbells retained in hand by the Association, and by all the band.

CENTRAL COUNCIL.—PEAL COLLECTION.—APPENDIX 1895 is now ready, containing 100 pages of peals in various methods; uniform with Report on Calls, with which it will be forwarded post free on receipt of sevenpence-halfpenny in stamps by Rev. H. EARLE BULWER, Stanhoe Rectory, King's Lynn.

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SHIPLEY, SUSSEX.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Monday, April 6, 1896, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

SEVEN 720s OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, as follows:

New London Pleasure, College Pleasure, Kent Treble Bob, Violet, College Exercise, Oxford Treble Bob, and Woodbine.

Tenor 11 cwt.

EDWARD HOLLOWAY .. Treble.	ALBERT ELLIS 4.
JOHN AKEHURST 2.	ERNEST C. BONIFACE .. 5.
THOMAS STEDMAN 3.	FREDERICK WICKENS .. Tenor.

Conducted by FREDERICK WICKENS.

This is the first 5040 of Treble Bob ever rung on the bells.

BURLEY, LEEDS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

On Saturday, April 11, 1896, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHIAS,

SEVEN 720s OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, as follows:

City Delight, Arnold's Victory, Merchant's Delight, Duke of York, Violet, Kent, and Oxford

Tenor 7½ cwt.

JOE THACKRAY Treble.	J. W. T. HOLGATE 4.
HY. GAYTHORPE 2.	J. HECKINGBOTTOM .. 5.
B. COWLING 3.	JOHN THACKRAY Tenor.

Conducted by JOE THACKRAY.

Messrs. Thackray (2), Cowling, and Heckingbottom hail from Armley; Gaythorpe and Holgate from Bramley. The only previous 5040 on these bells was rung on the 15th of October, 1899, and was conducted by John Cordingley, late of Calverley. The ringers tender their hearty thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and the local ringers for their arrangements.

TONG, YORKSHIRE.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 11, 1896, in Five Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

FOURTEEN 720s AND ONE 360 OF TREBLE BOB MINOR,

Making 10,440 in all; as follows:

Morning Delight, Cambridge Surprise, Ebor, Morning Exercise, Tulip, Primrose, College Trebles, Arnold's Victory, City Delight, College Pleasure, Violet, Duke of York, New London Pleasure, Oxford, and 360 of Kent.

EDWARD ODDY* Treble.	WILLIAM BOLLAND 4.
SAM ODDY 2.	GEORGE BOLLAND 5.
R. PERCY FARROW .. 3.	FRED HARGREAVES .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE BOLLAND.

*First peal. This is the longest length ever rung by the Yorkshire Association.

PEAL CORRECTION.—In the peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major rung at Framdsen, Suffolk, on Monday, April 6th, the number of changes were 5040.

Date Touches.

THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

HARTHILL (Yorks).—On Thursday, March 19th, at the church of All Hallows, a date touch, 1896 changes, in the following methods, 456 Oxford, 720 each of Duke of York and Kent, in 1 hr. 15 mins. J. Billham, 1; J. Guest, 2; Rev. B. Darley, 3; T. Smith, 4; W. Newbury (conductor), 5; T. Laking, 6. Tenor 19½ cwt.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

MIDHURST (Sussex).—On Friday, March 20th, a date touch, consisting of 1176 Bob Minor and 720 Oxford Single Bob, in 1 hr. 11 mins. G. Boswell, 1; F. Trussler, 2; T. E. Ellis, 3; C. Tribe, 4; A. B. Bennett (conductor), 5; J. Lee, 6. Rung after the confirmation service to celebrate the visit of the Lord Bishop of the Diocese.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

BETCHWORTH (Surrey).—On Sunday, March 22nd, a date touch, consisting of 720 Kent (fifteen bobs), 720 Oxford Treble Bob (fifteen

bobs), and 456 Violet, in 1 hr. and 5 mins. W. H. Judd, 1; R. Arnold, 2; R. Botting, 3; J. Ansell, 4; W. H. Street, 5; G. Huggett, (conductor), 6.

BANHAM (Norfolk).—On Sunday, April 14th, at St. Mary's church, a date touch of Bob Minor in 1 hr. 14 mins., being 216, 240, and two 720s. J. Woods, jun., 1; J. Tite, 2; R. Patrick, 3; W. Nudds, 4; J. Woods (conductor), 5; J. Saunders, 6. Rung with the bells deeply muffled as a last mark of respect to the memory of Mr. G. Newson, of London, who died on the 7th inst. He was well known at the above place, and to all of the band.

CRETINGHAM (Suffolk).—*Handbell Ringing.*—On Saturday, February 8th, at the residence of Mr. Wightman, on handbells, retained in hand, a date touch of Bob Minor, being 456 and two 720s, each called differently, in 43 mins. P. Ward, 1; W. Wightman, 2; G. Wightman, 3-4; E. Wightman (conductor), 5-6. This is the longest touch by the ringers of the 1st and 2nd. On Wednesday, February 19th, at the church of St. Peter, a date touch, 1896 changes, in six methods, viz., 336 Grandsire, 240 Little Bob and Canterbury Pleasure, 360 April Day, Old Doubles, and Plain Doubles, in 1 hr. 3 mins. E. Hicks, 1; W. Wightman, 2; E. Wightman (conductor), 3; J. Durrant, 4; S. Wightman, jun., 5. Tenor 11 cwt.

Miscellaneous.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ASHFORD (Kent).—On Tuesday, March 10th, for practice at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor (twenty-two singles), with 6-8 covering. W. Hills, 1; E. Dyson, 2; T. Tabrett, 3; G. Head, 4; C. Viggers, 5; W. Ansell, 6; A. Dyson (conductor), 7; F. Beeken, 8.

AVLESFORD (Kent).—On Saturday, March 14th, an attempt was made for a peal of Stedman Triples which came to grief after ringing 4800 changes in 2 hrs. 48 mins. A. West, 1; W. Mannering, 2; E. Dunk, 3; *D. Wright, 4; A. Tawney, 5; T. Mannering (conductor), 6; L. Bullock, 7; A. Tucker, 8. *Longest length in the method.

WEST MALLING (Kent).—On Sunday evening, March 15th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 504 Bob Triples. N. Cruttenden, 1; J. Capon, 2; S. Leonard, 3; Rev. A. L. Brine, 4; W. Harden, 5; D. Hall, 6; J. W. Leonard (conductor), 7; P. Masters, 8. And 504 in the same method, with W. Smith, 2; J. Capon, 3. After the service, in compliment to the Rev. A. L. Brine, who preached the sermon, and was formerly curate of Malling and a member of the Malling company, 1008 in the same method. R. Cruttenden, 1; J. Capon, 2; S. G. Leonard, 3; Rev. A. L. Brine, 4; W. Harden, 5; D. Hall, 6; J. W. Leonard (conductor), 7; P. Masters, 8.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

GREAT MARLOW (Bucks).—On Saturday, November 23rd, at All Saints' church, a peal of London Surprise Major was attempted, but came to grief after ringing 2 hrs. 58 mins. F. Boreham, 1; F. Biggs, 2; W. H. Fussell, 3; F. Biggs, 4; J. Truss, jun., 5; R. Biggs, 6; S. Goodchild, 7; J. Evans (conductor), 8. On Saturday, March 14th, a peal of Superlative Surprise Major was attempted, but after ringing 2 hrs. 18 mins. it came to grief. S. Goodchild, 1; W. H. Fussell, 2; J. Truss, jun. (conductor), 3; F. Boreham, 4; F. Biggs, 5; Fred. Biggs, 6; R. Biggs, 7; J. Evans, 8.

MAIDENHEAD (Berks).—On Saturday, December 28th, at All Saints' church, Boyne Hill, an attempt for a peal of London Surprise Major came to grief after ringing 2 hrs. 33 mins. W. Truss, 1; W. H. Fussell, 2; F. Biggs, 3; H. Stratford, 4; R. Biggs, 5; S. Goodchild, 6; J. Truss, jun., 7; J. Evans (conductor), 8.

WOOBURN (Bucks).—On Monday, February 10th, at St. Paul's church, an attempt for a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major came to grief after ringing 32 mins. J. C. Truss, jun. (conductor), 1; W. Taylor, 2; Frank Biggs, 3; J. Evans, 4; ———, 5; F. Biggs, 6; W. H. Fussell, 7; R. Biggs, 8.

HUGHENDEN (Bucks).—On Monday, February 17th, for practice at St. Michael's church, 1568 Superlative Surprise Major, conducted by J. Evans. On Friday, March 13th, 1120 in the same method. S. T. Goodchild, 1; H. Stratford, 2; J. C. Truss, jun. (conductor), 3; F. Biggs, 4; Fred. Biggs, 5; R. Biggs, 6; F. Boreham, 7; J. Evans, 8.

SHIPTON-UNDER-WYCHWOOD (Oxon).—On Thursday, March 19th, at St. Mary's church, with the bells muffled, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. J. Hedges, 1; J. Longshaw, 2; S. Ferriman, 3; W. Longshaw, 4; A. Turner, 5; H. Harris, 6; G. Bartlett (conductor), 7; J. Longshaw, 8. Rung on the occasion of the funeral of Mrs. Rigg, sister of Joseph Reade, Esq., of this place.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BOCKING (Essex).—Recently on Sunday afternoon for Divine Service at St. Mary's church, 720 Double Court. W. Melbourne, 1; F. Radley, 2; W. Moore, 3; F. Warren, 4; S. Sargent, 5; C. Howard (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, February 4th, 720 Kent Treble Bob (nine bobs). W. Melbourne, 1; F. Radley, 2; C. Whiting, 3; C. Bearman, 4; W. Grimwade, 5; C. Howard (conductor), 6. C. Whiting hails from Leiston, Suffolk, and this is his first 720 of Treble Bob, and was rung at the first attempt. On Tuesday, February 11th, for practice, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob. W. Melbourne, 1; W. Moore, 2; F. Warren, 3; C. Bearman, 4; S. Sargent, 5; C. Howard (conductor), 6. On Sunday morning, February 23rd, for Divine Service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. And on Sunday, February 23rd, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob. W. Melbourne, 1; F. Radley, 2; W. Moore, 3; F. Warren, 4; S. Sargent, 5; C. Bearman (conductor), 6. On Sunday afternoon, March 8th, for Divine Service, 720 Kent Treble Bob. W. Melbourne, 1; F. Radley, 2; W. Grimwade, 3; F. Warren, 4; S. Sargent, 5; C. Bearman (conductor), 6.

BRAINTREE (Essex).—On Saturday, February 1st, for practice at St. Michael's church, 720 Bocking Treble Bob. T. Watson, 1; F. Calthorpe, 2; F. Rudkin, 3; H. E. Hammond (conductor), 4; W. Hammond, 5; W. Grimwade, 6. And 720 Woodbine Treble Bob. T. Watson, 1; W. Moore, 2; F. Rudkin, 3; H. E. Hammond (conductor), 4; S. Sargent, 5; W. Grimwade, 6. On Sunday, February 2nd, for morning service, 720 Morning Exercise. T. Watson, 1; F. Rudkin, 2; C. H. Howard (conductor), 3; H. E. Hammond, 4; W. Hammond, 5; W. Grimwade, 6. And for evening service, 720 New London Pleasure. T. Watson, 1; H. E. Hammond, 2; F. Rudkin, 3; C. H. Howard (conductor), 4; W. Hammond, 5; W. Grimwade, 6. On Sunday, February 9th, for evening service, 720 St. Simon's Minor. T. Watson, 1; F. Calthorpe, 2; H. E. Hammond, 3; W. Hammond, 4; F. Rudkin (conductor), 5; W. Grimwade, 6. First 720 in the method by all, and on the bells. On Sunday, February 16th, for Divine Service in the morning, 720 Cambridge Surprise. And in the evening, 720 Violet Treble Bob. T. Watson, 1; F. Calthorpe, 2; F. Rudkin, 3; H. E. Hammond (conductor), 4; W. Hammond, 5; C. H. Howard, 6. And on Sunday, February 23rd, for evening service, 720 College Exercise. T. Watson, 1; F. Calthorpe, 2; C. H. Howard, 3; W. Hammond, 4; F. Rudkin (conductor), 5; W. Grimwade, 6.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BEDFORD.—On January 7th, 720 Woodbine. S. J. Cullip, 1; I. Hills, 2; W. Hall, 3; C. Chasty, 4; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 5; F. Hull, 6. On January 14th, 720 Woodbine. S. J. Cullip, 1; I. Hill, 2; W. Hall, 3; F. Hull, 4; C. Chasty, 5; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 6. Also 720 Bob Minor. F. Ball, 1; I. Hills, 2; H. Tysoe, 3; F. Smith, 4; C. Chasty, 5; F. Hull (first 720 as conductor), 6. On January 21st, 720 College Exercise. W. Hall, 1; F. Smith, 2; C. Chasty, 3; F. Hull, 4; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 5; H. Tysoe, 6. On January 28th, 720 Double Court. S. J. Cullip, 1; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 2; F. Smith, 3; F. Hull, 4; W. Hall, 5; H. Tysoe, 6. On February 4th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. H. Tysoe, 1; I. Hills, 2; W. Hall, 3; C. W. Clarke, 4; H. Toll, 5; C. Chasty (conductor), 6. On February 11th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. H. Wild, 1; I. Hills, 2; W. Hall, 3; C. W. Clarke, 4; S. J. Cullip, 5; C. Chasty (conductor), 6. Also 720 Yorkshire Court. F. Ball, 1; I. Hills, 2; C. Chasty, 3; F. Smith, 4; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 5; H. Tysoe, 6. On February 18th, 720 Double Court. F. Ball, 1; I. Hills, 2; C. Chasty, 3; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 4; S. J. Cullip, 5; F. Hull, 6. Also 720 Bob Minor. F. Ball, 1; I. Hills, 2; C. W. Clarke, 3; C. Chasty, 4; S. J. Cullip, 5; F. Hull (conductor), 6. On Sunday, January 26th, at the residence of Mr. F. Hull, on handbells, 720 Kent Treble Bob. C. W. Clarke (conductor), 1-2; C. Chasty, 3; F. Hull, 4; H. Sharp, 5-6.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

MIDHURST (Sussex).—On Sunday, February 16th, 720 Bob Minor. T. Stroud (first 720), 1; F. Trussler, 2; T. E. Ellis, 3; C. Tribe, 4; A. B. Bennett (conductor), 5; J. Lee, 6. On Thursday, February 27th, 720 Bob Minor. G. Best, 1; T. Stroud, 2; T. E. Ellis, 3; F. Trussler, 4; A. B. Bennett (conductor), 5; J. Lee, 6. On Sunday, March 15th, 720 Oxford Single Bob. G. Boswell, 1; F. Trussler, 2; T. E. Ellis, 3; C. Tribe, 4; A. B. Bennett (conductor), 5; J. Lee, 6.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HIGHAM FERRERS (Northants).—On Tuesday, February 18th, 503 Grandsire Triples. A. Everitt, 1; A. Martin, 2; A. Tyler, 3; J. B. Martin, 4; H. Sharp (conductor), 5; T. Hensher, 6; W. Ette, 7; G. Brown, 8. Also 282 Kent Treble Bob Major. A. Tyler (conductor), 1; J. Garratt, 2; H. Sharp, 3; G. Brown, 4; W. Hall, 5; A. Martin, 6; W. Parker, 7; J. Martin, 8. On Tuesday, February 25th, 464 Bob Major. A. Everitt, 1; A. Tyler, 2; G. Warner, 3; G. Brown, 4; H. Sharp, 5; A. Martin, 6; J. Martin (conductor), 7; W. Parker,

8. And 742 Grandsire Triples. A. Everitt, 1; A. Tyler, 2; G. Warner, 3; H. Sharp (conductor), 4; F. Brown, 5; W. Parker, 6; A. Martin, 7; J. Martin, 8. On Tuesday, March 3rd, 576 Bob Major. A. Everitt, 1; A. Martin, 2; J. Martin, 3; G. Brown, 4; H. Sharp, 5; J. Garratt, 6; W. Parker, 7; A. Tyler (conductor), 8. On Tuesday, March 10th, 360 Bob Minor. A. Everitt, 1; W. Parker, 2; H. Sharp, 3; T. Hensher, 4; G. Brown, 5; J. Martin (conductor), 6. And 576 Kent Treble Bob Major. A. Tyler (conductor), 1; T. Hensher (first with a bob bell), 2; A. Martin, 3; J. Garratt, 4; G. Brown, 5; W. Pettit, 6; W. Parker, 7; J. Martin, 8.

THE NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

TIMBERLAND (Lincolnshire).—On Thursday, March 12th, at the Church School, on handbells, retained in band, 720 Bob Minor. F. Cobb, 1; F. Curtis, 2; J. Wright, 3; A. West, 4; G. Lindoff, 5; G. Elkington (conductor), 6. Rung at the first attempt. This is the first 720 by all except G. Lindoff, who has been instructing the band, this being his fifth visit, and none knew anything of change-ringing previous to his visits. On Monday, March 23rd, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). F. Cobb, 1; T. Curtis, 2; J. Wright, 3; A. West, 4; C. West, 5; G. Elkington (conductor), 6. First 720 rung by the local band, and rung at the first attempt.

LINCOLN.—On Sunday evening, March 8th, for Divine service at the church of St. Peter-at-Arches, 800 Superlative Surprise Major. G. Chester, 1; J. B. Fenton, 2; R. E. Clark, 3; R. Dawson, 4; C. Wells, 5; J. W. Watson, 6; A. Craven, 7; G. Lindoff (conductor), 8. And 1728 Treble Bob Major. R. Dawson, 1; R. E. Clark, 2; J. Wells, 3; G. W. Bemrose, 4; C. Wells, 5; A. Craven (conductor), 6; G. Lindoff, 7; C. W. P. Clifton, 8. Longest length in the method by the ringers of the 3rd and 4th. On Monday, March 16th, on handbells, 720 Bob Minor. G. W. Bemrose, 1-2; G. Lindoff, 3-4; A. Craven (conductor), 5-6; This is G. Bemrose's first 720 on handbells.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

BETCHWORTH (Surrey).—On Sunday, February 9th, 720 Bob Minor (forty-two singles). R. Arnold, 1; C. Webber, 2; J. Ansell, 3; W. Street, 4; R. Botting, 5; G. Huggett (conductor), 6. On February 23rd, for evening service, 720 Grandsire Minor (twenty-two singles and 38 bobs). J. Peters, 1; W. Street, 2; J. Ansell, 3; C. Webber, 4; R. Botting, 5; G. Huggett (conductor), 6. On March 17th, 720 London Surprise (twenty-one bobs). R. Botting, 1; H. Judd, 2; J. Ansell, 3; G. Huggett (conductor), 4; W. Street, 5; R. Arnold, 6.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

CAPEL (Surrey).—On Sunday, March 15th, for Divine Service in the morning, 720 Superlative Surprise. E. Holloway, 1; E. Jordan, 2; A. Mills, 3; C. Taylor, 4; T. M. Stedman, 5; D. Jordan (conductor), 6. And in the afternoon, 720 Kent Treble Bob. H. Wilkins (first 720 in the method), 1; J. Akehurst, 2; E. Holloway, 3; A. Mills, 4; T. Fairs, 5; T. M. Stedman (conductor), 6. And 720 London Surprise. J. Akehurst, 1; E. Jordan, 2; A. Mill, 3; T. M. Stedman, 4; T. Fairs, 5; D. Jordan (conductor), 6. And 360 Woodbine. H. Wilkinson, 1; T. Fairs, 2; E. Holloway, 3; A. Mills, 4; E. Jordan, 5; D. Jordan, 6. And for evening service, 360 Bob Minor. T. M. Stedman, 1; J. Akehurst, 2; H. Wilkinson, 3; C. Taylor, 4; A. Mills, 5; D. Jordan, 6. H. Wilkinson hails from Ashted.

FAREHAM (Hants).—On Saturday, March 21st, at the church of SS. Peter and Paul, 576 and 704 Kent Treble Bob Major. G. Grafham, 1; G. Chappell (longest touch with a bob bell), 2; E. Reynolds, 3; F. Burnett, 4; A. Peckham, 5; R. Fuge, 6; A. E. Tomlins, 7; J. W. Whiting (longest in the method as conductor), 8. And 168 Stedman Triples. Messrs. Grafham and Whiting belong to Fareham, Chappell to Wickham, the remainder to Gosport.

CRETINGHAM (Suffolk).—On Saturday, January 25th, 720 Bob Minor. P. Ward, 1; W. Wightman, 2; E. Wightman, 3-4; G. Wightman, 5-6. On Saturday, February 15th, 504 Bob Triples. P. Ward, 1; W. Wightman, 2; S. Wightman, 3-4; G. Wightman, 5-6; E. Wightman (conductor), 7-8. On Tuesday, February 18th, 756 Bob Triples. E. Wightman (conductor), 1-2; S. Wightman, 3-4; G. Wightman, 5-6; W. Wightman, 7-8. On Wednesday, February 19th, 672 in the same method, with J. Durrant, 7-8; the rest as before.

DARTFORD (Kent).—On a recent Sunday, for Divine Service, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 6 mins. S. Everson, 1; F. J. French, 2; E. Everson, 3; H. Alford, 4; J. Saxby, 5; W. Challenor, 6; H. J. Castle (conductor), 7; S. Standen (longest touch), 8.

EWHRST (Surrey).—On Sunday, March 22nd, for afternoon service at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs two singles). H. Tidy, 1; W. Whittington, 2; F. Francis, 3; R. Whittington, 4; F.

Francis, 5; W. Tidy (conductor), 6. And 720 Plain Bob (eighteen bobs eighteen singles), standing as above. There will be ringing at this church the fourth Sunday in each month, commencing at 2.30 and 4.30. All ringers will be welcome.

FROCESTER (Gloucestershire).—On Sunday afternoon, March 22nd, at St. Peter's church, a few 6-scores of Stedman Doubles. R. Prout, 1; C. East, 2; G. Prout, 3; G. Condict, 4; T. Savage, 5; S. Smith, 6. Also a touch of Plain Bob. W. Dean, 1; T. Prout, 2; C. East, 4. And one of Grandsire. H. Townsend, 1; A. Summers, 5; W. Dean, 6. Conducted by G. Condict.

HORNSEY (Middlesex).—On Sunday, March 8th, after Divine Service in the evening, 720 Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs). W. Dixon, 1; G. Griffin, 2; J. Waghorn, jun. (conductor), 3; J. Waghorn, sen., 4; A. Miller, 5; A. Jacob, 6. And 720 in the same method. W. Dixon, 1; J. Waghorn, jun., 2; H. Newby (first in the method), 3; J. Waghorn, sen., 4; A. Miller, 5; A. Jacob (conductor), 6.

KENDAL (Westmoreland).—On Monday, March 16th, being the 84th birthday of the Ven. Archdeacon Cooper, the local company rang a complimentary touch of 2520 Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original, and 168 changes added to bring the bells home. W. Tyson, 1; W. Graham, 2; R. Everson, 3; J. Haslam, 4; W. Atkinson, 5; B. Walker (conductor), 6; J. Braithwaite, 7; J. Salmon, 8.

LAVENHAM (Suffolk).—*Handbell Ringing*.—Recently at the tower 720 Bob Minor (forty-two singles). A. Symonds, 1-2; T. Scott, 3; J. Moore, 4; F. Symonds, 5; T. King (conductor), 6.

LONDON.—On Monday, April 13th, at St. Mary's church, Stoke Newington, the usual whole pull and stand was rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late George Newson. Also 720 Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles). H. Spencer, 1; G. Gains, 2; W. Bean, 3; A. Fisher, 4; W. Waterman, 5; H. Stubbs (conductor), 6. On Saturday, April 4th, at St. Mary's, Whitechapel, a peal of Grandsire Triples was attempted, but was unfortunately lost after ringing 1 hr. 35 mins. S. Joyce, 1-2; F. Clayton, 3-4; A. Barkus (conductor), 5-6; E. Clayton, 7-8. On Good Friday, 896 Grandsire Triples by the same band. F. Clayton hails from King's Norton, Worcestershire.

MAIDSTONE (Kent).—On Sunday evening, April 5th, for Divine Service, 704 Stedman Caters. A. Gasson, 1; W. Manning, 2; T. Manning, 3; W. Hobbs, 4; A. Tawney, 3; A. Woolley, 6; L. Bullock, 7; E. Dunk, 8; A. Palmer (conductor), 9; G. Pawley, 10.

RANMOOR (Sheffield, Yorks).—On Wednesday, March 11th, for practice at the church of St. John the Evangelist, 1334 Grandsire Triples, in 51 mins. C. R. Sawyer, 1; W. Goodwin, 2; R. W. Collier, 3; T. Sawyer, 4; H. Jones, 5; J. Mulligan (conductor), 6; W. S. Plant, 7; R. Collier, 8. Tenor 15 cwt.

RUSHDEN (Northants).—*Handbell Ringing*.—Recently at the house of Mr. Hall, two 720s Bob Minor, 720 Oxford Bob, 360 College Single and a 6-score each of Grandsire and Bob Doubles. Also 360 Yorkshire Court Minor. C. West, 1-2; H. Sharp, 3-4; W. Hall (conductor), 5-6.

SOUTHGATE (Middlesex).—On Saturday, April 11th, at Christ Church, with the bells half-muffled, the usual whole pull and stand, as a mark of respect to the late George Newson. J. Miller (conductor), 1; J. Hitch, 2; W. Best, 3; H. Balaam, 4; C. Bale, 5; J. Howard, 6; H. Miller, 7; H. Newby, 8. Afterwards several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles with 6-8 covering. It was on these bells he called his last peal on February 10th last, in which several of the above took part, it being their first peal.

SAFFRON WALDEN (Essex).—On Tuesday, April 14th, 448 Double Norwich Court Bob Major and 336 Superlative Surprise was rung with the bells muffled, as a token of deep respect to the late Mr. George Newson. J. Freeman, 1; A. Pitstow, 2; A. James, 3; C. Freeman, 4; G. Martin, 5; J. F. Penning, 6; E. Pitstow, 7; F. Pitstow (conductor), 8.

SELBY (Yorks).—On Sunday, March 22nd, at the Abbey church, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor (fourteen bobs two singles), in 28 mins., on the middle six. F. Cobbbirst, 1; T. Wright, 2; W. Connell, 3; F. Welburn, 4; S. James (first 720 as conductor), 5; F. Cryer, 6; A. Dobson, 7; T. Strudwick, 8.

STOKE-ON-TRENT.—On Sunday evening, March 22nd, for Divine Service at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins. T. Austin, 1; A. Clewes, 2; A. Brindley, 3; H. Page, 4; T. Mountford, 5; S. Churton (conductor), 6; J. Davis, 7; T. Rose, 8. This is the first quarter-peal conducted by S. Churton.

DOUBLE NUMBER.—Next week we shall issue a double number of this paper. This is owing to the arrears on hand, comprising many touches, reports of meetings, etc. Our old contributor "Plain Speaker," in compliance with no small amount of solicitation, will re-commence his chapters on current topics.

Notices.

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The Middlesex Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held to-day, Saturday, April 18th, at All Saints, Edmonton. By the kind permission of the Rev. R. S. Gregory, the bells will be available after evensong, which commences at 5.30. Members and friends of the Association are cordially invited to attend.

ARTHUR T. KING, *Hon. Sec.*

Sarum, Ravenscroft Park Road, Barnet.

The Kent County Association.—Lewisham District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Greenwich to-day, Saturday, April 18th. The tower will be open for ringing from 3 p.m. Committee meeting at 5 p.m.

T. E. TRIGNMOUTH SHORE, *Hon. Sec.*

Bishop's House, Kennington Park, S.E.

Sussex County Association.—Eastern Division.—The next meeting will be held at Battle to-day, Saturday, April 18th. Bells (8), available from 2.30 to 9 p.m. Meat tea (1s. to ringing members) at The George hotel at 5.30. Trains from Warrior Square to Battle, 1.32, 4.4, and 6.32. S. SAKER, *Hon. Sec.*

101, Braybrooke Road, Hastings.

Oxford Diocesan Guild.—The spring meeting will be held in Reading to-day, Saturday, April 18th. St. Mary's, St. Giles' and Caversham towers open at 2.30. Evensong in St. Lawrence's at 5, followed by tea, 1s., at The British Workman.—Apply, R. H. Hart-Davis, Dunsden Vicarage, Reading.

The Lancashire Association.—Rossendale Branch.—The first annual gathering and dinner of the above branch will be held at Haslingden to-day, Saturday, April 18th. Price for dinner, 2s. 6d. each, to be on the table at 5 p.m. J. B. TAYLOR, *Sec.*

Norwich Diocesan Association.—Saxmundham District.—The twenty-fourth quarterly meeting will be held at Saxmundham to-day, Saturday, April 18th. The tower of the parish church and also the tower of Kelsale church will be open for ringing from 3 till 9 p.m. Business meeting at the Church House, Saxmundham, at 6 o'clock, the Rector will preside. All members and friends cordially welcome.

HENRY J. BUTTON, *Hon. District Sec.*

Leiston.

Chester Diocesan Guild.—Wirral Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held in the Schoolroom, Storeton Road, Oxtan, to-day, Saturday, April 18th. Tea at 6 p.m. (free.) Tower open from 7 p.m. to 8.

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

Braeside, West Kirby.

Heavy Woollen District Association, Yorkshire.—The next meeting will be held at Alma inn, Thornhill, to-day, Saturday, April 18th, at 5 p.m. Business important.

GEO. H. SIMON, *Hon. Sec.*

19, Albert Street, Batley Carr.

Kent County Association.—Canterbury District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Elham on Monday, April 20th. The tower will be opened at 8 p.m. A committee meeting will be held in the schoolroom at 5 p.m., and all members then present will have their travelling expenses up to but not exceeding 2s.

ALFRED FOREMAN, *District Hon. Sec.*

The Gloucester and Bristol Association.—Bristol.—A meeting for practice will be held at the Temple church on Monday, April 20th, at 7.30 p.m., when it is hoped a good number will attend. C. H. GORDON, *Local Sec.*

The Surrey Association.—By permission of the local company, it is proposed to hold a monthly ringing meeting at Mitcham, on Wednesday, April 22nd, at 7 p.m. Method for practice, Double Norwich.

R. B. BLANCHARD.

13, Sunnyhill Road, Streatham, S.W.

Shere, Guildford, Surrey.—The Lord Bishop of Winchester will dedicate the new work in this church (including new frame and two trebles), on Thursday next, April 23rd, at 3.30 p.m. Tower open to members of Winchester Diocesan Guild from 12.30 p.m. Railway station, Gomshall, S.E.R.

CHARLES E. MATTHEWS.

Peaslake, Shere, Guildford.

Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—The annual meeting of this Guild will be held at Christ Church, Southport, on Saturday, April 25th. Full particulars by circular.

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

Ashton-under-Lyne Society.—The annual meeting will be held at the parish church, Ashton, on Saturday, April 25th. The bells will be ready at 4 p.m., meeting at 7 p.m.

SAMUEL BOOTH, *Hon. Sec.*

108, Albemarle Street, Ashton-under-Lyne.

Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.—The quarterly meeting of this Society will be held on Saturday, April 25th, at St. Matthew's, Walsall. Bells available from 2.30. Tea at six o'clock. S. REEVES, *Hon. Sec.*

Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The next monthly ringing meeting of this society will be held at Rothwell on Saturday, April 25th. A peal will be attempted at 2.30. Business meeting at 6.30. Members and ringing friends are cordially invited. Handbells provided. R. BINNS, *Hon. Sec.*

3, Dame Street, Hogg's Field, Holbeck, Leeds.

The North Lincolnshire Association.—The annual meeting will be held in Lincoln on Saturday next, April 25th. Tea in Oddfellows' Hall at 4.45 p.m., members free; a charge will be made for non-members. Business meeting immediately afterwards, when the Bishop will address the ringers. Towers of Cathedral (8), St. Peter-at-Arches (8), St. Peter-at-Gowts (6), and St. Botolph's (5), will be open during evening and part of afternoon. Ringers intending to be present please communicate before Thursday, with Mr. Chester, 142, Portland Street, Lincoln. REGINALD BOND, *Hon. Sec.*

Gainsborough.

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The monthly meeting which should be held at Eccles on the 25th inst. will be postponed until further notice, owing to the Annual Meeting of the Ashton-under-Lyne society being held on that date, and the half-yearly meeting of the L. A. C. R. being held at Burnley on the following Saturday, May 2nd.

WALTER BROWN, *Branch Sec.*

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Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.—The Quarterly meeting which was to be held at Thornbury on April 25th, is unavoidably postponed.

C. H. JODERNS, *Hon. Sec.*

St. Stephen's Rectory, Bristol.

St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.—The usual quarterly meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 28th, at The Tamworth Arms, Moor Street, Birmingham. Chair to be taken at 8.30 p.m. W. H. GODDEN, *Hon. Sec.*

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ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

I, ATTWATER.—We will deal with the matter next week.

T. C. P.—Very likely on the 25th.

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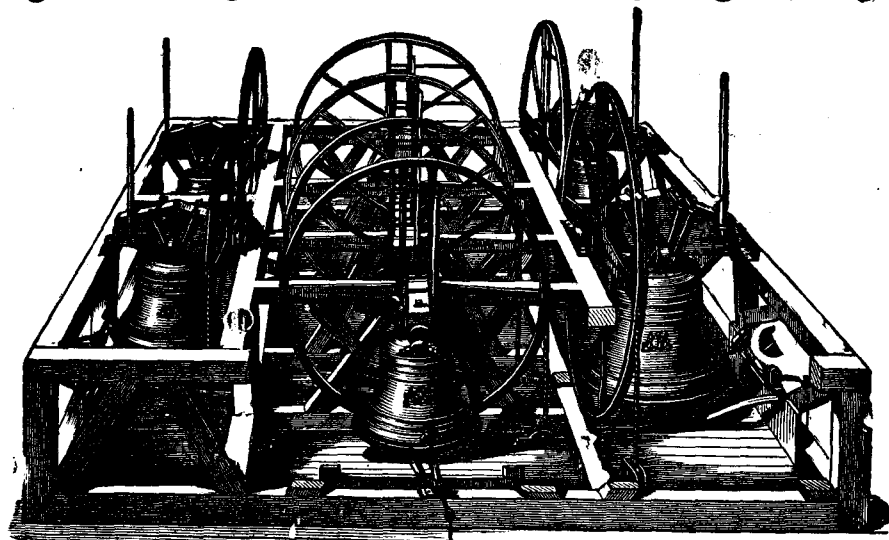
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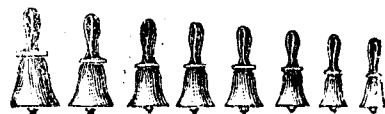
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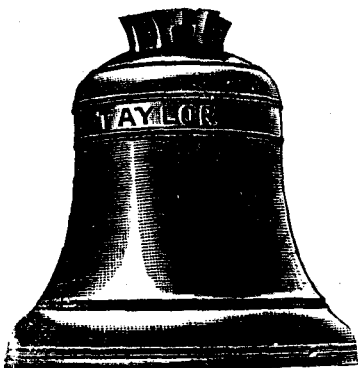
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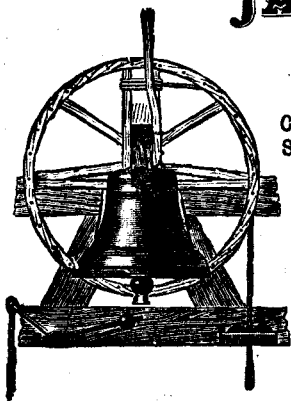
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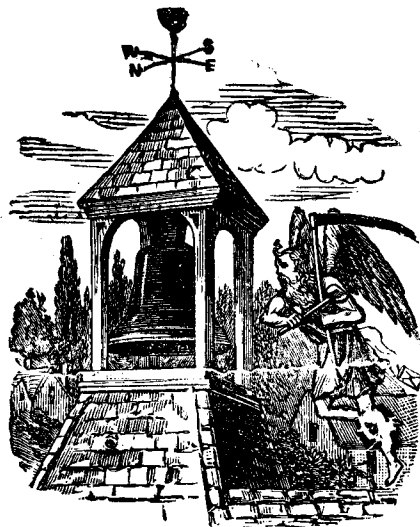
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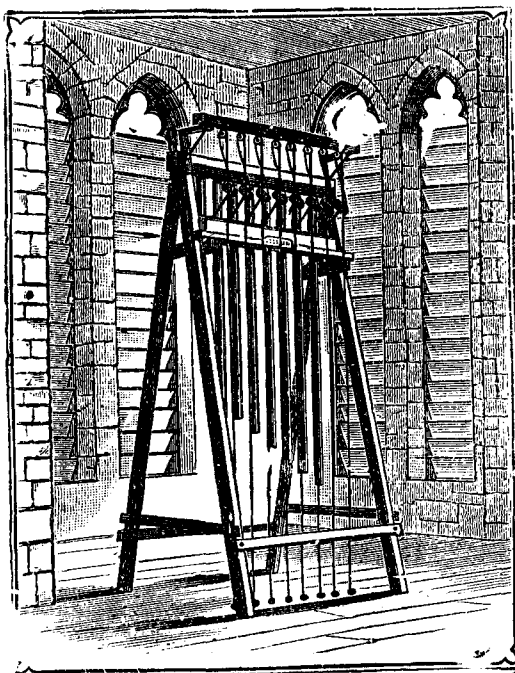
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THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

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THE SIX-BELL QUESTION.

The next motion on the agenda was as follows: "It shall be sufficient to constitute a peal on six bells, if, the full 720 changes in any one method having been rung, the 5040 changes are completed by half extents, or 360 changes, no two half extents to be rung in the same method."

The President said he desired, before this resolution was moved, most earnestly to deprecate the way in which the subject had been dealt with by some of those who had contributed correspondence thereon, and the use that had been made of some thoughtless and inapplicable terms. They had been told that six-bell ringing had been rooted out by the action of the Council. Surely no one could substantiate such a sweeping assertion. Again they had been told that the Council were autocratic. The Council consisted of delegates of the various Associations elected by the members thereof to represent their views, and of a few others elected by the Council itself, and since the term "autocrat" applied only to such as arrogated power to themselves, he failed to see the force of the aspersion. As to the selfish narrow-mindedness with which they were also charged; he was satisfied that the verdict of the Exercise would not endorse this indictment. He considered the Council had very frequently and patiently discussed this question. If these charges of short-sighted, selfish, and narrow-minded policy could be substantiated, why did the Associations continue to elect their present representatives? Again, a remark as to "the usual biased opinion from the chair," on this subject was hardly fair. On the occasion referred to his friend the Hon. Secretary occupied the chair, but he—the President—would altogether have declined to accept the honour of the chairmanship were he to be debarred from frankly expressing his own opinion. With the exception of the Speaker of the House of Commons, he knew of no chairman who had not a free hand in this matter. He had attended something like 180 meetings during last year, and he could not recall one single meeting at which the chairman had not stated his opinion, if he thought fit to do so, at the proper time. He had however himself, except when he considered a question of principle involved, endeavoured to the best of his ability to keep an open mind in regard to the subjects under discussion, and to express what he believed to be the prevailing wish. One point however had been urged in regard to the question now before them, which was worthy of their attention, viz., that the views of six-bell ringers were not adequately expressed by the large majority of eight, ten, and twelve bell ringers on the Council. It behoved them then to try and place themselves in the position of these six-bell ringers and endeavour as far as possible without sacrificing principle, to meet their views. But it must be further remembered that those who had roused this contention were only a section and probably not even a majority of six-bell ringers.

Mr. Lockwood assured the Council that he had nothing whatever to do with that which had appeared in the press. The resolution which he had to move was one passed by his district, and one in which they had endeavoured to meet every objection raised, and one which he trusted would be fairly discussed, and in which the Council would endeavour to meet them. It had been argued before that if they were permitted to ring less than a 720, there might not be the whole of the changes rung that were in a 720. This they had met by putting in a full 720 first, and completing the 5040 by half-peals or 360s. The question was one which had received considerable discussion and controversy, some of rather a bitter nature. He trusted that the Council would that day settle it. Let them see if they could not come to some terms of a satisfactory nature. He trusted, if any amendment was moved, that an attempt would be made to meet the six-bell ringers. He hoped it would be borne in mind that he did not come to the Council with any threat in his hand, but simply to move the resolution in accordance with the instructions of his district, and to ask the Council to support it. Any attempt to settle the whole question would be welcomed by him, for it was somewhat of a load upon him to have year after year to bring this matter forward, which he trusted he should not have again to repeat.

Mr. Walmsley seconded.

The Rev. E. W. Carpenter said there was one serious difficulty which stood in the way. They had to contend with the word "peal." There was the bottom of the whole business. Objection was not made to performances, but it was the use of the word "peal" which had been fixed as having a definite meaning that was objected to. He thought that the difficulty might be somewhat met if in the record of ringing there was a classification of all peals, so that those on twelve bells were kept distinct from those on ten bells, and those on eight bells distinct from those on ten, and those on six distinct from those on eight. It appeared to him that it was impossible to compare a performance on six with others. There was so much difficulty in the whole circumstances that he thought it would be well if peals on different number of bells were classified and kept in sections, and not mixed up one with another.

The Rev. C. D. P. Davies could not see where arose the difficulty which rested on the word "peal." It was used to denote a 5040 changes upon seven, or a 5000 or more upon eight, or a higher number of bells, that were rung without a repetition. Upon six bells this was impossible. He should be sorry to see it used in any other sense. He approved of the course the Editor of "THE BELL NEWS" had adopted, the word "performance." He thought this the exact word to use, and looked upon some of the performances as superior to the ringing of some peals. To accomplish some of these performances it required more ability than the ringing of a peal of Triples. He considered that the definition of the word peal should be 5000 or more changes rung without a repetition. This could not be done if there were only 6 bells in the tower, and those who had only 6 bells to ring should not complain because they were unable to ring a peal.

The Rev. W. W. C. Baker said in Bedfordshire there had been eleven peals upon six bells, many of which were considered worthy of credit, and he could say that his association felt no hardship in the definition laid down by the Council.

The Rev. C. D. P. Davies suggested that two separate peal-books could be kept, one for 6-bell performances only.

Mr. Story said this was exactly what it was desired to avoid. The proposal was that 5040 should be admitted as a peal. He did not understand why the Council should be so exacting in this matter.

Mr. S. Reeves said the Stafford Archdeaconry Association Secretary kept two books.

Dr. Carpenter thought the Council were mixing up two questions. The question was "should 6-bell performances be authorised as peals or not." There could be no question as to the ability required in ringing a number of methods upon six bells, but authorising 360s as peals was another thing. If a band could ring 360 in a method, why not ring the whole 720 in the same, and go for a 10,000.

The Rev. H. J. Elsee thought that if there was not a repetition in a peal it should be admitted as a peal, but that such should be kept distinct from other peals. It did not appear to him that there was any slur upon any band if the peals were entered in different books, or if they stood side by side in different classes. He thought that the word should be used in its old sense. Was it not right that the word peal was correct for 720 on six bells, and for 120 changes on five?

Mr. Attree said the Council had discussed this matter upon six previous occasions. It appeared that some of their friends considered that the Council wanted to have it their own way. That was where they made a mistake. The performances on six bells were looked upon as equal to what others did on eight or more bells. What would be said by some of their friends if they rang a peal upon eight bells in four Surprise methods. It would be said that anything so ridiculous ought not to be permitted to rank as a peal. That was exactly the way in which they looked upon these performances on six bells. Mr. Snowden had reminded him of the battle of Hastings; he did not want to go back so far, but he would tell Mr. Snowden what was done in the present day in Sussex. When a band gets tired of the ringing on six bells, they go and get the money for two more bells and put them up. What is done in Sussex could be done in Yorkshire. He should vote as he had done on six previous occasions, as he did not see what good was to be done by adopting the resolution.

The Rev. E. W. Carpenter moved that all records of peals be classified, and peals on twelve, ten, eight, or six be kept distinct. Mr. Foskett could not see what the Council had to say upon this point. Associations had the right to enter peals in whatever way they thought fit.

Mr. Lucas could not see how the proposal to classify peals could be adopted in "THE BELL NEWS," as no doubt the Editor had to put them in as received.

The Rev. E. W. Carpenter's proposal having been seconded, was submitted to the meeting and lost.

The President, in reply to a member, said that at present the Council's definition of a peal on six bells was that it should be in true 720s, of which no two in the same method should be called alike. If the resolution was adopted it would have to be placed after the present definition as a modification.

Mr. J. W. Taylor said he had not taken part in a peal on six but should be pleased to do so. The Council had decided what a peal was upon seven or more bells. There could be no doubt whatever that a peal should consist of as few repetitions as possible. This was exactly what the Council had decided by permitting seven 720s in the same method so long as the calling was different.

The Rev. Maitland Kelly considered that what was now asked for must be a more difficult and therefore more creditable task.

Mr. Wakley said for his own part he should like to ring a peal in four Surprise methods but that six-bell ringers would exclaim that this definition of a peal should not be allowed, and that they could understand. The proposal would permit of ringing over again the same changes, and this there was no sense in.

The President said he trusted there was no one present that was prejudiced one way or the other. The Council did not dictate to anyone, but simply defined what they thought should be considered a true peal. It had nothing to do with Editors of ringing journals or Peal Books. There had been much discussion respecting the seven bell peal question. The whole question was of a technical nature, and it had been successfully contended that a seven-bell peal rung without a cover was as true as if rung with the tenor, and that although not a musical performance it must be admitted as a peal. If the Council was to follow the same line of truth against inclination, he could not see how it could go beyond that which it had already fixed as the definition of a peal on six bells, and continue to hold that seven true 720s are the nearest approach to a true peal. There had been a peal rung near Birmingham on eight bells in four methods but it was widely held not to be a true peal at all. If only half extents were to be permitted to be rung to make up a peal, there were methods which would not run to a true 720, and some of these might be introduced. He had no doubt that the Council would be desirous of considering the wishes of six-bell ringers, and if the majority of these were really not satisfied with the existing definition, he would suggest that the Council should meet them by withdrawing the definition altogether, on the ground that, as no true peals could be rung on six bells, and as the Council were only desirous of defining true peals, a definition for peals on five and six bells was impracticable.

The original resolution was submitted with the result that nine voted in its favour and twenty-two against.

RINGERS' MEETINGS AND CHURCH SERVICES.

Mr. Boutflower moved "That it is desirable that at all quarterly and district meetings of any Association or Guild of Church Bell Ringers, as well as at their annual meetings, arrangements should be made wherever possible for holding a short service in the parish church, at which the incumbent should be asked to address the ringers present." Mr. Boutflower said the resolution was of a different nature to that which had just engaged the attention of the Council, but at the same time it was an important one. There was a tendency even in the present day not to recognise bells as sacred instruments dedicated to the service of God. As this was so he considered that everything that could be done to remove such a tendency should be done. He was aware that services were held, but that only a few ringers were found at them, and he hoped and believed that such a resolution would, if passed, have some weight among ringers in general. He had carefully looked through the reports of Association and Guild meetings that had recently taken

place, and he found seven reports in "THE BELL NEWS" in which no mention was made of any service forming part of the proceedings. He did not think this was as it should be, but that those who form Diocesan Associations of ringers should, when they meet, include a short service as part of their proceedings. He understood that the Hon. Sec. considered there might be some difficulty in some places in having an address. He was glad to say that at meetings of the two Associations to which he belonged, it had been the custom to have a short service before the meeting, and he did not remember a single instance in which there had been any difficulty in having an address, either by the incumbent or someone else. If there was any difficulty in obtaining the services of some one to give an address, then he thought it would be best to have the service even if without an address. The Gloucester and Bristol Association had decided to have a service specially drawn up for use at Association meetings. He had hoped that he should have been able to have brought a copy with him, but as he had not, he should, when published, be glad to forward a copy to any one desirous of seeing it.

The Rev. H. A. Cockey, who seconded, said he agreed with the remarks made by the mover of the resolution. If they as ringers, members of an Association, called themselves church bell ringers, they should impress upon all that their work was connected with the church. He considered that at all Association meetings, quarterly as well as annual, ringers should unite in some form of worship. There ought not to be any difficulty in securing some one to give an address. It was not upon ringing matters that they wished to be advised, but upon the work of their spiritual lives. If this view was taken there need not be much, if any, difficulty. They sometimes found that there were those not desiring to meet ringers, but if as ringers they showed a desire for a service, and invited those who addressed them to join in the business of the Associations, they would not hesitate to meet them again. Complaints were sometimes heard that the clergy did not come to the assistance of ringers, that the clergy did not help ringers as they might do. They as ringers should make it clear to the clergy that they were anxious for their help. If incumbents were asked to address them at their Association meetings it would draw the attention of the clergyman to the Association, and the clergy would thus be shown that they, as ringers, desired to be recognised as a body of church workers.

The President thought the Council would do well to consider before passing the resolution if it was not going beyond their powers. It would be somewhat of a novelty in the proceedings to advise the Associations of the country. He thought it would be well to pause before adopting the resolution. It was a question if it was wise to bring it forward. No one disputed the desirability of a service at such meetings, but the difficulty was to get the ringers to attend.

The Rev. F. E. Robinson considered such a resolution passed by a body of laymen would very much strengthen the hands of the clergy, and approved of the resolution.

The Rev. C. D. P. Davies while cordially agreeing with the resolution could not but express his approval of the remarks made by the Chairman. He believed there was an improvement going on, and that there were more services held now than formerly was the case. He would suggest and moved as an amendment that the Central Council learns with great satisfaction that there is an increase in the number of services held in connection with ringers' Association meetings.

The Hon. Secretary said he would support the amendment not because he was not in entire sympathy with the resolution but because he felt strongly that the Council should not attempt to guide an Association as to how it should conduct its affairs. It would be a most unfortunate step for the Council to take. There were some places where Association meetings were held at which it would be impossible to carry out the resolution. There were places in his own Association district in which the ringers could not possibly be present except for a very short time in the afternoon, and during that time they naturally expected to do their share of ringing and take part in the business meeting of the Association. As to the clergy giving an address it would be well to first make sure that they had got ringers to attend the service, otherwise it might be that there would be but empty benches. He thought it would be better if they could

secure the attendance of ringers at services when such were held. For the present he thought it would be difficult to express their satisfaction at the improvement going on.

The Rev. F. J. O. Helmore thought that the time had arrived when the Council might give its general knowledge of the ringing world, give its advice to the Associations, and as he did not think that the resolution could be considered as dictating to the Associations, he should give it his support.

The Rev. E. W. Carpenter was in favour of both the amendment and the resolution, and asked if both could be voted upon.

The President said if the amendment was carried the resolution would fall through.

Mr. Boutflower said he did not consider that there was any proof that what the amendment stated was true, but on the contrary it appeared to him that it was not correct, for that reason he could not vote for it. It was not his intention that the resolution should in any way be dictatory to the Associations, for at present the Council had sailed along fairly well. The resolution was that it was desirable where possible. He ventured to think that the Bath and Wells district was as bad for their train services as the Norwich district, for there were but few centres where they could meet. Still if ringers could come to a meeting for three or four hours could they not possibly devote some twenty, fifteen, or even ten minutes to a service in the church. If they could not have an address let them have the service without the address. He should press the resolution rather than let it go altogether.

Mr. Story said in the North there was a service in connection with the annual meetings but he thought it would be too much to have a service at every meeting.

On the suggestion of the President the resolution was altered as follows: "That it is desirable wherever convenient at all important ringing meetings of church bell ringers that arrangements should be made for holding a short service in the church."

This was accepted by mover and seconder and the resolution in the altered form was adopted.

DEPUTATION TO THE CLEARING HOUSE ON RAIL FARES.

Mr. Attree moved that a deputation be appointed to wait upon the Railway Clearing House in London, with a view of obtaining cheap travelling privileges such as are now granted to angling clubs, golf clubs, and other societies, and to consider other matters relating thereto. Mr. Attree, in moving the resolution, said, when he gave notice of the resolution, he had forgotten that there was already a Committee that had the subject in hand. His reason for bringing the matter forward was because the agreement that had existed with the London Brighton and South Coast company for cheap fares had, through the Central Council going to the Railway Clearing House, come to an end, and they now had to pay full fares. This they wanted put right, not only for themselves in Sussex, but for ringers throughout the country. It had been suggested that a strong deputation should be sent to represent the whole of the ringing community. If this was done, the deputation should point out to the authorities how unfair it was to permit members of golf clubs to travel at single fares, who were, generally speaking, men of some wealth, and not to grant the same privileges to ringers. Just the same with respect to angling clubs. In those cases a man had only to join one of those clubs, and with his rod he could travel to wherever there was a pond, which there was almost sure to be in every village. If the same privileges could be obtained for ringers as were now granted to either golfers or anglers, there were many places that ringers would be able to go to. He had no doubt that if a strong deputation was sent that the whole thing would go through. He would suggest that the President, Hon. Secretary, and two or three other gentlemen, form the deputation.

The Rev. F. J. O. Helmore said the Kent Association was suffering from the same complaint as the Sussex Association, the South Eastern having withdrawn the privilege. He was sure there were many members of the Kent Association who would be glad if the privilege granted to golfers and others could be granted to ringers.

The Rev. H. A. Cockey said no communication had been made to the Clearing House by the present Committee as to the privileges that been given by the two companies referred to.

Mr. Attree said he understood that the matter was referred to at the meeting at the Clearing House.

The Hon. Secretary suggested that Mr. Attree should be added to the Committee.

The President thought that the work which the present Committee had done should not be disregarded, for the Committee had taken a considerable amount of pains.

Mr. Griffin said when the clearing house was approached the reply was that they had nothing to do with the matter, but that it must go before the associated railways. It was understood that golfers travelled to one particular place, the same with anglers, who went where there was water, and not to any other place. Besides they could only travel on the particular line, and not upon any other.

Mr. Attree said that he himself belonged to an angling society, and although he had not used his ticket, he understood that he could travel to any place on the line where there was a stream.

It was decided to add Mr. Attree's name to the present committee, who were requested to make arrangements for a deputation to attend at the Clearing House.

THE ELECTION OF MEMBERS BY ASSOCIATIONS.

The last motion on the agenda was as follows: "That it is desirable when members are elected otherwise than at recognised Association meetings, that some uniform regulation relating thereto should be adopted by all ringing societies. And that the following be suggested by the Council to the Societies: That it shall be admissible for any band of ringers to elect one member in the tower prior to starting for a peal, providing before the attempt is made, either the proposer or seconder shall have received the candidate's subscription, and notified to the Secretary of the Association his name and address."

Mr. Attree, in whose name the motion stood, said it was his intention to divide it into two sections, the first section to end at "societies." It was a somewhat similar motion to that he moved last year, and therefore he need not make any remarks upon it.

The Rev. C. D. P. Davies seconded.

Mr. Foskett objected to the motion, because Associations had a right to elect their members in their own way.

Mr. Lucas said each of the Associations had their rules, and should be permitted to keep to them. He knew of two instances in which peals had been disallowed, because three had been elected in the tower in place of two.

The Rev. F. J. O. Helmore considered the motion very dictatorial.

Mr. Story considered the motion a proper one to make.

The Rev. H. A. Cockey thought the question of electing members had better be left to the different Associations.

Mr. Attree, while admitting that there had been some improvement in the mode of electing members of an Association otherwise than at a quarterly or annual meeting, claimed that there was room for further improvement. He considered the time had arrived when some attempt should be made to secure uniformity in such matters, and was of opinion that the only way and the best way of bringing such under the notice of the Associations was through the Central Council.

The motion was submitted, with the result that thirteen voted for the same, and fifteen against. Consequently it was declared lost.

THURSTANS' COMPOSITIONS OF STEDMAN TRIPLES.

The President said he had placed on the agenda the following—"To discuss the titles by which Thurstans' compositions of Stedman Triples should severally be described," which he had been asked to do. There appeared to be some doubt as to what peal was referred to when the "Original" was mentioned. He had had some conversation with the late Mr. Henry Johnson upon the matter, and had also a letter of Mr. John Day's, which he thought would throw some light upon the question. As there was not time to discuss it that day, if the Council would depute him to look into the matter, he would do so, and report to the next meeting of the Council.

The suggestion was agreed to, and the President afterwards promised to publish the result of his investigations in "THE BELL NEWS."

THE VARIATION OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR.

The President said he had intended to have discussed, if time

had permitted, "The claim of the variation of Cambridge Surprise Major known as 'Burton' variation, but more correctly as 'Thackrah's,' to rank as the standard method, on the ground that only one peal could be rung in the original method, of which there were three variations, whereas in the altered method any peal of Superlative, other than those having the bells in 5-6 reversed, could be utilised." He commended the subject to their consideration, and undertook to publish a statement thereon before the next meeting of the Council, in order that the question might thus be discussed with full knowledge of the points at issue.

The proceedings closed with votes of thanks to the President and Hon. Secretary, and to Mr. Attree for his kind invitation to the Council to dine with him.

The members of the Council proceeded to The Hotel Metropole, where they were entertained by Mr. Attree at a most generous and recherche repast, at the conclusion of which the Rev. G. F. Coleridge moved a hearty vote of thanks to their kind host, which was carried with acclamation.

CHURCH BELLS AND CHANGE-RINGING IN BIRMINGHAM.

[From the *Birmingham Daily Post*.]

There are few persons who cannot in some measure appreciate the pleasing effect of well-rung changes upon a tuneful peal of bells, whether the music, stealing softly from some distant steeple through the quiet evening atmosphere of the country, falls upon the ear "in cadence sweet;" or whether the rhythmical clangour asserts itself triumphant above the busy hum and manifold voices of the city streets. The Art of change-ringing, however, is one little understood of the people, and matters connected with it come very sparingly under the public eye. Occasionally a modest paragraph appears in the newspapers stating that on such a day some society of change-ringers ascended a particular steeple and rang a complete peal of "Stedman's Triples," containing 5040 changes, or some other arrangement—"Kent Treble Bob Major," "Grandsire Caters," "Treble Twelve," "Superlative Surprise," or what not—in so many hours and so many minutes. The unlearned accept such reports as indicating something wonderful, but beyond that it is Greek, or worse, to nine hundred and ninety-nine persons out of a thousand. Yet, for a certain limited circle, change-ringing is a fascinating study and a pleasurable exercise, which they cultivate with a large degree of assiduity and intelligence. Birmingham for a number of years has occupied an honorable place in the annals of the Art, and St. Martin's Guild of Change-Ringers is regarded with respect and admiration by many kindred bodies throughout the country. Birmingham, including its suburbs, is moderately endowed in the matter of church bells. The finest peal by far is that of St. Martin's, consisting of twelve bells; ten of which were hung in 1786. Two further bells were added at a later date, and the entire peal was rehung in 1870 by Messrs. William Blews and Sons in a manner which has been warmly praised by all who have been concerned in handling the ropes. St. Philip's church has a peal of ten bells, less agreeable in sound than those of the mother church, and there is also a peal of ten at Aston parish church. St. John's Deritend, Bishop Ryder's church, Harborne parish church, Selly Oak, King's Norton church, Handsworth parish church, and St. Chad's cathedral have each eight-bell peals of varying weight and quality of tone, the peal at King's Norton being, it is said, the most tuneful of them all. There is also a very pleasing peal of bells at St. John's, Perry Barr, and another at Northfield. The bells of St. Martin's, Aston parish church, and Handsworth church are under the control of the St. Martin's Guild; those at St. Philip's and St. John's Deritend are rung by the Birmingham and District Amalgamated Society, while at King's Norton there is a Guild of fourteen ringers, all of them amateurs, the Master of the Guild being Mr. W. S. Pritchett, the secretary to the Mayor of Birmingham. The Friendly Society of Ringers claim the peals at St. Chad's and Bishop Ryder's. In addition to these societies there are also bands of "round" ringers, but their limited performances of a set chime, repeated *ad libitum*, are looked upon with no little disdain by experienced change-ringers. The familiar "Turn again, Whit-

tington," musical as it may be, has by reason of its monotonous repetition, been nicknamed by the change-ringers "Churchyard Bob," or "Tombstone Surprise."

Change-ringing has been the subject of considerable revival during the last twenty years. A number of clergymen whose churches possess peals of bells, have interested themselves in "the exercise"; beer and tobacco have been banished from the belfry, and membership of the ringers' society has become an honour, where in many instances it was altogether mercenary, and too closely associated with the public-house. A large number of books have been written upon the subject, and a weekly paper, "THE BELL NEWS," has a wide circulation. We recently had the pleasure of making the acquaintance of the members of the St. Martin's Guild on one of their practice-nights, and of learning some particulars of the Art to which they devote themselves. Our guide took us first to the bell-chamber, and showed how the bells are hung upon a massive oak frame, every bell having connected with it a large grooved wheel, to which is fastened the bell-rope. When a peal is to be started, each bell has to be "raised," that is to say swung backwards and forwards until it gains a position a little over its centre and stands mouth upwards, a mechanical arrangement allowing it to rest in this position. When the bell is so placed, the rope lies only a short length in the groove of the wheel. A comparatively light pull will tilt the ponderous instrument back over the centre of the pivot with sufficient impetus to carry it an entire revolution, and in the latter half of this movement the bell meets the clapper and gives its note. It is then mouth upwards again, with the rope entirely over the wheel, and ready for the "back" or return stroke. Considering that many of the bells are of great weight (St. Martin's tenor weighs 36 cwt.), it will be manifest that some skill is necessary in the manipulation of the rope to secure that the bell shall swing steadily round, unchecked, until it arrives at the full end of its journey, and that it shall be so pulled as to sound at the moment it is required. In a clock chime the bell remains stationary, and is struck by a movable hammer, but in bell-ringing the bell itself is swung. St. Martin's belfry is a spacious and comfortable apartment, some eight to ten yards square, and about eighteen feet in height. The walls are wainscoted with varnished pine, a seat runs round two sides, and there are a number of inscribed boards recording the more notable achievements of the Change-Ringers' Society. A sound-chamber is interposed between the belfry and the bell-chamber, so as to obviate excessive reverberation, and the sound of the bells heard from the former is not loud and confused as might be imagined, but clear and distinct. One might almost imagine they were in some other building. We have described how a single bell is rung; let us indicate in what change-ringing consists. By way of illustration, suppose we have three bells, each sounding a different note. They can be rung in succession in six different ways. Thus they may be struck—1 2 3, 2 1 3, 2 3 1, 3 2 1, 3 1 2, 1 3 2. These are six changes. Add a fourth bell, and the number is increased to twenty-four. Six bells will give a "Minor" peal of 720 changes, occupying half-an-hour in the ringing. Seven bells will yield the favourite peal of Triples, containing 5040 changes, and giving the ringers three hours' steady work. The changes producible upon eight bells are 40,320—too many to be rung at one time, as they take a whole day and four hours; and so we go onwards until twelve bells yield the immense number of 479,001,600 different orders of succession in which they can be rung. Theoretically it would take nearly thirty-eight years to produce the complete series of "Maximus" or twelve-bell changes. With eight bells or more, a selection of changes or a composition is rung, some arrangements being more musical and pleasing than others. Five thousand changes or more is technically denominated a peal, while any fewer number is known as a "touch." Music, mathematics, and "methods" enter into change-ringing in a manner that to the unlearned mind is absolutely bewildering. Each peal begins with a "round" or ringing of the bells from the top to the bottom of the scale. Then the changes begin according to certain recognised or popular rules. A "true" or perfect peal is free from beginning to end from the repetition of any one change, and to avoid such an occurrence—a sort of "vicious circle"—the conductor at certain points calls particular bells out of the sequence into which the rule would bring them. The peal ultimately ends

by the bells once more falling into the "round." There is a good deal, therefore to learn mentally, as well as much practice needed in the handling of the bells. It takes at least two years with assiduous practice to make a change-ringer, and of those who set out to attain the accomplishment, only a minority go on to success, experience giving one in five.

A goodly company were assembled in St. Martin's belfry on the occasion of our visit, among them being two or three ringers from a distance. Quite a freemasonry exists amongst these craftsmen. Not only do they minister to one another's needs in times of distress, but a visitor is always welcome, and a member of the Society is ever ready on practice-night to vacate a rope in his favour. On the present occasion we note a strange mixture of ages and classes. The professional man in shirt sleeves of linen faultlessly white, and the bricklayer in corduroy, find places among the manipulators of the ropes. A few young men full of enthusiasm, others of middle age, and one or two veterans, are in the circle of ringers or on-lookers. Two weighty members tackle the heavier bells, one of them being a well-known ex-detective of the city. The eleventh bell of St. Martin's peal weighs 28 cwt., while the twelfth, or tenor, as previously stated, is 36 cwt., and has a diameter at the mouth of 4ft. 10in. Good exercise these furnish to ringers who desire to reduce any excess of adipose tissue. The bells having been raised, the heavy ones separately, and the lighter bells in peal, there is a pause until the conductor gives the signal for the commencement of a touch of Stedman Cinques. At the outset all eyes are turned to the right, and the ropes rise and fall in rapid succession from those on the right hand to those on the left. Quickly they fall into variations which the skilled eye, but no other, can follow, while the ear traces the note of a particular bell shifting its place from the top of the peal downwards, then upwards, then giving its lead to another bell—"dodging," "place-making," or "coursing" one neighbour and then another, like a thing of life. One tries to follow it, but is baffled, as in watching the movements of a group of house-flies playing their mysterious game of "tag." The attention of the ringers is all on the alert; glances dart rapidly, first in one direction then in another, so as to enable each man to pull his rope as quickly as may be in his due rotation. In good ringing every bell has its distinct stroke, and the whole eight, ten, or twelve strokes should sound at a uniform rate, while just a brief pause emphasises the close of each change. To attain this result, together with the absence of mistake, requires much practice, and a bad "striker" is looked upon with disfavour in forming a band to attempt a peal. With a mixed party of ringers, our "Stedman's Cinques" did not run evenly for long. At the end of five or six minutes something had obviously gone amiss which could not be set right, and the peal was stopped. The second attempt was more successful, and it was pleasant not only to listen to the musical effect but to observe the perfectly rhythmical movements of the ringers and the evident pleasure they derived from their work. One man seemed an exception, namely, the conductor and ringing master, who looked as though all the burden of the State rested upon his head. The office of conductor is one of great responsibility. He has to watch whether certain changes come about as they should do, to give the calls for particular variations, or to correct any mistake that may have been made. In Mr. Bastable, who occupies this post in the St. Martin's Society, the members have a man who is acknowledged to be one of the best conductors in the kingdom. "Stedman's Cinques" ultimately came to grief, although after a fairly long spell. Then there was a change of ringers, and the tenor bell, which hitherto had simply struck in at the end of each of the previous changes was "turned in," and made to take its shifting place in a touch of "Kent Treble Bob Maximus"—a series of twelve-bell changes. This, also, was a fairly successful bit of practice, and occupied until after nine o'clock, when most of the company adjourned to the society's clubroom at The Tamworth Arms, Moor Street, to partake of reasonable refreshment, and to continue practice upon handbells. Here the president of the Society—Mr. John Day—submitted for inspection two volumes of its records. All true peals of 5000 changes and upwards rung by the Society are recorded, often with illuminated embellishments, upon a separate page of the book. The character of the peal, the number of changes, date and place, names of the ringers, weight of the tenor bell, and time occupied are all

duly inscribed. The first of the two volumes, which is in admirable preservation, carries the record back to 1755, and states that on September 16 of that year "a complete peal of 5040 Bob Major was rung at St. Philip's, Birmingham, by the Society of St. Martin's Youths, in 3 hours 57 minutes." The book was purchased in 1822, and the first few pages are a fair copy of some earlier document not now in existence. Among the names are some which have become very widely known. "THE BELL NEWS" recently contained a series of reminiscences of Mr. John Day, in which interesting particulars were given of a number of celebrated local ringers and composers of peals. Among them may be mentioned Thomas and Charles Thurstans; James Jarvis ("Old Jemmy"), one of the famous youths of 1820; Henry Cooper, Joseph Riley; William Chattell, a noted teacher of young ringers; Thomas Hobday, Benjamin Lates, and Thomas Day. The St. Martin's Guild now numbers about 150 members, and with the exception of the Ancient Society of College Youths (London), which is the oldest society in existence, is probably the largest in the country. The names inscribed on St. Martin's records are all of the sterner sex, and change-ringing has hitherto been regarded as a masculine pursuit. Nothing, however is sacred to the "New Woman," and "THE BELL NEWS" recently published the portrait of a young lady who had just taken a successful part in the ringing of a peal at Basingstoke. The mysteries of the art of change-ringing are certainly "caviare" to the uninitiated, but once a member of "the exercise," it is surprising how keen are the interest evinced and the emulation evoked by successful performances in intricate methods. The art certainly possesses a strong fascination for those who have mastered its difficulties, and they would resent and oppose with united front any attempt to suppress the tuneful clangour of their beloved church bells.

THE HEAVY WOOLLEN DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

The third annual eight-bell contest took place at Low Moor on Easter Monday, when seven companies competed, viz., Dewsbury, Ossett, Huddersfield, Liversedge, Almondbury, Lindley, and Brighouse. The day being fine, a large number of ringers assembled to listen to some good ringing. The judges were Mr. J. Cordingley and Mr. C. Hollands, whose decisions gave entire satisfaction. The prizes were awarded: 1st—Dewsbury, 382; eight copper kettles; 2nd—Liversedge, 527, eight silver-mounted pipes; 3rd—Almondbury, 611, eight silver-mounted walking sticks; 4th—Ossett, 647, eight silver pins. After the ringing the churchwardens read the decision and distributed the prizes, which were the gift of the local ringers, and in a few appropriate remarks agreed with the way in which the ringers in the Heavy Woollen District worked to promote good ringing.

Mr. G. H. Hardy responded.

Mr. M. Garforth proposed, and Mr. F. Scholefield seconded, a vote of thanks to the vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells, which brought the days' proceedings to a close.

THE ELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

A very successful meeting in connection with the combined archdeaconries of Ely and the Isle, was held on Easter Monday at Hilgay, when members were present from Ely (St. Mary), Downham Market, Littleport, Newmarket (All Saints), Wilburton, Cottenham, Denver, and Hilgay. Permission had been kindly granted for the use of the bells at Denver and Hilgay, where they are really in good order, and at the latter place were kept going the greater part of the day with touches of Bob Major and Minor, including a well-struck 560 of Bob Major. In the afternoon after a substantial meal, the visitors were cordially welcomed by the Rev. Canon Beachey, rector of Hilgay, and the business proceedings were conducted by the Rev. W. W. Crump (Cambridge University Guild), the district secretary; several new members from Hilgay, Denver, and Littleport being elected, and forthcoming meetings during the summer being proposed at Littleport and Sutton. The other clergy present were the Rev. W. B. Stillman, rector of Downham, and the Rev. G. J. W. Trendell, curate of Hilgay. On the return journey a break was made at Ely by many of the members for a brief touch on the bells at St. Mary's church in that city.

STOKE-ON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

The monthly meeting of this Association was held at Kidsgrove on Saturday, April 4th, when the following towers were represented: Alsager, Bucknall, Crewe, Tunstall, Norton, Wolstanton, and Kidsgrove. The tower was opened for ringing at three o'clock, and several touches of Kent, Oxford, and Woodbine Treble Bob methods were rung by mixed bands, conducted by Messrs. Glover (Norton), Miller (Wolstanton), Wheelton and Preston (Bucknall). At six o'clock an adjournment was made to Joynson's refreshment rooms, when ample justice was done to the excellent fare provided by the Kidsgrove ringers. After tea the chair was occupied by Mr. J. Mason. In the course of his remarks he alluded to the illness of the Hon. Secretary (Mr. W. Twigg), which prevented him from being with them that day, but this tower was well represented. He was pleased to see a good muster present, and gave them all a cordial welcome.

Mr. J. E. Wheelton (Bucknall) proposed a vote of thanks to the Kidsgrove ringers for the bountiful supply they had partaken of, which was seconded by Mr. R. T. Holding (Crewe).

In reply Mr. G. Siddons said he did not wish to say much, but would like to leave it to the chairman, who said that they needed no thanks, so that he knew that they were all enjoying themselves, for when they went visiting other towers they were received with the good wishes of all, and considered it was their duty to do the same, which they had tried to do that day.

Mr. W. Rigby (Tunstall) proposed thanks to the ladies for their attendance, which was seconded by Mr. T. Miller (Wolstanton).

Mr. W. Cartwright (Alsager), proposed a vote of thanks to the vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells, which was seconded by Mr. A. Archer.

Mr. R. T. Holding (Crewe), wished every success to the Association, for he was always made very welcome wherever he went amongst them, and he could only speak of them as he found them.

Mr. J. E. Wheelton in reply gave "The Crewe Division of the Chester Guild," and long may it prosper.

Thanks were given to the chairman for the able way he had conducted the meeting.

The chairman in reply thanked them, and said that before they again adjourned to the tower there was another thing they must not forget, and that was to propose "Success to the officers of 'THE BELL NEWS,'" and may our paper flourish throughout the land. This toast was received with hearty applause.

Ringling was afterwards indulged in by different bands, which brought a very enjoyable meeting to a close.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

The Fourteenth Annual Meeting of this Association was held at Nottingham on Easter Monday, April 6th, when some ninety-two members and friends assembled from Burton, Derby, Chesterfield, Duffield, Leicester, Loughborough, etc. On arrival members flocked to the massive tower of the mother church of St. Mary, and soon this musical peal of ten were pealing forth in touches of Grandsire, Stedman, Treble Bob, etc. As this belfry was soon filled to overflowing, towards noon parties wended their way to try the peals of eight at All Saints and St. John's Beeston. The weather was unusually propitious for Easter, and this added to the cordial welcome extended by the Nottingham ringers, made the day a very enjoyable one.

The Committee meeting was held at St. Mary's Hall at 3.30, the tea following at 4 p.m., at which the Rev. H. A. Gem, Vicar of All Saints, honoured the Society by his presence.

To commence the business of the meeting the Hon. Sec. read the minutes, which were passed and signed, as also were the names of six new members, who were duly admitted.

In addressing the meeting, the President said that members would find the record of the past year fully dealt with in the new report. With regard to the present year twenty-one peals had been rung, sixteen peals since the last quarterly meeting. Four each of the latter were rung by Derby and Birmingham, two each by Leicester and Nuneaton, and one each by Burton, Duffield, Whitwick and Melbourne. He congratulated the Leicester men on the silent peal of Stedman on handbells,

which he considered a magnificent performance. There had only been one silent peal of Stedman on handbells rung previously, viz.: Brook's variation, by the St. James' Society, some forty-two years ago. He considered the present performance excelled the other, because in Brook's peal the necessary 240 bobs came in fours, but in Thurstan's principally in pairs, so that the plain course work in the latter peal was much more interfered with. He also congratulated the Whitwick ringers on achieving their first peal in so short a time. In conclusion he touched upon the finances of the society, which were not quite satisfactory, and said it would be necessary to decide on some means of cutting down expenditure at the next meeting.

The Treasurer's accounts were passed, on the proposition of Mr. Cleal, seconded by Mr. Hickman.

The general officers were re-elected, on the proposition of Mr. George, seconded by Mr. Jaggar.

The President then called the attention of the meeting to the preparation of the annual report, the bulk of which up to the present had been undertaken by the Hon. Sec. In future Mr. W. Wakley would prepare the peals, and he begged conductors to give attention to the following regulation which the committee had passed, viz.: "All reports of peals not sent within one month of performance will be charged with a fee of 6d. each for booking, and no peal forwarded after the 31st of January will under any circumstances be included in the report of the preceding year." The President welcomed the Vicar of All Saints. He regretted, however, the decadence of ringing in Nottingham, but expressed an hope that in future the clergy and ringers would work more hand in hand, so that the Church would be more fit to resist attacks which had been, and no doubt would again be levelled against her.

The Hon. Treasurer proposed a vote of thanks to the clergy for the use of the bells, which was seconded by Mr. George, and carried with applause.

The Rev. H. A. Gem, in responding, said he had great pleasure in granting the Association the use of the bells that day. He remarked that several friends had expressed their pleasure at the way the bells had been rung. He further expressed his intention of taking more interest in his ringers for the future, and hoped that their names would appear in the next report peal records.

Leicester was chosen as the place for the next annual meeting, on the proposition of Mr. W. Willson, seconded by Mr. Barrow, and Burton for the next quarterly meeting, on the proposition of Mr. Ward, seconded by Mr. Hickman.

Votes of thanks to the President for presiding, and to the general officers for their services during the past year were then unanimously carried, on the proposition of Mr. Jaggar, seconded by Mr. George.

A collection was made for Mr. Samson Burton, who is in very poor circumstances, owing to his sick club stopping further payments.

The evening was spent as usual with touches in various methods on tower and handbells, all being sorry that another enjoyable meeting had so quickly sped.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SAXMUNDHAM ASSOCIATION.—The Twenty-fourth Quarterly District Meeting was held at Saxmundham, on Saturday, April 18th. The tower of the Parish Church, and also the tower of Kelsale Church, were open for ringing during the afternoon and evening, and the bells were kept going at frequent intervals in various methods. The business meeting was held at six o'clock, at the Church House, Saxmundham, under the Presidency of the Rector, the Rev. G. F. Richardson, who called upon the Secretary, Mr. H. J. Bulton, to read the minutes of the last meeting, and which were confirmed and signed by the Chairman. The Rev. R. H. L. James was elected an Honorary Member of the Association, and also three as Probationary Members, all hailing from Leiston. Two peals of Kent Treble Bob Major have been rung, both at Leiston, since the last meeting. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Aldeburgh on July 4th. A vote of thanks was passed to the Rector for the use of the bells, the Church House, and for the reverend gentleman's kindness in presiding at the meeting, and to the Secretary for his services, which were duly acknowledged.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

The Annual Meeting of the above was held in the Chapter House, Worcester Cathedral, on Easter Monday. The Very Rev. the Dean of Worcester presided, supported by the Revs. W. G. Melville (Worcester), and J. T. Cartwright (Hagley). A goodly number of members were present from Areley Kings, Bromsgrove, Dudley, Elmley Castle, Hagley, Hanley Castle, King's Norton, Kidderminster, Little Comberton, Malvern, Netherton, Old Hill, Oldbury, Pershore, Stourbridge, Tipton, Tettenhall, Wollaston, and Worcester. The minutes of the last annual meeting were read and confirmed. Letters of apology were read from the Revs. Canon Cattley (Worcester), Canon Douglas (Droitwich), and A. G. Maitland (Dudley), regretting their inability to attend. The eleventh annual report and the balance-sheet was read, and it was resolved that the same be printed. Upon the question of re-appointing the officers for the ensuing year, a proposition was made that a new Master be appointed, which receiving no seconder, the whole of the officers were re-elected. Alvechurch was fixed for the next quarterly meeting, the time to be decided by the secretary. A letter was read from the Rev. Canon Houghton (Blockley), desiring to become an hon. member, and asking for instruction in the Art of change-ringing for his band.

The Rev. W. G. Melville (Sacrist), proposed that Canon Houghton become an hon. member, undertaking to make arrangements for instructors to be sent. Several other honorary and performing members were added to the roll.

On the proposition of Mr. J. S. Pritchett, a vote of thanks was accorded to the Dean for presiding; also to the Dean and Chapter for the use of the Chapter House and Cathedral bells.

The Dean in reply expressed his pleasure at having the opportunity of presiding over that meeting, and promised if a similar opportunity was afforded him to again avail himself of meeting them and rendering what assistance and advice he could to encourage the members of this Association in their work.

As only three six-bell towers were available during the day, touches of Minor in several methods were indulged in. After tea, which was provided at the Cathedral Restaurant, the Cathedral tower was opened, when touches of Grandsire Caters and Cinques and Bob Royal was rung.

THRAPSTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

It has been decided by the Rector and Churchwardens of Thrapston that steps shall at once be taken to remedy the present unsafe and dangerous condition of the church tower and bells. It is proposed to recast the present bells, and to add a new tenor, the cost of which will be upwards of £270. It is hoped that the necessary sum will be quickly raised, so that the committee will be able to carry out this desirable object.

Thrapston bells are a ring of five, dated as follows: Treble, 1686; 2nd, 1765; 3rd, 1677. The 4th bell has no date, but is very old. The tenor is dated 1634. Weight about 9 cwt.

GRINTON PARISH CHURCH, SWALELAND, YORKS.

A new eight-day turret clock, striking the hours and quarter-chimes, was set going on Wednesday, April 8th. The Lord Bishop of Ripon was the preacher at the opening service of the church, which has been thoroughly restored, and the clock and many other improvements added. The makers of the clock are Messrs. W. Potts and Sons, Clock Manufacturers, Leeds, who also fixed one at Thornton Watlass church, given by Lady Cowell in memory of the late Sir Jno. Cowell, which was started on Sunday, April 12th, for the first time. This clock strikes the hours and shews the time upon two large external dials.

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THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The above Association held its annual meeting at Dronfield, on Easter Monday. Thirty members sat down to an excellent dinner provided by Mr. M. Rawson, at The Green Dragon inn, at which they were joined by the Rev. C. J. Bickerstaff, D.D., Vicar, who, after dinner, expressed the great pleasure the associated ringers' visit to Dronfield gave him, and which he hoped would not be the last. He thanked them for the invitation they had given him to dine with them. He proposed "The Health of the Host and Hostess."

The toast was heartily received and responded to by Mr. Rawson, and the Vicar having been thanked for the use of the bells, withdrew, and the Association meeting was held, presided over by Mr. Thomas Hattersley, of Sheffield.

The minutes having been confirmed, the following officers were elected: Mr. J. W. Nicholson, President; Mr. H. Madin and Mr. J. H. Brothwell, Vice-Presidents; Mr. G. Marsden, Hon. Treasurer; E. James, Hon. Secretary; and a Committee of ten, representing the various towers in the Association.

The Secretary having received no reply from the Vicar of Beighton in respect to the cup contest, it was proposed that Norton, Eckington and Dronfield be drawn for. Norton being first out it was arranged that the cup be rang for at that tower on Whit-Tuesday, the Vicar having kindly given permission for the use of the bells. Any company wishing to practice may do so by writing to the Secretary.

The next quarterly meeting will be held at Treeton, on Saturday, June 27th. Several 720s were rang during the day by mixed bands from Sheffield, Bolsterstone, Ecclesfield, Treeton, Killamarsh, Eckington, Staveley, Norton and Dronfield.

Two new members were elected from Wortley. Notice of the cup competition will appear in "THE BELL NEWS" in due course.

Central Council Correspondence.

CLASSIFICATION OF PEALS, ETC.

SIR,—Permit me to correct any possible misinterpretations of your report (on p. 555) of my remarks on Mr. Dains' motion on the subject of the classification of peals. Your reporter says: "Mr. Pitstow selected his own, with what result they all knew." What I hope I said was that Mr. Pitstow selected not "his own," but a large proportion, instead of a few of the best specimens of the doubtless enormous number of peals which had reached him, the "result" being that he was involved in various controversies as to authorship, etc. Again, I certainly did not recommend that peals should be published at 2d. each, but that the Council should issue an annual Appendix or supplement of peals at 2d.

CHARLES D. P. DAVIES.

FALSE PEAL.

SIR,—The peal of Stedman Caters on p. 544 is false. Without putting pencil to paper many false course-ends can be seen by a mere glance at the printed figures. The absence of a fixed bell in 2nds is a terrible trap to the unwary.

CHARLES D. P. DAVIES.

A CORRECTION.

SIR,—I find from the report of the proceedings at the Central Council meeting at Brighton on Easter Tuesday last under the heading of "the date of meeting," some remarks emanating from me are not entirely accurate, *i.e.* not as I intended them to be understood, viz.:—

Mr. W. D. Smith did not think a day after a Bank Holiday altogether suitable. As a representative body of churchmen, as there was a Church House in London, could they not another year meet there, as the meeting would be held in London; if so, he had no doubt that the authorities would be able to find them a place upon any ordinary day.

What I did say and meant was, I did not think a day after a Bank Holiday altogether *unsuitable*. As a representative body of Churchmen, and as there was a Church House in London, could they not next year meet there, as the meeting would be held in London; if so, I had no doubt that the authorities would be able to find them a room, as Whit-Tuesday would be an "off" day.

W. D. SMITH.

CURRENT TOPICS.

With the greatest pleasure in life, I yield to the many solicitations that I should begin again—or "re-commence"—as the compositor had it last week—my remarks on current events, for the special behoof of my fellow-readers of "THE BELL NEWS." I am gratified to hear that my contributions to bell-ringing literature, under the above head, have been regarded as "very readable"—this be it marked, is not a phrase of my own coining. A reverend gentleman once wrote to the Editor as follows: "'Plain Speaker' writes some very good paragraphs, but he is sometimes ungrammatical." Notwithstanding the deserved criticism, this observation on the whole was agreeable. Let us put it in this way:—"Plain Speaker" is sometimes ungrammatical, but he writes some very good paragraphs." Really this variation makes it a flattering compliment. If ever I have the good fortune to meet the gentleman above referred to, I shall thank him heartily, for he only meant to be kind. All this is written, however, not merely as an introduction to what follows, but to denote what I shall try to do for the next few weeks. Be it therefore understood that I will do my best to write some "very good paragraphs," to which, when ungrammatical slips are made, I hope my readers will extend their forbearance. [I was very nearly going astray—grammatically, of course,—in writing the last few lines.]

Was it Shakespeare who said—"Throw *grammar* to the dogs; I'll have none of it." Was it any other man? I have put the word in italics because a doubt arises in my mind, and I have an idea that the word should be "gammon," though really after all it's of no consequence. Imagine throwing grammar to a dog! Now there is some sense in throwing a gammon—or its bone—to the animal, and very likely the phrase "give the poor dog a bone" has arisen from the quotation. Grammar and gammon! Well, I know which of the two I would prefer, especially after an exhilarating constitutional on a fine healthy spring morning, or for the matter of that immediately following a 5000, on five, six, seven, or any other number of bells. But talking of bells reminds me that I had better proceed to deal with topics more immediately connected with them, and leave the sinuosities of grammar, and the baconian tendencies of the other thing, alone for the present. *Verb. sap.*

However, I cannot in my future notes promise that the "topics" dealt with shall be all relating to bell or ringing subjects. Whatever the abilities of a writer may be, I should say that to harp on one subject continually would soon lead to exhaustion. Every one admired the continuity of those "Notes by the Way" which appeared in our paper from that highly-gifted contributor, "Free Lance," but it is not unreasonable to suppose that even he in the process of time felt himself running dry, as it were. I happen to know, for a fact, that the cause of the cessation of his "notes" was that he required a period of rest. Whether we shall again have the pleasure of reading his crisp sketches I cannot say. If ever there is the slightest prospect of his appearing again, my lucubrations shall not stand in the way, for I should be pleased to take a back—a very far back—seat to enable him to come to the front once more. By the way, he is not the only one whom we should again like to hear from. Looking over my volumes of "THE

BELL NEWS"—which I am pleased to say I have from the very beginning—I find and still read with great interest a series of chapters entitled "Thumbnail Sketches," which are most interesting and amusing. What has become of this facile writer? Then for a session we were treated to a series of Parliamentary sketches from one who signed himself "The Ringer in Parliament." Where is he now? Has he gone to the House of Lords? Then we used to have "THE BELL NEWS" favourite poet—the ringers' poet laureate—who wrote among other things those lines commencing something like this:—

The night was dark, the snow fell thick,
The wind was bitter chill;
The scruffers of the College Youths,
Stood shivering on Cornhill.

Then there were also the storyteller, and last, but by no means least, that sportive writer who signed himself "Joshua." Have all these run to seed, and shall we hear of them no more? I trust the literary talent of the Exercise is not yet defunct.

The topic which has of late filled the minds of all men is what is known as "the six-bell question." To my mind the pother made about this approaches the ridiculous. Too much steam has been let off, and there has been too much feeling shown, not altogether devoid of acerbity. We know that differences upon ringing subjects when they reach the acute stage, are very apt to breed an unfriendly and uncharitable spirit. "What's in a name?" it may be asked. Here lies the rub. Some say that "a peal" is the extent on any number of bells, both small and great. Very well; we will be consistent. A 6-score on five bells is a peal; therefore a 2-dozen on four bells is "a peal;" $\frac{1}{2}$ -dozen on three bells is "a peal" also; the couple on two bells must be "a peal," and the single change—or perhaps I ought to say rounds—on one bell—is likewise "a peal." (I won't say anything about the ting-tang, though the feat is to make *him* "went" three-times-three.) The force of absurdity can no further go. If the word "peal" is the reason of all this fuss, then we are in a sorry plight. I have never yet rung seven 720s—I beg pardon, "peals"—on six bells, but if ever I do, I shall not care one jot what they may be called, so long as the achievement is recorded. Most of these six-bell performances are vastly more difficult than many peals of Triples. There is in fact a complexity about them, requiring much greater application than is needed for many peals on higher number of bells, and in consequence greater honour to the ringers. And is this not generally admitted? Yes, of course it is. Then why quibble about a word. The record of six-bell performances occupies in this paper a position equally honourable to that of the peals: Small capital names in double columns, black letter heading, footnotes, and all the rest of it. I will end my observations upon this subject by remarking that the recent discussion appeared to me awfully unreal.

Two renowned men of the Exercise have just gone to join the great majority. Their loss is anything but local; the Exercise throughout the world is bereaved. In connection with this I hope the appropriate application given by the Editor last week will not be unheeded. And in this hope I will conclude.

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Notices.

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Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—The annual meeting of this Guild will be held at Christ Church, Southport, to-day, Saturday, April 25th. **REV. W. T. BULPIT,** } *Hon. Secs.*
W. BENTHAM, }

Ashton-under-Lyne Society.—The annual meeting will be held at the parish church, Ashton, to-day, Saturday, April 25th. The bells will be ready at 4 p.m., meeting at 7 p.m. **SAMUEL BOOTH,** *Hon. Sec.*
108, Albemarle Street, Ashton-under-Lyne.

Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.—The quarterly meeting of this Society will be held to-day, Saturday, April 25th, at St. Matthew's, Walsall. Bells available from 2.30. Tea at six o'clock. **S. REEVES,** *Hon. Sec.*

Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The next monthly ringing meeting of this Society will be held at Rothwell to-day, Saturday, April 25th. A peal will be attempted at 2.30. Business meeting at 6.30. Members and ringing friends are cordially invited. Handbells provided. **R. BINNS,** *Hon. Sec.*
3, Dame Street, Hogg's Field, Holbeck, Leeds.

The North Lincolnshire Association.—The annual meeting will be held in Lincoln to-day, Saturday, April 25th. Tea in Oddfellows' Hall at 4.45 p.m., members free; a charge will be made for non-members. Business meeting immediately afterwards, when the Bishop will address the ringers. Towers of Cathedral (8), St. Peter-at-Arches (8), St. Peter-at-Gowts (6), and St. Botolph's (5), will be open during evening and part of afternoon. **REGINALD BOND,** *Hon. Sec.*
Gainsborough.

The Lancashire Association.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Ramsbottom to-day, Saturday, April 25th. Bells ready at 3.30, meeting at 6.30. A free tea will be given to all who send in their names to J. Wolstenholme, 33, Crow lane, Ramsbottom. Tea on the table at 5 o'clock. **J. B. TAYLOR,** *Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The monthly meeting which should be held at Eccles on the 25th inst. will be postponed until further notice, owing to the Annual Meeting of the Ashton-under-Lyne society being held on that date, and the half-yearly meeting of the L. A. C. R. being held at Burnley on the following Saturday, May 2nd. **WALTER BROWN,** *Branch Sec.*

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.—The Quarterly meeting which was to be held at Thornbury on April 25th, is unavoidably postponed.

C. H. JOEBRNS, *Hon. Sec.*
St. Stephen's Rectory, Bristol.

St. James' Society.—The next meetings will be St. Mary's, Lambeth, on Monday next, the 27th, and every fortnight. Meeting time 8.15; and St. Clement Danes, Strand, on Monday, May 4th, and every fortnight. Meeting time, 8 o'clock sharp. Members are earnestly requested to attend as often as possible. **ED. P. O'MEARA,** *Master.*

The St. Margaret's Society, Westminster.—A Quarterly Meeting of this Society will be held on Monday, the 27th inst., at 7.45 p.m., when Members are requested to attend.

H. BARTON, *Hon. Sec.,*
36, Havil Street, Camberwell, S.E.

St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.—The usual quarterly meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 28th, at The Tamworth Arms, Moor Street, Birmingham. Chair to be taken at 8.30 p.m. **W. H. GODDEN,** *Hon. Sec.*
61, Roland Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

The Heavy Woollen District Association, Yorkshire.—A Committee Meeting will be held at The Butcher's Arms, Armitage Bridge, on Saturday, May 2nd, at 5.30 p.m. to select Judges and other business connected with Six-Bell Contest. **GEO. H. SIMON,** *Hon. Sec.*
19, Albert Street, Batley Carr.

Lancashire Association.—The half-yearly meeting will take place on Saturday, May 2nd, at Burnley. The following towers will be open for ringing from 3 p.m.: The parish church, eight bells; and Holy Trinity church, eight bells. Tea will be provided at 5 p.m. in Holy Trinity Church schools, at 9d. each. Members intending being present should notify Mr Thomas Mouncey, 29, St. John's Road, Burnley, not later than Wednesday, April 29th. Business meeting at 6 p.m. in Holy Trinity church schools.

J. REDFORD, } *Hon. Secs.*
J. WILSON, }
A. E. WREAKS, }

N.B.—The nearest Railway Station to Holy Trinity church is Burnley Barracks station.

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next Meeting of the above will be held at Wolstanton, on Saturday next, May 2nd. Members who intend being present are requested to give notice to Mr. William Miller, School Board Cottage, Wolstanton, not later than Wednesday, April 29th.

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

The Kent County Association.—Ashford District.—A district meeting (without allowances), will be held at Hythe on Saturday afternoon, May 2nd, at 3 o'clock, to commemorate the jubilee of the peal of 13,440 Bob Major rung there on May 4th, 1846. Of those who took part in the peal, Mr. E. Hyder, 7; and Mr. T. Post, tenor, are the only survivors, and it is hoped that they will attend the meeting. It is also proposed to go for a peal either on that day or on Monday, May 4th, at one o'clock, and those members who can attend at that hour on either or both days, are requested to communicate at once with the Rev. F. J. O Helmore, Canterbury.

C. WILFRID BLAXLAND, *District Hon. Sec.*
Hythe, Kent.

Kent County Association.—Tonbridge District.—A Meeting of the above District (without allowances) will be held at Goudhurst (8 bells), on Wednesday, May 6th. Tower open from 1 o'clock till 9 p.m. Business Meeting at 6.30, at the Bricklayers' Arms. It is hoped that as many Members as possible will attend.

W. LATTER, *Hon. District Sec.*
67, Goods Station Road, Tunbridge Wells.

Kent County Association.—Rochester District.—The next Quarterly Meeting of the above will be held at Upchurch, on Saturday, 9th May, at 4.30 p.m.

A. OSBORNE, *Hon. District Sec.*
65, Clive Road, Rochester.

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association. The next quarterly meeting will be held at Cheddar on Saturday, May 9th. Service in parish church at 3.15 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Towers open, Cheddar, Banwell, Winscombe, and Axbridge.

H. W. TOMKINS, *Hon. Sec. and Treasurer.*
The Cottage, Old Cleeve, Washford.

The South and West Middlesex Guild.—The next monthly meeting of the above will be held by kind permission of Rev. C. M. Harvey, at St. John's, Hillingdon, on Saturday, May 16th. Ringing at 5.30.

E. J. WALSON, *Hon. Sec.*
1, Kerrison Villas, The Park, Ealing.

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J. O. LANCASHIRE.—All safely received; more anon.

NOTE TO THE PEAL AT BASINGSTOKE.—Rung to commemorate the opening of the New Sunday Schools and the Unveiling of the two Stained Glass Windows in memory of the late Canon Millard, D.D., formerly Vicar of the Parish, by the Bishop of the Diocese. Messrs. Tucker, Stone, and Hopgood hail from Reading, the rest belong to the local band. This peal is now rung for the first time; the figures will be found in their proper place.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 1896.

THIS number of "THE BELL NEWS" consists of twenty-four pages, and we are glad to know that such an extension has found favour with a large number of our readers. This fact is shown by the gratifying correspondence we have received during the past week, complimenting us upon our endeavour to relieve the congestion, so to speak, of that important artery, which is known to many as the Editor's drawer. It is our intention to again issue a number of similar dimensions the week after next, so that we may be able to clear of all arrears which are now left. Our friends who once or twice lately have had to complain of the non-appearance of their touch reports, will we hope see in the publication of these double numbers an attempt to meet their wishes. If we can discover that our brother-ringers appreciate a double number at intervals, it will gratify us to meet their views, and we may be thus led to illustrate such numbers by views of well-known churches and other pictorial representation. We shall be glad to thus increase the usefulness and importance of this journal.

DEATH OF COLONEL TROYTE.

The death is announced of Colonel Troyte, President of the Devonshire Guild, and the author of one of the most popular instruction-books on bell-ringing. A muffled peal to his memory has been rung at Plymouth (reported below), and muffled touches have also been rung in various parts of the country, accounts of which will appear in our next number. Colonel Troyte was the eldest of three brothers, all of whom at one time were enthusiastic change-ringers. The Colonel himself was well-known at St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green, London, where he is well remembered by the veteran Matthew A. Wood, and others. At a Church Congress some years ago, Colonel Troyte made a very good speech in behalf of the practice of change-ringing, and the effect of his observations on that occasion are visible at the present day.

*The Metropolis.*THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(LEWISHAM DISTRICT.)

On Friday, April 17, 1896, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALFEGE, GREENWICH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' COMPOSITION. Tenor 25 cwt.

ISAAC GEORGE SHADE .. Treble.	JOSEPH WAGHORN, JUN. .. 5.
WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE .. 2.	FREDERICK W. THORNTON .. 6.
HARRY HOSKINS 3.	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY .. 7.
WILLIAM FOREMAN* 4.	*WILLIAM JOHN JEFFRIES .. Tenor.

Conducted by ISAAC GEORGE SHADE.

*First peal in the method. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of sincere respect to the memory of the late George Newson.

*The Provinces.*SHIPTON-UNDER-WYCHWOOD, OXON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 11, 1896, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
TAYLOR'S SIX-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt.

JAMES HEDGES* Treble.	J. F. BARLOW 5.
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HORATIO HARRIS 3.	A. JOYNER 7.
WALTER LONGSHAW 4.	R. J. RAINBOW Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE BARTLETT.

*First peal.

PLYMOUTH, DEVONSHIRE.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.
(PLYMOUTH AND DEVONPORT BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, April 15, 1896, in Three Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT CHARLES CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES.
Tenor 23½ cwt.

E. TAYLOR Treble.	REV. J. M. CLARKSON .. 5.
A. J. RICHARDS 2.	H. MYERS 6.
G. V. RICHARDS 3.	W. FORD 7.
E. HENDY 4.	W. H. MARSH Tenor.

Composed by WM. BURTON, of Norwich, and
Conducted by E. TAYLOR.

First peal of Major by all except the tenor-man, and first peal of Major by any local band of the above Guild. Rev. J. M. Clarkson, M.A., is Chaplain of H.M.S. Impregnable. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the memory of Charles A. W. Troyte, Esq., late President of the Guild, and who was buried on that day. The composition appeared in a back number of "THE BELL NEWS."

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, April 15, 1896, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' ORIGINAL.

FRED BIGGS Treble.	SIDNEY GOODCHILD 5.
HARRY STRATFORD 2.	FRANK BIGGS 6.
RALPH BIGGS 3.	JOHN EVANS 7.
FRANK BOREHAM 4.	JOSEPH EVANS Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN EVANS.

This peal was rung by an entirely local band.

BASINGSTOKE, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, April 16, 1896, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES.
Tenor 16½ cwt.

ALICE WHITE* Treble.	†HENRY TUCKER 5.
THOMAS CURTIS 2.	HENRY WHITE 6.
JOHN E. BALLARD 3.	CHARLES STONE 7.
CHARLES F. HANSFORD .. 4.	FRANK HOPGOOD Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by FRANK HOPGOOD.

*First peal of Major and first attempt. †First peal of Bob Major with a bob bell. A note to this peal will be found elsewhere.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.
(LOUGHBOROUGH BRANCH.)

On Friday, April 17, 1896, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES.
Tenor 28 cwt.

FRANK SHERWOOD* .. Treble.	WILLIAM HICKLEY 6.
RICHARD F. LANE 2.	FRED BARRETT 7.
WILLIAM H. INGLESANT .. 3.	ERNEST W. CARTWRIGHT .. 8.
ARTHUR MATTHEWS 4.	JOHN W. TAYLOR, JUN. .. 9.
GEORGE HARDY 5.	THOS. GRUNDY Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER and Conducted by JOHN W. TAYLOR, JUN.

*First peal.

KING'S NORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 18, 1896, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

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

JOHN O. BENNETT .. Treble.	WILLIAM SHORT 5.
THOMAS J. SALTER 2.	WILLIAM H. BARBER 6.
HENRY BASTABLE* 3.	*FREDERICK CLAYTON .. 7.
JOHN S. PRITCHETT 4.	ALBERT E. PARSONS .. Tenor.

Composed by CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY and Conducted by
ALBERT E. PARSONS.

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

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 18, 1896, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lbs.

HENRY STUBBS Treble.	WILLIAM J. GILBERT .. 5.
JAMES GARRATT 2.	FRED GILBERT 6.
WILLIAM PETTITT 3.	*RICHARD DUNKLEY .. 7.
CLIFTON NEWMAN 4.	JAMES HOUGHTON, JUN. .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN and
Conducted by JAMES HOUGHTON, JUN.

This peal was rung to celebrate the birthday of William Pettitt, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns. The composition has the 4th, 5th, and 6th eighteen times each way in 5-6. *First peal in the method.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 18, 1896, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 19 cwt.

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

Composed by the late BENJAMIN SMITH and Conducted by GEORGE WIGHTMAN.

For calling see "THE BELL NEWS" for November 18th, 1882.

BURNLEY, LANCASHIRE.—LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(BLACKBURN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 18, 1896, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5472 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

DAVID HEYS Treble.	HARTLEY HEYWORTH .. 5.
NOAH TOWNEND 2.	THOMAS MOUNCEY .. 6.
JOHN WILLIAM STIRK .. 3.	RICHARD ASHWORTH .. 7.
JOHN ROWE WERRING .. 4.	TOM REDMAN Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN, of Lincoln, and Conducted by TOM REDMAN.

This peal has the 6th her extent wrong, and the 4th, 5th, and 6th their extent in 6th place, each bell being in these positions at five course-ends. This is thought to be the first peal ever composed with these qualities, and is now rung for the first time.

BARKING, ESSEX.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS AND THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 18, 1896, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 22½ cwt.

ALFRED WHITE Treble.	THOMAS FAULKNER .. 5.
ALBERT DEARDS* 2.	ALBERT HARDY 6.
HENRY SPRINGALL .. 3.	YORK GREEN 7.
WILLIAM DALLIMORE .. 4.	SAMUEL HAYES Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by YORK GREEN.

This peal was rung as a birthday compliment to T. Faulkner. *First peal in the method with a bob bell. The above are all members of the Bow Society.

SPELDHURST, KENT.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, April 18, 1896, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JAMES BAKER Treble.	GEORGE TURLEY 5.
JAMES MAYNARD 2.	WILLIAM H. CARD .. 6.
RICHARD PELLING 3.	GEORGE A. CARD .. 7.
ALBERT E. EDWARDS .. 4.	THOMAS CARD Tenor.

Composed by the late GEORGE NEWSON and Conducted by THOMAS CARD.

This composition has the 6th her extent home, without the 2nd in 6th place at a course-end, and was rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to the composer.

HORLEY, SURREY.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, April 19, 1896, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

STANLEY ELLIS* Treble.	ALFRED D. MILLS .. 5.
JOHN AREHURST 2.	ERNEST C. BONIFACE .. 6.
ALBERT ELLIS* 3.	FREDERICK WICKENS .. 7.
THOMAS FAIRS 4.	FREDERICK WICKENS .. Tenor.

Composed by J. REEVES and Conducted by FREDERICK WICKENS.

*First peal in the method and first attempt. †First peal with a bob bell and first attempt. The ringers of the treble and 6th bells are 16 and 18 years of age. The company tender their hearty thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and the local ringers for making arrangements.

RAMSBOTTOM, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROSSENDALR BRANCH.)

On Monday, April 20, 1896, in Two Hours and Forty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S BOB-AND-SINGLE VARIATION.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

JAMES SHAW TAYLOR .. Treble.	JAS. B. TAYLOR 5.
GEORGE APPLEBY 2.	H. H. NUTTER 6.
JOHNATHAN WOLSTENHOLME 3.	JOHN H. HAYDOCK .. 7.
ROBERT LEACH 4.	JOHN BOOTH Tenor.

Conducted by H. H. NUTTER.

The above was rung to commemorate the conductor's birthday.

CHIDDINGSTONE, KENT.

On Monday, April 20, 1896, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

THOMAS BELTON Treble.	GEORGE EDWARDS .. 5.
FREDERICK BUTCHER .. 2.	FREDERICK WHIBLEY .. 6.
ALBERT LONGLEY 3.	JAMES DRAPER 7.
ALICK AYLWARD 4.	ROBERT KING Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE EDWARDS.

*First peal away from the tenor. This peal was rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns. The same peal was attempted the previous week, but came to grief within fourteen changes of the end.

Performances on Five and Six Bells.

MATHON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, April 19, 1896, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

SEVEN 720s OF MINOR, as follows:

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

C. THOMAS* Treble.	A. LAYTON 4.
H. PRITCHARD* 2.	C. WATKINS 5.
F. SMITH* 3.	†C. LAYTON Tenor.

Conducted by C. LAYTON.

*First 5040. †First 5040 as conductor.

DEFECTIVE REPORT.—A report of a peal is sent from Croydon without any time or date.

Date Touches.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—LIVERPOOL BRANCH.

WOOLTON (Lancashire).—On Tuesday, March 24th, at the parish church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples (1896 changes), in 1 hr. 6 mins. J. Edwards, 1; G. Hislop, 2; P. Ball, 3; R. Leather, 4; H. Fyles (longest length as conductor), 5; T. Kay, 6; J. Roberts, 7; J. Bowstead, 8. Tenor 20 cwt. Composed by J. W. Dickinson, of Heckington, and published in "THE BELL NEWS" of February 1st.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HIGHER WALTON (Lancashire).—On March 24th (anniversary of the opening of the bells), a date touch was rung at All Saints' church, in 1 hr. 12 mins., in the following Minor methods: 96 Grandsire, 360 Canterbury Pleasure, 360 Oxford Treble Bob, 360 Lancashire Delight, 360 Coronation Exercise, and 360 London New Bob. G. Thornley (conductor), 1; J. Harwood, 2; H. Hunt, 3; H. Brewer, 4; J. Eccles, 5; J. Mather, 6. Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qrs. 26 lbs. Rung on the erection of a marble tablet in the belfry recording the following performance: "On July 6th, 1895, the ringers of this parish rung the following peals of 720 changes each, viz.: Canterbury Pleasure, Lancashire Delight, Coronation Exercise, London New Bob, College Single, Oxford Bob, and Plain Bob. Total 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 7 mins. The above peals were rung with the bells deeply muffled as a token of respect for the late Rev. W. B. Shepherd, the first and for

twenty-eight years Vicar of this parish, who was accidentally killed at Hartburn, Northumberland, on June 3rd, 1895."

THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

EAST MARKHAM (Notts).—On Saturday, March 21st, a date touch (1896 changes), in 1 hr. 10 mins., comprising 456 Oxford, 720 Kent, and 720 Duke of York. S. Tomlinson, 1; D. Russon, 2; J. Fitzjohn, 3; B. Hall, 4; W. Hargreaves (conductor), 5; C. Crawford, 6. The first five belong to Shire Oaks, Crawford to East Markham.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

EDENBRIDGE (Kent).—On Wednesday, April 8th, a date touch of 1896 changes in 1 hr. 6 mins., in the following methods: 720 Kent Treble Bob, 720 Oxford Treble Bob, and 456 Merchants' Return. R. Jenner, 1; J. Wallis, 2; J. Steddy, 3; H. Heasman, 4; T. Wallis, 5; J. Preston (conductor), 6.

Miscellaneous.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

BOURNEMOUTH (Hants).—On Thursday, February 13th, at the church of St. Peter, a half-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 37 mins. J. G. Bennett, 1; E. T. Green (conductor), 2; G. H. Plummer, 3; C. W. Goodenough, 4; A. F. M. Stewart, 5; G. Preston, 6; J. J. Bristow, 7; T. Belbin, 8.

BAGSHOT (Surrey).—On Thursday, February 6th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. J. Corbett, 1; T. Gould, 2; B. Hawkins, 3; E. Spooner (conductor), 4; H. Stapleton, 5; E. Collins, 6. And 180 Canterbury Pleasure by the same band. On Monday, February 17th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure. J. Corbett, 1; T. Gould, 2; J. Kelly, 3; B. Hawkins, 4; H. Stapleton, 5; E. Collins (conductor), 6. On Thursday, February 20th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. J. Corbett, 1; T. Gould, 2; J. Kelly, 3; B. Hawkins, 4; H. Stapleton, 5; E. Collins (conductor), 6. J. Kelly hails from Walton-on-the-Hill, Lancashire, and these are his first 720s in the methods. On Thursday, March 5th, for Confirmation service, 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. On Tuesday, March 17th, Princess Patricia of Connaught's birthday, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. On Monday, March 23rd, 1440 changes, being 720 each of Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob. C. Spooner, 1; H. Stapleton, 2; J. Corbett, 3; B. Hawkins, 4; T. Gould, 5; E. Collins (conductor), 6. B. Hawkins hails from Yateley, Hants.

GOSPORT (Hants).—On Sunday, March 8th, for morning service, 408 Stedman Triples. E. Reynolds, 1; A. Peckham, 2; H. Reynolds, 3; R. Fuge, 4; R. Gardner, 5; A. E. Tomlins, 6; F. Burnett (longest length as conductor), 7; L. Hurl, 8. On Sunday, March 15th, for morning service, 408 Stedman Triples. H. Westbrook, 1; J. Hewitt, 2; R. Fuge, 3; H. Reynolds, 4; A. Peckham, 5; E. Reynolds, 6; T. Burnett (conductor), 7; L. Hurl, 8. For evening service, 704 Kent Treble Bob Major. R. Gardner, 1; J. Hewitt, 2; H. Reynolds, 3; A. Peckham, 4; R. Fuge, 5; F. Burnett, 6; E. Reynolds, 7; A. E. Tomlins (conductor), 8. Longest length in the method by all except J. Hewitt.

LEATHERHEAD (Surrey).—On Sunday, March 29th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 43 mins. F. Kemp, 1; H. Wood, 2; W. Otway, 3; H. Newnham, 4; W. Marks, 5; W. Crookford, 6; *F. Hull (conductor), 7; W. Messam and A. Otway, 8. *First quarter-peal as conductor).

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ST. NEOTS (Hunts).—On Saturday, February 22nd, eight members of this Association attempted Hollis's five-part peal of Grandsire Triples, but after ringing 2030 changes it had to be brought round owing to the bad go of the bells. G. Irons, 1; C. Chasty, 2; S. J. Cullip, 3; H. Sharp, 4; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 5; I. Hills, 6; S. Constant, 7; F. Hull, 8. Tenor 30 cwt. This heavy ring of eight has lately been overhauled and quarter-turned by a local firm. Apparently very little good has been done. All the band, with the exception of the treble man, hail from Bedford.

BEDFORD.—On March 1st, at St. Paul's church, 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Sear, 1; F. Keech, 2; W. Hall, 3; F. Hull, 4; I. Hills, 5; H. Tysoe, 6; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 7; F. Ball, 8. Also 448 Double Norwich. F. Keech, 1; C. Chasty, 2; S. J. Cullip, 3; F. Hull, 4; I. Hills, 5; F. Smith, 6; H. Tysoe, 7; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 8. On March 3rd, on handbells, 448 Bob Major. C. W. Wild, 1-2; H. Tysoe, 3; F. Hull, 4; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 5-6; W. Hall, 7-8. On March 7th, 720 Bob Minor. C. W. Wild, 1-2; C. W. Clarke, 3-4; H. Sharp, 5-6. On March 8th, 576 Superlative Surprise Major. S. J. Cullip, 1; C. Chasty, 2; W. Hall, 3; F. Hull (first touch in the method), 4; I. Hills, 5; H. Tysoe, 6; H. Sharp, 7;

C. W. Clarke (conductor), 8. And 504 Stedman Triples. H. Sharp, 1; C. Chasty, 2; W. Hall, 3; F. Hull, 4; I. Hills, 5; H. Tysoe, 6; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 7; J. Sear, 8.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

DARLINGTON.—On Sunday evening, March 1st, 546 Grandsire Triples. G. Tait, 1; C. Moncaster, 2; W. Patton, 3; W. Lister, 4; H. Taylor, 5; J. Baxter (conductor), 6; W. Porter, 7; T. Scollick, 8. On Monday, March 2nd, an attempt for a peal of Grandsire Triples came to grief after ringing 3024 changes in 1 hr. 50 mins. R. Moncaster, 1; C. Moncaster, 2; W. Patton, 3; W. Lister, 4; H. Taylor, 5; J. Baxter (conductor), 6; W. Porter, 7; J. Bolton, 8. On Sunday morning, March 10th, for Divine Service, 559 Grandsire Triples. J. Bolton, 1; C. Moncaster, 2; W. Patton, 3; W. Lister, 4; H. Taylor, 5; J. Baxter, 6; W. Porter (conductor), 7; T. Scollick, 8. Also for evening service, 720 Grandsire Minor. G. Tait, 1; C. Moncaster, 2; W. Patton, 3; W. Lister, 4; H. Taylor, 5; J. Bolton, 6; J. Baxter (conductor), 7; T. Scollick, 8. On Tuesday, March 10th, 672 Grandsire Triples. G. Tait, 1; C. Moncaster, 2; W. Patton, 3; H. Taylor, 4; R. Moncaster, 5; J. Baxter (conductor), 6; W. Lister, 7; T. Scollick, 8. On Sunday morning, March 22nd, for Divine Service, 640 Oxford Treble Bob Major. C. Moncaster, 1; R. Moncaster, 2; W. Patton, 3; W. Lister, 4; H. Taylor, 5; W. Porter, 6; T. Lungley, 7; J. Baxter (conductor), 8. For evening service 560 Grandsire Triples. G. Tait, 1; J. Baxter, 2; W. Patton, 3; C. Moncaster, 4; W. Lister, 5; W. Porter (conductor), 6; R. Moncaster, 7; J. Bolton, 8. On Sunday morning, March 29th, for Divine Service, 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Baxter (conductor), 1; C. Moncaster, 2; W. Patton, 3; W. Lister, 4; H. Taylor, 5; G. Lungley, 6; W. Porter, 7; J. Bolton, 8. For evening service 672 Grandsire Triples. G. Tait, 1; W. Lister, 2; W. Patton, 3; J. Baxter (conductor), 4; H. Taylor, 5; R. Moncaster, 6; C. Moncaster, 7; J. Bolton, 8.

STOCKTON-ON-TEES.—On Thursday, March 19th, at the parish church, 720 York Surprise. R. Alcock, 1; G. J. Clarkson, 2; J. H. Blakiston, 3; J. Waller, 4; T. Stephenson (conductor), 5; W. Newton, 6.

MIDDLESBROUGH-ON-TEES.—On Friday, March 27th, at the church of St. Hilda, 1260 Stedman Triples. *F. Howcroft, 1; W. Rudd, 2; C. Hall, 3; J. H. Jones, 4; *J. Carter, 5; F. A. Mellanby, 6; J. H. Blakiston (conductor), 7; S. Walker, 8. *First quarter-peal in the method.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

KIDDERMINSTER (Worcestershire).—On Wednesday, March 11th, at the residence of Mr. J. Pagett, on handbells, retained in hand, a 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Pagett, 1-2; W. H. Smith, 3-4; W. Page, 5-6; J. Bennett, 7-8. Conducted by W. Page. Also 336 Grandsire Triples. J. Bennett, 1-2; J. Pagett (conductor), 7-8; the rest as before. On Sunday, at St. Mary's church, the first part of Holt's ten-part peal. N. Davies, 1-2; H. Smith, 3-4; J. Pagett, 5-6; J. Bennett (conductor), 7-8. W. Page hails from Worcester.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

GRAPPENHALL (Cheshire).—On Sunday, March 1st, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob (nine bobs). H. Moston, 1; R. G. Lewis, 2; T. Burrows, 3; S. Horsfall, 4; F. T. Spence (conductor), 5; J. W. Booth, 6. And for evening service, 720 Plain Bob (twenty-four singles). J. Mainwaring, 1; H. Moston, 2; T. Burrows, 3; S. Horsfall, 4; R. G. Lewis, 5; F. T. Spence (conductor), 6. On March 3rd, for practice, 720 Plain Bob (fourteen singles eight bobs). J. Mainwaring, 1; J. E. Ashcroft, 2; S. Horsfall, 3; F. T. Spence, 4; R. G. Lewis (conductor), 5; J. W. Booth, 6. On Sunday, March 8th, 720 New London Pleasure (nine bobs). J. Mainwaring, 1; F. T. Spence, T. Burrows, 3; S. Horsfall, 4; R. G. Lewis (conductor), 5; J. W. Booth, 6. On Saturday, March 14th, 720 Merchant's Return (nine bobs). J. Mainwaring, 1; H. Moston, 2; S. Horsfall, 3; R. G. Lewis, 4; F. T. Spence (conductor), 5; J. W. Booth, 6. On Sunday, March 15th, for morning service, 720 Violet (nine bobs). J. Mainwaring, 1; R. G. Lewis, 2; T. Burrows, 3; S. Horsfall, 4; F. T. Spence (conductor), 5; J. W. Booth, 6. Also for evening service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob (twelve bobs). J. Mainwaring, 1; H. Moston, 2; S. Horsfall, 3; T. Burrows, 4; R. G. Lewis, 5; F. T. Spence (conductor), 6. On Sunday, March 22nd, 720 each of Kent and New London Pleasure. J. Mainwaring, 1; H. Moston, 2; T. Burrows, 3; R. G. Lewis, 4; F. T. Spence (conductor), 5; J. W. Booth, 6. On March 26th, for practice, 720 Plain Bob (twenty-one bobs twelve singles). J. Mainwaring, 1; J. E. Ashcroft, 2; S. Horsfall, 3; H. Moston, 4; F. T. Spence, 5; R. G. Lewis (conductor), 6. On Sunday, March 29th, for morning service, 720 Woodbine (nine bobs). J. Mainwaring, 1; R. G. Lewis, 2; T. Burrows, 3; S. Horsfall, 4; F. T. Spence (conductor), 5; J. Booth, 6. And in the evening, 720 Duke of York (nine bobs). C. R. Greenall

(conductor), 6; the rest as before. On March 31st, 720 Oxford (nine bobs). J. Mainwaring, 1; H. Moston, 2; C. R. Greenall, 3; S. Horsfall, 4; R. G. Lewis (conductor), 5; J. W. Booth, 6.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

NUNRATON (Warwickshire).—On Sunday, March 8th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 216 Stedman Triples. W. Stone, 1; H. Argyle, 2; A. Howes, 3; G. Winter, 4; W. Devey, 5; T. Chapman (conductor), 6; H. Horwood, 7; J. Warren, 8. And 560 Bob Major. W. Johnson, 1; A. Howes, 2; T. Chapman, 3; H. Argyle, 4; W. Devey, 5; J. Clarke, 6; W. Stone, 7; H. Horwood, 8. On Sunday, March 15th, 240 Kent Treble Bob Minor. T. Chapman, 1; H. Howes, 2; W. Devey, 3; W. Stone, 4; H. Horwood, 5; H. Argyle, 6. And 630 Grandsire Triples. W. Johnson, 1; H. Howes, 2; H. Argyle, 3; G. Winter, 4; W. Devey, 5; T. Chapman, 6; J. Clarke, 7; J. Warren, 8. On Tuesday, March 17th, for practice on handbells, 288 Kent Treble Bob Major. W. Stone, 1-2; H. Howes, 3-4; H. Argyle, 5-6; J. Clarke, 7-8. On Thursday, March 19th, 504 Stedman Triples. H. Argyle, 1; T. Chapman, 2; A. Howes, 3; G. Winter, 4; W. Devey, 5; J. Clarke (conductor), 6; W. Stone, 7; J. Warren, 8. On Sunday, March 22nd, 576 Kent Treble Bob Major. W. Stone, 1; H. Argyle, 2; A. Howes, 3; G. Winter, 4; W. Devey, 5; J. Clarke, 6; H. Horwood, 7; T. Chapman (conductor), 8.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HEPTONSTALL (Yorks).—On Sunday morning, March 15th, for Divine Service, 720 New London Single. A. Burn (conductor), 1; W. Ingham, 2; J. Armstrong, 3; F. Robertshaw, 4; J. Nowell, 5; F. Powell, 6. For afternoon service 720 Oxford Treble Bob. T. Robertshaw (conductor), 1; W. Ingham, 2; J. Armstrong, 3; F. Robertshaw, 4; J. Robertshaw, 5; F. Powell, 6. On Sunday, March 22nd, for morning service, 720 College Single. A. Burn (conductor), 1; F. Powell, 2; J. Armstrong, 3; F. Robertshaw, 4; J. Robertshaw, 5; J. Nowell, 6. For afternoon service 720 Kent Treble Bob. T. Robertshaw (conductor), 1; W. Ingham, 2; J. Armstrong, 3; F. Robertshaw, 4; J. Robertshaw, 5; F. Powell, 6. On Sunday morning, March 29th, for Divine Service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. A. Burn (conductor), 1; T. Robertshaw, 2; W. Ingham, 3; F. Robertshaw, 4; J. Robertshaw, 5; J. Nowell, 6. For evening service 720 New London. T. Robertshaw (conductor), 1; W. Ingham, 2; J. Armstrong, 3; F. Robertshaw, 4; J. Robertshaw, 5; F. Powell, 6.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

RAUNDS (Northants).—On Thursday, March 12th, at the house of F. Gilbert, 364 Bob Triples. F. Stubbs, 1; A. Willmott, 2; T. Bates, 3; W. Gilbert, 4; F. Kirk, 5; C. Dunkley, 6; F. Gilbert (conductor), 7-8. And 252 Bob Triples. F. Gilbert, 1-2; T. Bates, 3; A. Willmott, 4; F. Stubbs, 5; W. Gilbert, 6; F. Kirk, 7-8. And 576 Oxford Treble Bob Major. C. Dunkley, 1; H. Stubbs, 2; F. Stubbs, 3; A. Willmott, 4; W. Gilbert, 5; F. Kirk, 6; F. Gilbert (conductor), 7-8. Also 640 Kent Treble Bob Major. H. Sharman, 1; H. Stubbs, 2; F. Stubbs, 3; A. Willmott, 4; W. Gilbert, 5; F. Kirk, 6; F. Gilbert 7-8. On Thursday, March 19th, 1264 Bob Major, being the first part of H. J. Tucker's peal, published in the Central Council's "Appendix" for 1896, page 63. F. Kirk, 1; F. Stubbs, 2; A. Willmott, 3; W. Gilbert, 4; G. Gilbert (conductor), 5-6; H. Stubbs, 7-8.

TITCHMARSH (Northants).—On Saturday, March 21st, 1264 Bob Major. H. Sharman, 1; F. Stubbs, 2; A. Willmott, 3; F. Gilbert (conductor), 4; W. J. Gilbert, 5; F. Kirk, 6; W. Gilbert, 7; H. Stubbs, 8. Longest length of Major by all except the 4th, 5th and tenor-men. A course of Oxford Treble Bob Major. H. Sharman, 1; F. Selby, 2; A. Willmott, 3; J. Jeff, 4; W. J. Gilbert, 5; F. Kirk, 6; W. Gilbert, 7; H. Stubbs, 8. And three courses of Bob Triples. A. Jeffs (longest length), 1; G. Jeffs, 2; F. Gilbert, 3; F. Jeffs, 4; W. J. Gilbert, 5; F. Kirk, 6; W. Gilbert, 7; C. Faulkner, 8. All belong to Raunds except the brothers Jeff and C. Faulkner.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

CHIPPING (Lancashire).—On January 25th, at the parish church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob, 720 Kent, 720 Oxford Bob. R. Kenyon, 1; W. Timbrell, 2; J. Kenyon, 3; E. Timbrell (conductor), 4; T. Seed, 5; F. Timbrell, 6. On January 26th, 720 College Single, and 720 Grandsire, standing as above. On February 1st, 720 Grandsire, as above. On February 5th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure, as above, and 720 Bob Minor (fourteen singles and four bobs). R. Kenyon, 1; J. Seed, 2; J. Kenyon, 3; W. Timbrell, 4; T. Seed, 5; E. Timbrell (conductor), 6. On February 8th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. R. Kenyon, 1; W. Timbrell, 2; J. Kenyon, 3; E. Timbrell (conductor), 4; T. Seed, 5; F. Timbrell, 6. On February 9th, 720 Oxford Bob, standing as above. And 720 Kent. On February 16th, 720 Bob Minor. W. Timbrell (conductor), 1; J. Seed, 2; J. Kenyon, 3; E. Timbrell, 4; T. Seed, 5; E. Seed, 6. On March 7th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob and 720 Kent.

R. Kenyon, 1; W. Timbrell, 2; J. Kenyon, 3; E. Timbrell (conductor), 4; T. Seed, 5; F. Timbrell, 6. On March 8th, 720 Grandsire, standing as above. On March 18th, 720 Bob Minor (forty-two singles). R. Kenyon, 1; J. Seed, 2; J. Kenyon, 3; W. Timbrell (conductor), 4; T. Seed, 5; E. Timbrell, 6. On March 29th, 720 Kent. R. Kenyon, 1; W. Timbrell, 2; J. Kenyon, 3; E. Timbrell (conductor), 4; T. Seed, 5; F. Timbrell, 6. On April 4th, 720 Bob Minor (twenty-one bobs and twelve singles). R. Kenyon, 1; J. Seed, 2; J. Kenyon, 3; W. Timbrell (conductor), 4; E. Timbrell, 5; F. Timbrell, 6. Also 720 in the same method (eighteen bobs and eighteen singles), standing as before. And 720 Oxford Treble Bob. R. Kenyon, 1; E. Timbrell, 2; J. Kenyon, 3; W. Timbrell, 4; T. Seed, 5; F. Timbrell (conductor), 6.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

LEOMINSTER (Herefordshire).—On Sunday, March 22nd, 168 Grandsire Triples. T. Davies, 1; C. Edwards (conductor), 2; W. Greenleaf, 3; H. Taylor, 4; W. Jaine, 5; C. Jaine, 6; T. Lewis, 7; H. King, 8. For evening service 504 Grandsire Triples. T. Lewis, 1; W. Baynham, 2; W. Greenleaf, 3; H. Taylor, 4; W. Jaine, 5; C. Jaine, 6; C. Edwards (conductor), 7; H. King, 8. Also another 168 with T. Enoch, 6; T. Lewis (conductor), 7. Messrs. Lewis, Greenleaf, and King hail from Hereford.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

TETTENHALL.—Recently, at the church of St. Michael, 720 Grandsire Minor, in 25 mins. F. Jones, 1; W. G. Hall, 2; A. Griffiths, 3; B. Dalton, 4; H. A. Hall (conductor), 5; H. Knight, 6. And 720 in the same method. A. Cozens, 1; B. Dalton, 2; C. Bassage, 3; A. Griffiths, 4; H. Knight, 5; H. A. Hall (conductor), 6. On Sunday, February 2nd, with the bells muffled as a mark of respect to the late Prince Henry of Battenberg, 720 Grandsire Minor, in 24 mins. W. G. Hall, 1; A. Griffiths, 2; B. Dalton, 3; J. H. Rowe, 4; H. A. Hall (conductor), 5; H. Knight, 6. On Saturday, March 21st, in 25 mins., 720 Bob Minor. J. Cabb, 1; J. E. Groves (conductor), 2; B. Dalton, 3; J. H. Rowe, 4; H. Knight, 5; H. A. Hall, 6. Tenor 13½ cwt.

WOLVERHAMPTON.—On Saturday, March 21st, in 26 mins., 720 Grandsire Minor. J. E. Groves, 1; W. G. Hall, 2; J. Pardoe, 3; A. Griffiths, 4; H. A. Hall, 5; H. Knight (conductor), 6. Rung on the back six. And 210 Darlaston Bob Triples. F. Jones, 1; W. G. Hall, 2; J. Pardoe, 3; H. A. Hall, 4; A. Griffiths, 5; H. Knight, 6; J. E. Groves (conductor), 7. The above was rung after meeting one short for a peal. Tenor 23 cwt.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—BLACKBURN BRANCH.

OSWALDTWISTLE.—*Handbell Ringing*.—On Tuesday, March 10th, on handbells, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs two singles). J. Whalley, 1-2; C. Sharples, 3-4; R. Parkinson (conductor), 5-6. First 720 on handbells by all the band. On Wednesday, March 18th, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs two singles). J. Whalley, 1-2; C. Sharples, 3-4; R. Parkinson (conductor), 5-6. On Sunday, March 29th, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor. W. Britcliffe, 1; J. Whalley, 2; C. Sharples, 3; R. Sharples, 4; W. Pattinson, 5; R. Parkinson (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, March 31st, 720 Bob Minor (thirty-two bobs two singles). J. Whalley, 1-2; C. Sharples, 3-4; R. Parkinson (conductor), 5-6. On Saturday, April 5th, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor (sixteen bobs two singles). W. Britcliffe, 1; J. Whalley, 2; R. Sharples, 3; C. Sharples, 4; W. Pattinson, 5; R. Parkinson (conductor), 6.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

FORNHAM.—On Tuesday, March 10th, 720 Plain Bob (eighteen bobs and two singles). A. Osborne, 1; A. Bridges, 2; G. Molton, 3; H. Simmonds, 4; H. Blake, 5; F. Watling (conductor), 6. On Sunday, March 15th, 720 Plain Bob (twenty-two singles). A. Bullen, 1; H. Simpson, 2; G. Molton, 3; G. Lilly, 4; H. Blake (conductor), 5; A. Bridges, 6. On Tuesday, March 17th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. A. Osborne, 1; A. Bridges, 2; G. Molton, 3; H. Simpson, 4; H. Blake, 5; F. Watling (conductor), 6.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS.—On Saturday, March 21st, at the Norman Tower, 559 Grandsire Triples. A. Osborne (conductor), 1; W. Salisbury, 2; R. Wilding, 3; H. Simpson, 4; G. Debenham, 5; H. Blake, 6; R. Moore, 7; R. Gooch, 8.

SUDBURY (Suffolk).—On Wednesday, March 18th, at St. Peter's church, on the occasion of a Confirmation service by the Lord Bishop of the diocese, a touch of 768 Kent Treble Bob Major was rung before service. F. Tolliday, 1; M. Silvester, 2; J. Campin, 3; W. Howell, sen., 4; W. Bacon, 5; A. Scott, 6; A. Harper, 7; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 8. After service 720 Bob Major, standing as before. For service in the evening 630 Grandsire Triples. F. Tolliday, 1; M. Silvester, 2; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 3; W. Howell, 4; W. Bacon, 5; A. Scott, 6; H. Harper, 7; J. Campin, 8.

PRESTON (Suffolk).—On Saturday evening, March 21st, at St. Mary's church, 720 Bob Minor (forty-two singles). J. Sewell, 1; W. Hollocks, 2; A. Hollocks, 3; H. Sewell, 4; R. Grimwood, 5; A. Symonds (conductor), 6. Messrs. Sewell (2) and Grimwood hail from Hitcham; Hollocks (2) are local men.

HITCHAM (Suffolk).—On Sunday, March 22nd, 720 Oxford Treble Bob (nine bobs). J. Snell (first 720 in the method), 1; A. Symonds (conductor), 2; A. Hollocks, 3; W. Stiff (first 720 in the method), 4; R. Grimwood, 5; A. Keeble, 6. Hollocks hails from Preston; Keeble from Monks Eleigh; Symonds from Lavenham; the others are local men. On Sunday, March 29th, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor (twenty bobs and ten singles), in 28 mins. J. Sewell, 1; C. W. R. Grimwood, 2; J. Snell, 3; C. W. Grimwood, 4; F. Cook, 5; W. Stiff (conductor), 6.

MONKS ELEIGH (Suffolk).—On Saturday, March 28th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob, in 30 mins. F. Fosker, 1; C. Parker, 2; T. Levett (first 720 in the method), 3; C. Greene, 4; C. W. R. Grimwood, 5; A. Keeble (conductor), 6. Grimwood and Levett hail from Hitcham.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

EYNHAM (Oxon).—On a recent Saturday evening, an attempt was made for seven 720s of Grandsire Minor, which came to grief after ringing 3840 changes, in 2 hrs. 10 mins. A. Trinder, 1; A. Pimm, 2; J. Trinder, 3; J. Fisher, 4; W. Pimm, 5; N. Spindlow (conductor), 6. Fisher and Spindlow hail from Ducklington, the rest from Stanton Harecourt.

STANTON HARCOURT (Oxon).—On Thursday, March 19th, 720 Grandsire Minor, in 24 mins. A. Trinder, 1; A. Pimm, 2; J. Trinder, 3; J. Fisher, 4; W. Pimm, 5; N. Spindlow (conductor), 6.

READING (Berks).—On Wednesday, March 18th, for Confirmation Service, which was performed by the Bishop of Reading (Dr. Randall), 916 Grandsire Triples. H. Dibley, 1; H. Coffee, 2; G. L. Boddington, 3; A. H. Evans, 4; A. W. Reeves, 5; A. E. Reeves, 6; F. Sweetzer (conductor), 7; H. Smart, 8. After service 504 Bob Triples. H. Dibley, 1; H. Coffee, 2; G. L. Boddington, 3; A. H. Evans, 4; A. W. Reeves, 5; F. Sweetzer, 6; A. E. Reeves (conductor), 7; H. Smart, 8. For evening service the last 742 of Holt's Original. H. Dibley, 1; H. Coffee, 2; G. L. Boddington, 3; A. H. Evans, 4; A. W. Reeves, 5; F. Sweetzer, 6; A. E. Reeves (conductor), 7; H. Smart, 8. On Tuesday, March 24th, for practice, 504 Stedman Triples. G. L. Boddington, 1; H. Coffee, 2; A. E. Reeves, jun., 3; A. H. Evans, 4; A. W. Reeves, 5; F. Sweetzer, 6; A. E. Reeves (conductor), 7; H. Smart, 8. On Sunday, March 29th, for morning service, 504 Bob Triples. H. Dibley, 1; H. Coffee, 2; G. L. Boddington, 3; A. E. Reeves, jun., 4; A. W. Reeves, 5; A. H. Evans, 6; A. E. Reeves (conductor), 7; H. Smart, 8. For evening service 504 Bob Triples, standing as before, with the exception of W. Higgs, who rang the tenor.

THE ST. MARGARET'S SOCIETY, WESTMINSTER.

LONDON.—On Monday, April 13th, at St. Margaret's, Westminster, the whole pull and stand was rung as a last token of respect to the late George Newson, with the bells half-muffled. B. Foskett, 1; A. Hardy, 2; H. Barton, 3; F. G. Perrin, 4; E. E. Huntley, 5; W. C. Hasted, 6; V. W. West, 7; H. N. Davis, 8; D. W. Griggs, 9; F. J. Pitts, 10. Afterwards touches of Treble Bob Royal, Grandsire and Stedman Caters, in which A. R. Davis and W. Langdon took part. On March 28th, an attempt was made for a peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal, but it came to grief after ringing 3700 changes in 2 hrs. 30 mins., owing to the 7th rope breaking, thus leaving but three courses to complete the peal. B. Foskett, 1; F. Perrin, 2; V. West, 3; A. Hardy, 4; H. Barton, 5; H. Davis, 6; A. Davis, 7; H. Wood, 8; G. Wild, 9; F. Pitts (conductor), 10. H. Wood hails from Rodmersham, Kent, and this was his first attempt for a peal of Royal.

THE WATERLOO SOCIETY, LONDON.

WALWORTH.—On Sunday, March 22nd, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, taken from A. P. Heywood's peal No. 1, in 42 mins. F. J. Pitts, 1; F. G. Perrin, 2; W. Truss, 3; H. N. Davis (conductor), 4; W. C. Hasted, 5; V. W. West, 6; H. Barton, 7; F. Ford, 8.

THE NORTH NOTTS. AND THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.

ANSTON (Yorks.).—On Sunday, March 1st, at the church of St. James, for Divine Service, 720 each of College Pleasure and New London Pleasure. J. Foulds, 1; H. Turner, 2; H. Stenton, 3; C. Fowler (conductor), 4; S. Smith, 5; J. E. Marshall, 6. On Sunday, March 8th, 720 Duke of York, 360 each of Woodbine and Kent Treble Bob. J. Foulds, 1; H. Turner, 2; H. Stenton, 3; R. Smith (conductor), 4;

S. Smith, 5; J. E. Marshall, 6. On Sunday, March 22nd, 720 Tanner's Pleasure. J. Foulds, 1; H. Turner, 2; H. Stenton, 3; R. Smith, 4; S. Smith, 5; C. Fowler (conductor), 6. First in the method by all. On Sunday, March 29th, 240 each of College Treble Bob and Duke of York. Also 720 Anston Pleasure, composed by C. Fowler in 1886, and this is supposed to be the first time it has been rung. J. Foulds, 1; H. Turner, 2; H. Stenton, 3; R. Smith (conductor), 4; S. Smith, 5; C. Fowler, 6.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

TAUNTON (Somerset).—On March 1st, at St. Mary's church, 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Jones (first 500), 1; A. Walker, 2; S. Radford, 3; J. Joyce (conductor), 4; O. Bond, 5; A. Evans, 6; J. Burge, 7; J. Hunt (first 500), 8. On Sunday, March 8th, for evening service, 252 Stedman Triples. S. Radford, 1; S. Wyatt, 2; A. Evans, 3; T. W. Radford (conductor), 4; G. E. Harbour, 5; J. Joyce, 6; J. Burge, 7; J. Fowler, 8. On Sunday, March 15th, for evening service, 168 Stedman Triples. S. Radford, 1; D. Bond, 2; S. Wyatt, 3; A. Evans, 4; J. Joyce, 5; T. W. Radford (conductor), 6; J. Burge, 7; J. Fowler, 8. On Sunday, March 22nd, for evening service, 518 Grandsire Triples. J. Jones, 1; A. Evans (conductor), 2; J. Fowler (first 500), 3; S. Radford, 4; O. Bond, 5; T. W. Radford, 6; J. Burge, 7; A. Walker, 8. On Monday, March 23rd, 504 Grandsire Triples. A. Walker, 1; S. Wyatt, 2; S. Radford, 3; T. W. Radford (conductor), 4; O. Bond, 5; A. Evans, 6; J. Burge, 7; J. Fowler, 8. Rang as a birthday compliment to A. Evans, his brother-strings wishing him many happy returns. On Thursday, March 26th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. J. Fowler, 1; A. Walker, 2; S. Wyatt, 3; G. E. Harbour, 4; S. Radford, 5; A. Evans, 6; T. W. Radford (conductor), 7; J. Hunt (first quarter-peal), 8. Rang with the bells half-muffled for the funeral of Archdeacon Denison, of Taunton. On Sunday, April 5th, for the 6 a.m. service, 324 Grandsire Caters. J. Fowler, 1; A. Walker, 2; S. Wyatt, 3; O. Bond, 4; S. Radford, 5; T. W. Radford (conductor), 6; G. E. Harbour, 7; A. Evans, 8; J. Burge, 9; G. Hunt, 10. For the 7 a.m. service 336 Grandsire Triples. J. Jones, 1; A. Walker, 2; O. Bond, 3; A. Evans, 4; G. E. Harbour, 5; T. W. Radford (conductor), 6; J. Burge, 7; J. Hunt, 8. For the 11 a.m. service 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Jones, 1; A. Walker, 2; A. Evans, 3; J. Burge, 4; O. Bond, 5; S. Wyatt, 6; T. W. Radford (conductor), 7; J. Hunt, 8. For evening service 270 Grandsire Caters. A. Walker, 1; A. Evans, 2; J. Joyce, 3; S. Wyatt, 4; O. Bond, 5; T. W. Radford (conductor), 6; G. E. Harbour, 7; S. Radford, 8; J. Burge, 9; J. Hunt, 10. Also a course of Bob Major. A. Walker, 1; J. Joyce, 2; S. Wyatt, 3; O. Bond, 4; S. Radford, 5; A. Evans, 6; J. Burge, 7; T. W. Radford, 8.

BISHOPS HULL (Somerset).—On Monday, April 6th, 720 Bob Minor, in 25 mins. J. Fowler, 1; S. Wyatt, 2; O. Bond, 3; S. Radford, 4; T. W. Radford (conductor), 5; J. Burge, 6. And six 6-scores of Stedman Doubles. S. Radford, 1; S. Wyatt, 2; O. Bond, 3; T. W. Radford, 4; J. Burge, 5; J. Fowler, 6. This is the first Bob Minor and Stedman Doubles on the bells.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SWANSCOMBE (Kent).—On Sunday, February 16th, 720 Bob Minor H. Milhams, 1; A. Cornford, 2; F. Ring, 3; W. Martin, 4; W. Harper, 5; M. Digby (conductor), 6. On Sunday, March 1st, 720 Bob Minor. W. Lane, 1; G. Hayes, 2; F. Ring, 3; A. Cornford, 4; W. Martin, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6. On Sunday, March 15th, 720 Bob Minor. W. Lane, 1; L. Digweed, 2; F. Ring, 3; A. Cornford, 4; W. Martin, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6. And 720 Kent Treble Bob. L. Digweed, 1; A. Cornford, 2; G. Hayes, 3; F. Ring, 4; W. Martin, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6. On Sunday, March 29th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. G. Hayes, 1; A. Cornford, 2; F. Ring, 3; L. Digweed, 4; W. Martin, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6. Also 720 Bob Minor. G. Hayes, 1; W. Lane (first 720 with a bob bell), 2; F. Ring, 3; L. Digweed, 4; W. Martin (conductor), 5; A. Cornford, 6.

RODMERSHAM (Kent).—On February 20th, for practice, 120 Cambridge Surprise Minor. E. Day, 1; S. Beach, 2; J. G. Grensted, 3; J. Dixon, M.A., 4; C. Millway, 5; H. Wood, 6. Also 216 Kent Treble Bob. H. Coast, 1; S. Beech, 2; J. G. Grensted, 3; J. Dixon, M.A., 4; C. Millway, 5; H. Wood (conductor), 6. On March 1st, for evening service, 720 Plain Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), 2nd the observation. H. Coast, 1; G. Coast, 2; J. G. Grensted, 3; J. Dixon (conductor), 4; E. Day, 5; H. Wood, 6. On March 19th, 720 Superlative Surprise (nine bobs), standing as before. On March 22nd, for evening service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs). G. Coast, 1; C. Millway, 2; J. G. Grensted, 3; J. Dixon (conductor), 4; E. Day, 5; H. Wood, 6. Also 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs). G. Coast, 1; E. Allen, 2; J. G. Grensted, 3; J. Dixon, 4; C. Mill-

way, 5; H. Wood (conductor), 6. On March 26th, 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-eight bobs and twenty-two singles). C. Sellen, 1; E. Day, 2; J. G. Grensted, 3; J. Dixon, 4; C. Millway, 5; H. Wood (conductor), 6. And 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs). *H. Coast, 1; H. Wood, 2; J. G. Grensted, 3; J. Dixon (conductor), 4; C. Millway, 5; E. Day, 6. *First 720 of Treble Bob. E. Allen hails from Borden.

LEWISHAM (Kent).—On Sunday, February 23rd, for morning service, 462 Grandsire Triples. C. Bedwell, 1; G. Daynes, 2; W. Warnett, 3; H. Barrett, 4; A. Bedwell, 5; W. Bedwell (conductor), 6; T. Chandler, 7; R. Cook, 8. On Sunday, March 22nd, for morning service, 504 Grandsire Triples. C. Walker, 1; W. Bedwell, 2; E. H. Nixon (longest length in any method), 3; W. Turner, 4; G. Daynes (conductor), 5; S. Chandler, 6; A. Bedwell, 7; F. Kettle, 8. And in the evening two courses of Kent Treble Bob Major. A. Bedwell, 1; G. Daynes, 2; H. Skelt, 3; W. Turner, 4; T. Chandler, 5; T. Taylor, 6; H. Barrett, 7; W. Bedwell (conductor), 8. And two courses of Plain Bob Major. H. Warnett (conductor), 8; the rest as before.

UPCHURCH (Kent).—On Sunday, March 17th, at St. Mary's church, 720 Oxford Bob (eighteen bobs two singles). W. Hawes, 1; H. Witherden (first 720 with a bob bell), 2; W. T. Hyland, 3; H. Shipp, 4; G. Dennis, 5; W. Seamer (conductor), 6. On Friday, March 20th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure (twenty-two singles). W. Hawes, 1; H. Witherden, 2; A. T. Hyland, 3; H. Shipp, 4; G. Dennis, 5; W. Seamer (conductor), 6. On Sunday morning, March 22nd, 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-eight bobs twenty-two singles). H. Witherden, 1; W. T. Hyland, 2; A. Dunster, 3; H. Shipp, 4; G. Dennis, 5; W. Seamer (conductor), 6. On Tuesday evening, March 24th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure (twenty-two singles). A. T. Hyland, 1; H. Witherden, 2; W. J. Walker (first 720 with a bob bell), 3; H. Shipp, 4; G. Dennis, 5; W. T. Hyland (conductor), 6. On Friday, March 27th, 720 Bob Minor (fourteen bobs two singles). W. Hawes, 1; A. T. Hyland, 2; W. J. Walker, 3; W. T. Hyland (conductor), 4; G. Dennis, 5; H. Shipp, 6.

EDENBRIDGE (Kent).—On Sunday, March 22nd, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. R. Jenner, 1; J. Wallis, 2; J. Steddy, 3; T. Wallis, 4; J. Heasman, 5; J. Preston (conductor), 6. On Sunday, April 5th, a 720 Merchants' Return. R. Jenner, 1; J. Wallis, 2; J. Steddy, 3; T. Wallis, 4; J. Heasman, 5; J. Preston (conductor), 6. And 720 Grandsire Minor. J. Mayton, 1; J. Heasman, 2; R. Jenner, 3; T. Wallis, 4; J. Wallis, 5; J. Preston (conductor), 6.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

KELVEDON (Essex).—On February 9th, at St. Mary's church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. H. Pye, 1; W. Keeble, 2; D. Elliott, 3; J. Frost, 4; E. Beckwith (conductor), 5; W. Elliott, 6. And in the evening, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. J. Elliott, 1; W. Keeble, 2; H. Elliott, 3; J. Frost, 4; H. Evers, 5; W. Elliott (conductor), 6. First 720 of Treble Bob by a local band. On February 12th, 720 New London Pleasure. H. Pye, 1; H. Elliott, 2; D. Elliott, 3; J. Frost, 4; H. Evers, 5; W. Elliott (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method by all except D. and W. Elliott. On March 1st, 720 Bob Minor. H. Gazzard, 1; W. Keeble, 2; H. Pye, 3; J. Frost, 4; H. Evers, 5; W. Elliott (conductor), 6. Rung as a farewell to J. Frost. On March 4th, 720 Double Court. J. Elliott, 1; H. Elliott, 2; H. Pye, 3; D. Elliott, 4; H. Evers, 5; W. Elliott (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method by H. Pye and J. Elliott. On Wednesday, February 26th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. H. Pye, 1; W. Keeble (first 720 of Kent), 2; H. Elliott, 3; J. Frost, 4; H. Evers, 5; W. Elliott (conductor), 6. On Wednesday, March 25th, the anniversary of the opening of these bells, 720 Bob Minor. H. Gazzard, 1; J. Elliott, 2; H. Pye, 3; W. Keeble, 4; E. Beckwith (conductor), 5; W. Elliott, 6. And 720 Oxford Treble Bob. J. Elliott, 1; E. Beckwith, 2; H. Pye, 3; W. Keeble, 4; H. Evers, 5; W. Elliott (conductor), 6. Also 720 Kent Treble Bob. H. Evers, 1; W. Dyer, 2; D. Elliott, sen., 3; H. Elliott, 4; E. Beckwith, 5; D. Elliott, jun. (conductor), 6. And 360 Bob Minor. J. Willshire, 1; E. Beckwith, 2; G. Hum, 3; H. Elliott, 4; W. Hunwick, 5; D. Elliott, jun. (conductor), 6. Also 720 Woodbine. D. Elliott, sen., 1; W. Dyer, 2; C. Norfolk, 3; D. Elliott, jun. (conductor), 4; E. Beckwith, 5; W. Elliott, 6. First 720 in the method on the bells. And 720 Bob Minor. C. Mills, 1; H. Elliott, 2; G. Hum, 3; W. Keeble (first 720 as conductor), 4; W. Hunwick, 5; J. Newman, 6.

STANSTEAD (Essex).—On Thursday, February 27th, for practice at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, 720 Double Court (5th the observation). J. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; G. Gray, 3; G. Jordan, 4; J. Luckey, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. Also 720 Stanstead Double Bob. T. Jordan, 1; W. Watts, 2; I. Hammond, 3; G. Gray, 4; G. Jordan, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. On Sunday morning, March 1st, for Divine Service, 720 York Surprise. T. Jordan, 1; I. Hammond, 2; T. J. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; J. Luckey, 5; W.

Watts (conductor), 6. For afternoon service, 360 Superlative. T. Jordan, 1; G. Jordan, 2; G. Gray, 3; J. Luckey, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. On Thursday, March 5th, for practice, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob (3rd the observation). J. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. Also 720 Bob Minor. H. Little (first 720), 1; W. Watts, 2; G. Gray, 3; J. Luckey, 4; I. Hammond, 5; T. J. Watts (conductor), 6. On Sunday morning, March 8th, for Divine Service, 720 College Exercise. G. Jordan, 1; I. Hammond, 2; T. J. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; W. Watts, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. For afternoon service 720 Superlative Surprise. T. Jordan, 1; G. Jordan, 2; I. Hammond, 3; G. Gray, 4; J. Luckey, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, March 10th, 720 York Surprise (nine bobs) in 25 mins. Composed by N. Spindlow, of Ducklington. J. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; T. J. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; J. Luckey, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. And 720 London Scholars' Pleasure. T. Jordan, 1; W. Watts, 2; G. Gray, 3; J. Luckey, 4; I. Hammond, 5; T. J. Watts (conductor), 6. And 720 Oxford Delight. T. Jordan, 1; W. Watts, 2; T. J. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; G. Jordan, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. On Sunday afternoon, March 15th, for Divine Service, 720 Violet Treble Bob. T. Jordan, 1; G. Jordan, 2; T. J. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; ———, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. Tenor 13 cwt.

BRAINTREE (Essex).—On Sunday, March 1st, for morning service, a 720 Cambridge Surprise. T. Watson, 1; F. Rudkin, 2; C. H. Howard, 3; H. E. Hammond (conductor), 4; W. Hammond, 5; W. Grimwade, 6. For practice, on Saturday, March 7th, 720 New London Pleasure. T. Watson, 1; F. Calthorpe, 2; F. Rudkin, 3; H. E. Hammond (conductor), 4; W. Hammond, 5; W. Grimwade, 6. For evening service, on Sunday, March 8th, 720 Bocking Treble Bob. T. Watson, 1; F. Calthorpe, 2; F. Rudkin, 3; H. E. Hammond (conductor), 4; W. Hammond, 5; W. Grimwade, 6. For morning service, on Sunday, March 15th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob (twelve bobs). T. Watson, 1; H. E. Hammond, 2; F. Rudkin, 3; C. H. Howard (composer and conductor), 4; W. Hammond, 5; W. Grimwade, 6. For evening service, 720 St. Simon's Minor. T. Watson, 1; C. H. Howard (conductor), 2; F. Rudkin, 3; H. E. Hammond, 4; W. Hammond, 5; W. Grimwade, 6. Tenor 12½ cwt. in F.

BARKING (Essex).—*Handbell Ringing*.—On Tuesday, March 24th, for practice, on handbells, retained in hand, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1264 changes), in 38 mins. R. Fenn, 1-2; A. Hardy, 3-4; T. Faulkner (composer and conductor), 5-6; C. Fenn, 7-8. First quarter-peal on handbells by all the band, and first quarter-peal in the method by R. and C. Fenn.

WEST HAM (Essex).—On Tuesday, April 14th, at All Saints' church, 395 Grandsire Caters and one course each of Stedman Caters and Kent Treble Bob Royal, the following taking part: Messrs. Pye, Cornell, E. Clayton, A. J. Perkins, W. B. Manning, H. Randall, W. H. Doran, G. Pearl, J. Bradley, C. Dempsey, J. Dale and G. Haydon. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late George Newson, for many years a member of the Royal Cumberland Youths, and of the above Society since its commencement.

ASHOVER (Derbyshire).—On Thursday, March 26th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen singles four bobs). J. H. Beardow, 1; T. Beardow, 2; T. J. Beardow, 3; W. Buxton (conductor), 4; G. Beardow, 5; W. Hopkinson, 6.

CLAY CROSS (Derbyshire).—On Saturday, March 28th, at St. Bartholomew's church, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and eighteen singles). F. Knowles, 1; J. Maycock, 2; G. Mulley, 3; A. Knights, 4; F. Day, 5; J. Tarlton (conductor), 6. Also 360 Canterbury Pleasure (nine bobs). J. Cook, 1; F. Marshall, 2; F. Day, 3; J. Tarlton, 4; A. Knights, 5; J. Goodwin, 6. Tenor 9½ cwt. in A. Messrs. Day and Mulley hail from Eye, Suffolk; Knights and Goodwin from Chesterfield.

CRETINGHAM (Suffolk).—*Handbell Ringing*.—On Saturday, February 29th, 672 Bob Triples. A. Wightman, 1-2; S. Wightman, 3-4; G. Wightman, 5-6; E. Wightman (conductor), 7-8. On Sunday, March 1st, 720 Bob Major and a course of Oxford Treble Bob Major. A. Wightman, 1-2; E. Wightman, 3-4; G. Wightman (conductor), 5-6; S. Wightman, 7-8. On Sunday, March 22nd, a quarter-peal of Bob Triples and 640 Oxford Treble Bob Major. A. Wightman, 1-2; S. Wightman, jun., 3-4; G. Wightman, 5-6; E. Wightman (conductor), 7-8.

HELMINGHAM (Suffolk).—On Thursday, March 26th, at the church of St. Mary, 1008 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. G. Thurlow, 1; G. Perry, 2; J. Durrant, 3; E. Wightman, 4; S. Wightman, jun., 5; G. Wightman (conductor), 6; H. Last, 7; A. S. Wightman, 8. On Monday, April 6th, a peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major was attempted, but came to grief after ringing about 600 changes, through the 5th rope breaking. The band stood as before. Afterwards, 560 in the

same method. W. Wightman, 1; H. Last, 2; G. Perry, 3; S. Wightman, 4; J. Durrant, 5; E. Wightman, 6; A. S. Wightman, 7; G. Wightman (conductor), 8.

LONDON.—On Sunday morning, February 23rd, at the church of St. Paul, Homerton, seven 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles (each called differently). W. Lewin, 1; F. Webb, 2; H. Stubbs, 3; A. Fisher, 4; W. G. Bean, 5; H. Spencer, 6. On Sunday evening, March 8th, 720 Bob Minor (sixteen bobs two singles). G. Long, 3; H. Stubbs, 6; the rest as above. On Monday, March 9th, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs two singles). H. Spencer, 1; G. Long, 2; W. G. Bean, 3; F. Webb, 4; A. Fisher, 5; H. Stubbs, 6. On Tuesday, March 17th, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs two singles). H. Spencer, 1; F. Webb, 2; G. Long, 3; A. Fisher, 4; W. G. Bean, 5; H. Stubbs, 6. On Sunday, March 22nd, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor. Also for evening service, 720 in the same method. On Sunday, March 29th, for morning service, 720 in the same method. And in the evening, 720 of the same. W. Lewin, 1; rest as before. On Sunday, April 5th, 720 Grandsire Doubles, in 21 mins. W. Lewin, 1; F. Webb, 2; G. Long, 3; A. Fisher, 4; W. G. Bean (conductor), 5; H. Wort (first 720), 6.

MONEWDEN (Suffolk).—On Saturday, February 22nd, 720 Bob Minor, in 22 mins. P. Ward, 1; W. Wightman, 2; E. Wightman, 3; J. Durrant, 4; A. S. Wightman, 5; G. Wightman (conductor), 6. And 720 in the same method. E. Hicks, 1; G. Wightman, 2; A. S. Wightman, 3; W. Wightman, 4; J. Durrant, 5; E. Wightman (conductor), 6. First on tower bells by P. Ward, and first on six by E. Hicks.

NORTH SHIELDS.—On Sunday, March 8th, at Christ Church, 480 Bob Major. N. Brand, 1; T. Driver, 2; J. Browell, 3; W. Lancaster, 4; C. Waugh, 5; J. Keen, 6; A. Tully, 7; G. Dix (conductor), 8. On Sunday, March 8th, 720 Bob Minor in 24 mins. N. Brand, 1; J. Browell, 2; W. Lancaster, 3; C. Waugh, 4; G. Dix, 5; A. Tully (conductor), 6. On Sunday, March 29th, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen singles and three bobs) in 25 mins. N. Brand, 1; W. Lancaster, 2; J. Browell, 3; J. Keen, 4; A. Tully, 5; G. Dix (conductor), 6.

NORTH WINGFIELD (Derbyshire).—On Saturday, March 28th, at the parish church, 720 Kent Treble Bob (nine bobs). T. Day, 1; W. Butler, 2; A. Knights, 3; F. Day, 4; J. Butler, 5; J. Tarlton (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method by T. Day and J. Butler.

PRESTWICH (Lancashire).—On Sunday afternoon, March 29th, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor, in 27½ mins. S. Barlow, 1; J. Brooks, 2; J. Gratrix, 3; W. Stevens, 4; H. Percival, 5; J. Heywood, 6. Also for evening service, 720 in the same method. S. Barlow, 1; A. Percival, 2; J. Gratrix, 3; J. Brooks, 4; H. Percival, 5; J. Heywood, 6. Both conducted by S. Barlow. J. Gratrix hails from Swinton.

TARPORLEY (Cheshire).—On Wednesday, March 25th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor in 28 mins. J. Hunt, 1; J. Sheen, 2; W. Rowley, 3; F. Vernon, 4; J. Richardson, 5; R. Holding (conductor), 6. First 720 by all except the conductor, who has instructed the band, and hails from Crewe. Also two 120s of Plain Bob Doubles. R. Holding, 1; J. Hunt, 2; F. Vernon, 3; J. Stockton, 4; H. Wright, 6; J. Billington, 6.

THORNBURY (Gloucestershire).—On Sunday morning, March 22nd, at St. Mary's church, for Divine Service, 518 Grandsire Triples. J. Phillips, 1; C. Eddington, 2; A. P. Phelps, 3; J. J. Poole, 4; F. K. Howell, 5; T. Alsopp, 6; H. T. Howell, 7; W. Davis, 8. Also 168 in the same method. J. J. Poole, 2; W. Davis, 3; F. Poole, 4; E. Eddington, 6; the rest as before. Conducted by J. J. Poole. H. T. Howell hails from St. George's, Bristol.

WILLESDEEN (Middlesex).—On Tuesday, April 14th, at the parish church, with the bells muffled as a token of respect to the late George Newson, the whole pull and stand, and a touch of Bob Minor. K. Kilby, 1; H. Kilby, 2; F. Weare, 3; H. Preskett, 4; J. Jackman, 5; A. Pittam (conductor), 6.

MANY people have been wondering why the customary peals were not rung on the Cathedral bells at Durham this Eastertide. An explanation is forthcoming in the fact that as a result of a recent inspection of the central tower of the Cathedral, it has been found that one of the bells is cracked and must be re-cast, and that two or three of the others ought to be "quartered," so that a considerable amount of interference would be necessary with the frame-work of the bells. It has also been found that the belfry floor is in a dangerous state, and as a consequence the Dean has forbidden the ringing of the bells with the exception of the chiming of the quarters and the churchgoing bells. It is intended to replace the main rafters on which the belfry floor depends, by sound oaken beams, and when this has been accomplished the bells themselves will be taken in hand by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, bellfounders.—*Newcastle Daily Journal*.

THE PROPOSED NEWSON MEMORIAL.

We are asked to say in connection with this, that the following names should be added to that of Mr. Dains, as a Committee to receive subscriptions, viz.: Mr. B. Foskett, Sydney Cottage, Vale of Health, Hampstead; A. Jacob, Hon. Sec. 10. St. Ann's Road, Hornsey.

Obituary.

ALEXANDER SIMM.

Newcastle ringers have lost in the above-named, one of their finest tenor-men. He died, after a lingering illness, on Monday, April 13th, at the house of his father, Mr. John Simm, the Steeplekeeper of St. Nicholas' Cathedral, aged 36. He learnt to ring in 1880, and was appointed in due course to the Cathedral Belfry as a regular ringer there. As a cover man, he was not excelled in these parts, and had taken part in many fine performances in Newcastle towers, notably ringing the Cathedral tenor (37½ cwt.), through 5040 Stedman Triples on Boxing Day of 1893. He was well-known as a good striker, and his good nature and unassuming ways won the sincere regard of all who come in contact with him. His remains were interred at All Saints' Cemetery, on Thursday, the 16th inst., the funeral being largely attended by friends, ringers and relatives. A muffled peal of Stedman Triples was attempted at St. John's Church, Newcastle, in memory of the deceased on Monday, April 20th, but was lost too late to start again, so an 844 was rung in the same method instead. F. Lees, 1; C. L. Routledge (conductor), 2; J. E. R. Keen, 3; W. Lidell, 4; W. Story, 5; F. J. Harrison, 6; A. F. Hillier, 7; G. Dixon, 8. All the peals "Alick" (as he was better known) had taken part in were in the above method.

JONATHAN SANDFORD.

By the death of the above-named ringer, which took place on Easter Tuesday, April 7th, the Sheffield Parish Church Company lose one of their oldest ringers. Although he has not been able for many years to take an active part in peal-ringing, yet he attended service ringing regularly up to about twelve months before his death. Joining the company in May, 1851, he remained a member up to the time of his death, a period of 45 years. Deceased had taken part in about 30 peals in the standard methods, including the first peal of Grandsire Cinques after the bells were increased to 12. He was also a member of the Yorkshire Association. Being by trade a cutler, he worked for Messrs. S. Newton and Son for 30 years, and on the Thursday before his death his fellow-workmen made him a slight monetary presentation, little thinking that it was last appearance in the shop. He died at the age of 72, and thus is severed another link connecting the present with the past.

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 LATE GEORGE NEWSON.

SIR,—Mrs. Newson wishes me to ask your space in the "BELL NEWS," to express her thanks for the letters of condolence and sympathy she has received concerning her severe loss, sustained in the death of her beloved husband, and also for the respect shown him by the large attendance at the grave side, by ringing and other friends, on the day of the funeral. While upon the subject, let me thank the many friends who have addressed me on this painful circumstance, recalling as it vividly does, an unbroken friendship on just on a quarter of a century. But, alas! the extent is obtained, the peal is finished, by a call from the invisible conductor of all things. Peace be to the soul of our lamented friend.

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5081.

Start thus:—

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

2 1 3 5 4 7 6 9 8

2 3 1

3 2 1

3 1 2 4 5 6 7 8 9

1 3 4 2 6 5 7 9 8

Calling a bob on 7-8-9 at starting as usual.

3 1 2 4 5 6 4 5 16

3 1 6 2 5 4

3 1 4 6 5 2

4 1 3 2 5 6

4 1 6 3 5 2

4 1 2 6 5 3

2 1 4 3 5 6

2 1 6 4 5 3

6 1 2 3 5 4

6 1 4 2 5 3

6 1 3 4 5 2

5 1 3 2 6 4

5 1 4 3 6 2

5 1 2 4 6 3

2 1 5 3 6 4

2 1 4 5 6 3

2 1 3 4 6 5

3 1 2 5 6 4

3 1 4 2 6 5

4 1 3 5 6 2

4 1 2 3 6 5

4 1 5 2 6 3

The last eleven courses repeated, produce—

2 1 6 3 4 5

6 1 5 4 2 3

6 1 3 5 2 4

3 1 4 5 2 6

These last three courses constitute the 4th part, then the eleven-course part repeated, produce—

5 1 2 6 3 4

Brought round by bobs at 2, 5, 9.

A ½-PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.By J. A. BROWN, *Bilston, Staffs.*

1260.

2 3 4 5 6 7 1 3

4 3 7 2 6 5

7 3 5 4 6 2

3 5 4 7 6 2

5 4 2 3 6 7

2 4 7 5 6 3

4 7 3 2 6 5

3 7 5 4 6 2

7 5 4 3 6 2

5 4 2 7 6 3

4 2 3 5 6 7

Twice repeated.

6th observation, w and m. Single at w after making 3rds over 7th. Single at w and m after making 3rds over 5th.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR.By HORACE HOWLETT, *Framlingham, Suffolk.*

5152.

2 3 4 5 6 1 4 6

5 3 6 2 4

3 6 5 2 4

3 5 6 2 4

5 6 3 2 4

2 3 6 5 4

3 6 2 5 4

3 2 6 5 4

5 2 4 3 6

2 4 5 3 6

2 5 4 3 6

5 4 2 3 6

4 2 5 3 6

3 5 2 4 6

5 2 3 4 6

4 3 6 2 5

3 6 4 2 5

3 4 6 2 5

4 6 3 2 5

6 3 4 2 5

2 4 3 6 5

4 3 2 6 5

3 2 4 6 5

Repeated.

The 4th, 5th, and 6th their extent in 6ths.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR.By F. HORGGOOD, *Reading, Berks.*

5008.

2 3 4 5 6 W B M H

5 2 3 6 4

3 5 2 6 4

2 3 5 6 4

5 6 2 3 4

2 5 6 3 4

6 3 2 5 4

2 6 3 5 4

3 2 6 5 4

4 6 3 2 5

3 4 6 2 5

6 3 4 2 5

4 2 6 3 5

6 4 2 3 5

2 6 4 3 5

4 3 2 6 5

2 4 3 6 5

5 3 2 4 6

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5 4 3 2 6

3 5 4 2 6

4 2 3 5 6

3 4 2 5 6

3 2 4 5 6

3 2 6 4 5

6 3 2 4 5

2 4 6 3 5

6 2 4 3 5

4 3 6 2 5

6 4 3 2 5

3 6 4 2 5

4 2 3 6 5

3 4 2 6 5

2 3 4 6 5

The last ten courses repeated with s for last bob at home.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR.By EDGAR WIGHTMAN, *Cretingham, Suffolk.*

5040.

2 3 4 5 6 1 4 6 continued 1 4 6

3 2 6 5 4

2 6 3 5 4

6 3 2 5 4

5 2 3 6 4

2 3 5 6 4

3 5 2 6 4

6 2 5 3 4

2 6 4 3 5

6 4 2 3 5

3 2 4 6 5

2 4 3 6 5

4 3 2 6 5

6 2 3 4 5

2 3 6 4 5

3 6 2 4 5

4 2 6 3 5

2 4 5 3 6

4 5 2 3 6

3 2 5 4 6

2 5 3 4 6

5 3 2 4 6

3 4 2 5 6

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1 2 3 4 5 6

2 1 4 3 5 6

2 4 1 5 3 6

4 2 5 1 3 6

4 5 2 3 1 6

5 4 3 2 6 1

5 3 4 6 2 1

3 5 6 4 1 2

3 6 5 1 4 2

6 3 1 5 4 2

6 1 3 4 5 2

6 1 3 4 5 2

1 6 4 3 5 2

1 4 6 3 5 2

1 4 6 5 3 2

A 720 OF DARLING POINT MINOR.

- 1 4 6 3 2 5

3 5 2 6 4

2 4 6 5 3

- 6 3 4 2 5

4 5 2 3 6

2 6 3 5 4

3 4 5 6 2

5 2 6 4 3

*s 6 3 2 4 5

2 5 4 3 6

Five times repeated. *Single in first and fourth parts.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—On Monday, April 6th, eight members of the St. Stephen's, Westminster, branch of the above society, attempted a long peal of Double Norwich Major at Ashstead, Surrey, but after ringing 7392 changes, the conductor (who was suffering from a severe cold), had to cry "stand." G. Langford, 1; W. J. Sorrell, 2; F. Buck, 3; H. S. Ellis, 4; H. R. Newton, 5; S. Andrews, 6; J. Willshire, 7; J. N. Oxborrow (conductor), 8. The band intend making another attempt at an early date.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR.

By EDGAR WIGHTMAN, *Cretingham, Suffolk.*

5040.

2 3 4 5 6 W M H

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

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

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR.

By H. HOWLETT, *Framlingham.*

5040.

2 3 4 5 6 I 4

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

Twice repeated.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

By ISAAC J. ATTWATER, *Cuckfield, Sussex.*

5040.

234567

532746 5 762543 2 746235 1
 245367 3 567324 5 637452 3
 342756 5 365472 5 436275 5
 253467 3 723546 2 754623 2
 452736 5 237546 4 367254 1
 H S 235476 3 532674 5 263475 5
 745263 2 462537 5
 327645 1 564723 5
 623574 5 425637 3
 526437 5 624753 5
 425763 5 726345 5
 564237 3 327564 5
 265743 5 453627 1
 432576 2 324576 3
 654732 1 763452 2
 546732 4 247563 1
 635427 3 254376 PL

Twice repeated, with P.L. single at end. First rung at Cuckfield, Sussex, conducted by its composer.

This is a clearer version of the peal which appeared in our issue of the 11th inst.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR.

By H. HOWLETT, *Framlingham.*

5056.

2 3 4 5 6 I 5 6

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

Repeated.

A 720 OF CANTERBURY PLEASURE MINOR.

By H. READER, *Hayes, Kent.*

2 3 4 5 6

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

Five times repeated. Contains thirty singles and thirty bobs.

THREE PEALS OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

By ARTHUR CRAVEN, *Lincoln.*

5472.

2 3 4 5 6 M B W H

3 2 6 5 4 2 - 2
 2 5 3 4 6 - -
 4 3 5 2 6 1 - 2
 3 2 4 6 5 - -
 6 4 2 3 5 1 - 2
 2 4 3 6 5 - 2 1
 4 5 3 6 2 2 - 1 2
 5 2 3 6 4 1 - 2
 5 3 6 2 4 - 1 2
 6 2 5 3 4 1 - 2 1
 2 4 5 3 6 2 - 1 2
 5 3 2 4 6 1 - 2 1
 3 6 2 4 5 2 - 1 2
 2 5 4 6 3 1 - 1 2
 5 6 2 3 4 - -
 3 4 6 2 5 2 - 2
 2 3 4 5 6 - 2

Contains the 6th the extent wrong; and the 4th, 5th, and 6th the extent in 6ths, each bell being five course-ends in that position, and is the first peal ever composed with these qualities. First rung at Holy Trinity, Burnley, Lancashire, in 3 hrs. 16 mins., conducted by Tom Redman.

5120.

2 3 4 5 6 M B W H

2 4 5 3 6 - 1 2
 5 3 2 4 6 1 - 2 1
 3 6 2 4 5 2 - 1 2
 3 2 4 6 5 1 - 2 2
 2 5 4 6 3 1 - 2
 5 6 2 3 4 - -
 4 5 3 6 2 - 2 2
 5 2 3 6 4 1 - 2
 5 3 6 2 4 - 1 2
 6 2 5 3 4 1 - 2 1
 2 6 4 3 5 2 - 2
 3 2 6 5 4 - 2
 2 5 3 4 6 - -
 4 3 5 2 6 1 - 2
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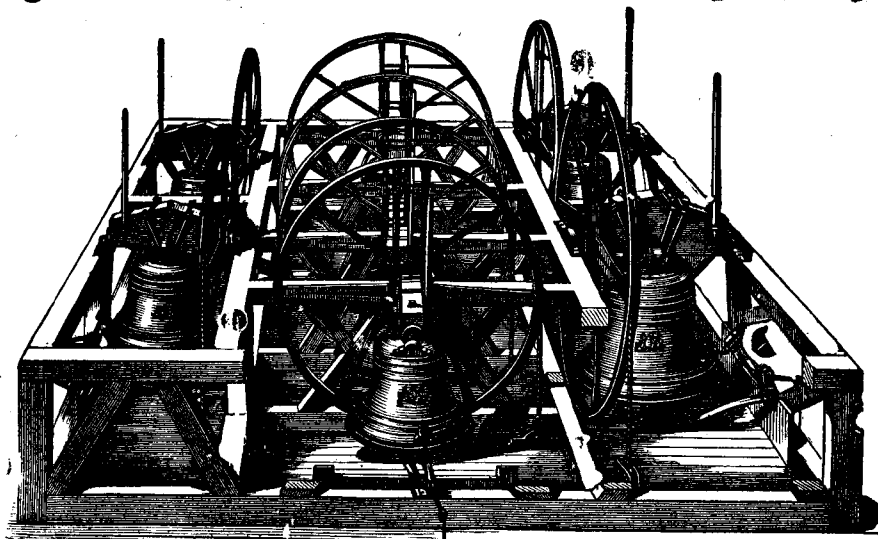
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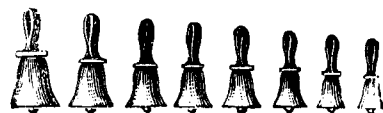
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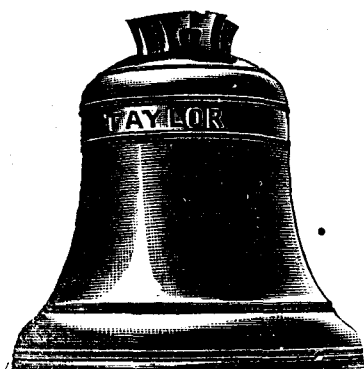
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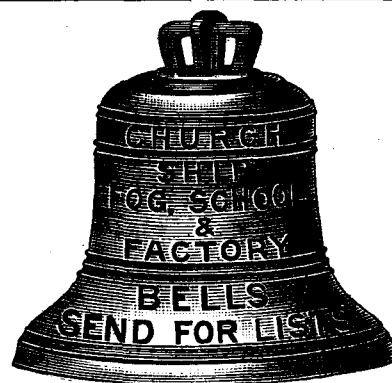
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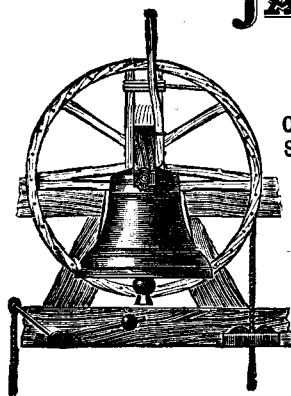
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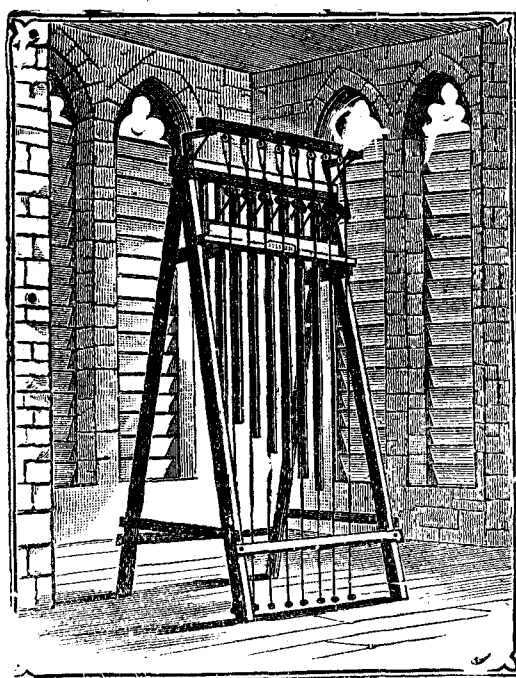
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THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The Annual Meeting of this Association was held in the Justices' Room, Town Hall, St. Albans, on Easter-Monday, April 6th. Prior to the meeting a short service was held in the Abbey, when the Ven. Archdeacon Lawrance delivered an appropriate address. In the course of his remarks he mentioned that the art of change-ringing was one which required not only great patience, but also great skill. Their work, as ringers, was closely connected with a higher calling, namely Church work, which consisted in summoning the faithful to worship in the house of God, by the sound of church bells. They regarded them as taking a most important part in the great duty which they all had to discharge according to their position and ability, for the honour and glory of God. Those who had to take any public part in the ministrations of the Church in Divine Service, the clergy and choir, and even those who held subordinate positions, in collecting for example, looked upon that duty as a very honourable and important one, and their duty, as ringers, in attending in the various towers when engaged in the solemn and beautiful ringing of the church bells was an honourable one. In the old days each peal had its name, and at the present day each new peal of bells was dedicated, and offered solemnly to God for His usage. In conclusion the rev. gentleman said he was pleased to see that the members regarded their work as a part of Church work, and he hoped that the Association would prosper and extend.

The party then adjourned to the Town Hall, when about fifty sat down to an excellent tea, Mr. T. Slater being the caterer. The Mayor (Mr. H. J. Toulmin) occupied the chair, and there were also present the Ven. Archdeacon Lawrance, the Rev. T. T. Blockley, Andrew Oliver, Esq. (London), A. T. King (Barnet), E. Hull, A. Hull, E. Whish, G. Wright, F. S. Barnes, R. C. Hammond, A. Hallett, H. L. Waddington, W. Battle, H. Brewer, H. Porter, J. W. Brewster, F. Monk (St. Albans), F. Smith, F. Edwards, W. E. Oakley, W. J. Oakley, A. J. Pate, W. Thorn, W. G. Whitehead, E. E. Huntley (Bushey), W. H. Lawrence, J. Heady, A. Phillips, A. Smith (Little Munden), W. Lightfoot (Harrow Weald), H. J. Wright (Aldenham), T. Powers, R. Shepherd, J. Shepherd, J. Hollingsworth (Hatfield), C. Clarke (Essendon), A. Miller (Southgate), W. Living, J. Gray (Graveley), T. Webb (Baldock), Messrs. F. W. Silvester, W. H. L. Buckingham, H. Lewis, E. P. Debenham (Hon. Sec.), G. W. Cartmel (assistant hon. sec.) and others. At the conclusion of the repast, a business meeting was held. The first business was the election of new members, and the following were elected: Messrs. F. Monk, G. Wright, E. Whish (St. Albans), J. Allen, W. G. Whitehead (Bushey), A. Harvey, F. Harvey (Hertford), W. Lightfoot (Harrow Weald), C. Clarke (Essendon), T. King (Barnet), — Webb (Harlow), R. C. Chalkley, W. Living (Graveley), and John Miller and Arthur Miller (Southgate), whose provisional election was confirmed.

The Secretary (Mr. Debenham) read the report, which stated that numerically the Association had maintained its strength; the roll of names of ringing members having been increased during the year by seventeen, and that of the honorary members by three. The new ringing members comprise four from St. Albans, four from Little Munden, two from Hatfield, one from Barnet, and four non-residents, and the new honorary members, two from St. Albans and one from Oxhey. In the list of members, which will be published for the coming year, one more tower will be named as being in union with the Association, and it is clear that the work of promoting the success of change-ringing had not been in vain. The ringing members now number 130, and the honorary members 19; but these figures may be subject to alteration. The financial position of the Association was good, the balance in hand being £9 15s. 11d. It was thought that every tower in union with the Association should arrange that at least one representative should be present at the annual meeting; important business comes on for discussion, and it is absolutely essential that the opinions of the various companies should be obtained. During the year three district meetings have been held. The number of peals rung during the year was extremely limited, being confined to two of Grandsire Triples and one of Grandsire Caters. The Caters peal was rung at St. Peter's, St. Albans, on October 14th, under my conductorship; a peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at Baldock on April 15th, conducted by Mr. Cawdell; and the other, in the

same method, was at Hatfield, on November 12th, conducted by Mr. A. Shepherd. This was a very small record, and if it were accepted as an absolute indication of what had been done in the way of endeavouring to become proficient, it would be said at once that change-ringing was at a standstill in Hertfordshire; but, as he had pointed out earlier in the report, he could not agree in such a conclusion. He therefore looked to some other cause for it, and thought that if all the number of attempts which had been made had been successful, they would have had a good number to enter in the peal-book, and that with a little exercise of patience and perseverance it would again come up to the standard of bygone years. As regarded individual performances, owing to the scarcity of peals, there was little material for comment. He could, however, sincerely congratulate Mr. B. Bidnell and Mr. Thurgood, of Baldock, and Mr. Lawrence, of Little Munden, upon having accomplished their first peals during the year, and also Mr. Cawdell, of Baldock, on his conducting a peal for the first time. Satisfactory progress had been made by many of the younger members, and he would especially mention that great credit was due to Mr. Lawrence for the pains he was taking to bring on the Little Munden band. He would only add that he hoped that the next twelve months would show that the energy already thrown into the work had not only been maintained, but increased. The Central Council of Church Bell Ringers met at Sheffield last Easter Tuesday. One of the items on the agenda was the consideration of a report from the committee (two of the members of which were Mr. Buckingham and myself) appointed by the Council in 1894, to deal with the question as to the necessity of umpires for handbell peals and their duties. He then read the Council's report on this subject. The conclusion came to by the Council was not to his (Mr. Debenham's) mind a satisfactory one, as the only result of the committee's labours has been the expression of the Council's opinion that were practicable there should be an umpire to every handbell peal; but what the qualifications and duties are is apparently left undetermined. He hoped that at no distant date the matter would again receive attention. It was gratifying to be able to state that the following resolution was unanimously passed: "That this meeting desires to place on record its high appreciation of the services rendered to the Exercise by the late Leonard Proctor, Esq., of Bennington, than whom no one has done more to encourage practical ringing in its highest branches." In conclusion, he again expressed his thanks for the able assistance which had been rendered from time to time by the officers and various members of the Association, and especially Mr. Cartmel, for the help he has ever been ready to give in carrying out the duties of the office he had the honour to hold.

The balance-sheet showed that at the end of last year there was a balance in hand of £10 9s. 2d. The expenditure had amounted to £8 11s. 3d., and the receipts had been £7 18s. 0d., leaving a balance in hand of £9 15s. 11d.

The Ven. Archdeacon, in proposing the adoption of the report, said it gave him great pleasure to have been chosen to make this proposition, as they had all heard the excellent report and balance sheet read by their excellent and hard-working Secretary. They all knew the great interest their Secretary took in this matter, and he was very glad to think he was a St. Albans man. He was very pleased to see so many at the Abbey that afternoon, because they had had services of the same sort which were very poorly attended. He hoped the Society would go on extending itself, as it helped to keep up the intimacy of the members with one another.

Mr. J. W. Brewer seconded, and it was carried.

A resolution was passed that the President to be elected should be a practical ringer and not an honorary member.

Mr. Huntley proposed, and Mr. Oakley seconded, that the Rev. Canon Wigram should be elected president for the ensuing year. This was put and carried by a large majority.

With regard to the election of secretary, the chairman said he was sure there would be no two opinions on this subject; he therefore proposed that the secretary should be re-elected.

Mr. Silvester, in seconding the resolution, said they had a most excellent honorary secretary; no one had known Mr. Debenham much longer than he had, and he could speak as to his worth. He congratulated the members on the progress of the Association.

Mr. Waddington seconded, and thought Mr. Debenham ought

to have taken the post of President, but he had declined that office. It was Mr. Debenham who had brought the Association to the position it now held.

The resolution was carried amid loud applause.

Mr. Huntley was next elected auditor.

Mr. Debenham proposed, and Mr. Buckingham seconded, that Messrs. Lewis and Cartmel should be elected assistant secretaries, and Mr. Debenham then proposed that all non-resident ringers might become life members of the Association on the payment of five shillings. He said he had met with very great difficulty with members out of the district in getting their subscriptions. A great many just come into the town, joined the Association, and then went away, and were never heard of again. It was rather hard for a member to have to pay ten years' subscription, and he thought it would be much better if they were called upon to pay five shillings as life members. In his opinion it would increase the membership, and the money for postage, etc., would be saved in writing for the subscriptions.

Mr. Buckingham, in seconding, said the same thing was done in other associations, and he thought it would be advisable for them to adopt similar measures.

The resolution was carried.

Mr. Cartmel said now they had members numbering over 150, and he thought they ought to have certificates of membership. He thought it would be advisable for several reasons. If they would give the secretary and himself power to find out the cost and report, they would be most happy to do so. He thought it was usual for the members each to pay a small fee, and if they paid about sixpence each, the Association could make up the other.

It was decided to leave the matter in the hands of the committee.

Mr. Debenham then proposed a vote of thanks to the Archdeacon for his excellent address to the ringers, and the kind welcome he had accorded to them; to the Mayor for the use of the Town Hall; and also to Mr. Squires for the use of the St. Peter's bells.

Mr. Buckingham seconded this, and the Rev. T. T. Blockley in putting it to the meeting, said, on behalf of the Archdeacon, who was obliged to retire, that it was a great pleasure to meet them at the church that afternoon. He was very pleased to come to their meetings occasionally, even as an honorary member.

The resolution was carried.

The Mayor said he was very pleased to help any association of this kind, and as he was a churchman he took a great interest in the Association.

Mr. Buckingham, in proposing a vote of thanks to the secretary and officers for their past services, said he was sure they were greatly indebted to Mr. Debenham for the great interest he took in the Association. He did not know where they could find a gentleman to take his place.

Mr. Lewis, in seconding the resolution, said, as an old hand, he thought Mr. Debenham ought to be called the king of the bells. He had rung with Mr. Debenham a great many times, but had never heard him cry "stand" in the middle of a peal.

The resolution was heartily carried, and this terminated the business.

The Cathedral and St. Peter's church were open during the day for ringing, and were well patronised. Aldenham was selected as the place for the next district meeting in June.

VISIT TO BEDALE, YORKS.

On Easter Monday, April 6th, a company of ringers made up from Stockton and Middlesbrough, journeyed to the above place, where arrangements had been made to try for a 5000 of Treble Bob Major on the grand old peal of bells of St. Gregory's church, some of which bear the date of 1631, and are quite in keeping with the venerable old edifice, with its massive and weather-beaten tower. Arriving at Bedale shortly after 11 a.m., a short visit was made to head-quarters for the day (The Black Swan), where slight refreshments were indulged in previous to making a start. On reaching the tower, the ropes were thoroughly overhauled and taken up on the wheels, and some of "Brown's Mixture" applied to the bearings, whilst at the lower end, Mr. J. Clarkson was busy attaching adjustable

tufts to the rope-ends of the heavier bells, which turned out a capital idea for saving soft hands. So for everything had been done to make our efforts a success, and the only thing conceivable to militate against bringing off the peal was the extra long flight of rope. A start being made, everything went well for three courses, when the climax came, our tenor man could not proceed further, through the bad go of the tenor, and the bells had to be set up after ringing 1152 changes. Nothing daunted, another attempt was at once made, but still with little better result, as the bells had to be brought round at the part-end (1762 changes, in 1 hour 7 minutes), it being found impossible to ring anything like a full peal on them, so bad was the tenor going. On examining the bell causing the trouble, it was soon discovered she was gudgeon bound, and will have to be shortened, before a peal is likely to be rung even with two men hanging on to her. An adjournment for dinner was the next move, which was served up in capital style, and fully appreciated, judging by the appetites of the band. Dinner over, the handbells were brought out, and courses of Caters and Treble Bob Major were rung. After a short stroll and pull at the weed, another visit was made to the tower, where ringing for the day was brought to a close with 640 of Kent Treble Bob, and after letting the bells down in peal, the rest of the evening, previous to train time, was occupied in talking over the events of the day. The visitors wish to thank the Rector, the Rev. J. G. Beresford, B.A., for so kindly placing the bells at their disposal, also the local men who helped to make our outing so pleasant. 1792 Kent Treble Bob;—W. Newton, 1; J. H. Jones, 2; W. Rudd, 3; J. Passmore, 4; T. Waller, 5; T. Stephenson, 6; J. H. Blakiston (conductor), 7; G. J. Clarkson, 8. Tenor 24 cwt. 640 Kent Treble Bob, same as above, conducted by G. J. Clarkson. Course of Grandsire Caters on Handbells;—J. W. Passman, 1-2; G. J. Clarkson, 3-4; T. Stephenson, 5-6; J. H. Blakiston, 7-8; W. Newton, 9-10. Course of Kent Major;—W. Rudd, 1; J. H. Jones, 2; G. J. Clarkson, 3-4; T. Stephenson, 5-6; W. Newton, 7-8. B.

RE-OPENING OF BELLS AT WYE, KENT.

On Thursday, April 9th, this fine ring of eight (tenor 26 cwt.), was re-opened, after repairs, by Messrs. Warner, which included the re-casting of the 2nd and 3rd, and the re-hanging of the rest. A formal dedication service was held in the churchyard at 3 p.m., in the course of which the local ringers rung some rounds. The service was read by the Rev. Curate-in-charge, Rev. Ashton Gwatkin, Vicar of St. John's, Margate, and the Rev. — Holmes. The choir was in attendance, and sung the Old Hundredth as a processional, and at the end of the service, the special hymn, "In Sinai's dreary waste." A band of members of the Kent County Association attempted a peal of Stedman Triples, but owing to the recommendation of the bellfounders not having been adopted, the bad go of the tenor precluded all hope of bringing the peal to a successful conclusion. The tenor-man, however, was not to be persuaded that the feat was impossible. Accordingly, shortly after four o'clock, the bells were started, the men standing in the following order:—H. G. Fairbrass, 1; F. Marriott, 2; A. A. Andrews, 3; Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, 4; G. Sayer, 5; S. Binfield, 6; P. H. Peirce (conductor), 7; R. Goodburn, tenor. After half-an-hour's ringing the tenor-man was almost flagged out, and a request to the conductor to call less loudly caused a little confusion. "Stand" was therefore called at exactly thirty-two minutes from the start. We hear that the bellfounders have received instructions to strengthen the old frame. They ought to have had such orders in the first instance. It now remains to be seen whether a peal on these bells is possible.

Central Council Correspondence.

C. C. VERBATIM REPORT.—A CORRECTION.

SIR,—In the Report of the proceedings of the Council meeting, the word "difficult" has, by some accident been substituted for "sufficient" in the last sentence of my remarks on Mr. Boutflower's motion, thus obscuring the meaning which I wished to convey.

H. EARLE BULWER.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, April 25th, a large number of ringers met at St. Clement Danes church, Strand, in honour of the 62nd anniversary of Mr. James Pettit's birthday.

A peal of Stedman Caters, with Mr. Pettit conducting, was successfully accomplished, an account of which will be found in our peal columns.

But it was after this performance that the more important proceedings took place, at the meeting room of the St. James's Society, which was filled to its utmost capacity. A. P. Heywood Esq., being introduced to the assembly by Mr. W. Burkin, very gracefully let Mr. Pettit into the secret of the meaning of this large gathering, viz.: the presentation to him of a purse of gold, and an album containing an illuminated address and a list of subscribers' names. After making an excellent speech, Mr. Heywood read the address, which was as follows:—

"April 25th, 1896.—The following members of the Ancient College of Youths and friends, presented Mr. James Pettit with this Testimonial and a purse containing £33, as a small token of the regard and esteem in which he is held by them, and in recognition of the valuable services he has rendered to the Art of Change-Ringing."

Mr. Heywood then handed the purse and album to Mr. Pettit. A course of Grandsire Cinques on the handbells immediately followed, being rung by H. R. Newton, 1-2; W. H. L. Buckingham, 3-4; C. F. Winney, 5-6; H. Hopkins, 7-8; J. Rogers, 9-10; W. D. Smith, 11-12.

Mr. Pettit, in well-chosen words, expressed his heartfelt thanks to all who had taken part in this handsome present, and on sitting down was heartily greeted with "For he's a jolly good fellow."

Mr. W. D. Smith enlivened the proceedings with "The Longshoreman," and then a vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Heywood, with much acclamation, and "musical honours." A very pleasant evening was brought to a close at 11.30 with the singing of "Auld lang syne."

As a finish to the album, it is intended to have the birthday peal recorded on a page following the list of subscribers' names.

The members of the Committee who undertook the responsibility of raising this testimonial, return their most sincere thanks to all who have so kindly supported them in this matter.

THIRSK, YORKSHIRE.

On Easter Tuesday, eleven ringers from the towers of St. Cuthbert's, St. John's, and Holy Trinity, Darlington, paid a visit to the above place, to have a ring on the fine peal of eight (tenor about 11 cwt). We were met at Thirsk station by Mr. J. Wrightson, captain of the local band, and after a pleasant walk found ourselves in the quaint old town, with its spacious market-place and substantial, though time-worn buildings, some of the houses still being covered by their original thatch; the beautiful old church standing on rising ground at the end of the Kirkgate, with its rich ornamentation, lofty clerestory, and grandly-proportioned tower, was in itself worth our journey to see. If the outside excited our admiration, the inside was equally worthy, the Easter decorations were still untouched, and they were very beautiful. The church has not a dark corner in it, and showed to advantage the fine old oak roof, the old carved screens, the oak seats, and the richly-furnished choir vestry. A few words of kindly greeting from the Vicar, the Rev. J. C. Hanson, put us at our ease, and ascending the belfry steps, we entered the ringing chamber. Mr. Wrightson kindly taking the treble, the bells were raised in peal, and a touch of Grandsire Triples was successfully brought round. How our ringers itched to try a 5000! the fine tone and the first-class condition of the bells were a credit to all concerned. The cravings of the inner man now claiming attention, we fortified ourselves with a substantial dinner at Host Wain's, of the King's Arms. Being now joined by two more of the local ringers, we returned to the tower, and rang some more touches of Grandsire Triples. Another contingent of ringers having arrived from Masham, Treble Bob and Stedman Triples were the order of the day, operations being carried on until the clock warned us to be moving to the station. We all agreed it was one of the most pleasant outings we had ever had, the

courtesy and kindness of Mr. Wrightson and his friends cannot be too highly praised. The names of the ringers were:—W. Porter, G. Park, G. W. Park, R. Willson, G. Tate, T. Scollick, J. Bolton, W. Auld, J. Schutt, T. Lungley, G. J. Lungley from Darlington; J. Wrightson, J. Long, and another friend, Thirsk; — Mallaby, — Piekersgill, T. Clarke and — Burton from Masham. The following touches were brought round: 420, 504, two 168's, and 546 of Grandsire Triples, 576 Kent Treble Bob Major, and a plain course of Plain Bob Major. A touch of Stedman Triples was attempted but came to grief. L.

THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly meeting of the above Association took place at All Saints', Edmonton, on Saturday, the 18th April, and may be said to have been almost the most successful meeting ever held by the Association. The following towers were represented:—Barnet, Edmonton, Finchley, Hadley, Hendon, Southgate, Stoke Newington, and Tottenham; several of the unattached members being also present. The Hon. Secretary of the South and West Middlesex Association, with two of his ringing colleagues from Christ Church, Ealing, attended, and were welcomed by the members. The bells were raised shortly after six o'clock, and with only an interval for the election of mem- and the other business of the meeting, were kept going till close upon 10 o'clock.

Touches were rung in the following methods: Grandsire Triples, Stedman Triples, Oxford Bob Triples, Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob Major, Oxford Treble Bob Major, and Double Norwich Court Bob Major, and were in most instances successfully brought round.

At the business meeting, the Hon. Secretary informed the members of the steps he had taken in pursuance of a former resolution, to approach the South and West Middlesex Association on the question of an amalgamation of both as Districts of a Middlesex County Association, and he incidentally stated, that though he had no reason to think that the question was being otherwise than favourably discussed by the sister Association, it would be unreasonable to expect any definite action to be taken till after their annual meeting in May.

The death of Mr. George Newson, a member of the Association, was feelingly alluded to by the Master, Mr. C. H. Martin, of Hendon, and the meeting unanimously passed a resolution of condolence with Mrs. Newson on her bereavement, the Hon. Secretary being requested to convey to her the regretful sympathy of the members.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and also to Mr. Tufton, the Steeplekeeper, for his courtesy in consulting the convenience of the members, brought this most successful meeting to a close.

It should be mentioned that among the peal boards in the belfry, no less than three date from the last century, a fact which may well inspire the present band of ringers, who being worthy successors of the men of ancient fame, are not likely to allow the exercise of change-ringing to fall into desuetude.

QUEDGELEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

On Tuesday, April 21st, the members of the local company met and rang a peal of Union Triples, as a farewell peal to F. Knight, which is recorded in its proper place. After the peal, Mr. W. Brown had the pleasure of presenting Mr. Knight with a handsome plated teapot and spoons, suitably inscribed, on behalf of the ringers and a few friends, saying how sorry they all were to lose him, and wishing him every success in his new home.

Mr. Knight, who was completely taken by surprise, said he was very sorry to part from them, but it was a great consolation to think he was not going very far, and he hoped to have the pleasure of ringing a great many more peals with them.

The above was the conductor's twenty-fifth peal, viz.—Grandsire Triples, 13, conducted 11; Canterbury Pleasure Triples, 2, conducted 1; Bob Triples, 1; Darlston Bob Triples, 2, conducted 2; Union Triples, 1, conducted 1; Stedman Triples, 1; Canterbury Pleasure Major, 3, conducted 2; Bob Major, 1, conducted 1; Treble Bob Major, 1.

CURRENT TOPICS.

The numerous postal deliveries at the office of this paper has included several letters to me during the week, welcoming, almost with fervour, the re-appearance of my notes. I am much obliged to those kind writers, and I will try to meet their views in every possible way. Approval such as these letters show is very cheering, and it is much appreciated. A letter to the Editor from a brother-ringer at Kettering, in Northamptonshire, has been shown to me. This gentleman compliments all concerned upon the appearance of the double number, adding the remark that all the Kettering company would be glad to have such a number every week. Well, we shall see. If we behave ourselves we shall have the promised illustrations in these double numbers, and then the increased circulation in consequence may be the means of continuing them. Each of the readers of "BELL NEWS" have been asked more than once to get one new permanent subscriber. Now is the time to do so, fellow-readers. Just each of you within the next four weeks enlist one more in the cause, especially you who have received any individual benefit through its instrumentality.

Talking about postal deliveries, very few readers of "BELL NEWS" imagine the extent of the cargo of letters which reaches the office day by day. I met with the postman this Wednesday evening as I was about entering the office, and in the course of a short conversation he told me that more letters were delivered there than at any other house (either private or business) in the parish. One morning at the first post, forty-five letters were deposited in the letter-box; and though such a record has not been beaten, it is sometimes run very closely. Now it must take some time to open the envelopes, and then sort out the correspondence, placing it in different batches for treatment. Then sometimes proofs have to be sent to the writers before their effusions appear, so that they may themselves see that all is correct; if incorrect the responsibility is of course theirs. Sometimes the penmanship is not very distinct, and cases have occurred where no amount of ingenuity, even by the most talented caligraphic expert, has been able to decipher what the writer has committed to paper. It may be there is no time to return the MS.; it must be interpreted somehow; and we may all naturally suppose that the editing of such contributions as these is done, if not with fear and trembling, at any rate with feelings not of the profoundest satisfaction. In converse with the foreman printer, I gathered that it happens now and then that some one who has sent a letter for insertion sends again at the last moment another letter to substitute for that which has been already put into type, and is just going to be printed. Then the "correspondence" page has to be taken to pieces again, and valuable time is wasted. We should think of such temper-trying instances as these when we are inclined to grumble at something which does not please us. "But to horse!" This is a classical quotation, be it understood, but its origin I do not know.

One kind friend points out to me that my Shakesperian quotation of last week is altogether wrong. "Shakespeare," he says, never made use of such a phrase as "Throw grammar to the dogs." I never said he did. My friend says the quotation should be "Throw *physic* to the dogs." Ah! well! I thought grammar a kind of

physic at one time. Whatever would be the use of throwing physic to dogs. Would they thank you for it? No; not they. There is evidently some obscurity in Shakespeare's language and meaning with respect to this quotation. I think he must have meant grammar after all. We will however leave this for the present.

Very good, that article from the *Birmingham Daily Post*, last week. If such was written by a non-ringer, as it imports, he must have been very well primed beforehand. What I mean by that is, that it was necessary to coach him, not only in the technical phraseology of ringing, but in the description of what he had to see. He informed his readers that "St. Martin's belfry is a spacious and comfortable apartment, and there are a number of inscribed boards, recording the more notable achievements of the Change-Ringers' Society." But he failed to notice what I believe is the case with one of the most elaborate peal-tablets in the kingdom, which said tablet is on the walls of St. Martin's. This is a very handsome affair in stone, given by the late Mr. Hopkins, a ringer. It is the record of several peals of Stedman Cinques by the St. Martin's company. But unfortunately since its erection the floor of the ringing-chamber has been lifted, with the result that part of this tablet is now above the floor, and the other part beneath. This fact promises much for the preservation of elaborate peal-tablets. It is said representations have been made to those in authority having for their object the removal of this tablet to a more seemly position, but the rejoinder is, I believe, that attempt at removal would destroy it altogether by breaking it in pieces. That may be so. Birmingham is certainly a marvellous place, but there's a good deal of "Brummagem" about it. It is now a city, by Act of Parliament. A city, without bishop or cathedral, looks and sounds very much "Brummagem." There is plenty of money in this modern bran-new city, but the good folk don't care to shell out any of it for a cathedral, or for a bishop, or for church bells. A suggestion for a town's subscription to defray the cost of a new peal-tablet for St. Martin's would therefore probably be met by a rejoinder comprising allusions to the county asylum for lunatics, and such would be "just like Brummagem."

Yet another once prominent ringer departed—Colonel Troyte. Though the present generation have scarcely heard of him, yet his name was a force among the Exercise at one time. I think it was at the church of the village where he reigned as Squire,—Huntsham, Devon—that the first peal, all by clergymen, was rung. What is remarkable is that all the three brothers fell off from the practice entirely.

PLAIN SPEAKER.

Oundle, Northamptonshire.

BELL ACCIDENT.—On a recent Sunday, at St. Peter's church, a curious accident happened in the belfry. Just after the ringers had completed their duties before the morning service, one of the bells, weighing a ton, owing to the giving way of one end of the gudgeon, fell from its position, damaging the wheel. The other end of the gudgeon firmly retained its position, thereby preventing a more serious mishap. Oundle bells are a ring of eight of various dates, tenor 26 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lbs. They were re-hung, and four bells re-cast after the disastrous fire in the year 1868.

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Notices.

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The Heavy Woollen District Association, Yorkshire.—A Committee Meeting will be held at The Butcher's Arms, Armitage Bridge, to-day, Saturday, May 2nd, at 5.30 p.m. to select Judges and other business connected with Six-Bell Contest. GEO. H. SIMON, 19, Albert Street, Batley Carr. Hon. Sec.

Lancashire Association.—The half-yearly meeting will take place to-day, Saturday, May 2nd, at Burnley. The following towers will be open for ringing from 3 p.m.: The parish church, eight bells; and Holy Trinity church, eight bells. Tea will be provided at 5 p.m. in Holy Trinity Church schools, at 9d. each. Business meeting at 6 p.m. in Holy Trinity church schools.

J. REDFORD, }
J. WILSON, } Hon. Secs.
A. E. WREAKS, }

N.B.—The nearest Railway Station to Holy Trinity church is Burnley Barracks station.

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next Meeting of the above will be held at Wolstanton, to-day, Saturday May 2nd.

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

The Kent County Association.—Ashford District.—A district meeting (without allowances), will be held at Hythe this Saturday afternoon, May 2nd, at 3 o'clock, to commemorate the jubilee of the peal of 13,440 Bob Major rung there on May 4th, 1846. Of those who took part in the peal, Mr. E. Hyder, 7; and Mr. T. Post, tenor, are the only survivors, and it is hoped that they will attend the meeting.

C. WILFRID BLAXLAND, District Hon. Sec.
Hythe, Kent.

Gloucester and Bristol Association.—Bristol.—A meeting for practice will be held at St. Mary Redcliffe Church (12), on Monday, May 4th, at 7.30 p.m.

C. H. GORDON, Local Sec.
Beechwood Villa, Stapleton.

Kent County Association.—Tonbridge District.—A Meeting of the above District (without allowances) will be held at Goudhurst (8 bells), on Wednesday, May 6th. Tower open from 1 o'clock till 9 p.m. Business Meeting at 6.30, at the Bricklayers' Arms. It is hoped that as many Members as possible will attend.

W. LATTER, Hon. District Sec.
67, Goods Station Road, Tunbridge Wells.

Kent County Association.—Rochester District.—The next Quarterly Meeting of the above will be held at Upchurch, on Saturday, 9th May, at 4.30 p.m.

A. OSBORNE, Hon. District Sec.
65, Clive Road, Rochester.

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association. The next quarterly meeting will be held at Cheddar on Saturday, May 9th. Service in parish church at 3.15 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Towers open, Cheddar, Banwell, Winscombe, and Axbridge.

H. W. TOMKINS,
Hon. Sec. and Treasurer.
The Cottage, Old Cleve, Washford.

Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—The next Monthly Meeting will be held at Christ Church, Aughton, on Saturday, May 9th. Bells ready at 3.30 p.m. Meeting at 6 p.m. HENRY COLBY, Branch Sec.
3, Rumford Place.

The South and West Middlesex Guild.—The next monthly meeting of the above will be held by kind permission of Rev. C. M. Harvey, at St. John's, Hillingdon, on Saturday, May 16th. Ringing at 5.30.

E. J. WALSOM, Hon. Sec.
1, Kerrison Villas, The Park, Ealing.

South and West Middlesex Guild.—The Second Annual General Meeting of the above Guild will be held at All Saints' church, Isleworth, by kind permission of Rev. T. F. Bigg, on Whit-Monday, 25th May, 1896. Fuller particulars will be published next week.

E. J. WALSOM, Hon. Sec.

Midland Counties' Association.—Election of Representatives to Central Council. The election of the four representatives will take place at the next quarterly meeting at Burton-on-Trent. Nominations for each delegate duly signed by two members, must reach me not later than the 15th of June next. Voting papers will then be prepared, and the delegates balloted for at the meeting. It must be distinctly understood that only the names of the nominees forwarded to me in accordance with above notice will appear on the voting papers.

Notice to Conductors.—After this notice the following regulation passed by the committee at the annual meeting will take effect, viz.: "All reports of peals not sent (to Mr. Wakley, 155, Waterloo Street, Burton-on-Trent), within one month of performance will be charged with a fee of 6d. each for booking, and no peal forwarded after the 31st of January will under any circumstances be included in the report of the preceding year."

J. O. LANCASHIRE, Hon. Sec.
22, St. Peter's Road, Leicester.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

TOM.—When you find affairs in the condition you fear, we advise you to retire from the scene altogether. Conduct such as you mention is most contemptible, but there are, unfortunately, many little men yet to be found in the Exercise.

C. W.—We will ask our friend "Plain Speaker" to write you an explanation.

OLD READER.—We believe the rev. gentleman died soon after his removal to the institution. The case was a very sad one.

SIX-SCORE.—We do not partake of your fears. The schism you would like to establish would meet with scant encouragement.

ADDRESS WANTED.—Mr. H. C. Woodward, of Derby.

NOTE TO THE PEAL AT HAGLEY.—This is the Conductor's 100th Peal, made up as follows:—Double Norwich, 21; Grandsire Triples, 14; Seven different Methods, 13; Bob Major, 12; Stedman Triples, 8; Kent Treble Bob Major, 6; Canterbury Major, 4; Bob Triples, 4; Superlative Surprise Major, 3; Double Oxford Bob Major, 2; Oxford Treble Major, 2; Kent Treble Bob Maximus, 1; Kent Treble Bob Royal, 1; Stedman Caters, 1; Grandsire Caters, 1; Bob Caters, 1; Cambridge Surprise Major, 1; Grandsire Major, 1; Canterbury Triples, 1; Union Triples, 1; Five different Methods, 1; Four different Methods, 1; Conducted, 30.

Compositions.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR.

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Repeated. This peal has the 4th and 5th eleven times each in 6ths place, and the 6th twelve times wrong and twenty-four times at home.

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FOR SALE.—Set of 103 handbells. Low C. In good condition. For price and particulars apply to Mrs. Wilson, Dusty Miller, Mirfield.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, MAY 2, 1896.

AN interesting ceremony took place on the evening of Saturday, April 25th, at an hostelry in the Strand which has some claims upon attention from its reputation of being the very tavern where the renowned lexicographer—DR. JOHNSON—was formerly wont to take his ease and enjoyment after his Fleet Street perambulations. This ceremony was the presentation of a testimonial to MR. JAMES PETTIT, by members of the College Youths and others. The account of the proceedings will be found elsewhere, but the occurrence we think may well bear further allusion. MR. PETTIT has for many years been known to the London Exercise as a most painstaking and correct ringer and conductor, and it may with truth be added that a more "safe" (as the word is understood) bob-caller has never appeared. Since the lamented death of the late MR. H. W. HALEY, he has been regarded as the premier among conductors in the above-named society. Joined to this is the fact that he has the firm respect of every one who is acquainted with him, both in

London and the provinces; in fact it would be difficult to find any one in the Exercise more respected by his colleagues than is JAMES PETTIT. The College Youths have in this instance done themselves honour by paying tribute to private worth, and the circumstance itself affords another example of the belief that integrity brings its own reward. We wish our old friend "many happy returns," coupled with the full blessings of health and prosperity as the evening of life approaches.

The Metropolis.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, April 25, 1896, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT DANES, STRAND,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES.

Tenor 24 cwt.

JAMES PETTIT Treble.	W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM .. 6.
GEORGE T. McLAUGHLIN .. 2.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. 7.
EDWIN HORREX 3.	CHALLIS F. WINNEY .. 8.
HENRY SPRINGALL 4.	WILLIAM D. SMITH .. 9.
WILLIAM BURKIN 5.	WILLIAM T. COCKERILL .. Tenor.

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW and

Conducted by JAMES PETTIT.

Rung on the 62nd anniversary of the conductor's birthday.

THE WATERLOO SOCIETY, LONDON.

On Saturday, April 25, 1896, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST, WATERLOO ROAD,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM TRUSS Treble.	ARTHUR R. DAVIS 5.
ARTHUR HARDY 2.	HAROLD N. DAVIS 6.
FREDERICK J. PERRIN .. 3.	HARRY BARTON 7.
VICTOR W. WEST 4.	FREDERICK J. PITTS .. Tenor.

Composed by the late GEORGE NEWSON and

Conducted by FREDERICK J. PITTS.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the memory of the composer. This peal has the 6th her extent at home, and the 2nd never in 6th place at a course-end.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LEWISHAM DISTRICT.)

On Monday, April 27, 1896, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALEN, WOOLWICH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S BOB-AND-SINGLE VARIATION. Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM FOREMAN .. Treble.	HARRY HOSKINS 5.
WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE .. 2.	THOMAS TAYLOR 6.
WILLIAM BERRY 3.	FREDERICK W. THORNTON .. 7.
WILLIAM JOHN JEFFRIES .. 4.	CHARLES VENABLES .. Tenor.

Conducted by FREDERICK WILLIAM THORNTON.

The Provinces.

CHELTENHAM.—CHELTENHAM AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Thursday, March 12, 1896, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5112 CHANGES.

F. MUSTY Treble.	F. E. WARD 6.
G. H. PHILLOTT 2.	†G. HAMLETT 7.
W. T. PATES 3.	†W. DYER 8.
W. TOWNSEND* 4.	A. W. HUMPHRIS 9.
W. BRINKWORTH 5.	R. TRIGG Tenor.

Composed by W. T. PATES and Conducted by W. DYER.

*First peal of Grandsire Caters. †First peal of Caters. ‡First peal on ten bells as conductor. Messrs. F. Musty, Phillott, Pates, and Humphries rang in the long peal of 15,227 Grandsire Caters at Cheltenham, on April 22nd, 1889, which took 9 hours 45 minutes.

OXFORD.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(THE OXFORD SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, April 16, 1896, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

C. HOUNSLOW Treble.	WILLIAM BASTON 5.
FREDERICK C. EXON 2.	CHARLES H. FOWLER .. 6.
EDWIN HIMS 3.	J. W. WASHBROOK .. 7.
CHARLES H. EXON 4.	J. MOGRIDGE Tenor.

Conducted by J. W. WASHBROOK.

QUEDGELEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 21, 1896, in Two Hours and Forty-one Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF UNION TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

JOHN G. LUSHER Treble.	WILLIAM BROWN 5.
THOMAS MANSFIELD 2.	STEPHEN KNIGHT 6.
HARRY FORD 3.	CHARLES LYES 7.
FRANK KNIGHT 4.	CHARLES COX Tenor.

Composed by DR. A. B. CARPENTER and

Conducted by FRANK KNIGHT.

This is the first peal in the method on the bells, and by all the band, and is taken from the "Appendix" 1895, page 40.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

(THE DUFFIELD SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, April 22, 1896, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5044 CHANGES.

Tenor 17 cwt.

JOHN HOWE Treble.	EVAN MORETON 6.
ALBERT E. THOMPSON .. 2.	JOHN PATCHETT 7.
A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD .. 3.	ALFRED ROBINSON .. 8.
GEORGE DAWSON 4.	JOHN FLOWER 9.
WILLIAM HICKLING 5.	THOMAS DRAPER Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD.

FARNHAM, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, April 22, 1896, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 21 cwt.

A. SMITH Treble.	J. HAWKES 5.
H. GARFATH 2.	C. FRY 6.
A. E. HEADY 3.	E. CLAPSHAW 7.
A. LE CLERCQ 4.	F. A. BARNETT Tenor.

Conducted by H. GARFATH.

This is the first peal on the bells since the 2nd has been recast, which was cracked in February, 1895. The new bell was dedicated on March 31st last.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, April 23, 1896, in Three Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5183 CHANGES.

Tenor 23 cwt.

THOMAS ATTWELL* .. Treble.	JOHN J. JONES 6.
CHARLES EADES* 2.	FRANK BENNETT 7.
HENRY WHITE 3.	JOHN W. WHITING .. 8.
WILLIAM W. THORNE .. 4.	*FRANK BLONDELL .. 9.
REV. R. C. M. HARVEY .. 5.	*FREDERICK WOOD .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

*First peal of Caters. This peal has the 4th, 5th, and 6th each eighteen courses behind the 9th.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.
(LOUGHBOROUGH BRANCH.)

On Friday, April 24, 1896, in Three Hours and Twenty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5040 CHANGES. Tenor 28 cwt.

FRED BARRETT† Treble.	†JOS. HARDY 5.
ARTHUR W. MATTHEWS .. 2.	JOHN SMITH 6.
W. HICKLEY† 3.	ERNEST W. CARTWRIGHT 7.
W. H. INGLESANT* 4.	JOHN W. TAYLOR, JUN. .. Tenor.

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW and
Conducted by JOHN W. TAYLOR, JUN.

†First peal in the method. *First peal in the method with a bob bell. The calling will be found under No. 302 of the Society's performances.

CROYDON, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 21, 1896, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
SHIPWAY'S SIX-PART. Tenor 32 cwt.

GEORGE BURT Treble.	JOSEPH TALBOT 5.
EDGAR BENNETT 2.	WILLIAM STATES 6.
JAMES RUMBLE 3.	CHARLES BANCE 7.
EDWARD MATTHEWS .. 4.	ALFRED COLLINS Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM STATES.

HAGLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 25, 1896, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR,
5008 CHANGES. Tenor 9 cwt.

THOMAS J. SALTER Treble.	*WILLIAM H. SMITH 5.
JOHN O. BENNETT* 2.	JOHN BARBER 6.
ALBERT E. PARSONS .. 3.	WILLIAM H. BARBER .. 7.
NOAH DAVIS* 4.	WILLIAM SHORT Tenor.

Composed by H. W. WILDE, of Duffield, and
Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

*First peal in the method, and first peal in the method on the bells. A note to this peal will be found elsewhere.

TITCHMARSH, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

On Saturday, April 25, 1896, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.
Tenor 21 cwt.

WILLIAM J. GILBERT .. Treble.	*WALTER GILBERT 5.
GEORGE JEFFS 2.	FRED GILBERT 6.
RICHARD BILLING* .. 3.	†HENRY STUBBS 7.
JACOB BATES* 4.	*CHARLES FAULKNER .. Tenor.

Composed by F. GILBERT and Conducted by H. STUBBS.

†First peal as conductor. *First peal of Bob Triples. This is the quickest peal rung on the bells. Messrs. Gilbert (3) and H. Stubbs hail from Raunds.

CAVERSHAM, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 25, 1896, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' ORIGINAL. Tenor 14 cwt.

ALBERT CULLUM* .. Treble.	ALBERT E. REEVES 5.
JOSEPH HANDS 2.	GEORGE ESSEX 6.
EDWIN MENDAY 3.	THOMAS NEWMAN 7.
ERNEST MENDAY 4.	HARRY SIMMONDS Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS NEWMAN.

*First peal. A. E. Reeves hails from Reading.

Performances on Five and Six Bells.

STANFORD, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

(LOUGHBOROUGH DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, April 25, 1896, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

SEVEN 720S OF BOB MINOR, each called differently.
Tenor 17 cwt.

GEORGE DOUGHTY* .. Treble.	*JOHN YATES 4.
HARRY WHITTLE* 2.	WILLIAM INGLESANT .. 5.
WILLIAM WILLSON 3.	EDWARD READER Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM WILLSON.

*First 5040. This is the first 5040 on the bells, which have recently been hung by Messrs. Taylor and Co., and the "go" of them is perfection. The ringers of the 1st, 2nd, and 4th belong to the local band, and have been under the tuition of Mr. E. Reader.

GRAPPENHALL, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

In Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes (no date mentioned),

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,

SEVEN 720S OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, as follows:

City Delight, Killamars, Woodbine, Duke of York, Merchant's
Return, New London Pleasure, and Oxford.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

HARRY MOSTON Treble.	SAMUEL HORSFALL 4.
ROBERT GEO. LEWIS .. 2.	FREDERICK T. SPENCE .. 5.
THOMAS BURROWS .. 3.	JOHN W. BOOTH Tenor.

Conducted by FREDERICK THOMAS SPENCE.

Date Touches.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

STOWMARKET (Suffolk).—On Monday, March 23rd, at the church of SS. Peter and Mary, a date touch of Bob Major in 1 hr. 15 mins. W. Welham, 1; C. Souter, 2; E. Diaper, 3; E. Buckle, 4; H. Gedny (longest touch), 5; J. Wade, 6; W. Souter (conductor), 7; W. Rouse, 8. Tenor 24 cwt. Composed by the Rev. J. Holme Pilkington, rector of Framlingham.

FRAMLINGHAM (Suffolk).—On Easter Monday, at St. Michael's church, a date touch of Bob Major, 1896 changes, in 1 hr. 11 mins. W. Ostler, 1; Rev. J. Holme Pilkington (composer and conductor), 2; A. E. Read, 3; C. Harper, 4; J. Heffer, jun., 5; W. Flory, 6; S. Garnham, 7; J. C. Self, 8.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

EASTHAM (Cheshire).—On Wednesday, April 1st, for practice at St. Mary's church, a date touch in the following methods: 60 College Single, 360 Oxford Bob Minor, 720 Canterbury Pleasure, and 756 Bob Minor. J. Hasprey, 1; J. Woods, 2; J. Hughes, 3; J. Smith, 4; W. Smith (conductor), 5; J. Rowlands, 6. Longest touch as conductor.

PECKLETON (Lincolnshire).—On Saturday, April 11th, at St. Mary's church, a date touch of 1896 Bob Minor, in 1 hr. 8 mins. J. Thompson, 1; A. R. Aldham, 2; W. A. Needham, 3; J. Noble, 4; J. H. Swinfield, 5; H. Briggs (longest length as conductor), 6.

Miscellaneous.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BEXHILL (Sussex).—On February 2nd, 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Page, 1; N. Cruttenden, 2; H. Cruttenden, 3; T. Stephens, 4; G. Marchant, 5; T. Hunnisett (conductor), 6; T. Clarke, 7; W. Sharpe, 8. On February 18th, 504 in same method. J. Page, 1; T. Clarke, 2; H. Cruttenden, 3; T. Stephens, 4; G. Marchant, 5; T. Hunnisett (conductor), 6; N. Cruttenden, 7; C. Carter (Eastbourne), 8. On March 10th, 910 in the same method. C. Carter, 1; T. Clarke, 2; H. Cruttenden, 3; F. Lock, 4; G. Marchant, 5; N. Cruttenden, 6; T. Hunnisett (conductor), 7; J. Page, 8. F. Lock hails from Christ Church, Blacklands, Hastings. On March 20th, 519. J. Page, 1; W.

Franks (conductor), 2; N. Cruttenden, 3; T. Stephens, 4; T. Clarke, 5; G. Marchant, 6; T. Hunnisett, 7; W. Eldridge, 8. W. Eldridge and W. Franks hail from Bexhill. On March 24th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 47 mins. W. E. Smith, 1; T. Clarke, 2; H. Cruttenden, 3; N. Cruttenden, 4; F. Lock, 5; G. Marchant, 6; T. Hunnisett (conductor), 7; W. Swain, 8. First quarter-peal by Smith, Lock, and Swain. And 350 in the same method. W. E. Smith, 1; N. Cruttenden, 2; H. Cruttenden, 3; T. Clarke, 4; F. Lock, 5; T. Saker, 6; T. Hunnisett (conductor), 7; W. Swain, 8. Saker, Smith, Lock, and Swain hail from Christ Church, Blacklands, Hastings. On April 10th, 504 in the same method. J. Page, 1; N. Cruttenden, 2; T. Clarke, 3; H. Cruttenden, 4; G. Marchant, 5; T. Saker, 6; T. Hunnisett (conductor), 7; W. Sharpe, 8. Also 519. J. Page, 1; T. Hunnisett, 2; H. Cruttenden, 3; T. Saker (conductor), 4; T. Stephens, 5; G. Marchant, 6; T. Clarke, 7; W. Sharpe, 8.

BRIGHTON (Sussex).—On Easter Sunday morning, for 9 o'clock service at St. Peter's church, 576 Superlative Surprise Major. J. N. Frossell, 1; G. F. Attree, 2; F. Bennett, 3; E. Merritt, 4; I. Shade, 5; H. Weston, 6; H. Dains, 7; G. Williams (conductor), 8. On Easter Tuesday morning, 448 London Surprise Major. B. Foskett, 1; J. Frossell, 2; G. King, 3; F. Bennett, 4; E. Merritt, 5; J. Parker, 6; A. Jacob, 7; G. Williams (conductor), 8. Also 384 Superlative, F. Dench ringing in the place of E. Merritt. On Sunday morning, April 12th, for Divine Service, 448 Cambridge Surprise Major. A. Fuller, 1; G. Williams (conductor), 2; G. Smart, 3; F. Bennett, 4; G. King, 5; E. Merritt, 6; N. J. Pitstow, 7; J. Frossell, 8. On Easter Sunday morning for Divine Service at St. Nicholas church, 305 Grandsire Caters. J. Neaves, 1; W. Palmer, 2; C. Tyler, 3; J. Fox, 4; I. G. Shade, 5; H. Randall, 6; H. Rann, 7; G. Williams (conductor), 8; H. Dains, 9; J. Jay, jun., 10. On Easter Tuesday evening three courses of Stedman Caters. F. G. Newman (conductor), 1; G. King, 2; S. Cooper, 3; B. Foskett, 4; A. Jacob, 5; G. Williams, 6; J. Frossell, 7; R. S. Story, 8; J. W. Taylor, 9; W. Palmer, 10. On Sunday evening, April 12th, 543 Stedman Caters. J. Jay, jun., 1; G. King, 2; F. Bennett, 3; G. F. Attree, 4; E. Merritt, 5; N. J. Pitstow, 6; F. Morris, 7; J. Frossell, 8; G. Williams (conductor), 9; W. Palmer, 10. Also 270 Grandsire Caters conducted by W. Palmer.

BATTLE (Sussex).—On Tuesday, March 10th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins. J. Livermore, 1; F. Matthis, 2; J. Curtis, 3; W. Franks, 4; C. Hyland, 5; *W. Thomas (conductor), 6; J. Mathis, 7; W. H. Eldridge, 8. *First quarter-peal as conductor. On Easter Sunday, April 5th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins. W. Eastland, 1; C. Hyland, 2; W. Franks, 3; J. Curtis, 4; J. Mathis, 5; W. Thomas, 6; H. Elliott, 7; W. H. Eldridge, 8. On Tuesday, April 14th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins. W. Eastland, 1; J. Curtis, 2; F. Mathis, 3; W. Franks, 4; W. Thomas, 5; C. Hyland (conductor), 6; J. Mathis, 7; W. H. Eldridge, 8. *First quarter-peal as conductor. These three quarter-peals are the composition of H. Franks, of London. On Tuesday, April 7th, 336 Oxford Bob Triples. W. Eastland, 1; F. Mathis, 2; W. Thomas, 3; C. Hyland, 4; W. Franks (conductor), 5; J. Mathis, 6; J. Curtis, 7; W. H. Eldridge, 8.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

RODMERSHAM (Kent).—On March 26th, 720 Kent Treble Bob (nine bobs). H. Coast (first 720 of Treble Bob), 1; H. Wood, 2; J. G. Grensted, 3; J. Dixon (conductor), 4; C. Millway, 5; E. Day, 6. Also 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-eight bobs and twenty-two singles). C. Sellen, 1; E. Day, 2; J. G. Grensted, 3; J. Dixon, 4; C. Millway, 5; H. Wood (conductor), 6. On March 29th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure (eighteen bobs and two singles). G. Coast, 1; S. Beach, 2; J. G. Grensted, 3; J. Dixon, 4; C. Millway, 5; H. Wood (conductor), 6. On April 2nd, 720 Plain Bob (eighteen bobs and two singles, 2nd the observation). W. Hollands, 1; G. Coast, 2; J. G. Grensted, 3; J. Dixon (conductor), 4; C. Millway, 5; S. Beach, 6. On Easter Sunday, 720 Canterbury Pleasure (eighteen bobs and two singles). W. Hollands, 1; J. G. Grensted, 2; S. Beach, 3; J. Dixon, 4; E. Day, 5; H. Wood (conductor), 6. Also 720 Oxford Treble Bob (nine bobs). H. Coast, 1; S. Beach, 2; J. G. Grensted, 3; J. Dixon (conductor), 4; E. Day, 5; H. Wood, 6. And 720 Kent Treble Bob (nine bobs). H. Wood, 1; S. Beach, 2; J. G. Grensted, 3; J. G. Dixon (conductor), 4; C. Millway, 5; E. Day, 6.

RAINHAM (Kent).—On Good Friday morning, for Divine Service at the parish church, a touch of Plain Bob Minor. A. Vaughan, 1; F. Ockwell, 2; W. Walker, 3; H. Clout, 4; J. Champion, 5; E. Dunster (conductor), 6. For evening service another touch in the same method standing as before. On Easter Sunday morning for Divine Service, 720 Grandsire Doubles (twenty-four bobs twenty-eight singles) in 28 mins. E. Bishop, 1; F. Ockwell, 2; E. Dunster (conductor), 3; H. Clout, 4; J. Champion, 5; G. Inwood and C. Croucher, 6. For evening service 480 Bob Doubles and 240 Grandsire Doubles with A. Vaughan, 1; the rest as before, conducted by E. Dunster.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

PENARTH.—On Sunday, March 15th, at St. Augustine's church, 720 Kent (twelve bobs). J. Jones, 1; F. Bartlett, 2; D. Thomas, 3; W. Biss, 4; T. Northey, 5; H. Roberts (conductor), 6. On Sunday, March 22nd, 720 Plain Bob standing as above. On Tuesday, March 24th, for practice, 720 Plain Bob. W. Lloyd (Cardiff), 1; F. Bartlett, 2; W. Biss, 3; O. W. Layng (Swindon), 4; D. Thomas (conductor), 5; T. Northey, 6. On Sunday, March 29th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. J. Vinnicombe, 1; F. Bartlett, 2; D. Thomas (conductor), 3; W. Biss, 4; T. Northey, 5; H. Roberts, 6. Also 720 Kent, H. Roberts (conductor), 3; D. Thomas, 6; the rest as before. This makes T. Northey's 250th 720. On Tuesday, April 7th, 720 Violet. J. Vinnicombe, 1; W. Biss, 2; D. Thomas (conductor), 3; F. Bartlett, 4; T. Northey, 5; H. Roberts, 6. On Sunday, April 12th, 720 Kent. J. Jones, 1; D. Thomas, 2; C. Lloyd, 3; W. Biss (conductor), 4; F. Bartlett, 5; T. Northey, 6. On Tuesday, April 14th, for practice, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. J. Cox (Bridgend), 1; D. Thomas, 2; F. Bartlett, 3; W. Biss, 4; T. Northey, 5; C. Smith (conductor), 6.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

LONDON.—On Sunday, March 22nd, for morning service at St. Mary's, Whitechapel, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. C. Kennedy, 1; J. Bonney, 2; E. Hall, 3; S. E. Joyce, 4; S. Parmenter, 5; E. Wallage, 6; A. W. Barkus (conductor), 7; G. Barrell, 8. Tenor 20 cwt. in E. Composed by the Editor, and is taken from "Grandsire." For evening service at St. George's-in-the-East, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, taken from Thurstans', in 50 mins. E. Hall, 1; E. Wallage, 2; J. Waghorn, jun., 3; J. Waghorn, sen., 4; T. H. Taffender, 5; S. E. Joyce, 6; A. W. Barkus (conductor), 7; C. Kennedy, 8. Tenor 31 cwt. in D.

SHIPLEY (Sussex).—On Monday, April 6th, a second attempt for a 5040 in seven 720s of Treble Bob Minor was lost after ringing 2 hrs. and 34 mins., owing to a change-course. E. C. Boniface, 1; J. Akehurst, 2; T. Stedman, 3; C. Taylor, 4; A. Ellis, 5; F. Wickens, 6. Conducted by E. C. Boniface.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

NORTHWICH (Cheshire).—On Tuesday, April 7th, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor in 27 mins. W. Forster, 1; W. Sutton, 2; R. Chantler, 3; S. Johnson, 4; J. Bell, 5; A. Johnson, 6. On Thursday, April 9th, for practice, 336 Plain Bob Major. G. Johnson (conductor), 1; W. Sutton, 2; S. Johnson, 3; S. Forster, 4; A. Johnson, 5; R. Chantler, 6; J. Bell, 7; W. Forster, 8.

GREAT BUDWORTH (Cheshire).—On Saturday, April 11th, at the parish church, 720 Plain Bob Minor with 7-8 covering. S. Johnson, 1; W. Sutton, 2; G. Johnson, 3; A. Johnson, 4; S. Forster, 5; W. Forster, 6; R. Chantler, 7; E. Cragg, 8. Conducted by S. Johnson. Also 180 with J. Bell, 7; R. Chantler, 8.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

MOSSLEY (Lancashire).—On Sunday, April 12th, 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor and one of Kent was rung to celebrate the birthday of John Austerberry, Quickedge, Mossley. E. Taylor, 1; H. Mayall, 2; J. Cooper, 3; W. Bentley, 4; T. B. Dicken, 5; H. Manns, 6.

THE ALL SAINTS' SOCIETY, FULHAM.

FULHAM (Middlesex).—On Sunday evening, April 12th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1259 changes), in 48 mins. A. Ough, 1; J. Nicholls, 2; W. Elson, 3; R. Chichester, 4; H. Adams, 5; J. E. Green, 6; J. Aldridge, 7; E. H. Adams, 8; E. E. Huntley, 9; C. Charge, 10. Composed by C. Charge and conducted by E. E. Huntley.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

WIDFORD (Essex).—On Friday, April 10th, at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, taken from Thurstans', in 45 mins. A. Edwards (conductor), 1; A. Tarbun, 2; *A. Shuttleworth, 3; *T. Lincoln, 4; *C. Waskett, 5; W. J. Piper, 6; G. Sorrell, 7; C. Porter, 8. *First quarter-peal in the method. This is the first quarter-peal in the method ever rung in this method by all resident ringers. Lincoln and Sorrell hail from Writtle; Waskett from Galleywood; the rest belong to the local company.

BOCKING (Essex).—On Sunday afternoon, March 29th, for Divine Service at St. Mary's church, 720 Bob Minor. W. G. Melbourne, 1; C. H. Howard, 2; W. Moore, 3; F. Warren, 4; S. Sargent, 5; G. Green (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, March 31st, for practice, on handbells, retained in hand, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. F. Warren, 1; W. Moore, 2; W. Grimwade, 3; C. H. Howard (conductor), 4; S. Sargent, 5; C. Bearman, 6. On Sunday, April 5th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. W. G. Melbourne, 1; F. Radley, 2; W. Moore, 3; F. Warren,

4; S. Sargent, 5; C. Bearman (conductor), 6. On Sunday, April 19th, in the morning, 720 Kent Treble Bob. W. G. Melbourne, 1; W. Moore, 2; F. Rudkin, 3; F. Warren, 4; S. Sargent, 5; C. Bearman (conductor), 6. And in the afternoon, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. C. H. Howard (conductor), 1; F. Radley, 2; W. Moore, 3; C. Bearman, 4; S. Sargent, 5; W. Grimwade, 6. G. Green hails from Great Baddow. Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

ROMFORD (Essex).—On Wednesday, March 25th, on handbells, retained in hand, 576 Kent Treble Bob Major. G. R. Pye, 1-2; W. Pye, 3-4; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 5-6; E. Pye, 7-8. On Wednesday, April 1st, 720 Bob Minor. W. Pye, 1-2; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 3-4; J. Dale, 5-6.

CHADWELL HEATH (Essex).—On Thursday, April 2nd, on handbells, retained in hand, 504 Stedman Triples. E. Pye, 1-2; G. R. Pye, 3-4; W. Pye (conductor), 5-6; A. Pye, 7-8. This is believed to be the first 504 in the method on record in which four brothers have taken part.

BRENTWOOD (Essex).—On Monday, April 6th, at The Queen's inn, on handbells, retained in hand, 648 Stedman Caters. E. Pye, 1-2; G. R. Pye, 3-4; W. Pye (conductor), 5-6; W. Lebbon, 7-8. W. Watson, 9-10. And 288 Kent Treble Bob Major. G. R. Pye, 1-2; W. Pye (conductor), 3-4; T. Faulkner, 5-6; W. Lebbon, 7-8.

BRAINTREE (Essex).—On Easter Sunday, for Divine Service in the morning at St. Michael's church, 720 Cambridge Surprise. T. Watson, 1; H. E. Hammond, 2; F. L. Bumpstead, 3; W. Hammond, 4; F. Rudkin (conductor), 5; W. Grimwade, 6. And for evening service, 720 College Exercise. W. Watson, 1; W. Hammond, 2; F. L. Bumpstead, 3; H. E. Hammond, 4; F. Rudkin (conductor), 5; W. Grimwade, 6. Tenor 12½ cwt. F. L. Bumpstead hails from Colchester.

HALSTEAD (Essex).—On Easter Monday, at St. Andrew's church, 720 College Exercise. T. Watson, 1; F. Calthorpe, 2; F. L. Bumpstead, 3; W. Hammond, 4; F. Rudkin (conductor), 5; W. Grimwade, 6. Rung on the occasion of the district meeting of the above Association, and all (except Bumpstead, who hails from Colchester) hail from Braintree. Also 720 Kent Treble Bob. D. Clayton, 1; —, 2; F. Warren, 3; C. H. Howard (conductor), 4; F. L. Bumpstead, 5; C. Elliott, 6.

GREENSTEAD GREEN.—On Easter Monday, at St. James' church, a 720 Oxford Treble Bob. W. Hammond, 1; F. Bumpstead, 2; W. Grimwade, 3; F. Calthorpe, 4; F. Rudkin (conductor), 5; F. Slade, 6.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

READING (Berks).—On Monday, March 16th, for practice at St. Mary's church, 768 Kent Treble Bob. J. Tucker, 1; C. Giles, 2; H. Tucker, 3; G. Foxell, 4; J. Hearn, 5; F. Watmore, 6; W. Newell, 7; E. Hopgood (conductor), 8. And a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 48 mins. J. Tucker, 1; G. Foxell, 2; J. Potter, 3; H. Tucker, 4; J. Hearn, 5; W. Newell, 6; F. Hopgood (conductor), 7; R. Sawyer, 8.

THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

CROSTON (Lancashire).—On Good Friday evening, for Divine Service at the parish church, 504 Grandsire Triples in 20 mins. J. Pye, 1; J. Hale, 2; T. Banister, 3; W. Sumner (conductor), 4; R. Hough, 5; J. Ascroft, 6; T. Dalton (first touch with a bob bell), 7; W. Walton, 8.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

RYDE (Isle of Wight).—On Saturday, April 4th, an attempt was made for a peal of Grandsire Triples, but a change-course occurred after ringing 1 hr. 4 mins. S. V. Salisbury, 1; J. Cantlow, 2; H. Coombes, 3; A. Peckham, 4; E. J. Reynolds, 5; R. Fuge, 6; H. Jennings (conductor), 7; E. Brett, 8. The ringers of the 4th, 5th and 6th hail from Gosport. On Tuesday, April 7th, 336 Grandsire Triples. S. V. Salisbury, 1; W. Kemp, 2; H. Coombes, 3; J. G. Norris, 4; C. Stainer, 5; P. Long, 6; H. Jennings (conductor), 7; E. Brett, 8. On Sunday, April 12th, 210 in the same method, standing as above.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

LEISTON (Suffolk).—On Sunday, April 12th, for morning service at St. Margaret's church, 720 Bob Major. A. Button, 1; W. Taylor, 2; G. Wilson, 3; E. Wigg, 4; J. Button, 5; T. Bell, 6; T. Staulkey, 7; A. J. Lincoln (conductor), 8. Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

STOWMARKET (Suffolk).—On Sunday, April 5th, a quarter-peal of Bob Major in 50 mins. W. Souter (conductor), 1; E. Diaper, 2; C. Alderton, 3; E. Buckle, 4; J. Souter, 5; H. Mills, 6; J. Wade, 7; W. Rouse, 8. W. Souter hails from Diss; Mills from Colchester.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

ARMLEY (Yorks).—On Sunday, April 12th, for morning service at Christ Church, 240 London Scholars', 120 Armley Pleasure, 240 Duke of York, 96 Woodbine, and 72 Merchant's Delight. Joe Thackray (conductor), 1; John Thackray, 2; B. Cowling, 3; M. Broadbent, 4; J. Heckingbottom, 5; J. Guy, 6.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

LONDON.—On Wednesday, April 15th, at the church of St. Mary Magdalene, Holloway road, the bells were rung half-muffled as a token of respect to the late George Newson, and the usual whole pull and stand, followed by a touch of Grandsire Triples and Treble Bob Major. W. Meads, 1; W. Nudds, 2; J. Miller, 3; T. Titchener, 4; H. Newby, 5; J. Bury, 6; H. Stubbs, 7; A. Jacob, 8.

THE ST. JAMES SOCIETY, CLERKENWELL, LONDON.

LONDON.—On Saturday, April 18th, at the church of St. James, Clerkenwell, the usual whole pull and stand. C. Linstead, 1; H. Grimmer, 2; D. Haslam, 3; R. Matthews, 4; J. Bismire, 5; A. Linstead, 6; J. Barry (conductor), 7; E. Thorne, 8. Tenor 22 cwt. The above was rung with the bells half-muffled as a last mark of respect to the late George Newson, the members expressing their sorrow at the loss of so good a member to the Cumberland Society, he also having performed many first-class peals at this church.

THE ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY, LONDON.

LONDON.—On Monday evening, April 20th, ten members of the above society rang the usual whole pull and stand, with the bells deeply muffled, at the church of St. Clement Danes, Strand, as a last mark of respect to the late George Newson, for many years a respected and valued member of this society. The loss of so grand a ringer, composer, and conductor, will be deeply mourned throughout the ringing Exercise. C. F. Winney (conductor), 1; H. Langdon, 2; J. Mansfield, 3; W. Weatherstone, 4; E. J. Comb, 5; J. Wagborne, sen., 6; T. H. Taffender, 7; W. F. Meads, 8; E. P. O'Meara, 9; J. Barry, 10. And 521 Grandsire Caters, with E. Burden, 6; rest as above.]

THE ELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

ELY.—On Monday evening, April 6th, for practice, three courses of Bob Major. T. Seymour, 1; J. Heeler, 2; A. Pilgrim, jun., 3; J. Southerill, 4; A. Pilgrim, 5; W. Taylor, 6; J. Dace, 7; A. Markwell (conductor), 8. Messrs. Heeler and Taylor hail from Newmarket; A. Markwell from Wilburton; the rest belong to the local band.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

KETTERING (Northants).—On Saturday, April 25th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor. G. Toseland, 1; J. Julian, 2; C. Newman, 3; W. Hensher, 4; T. Hensher, 5; J. Matthews (conductor), 6. And 120 Stedman Doubles. W. Hensher, 1; T. Hensher, 2; C. Newman, 3; J. Matthews (conductor), 4; J. Julian, 5; J. Spence, 6. On Sunday evening, April 26th, for Divine Service, 630 Grandsire Triples. G. Toseland, 1; C. Newman, 2; J. Julian, 3; W. Hensher, 4; E. Underwood, 5; J. Matthews, 6; T. Hensher (composer and conductor), 7; G. Spence, 8. First 720 of Minor by all except C. Newman. Tenor 24 cwt.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

PLYMOUTH.—On Easter Sunday, for Divine Service at Charles Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. C. Legg, 1; A. J. Richards, 2; H. P. Harman (conductor), 3; E. Hendy, 4; W. H. Marsh, 5; H. Myers, 6; W. Ford, 7; J. Jones, 8. H. Harman hails from Bromley, Kent.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

LONDON.—On Thursday, April 16th, at St. Sepulchre's, Snow Hill, the usual whole pull and stand. J. Nelms (conductor), 1; W. Meads, 2; D. Lovett, 3; J. Barry, 4; J. Wheeler, 5; G. Watkins, 6; P. Gaymer, 7; W. Matthews, 8; J. Lewis, 9; A. Church, 10. Tenor 31 cwt. The above was rung with the bells half-muffled as a last mark of respect to the late George Newson, a most prominent and useful member of this society, who died on Easter Tuesday, aged fifty-one years. The following also assisted in the ringing: Messrs. Moore, Haslam, Grimmer, Linstead, and others.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

The following touches have been rung in memory of the late Colonel Troyte:—

PENZANCE.—Several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles were rung on

the half-muffled bells of Penzance and Gulval during the week following the decease of their much lamented and highly-esteemed President, by the local members of the Guild.

EXETER.—On Wednesday, April 15th, at St. David's church, a knell was rung by the members of the local company as a token of respect to the late Colonel Troyte, President of the Devonshire Guild from its formation, whose death took place at Torquay on Saturday, April 11th.

OTTERY ST. MARY (Devon).—On Wednesday, April 15th, 504 Grandsire Triples, with the bells half-muffled. G. Godfrey, 1; J. Godfrey, 2; L. Wilson (first 500), 3; Rev. M. Kelly (conductor), 4; E. Peek, 5; J. Baker, 6; A. Pike, 7; J. Lovering, 8.

[Muffled touches at Thorverton and other places in the county have also been rung, but details of these have not come to hand.]

BILSTON (Staffordshire).—On Easter Sunday, after the evening service at St. Leonard's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. G. Goodchild, 1; S. Pitt, 2; S. Dace, 3; J. Harper, 4; S. Allport, 5; J. A. Brown (composer and conductor), 6; J. Adams, 7; W. Eyre, 8.

CHESTERFIELD (Derbyshire).—On Thursday, April 9th, on the occasion of a visit by the Bishop of Southwell, 701 Grandsire Caters. A. Knights (conductor), 1; G. Day, 2; W. E. Tydeman, 3; D. Farthing, 4; G. Toplis, 5; G. Davies, 6; W. J. Thyng, 7; G. Mee, 8; F. Day, 9; J. Goodwin, 10. And a touch of Kent Treble Bob Royal. A. Knights, 1; G. Day, 2; W. E. Tydeman, 3; *G. Mulley (Eye), 4; J. H. Bell, 5; F. Day, 6; *W. J. Thyng, 7; J. W. Thompson (Derby), 8; J. Hunt, 9; A. E. Thompson (Derby), 10. *First touch of Royal. Also touches of Grandsire Triples, and Canterbury Pleasure Major. These were the first touches on the bells since they were rehung. On Sunday evening, April 12th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1278 changes), in 49 mins. W. E. Tydeman, 1; S. Price, 2; J. H. Bell, 3; D. Farthing, 4; G. Toplis (conductor), 5; G. Davies, 6; W. J. Thyng, 7; G. Mee, 8; A. Knights, 9; J. Goodwin, 10. Tenor 24½ cwt.

CLAY CROSS (Derbyshire).—On Sunday, April 5th, for early service, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs two singles). For Matins, 720 Bob Minor (thirty bobs six singles). And for evening service, 720 Bob Minor (twenty-six bobs twelve singles). J. Green, 1; T. Millington, 2; W. Goodge, 3; J. Maycock, 4; F. Marshall, 5; J. J. Cook, 6.

EASTBOURNE (Sussex).—On Saturday, April 4th, at St. Saviour's church, 504 Grandsire Triples. W. Lawrence, 1; W. Vernon, 2; W. Siggs, 3; A. Midmore, 4; H. Garfath, 5; J. Billings, 6; F. Harding (conductor), 7; E. Willoughby, 8. On Sunday, April 5th, 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Hunnisett, 1; W. Siggs, 2; Sergt. A. Smith, 3; Colour-Sergt. H. Garfath (conductor), 4; W. Avann, 5; E. Willoughby, 6; Colour-Sergt. G. Mansfield, 7; T. Deadman, 8. Also another 504 with the same band with the exception of Corporal H. Dobinson, 2; and W. Avann conducting. H. Garfath hails from Farnham; Dobinson from Dorking; Mansfield and Smith from Godalming, and are members of the 2nd V.B. West Surrey who took part in the Easter Manœuvres at Eastbourne.

FREESTON (Lincolnshire).—On Easter Sunday morning, a 6-score of St. Simon's Doubles. E. Clayton, 1; A. O. Barber, 2; H. Staffurth, 3; C. R. Lilley, 4; J. Sharpe (conductor), 5. And a 6-score of Canterbury Pleasure. W. Copping, 1; E. Clayton, 3; the rest as before. C. R. Lilley hails from Lincoln, the rest belong to the local company.

HORBURY (Yorks).—On Tuesday, April 6th, at St. Peter's church, 720 Superlative Surprise. G. E. Mellor, 1; E. Brooke, 2; G. Hunt, 3; H. Rowley (conductor), 4; G. F. Pickles, 5; R. Thickett, 6. On Saturday, April 11th, 720 each of Violet and Duke of York. W. H. Giggie, 1; the rest as before. And 720 Arnold's Victory. In the afternoon, 720 Tulip. G. E. Mellor, 1; Rev. C. B. D. Farrow, 2; E. Brooke, 3; H. Rowley (conductor), 4; G. F. Pickles, 5; R. Thickett, 6. And 720 Duke of York. G. E. Mellor, 1; Rev. C. B. D. Farrow (conductor), 2; H. Rowley, 3; G. Hunt, 4; G. F. Pickles, 5; W. Birchall, 6. And 720 College Pleasure. G. E. Mellor, 1; Rev. C. B. D. Farrow, 2; E. Brooke, 3; H. Rowley (conductor), 4; G. Hunt, 5; W. Birchall, 6. Also 720 Oxford Treble Bob. G. E. Mellor, 1; Rev. C. B. D. Farrow (conductor), 2; E. Brooke, 3; H. Rowley, 4; G. Hunt, 5; W. Birchall, 6. Messrs. Mellor, Birchall, and the Rev. C. B. D. Farrow hail from Darton.

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LYTHAM (Lancashire).—On Easter Sunday morning at St. Peter's church, 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-six bobs and twenty-four singles) in 27 mins. G. Maries (conductor), 1; J. Pendlebury, 2; E. For-

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NORTHFLEET (Kent).—On April 9th, 720 Plain Bob, in 28 mins. J. Avis, 1; — Cornford, 2; G. Hayes, 3; R. Munn, 4; F. Hayes, 5; L. Silver (conductor), 6. G. Hayes and Cornford hail from Swanscombe; the rest from Milton.

TETTENHALL (Staffordshire).—On Saturday, March 28th, 720 Grandsire Minor in 24 mins. F. Jones, 1; J. Rowe, 2; B. Dalton, 3; J. Gabb, 4; H. Knight, 5; J. E. Groves (conductor), 6.

WALTON-ON-THE-HILL (Lancashire).—On Saturday, April 11th, at St. Mary's church, 120 Canterbury Pleasure Doubles. H. Percival, 1; J. Bell, 2; H. Rodger, 3; H. Barker, 4; A. Jakeman, 5; H. Harrison, 6. Also 120 Plain Bob Doubles. H. Percival, 1; J. Bell, 2; H. Harrison, 3; G. Somerville, 5; H. Barker, 5; T. Johnson, 6. On Sunday morning, April 12th, three 6-scores of Canterbury Pleasure Doubles. C. E. Wilson, 1; J. Bell, 2; H. Rodger, 3; H. Barker, 4; A. Jakeman, 5; H. Harrison, 6. And in the evening three 6-scores of Canterbury Pleasure Doubles. A. Savage, 1; the rest as before. All conducted by C. E. Wilson.

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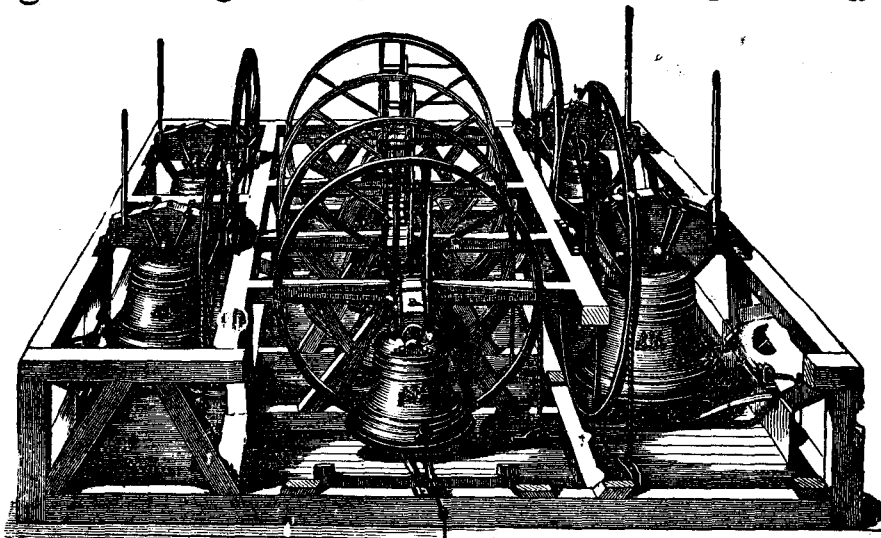
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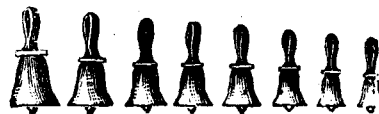
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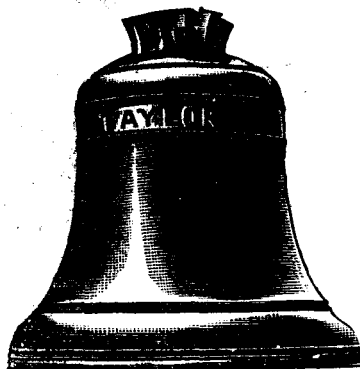
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